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## Minister expects exports of quality seeds by 2025

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

AGRICULTURE minister Prof Adolf Mkenda has saluted Seed Co (T) Ltd for producing quality seeds, saying such seeds were important in enabling Tanzania conduct agricultural activities with ease.

Visiting the company premises, he praised the 'seriousness' he saw, noting that there are bright prospects for Tanzania to export surplus quality seeds in the next few years.

The minister was briefed on the company's projects during the tour, where he urged the firm to take up intense research on seeds, as a vital division of the agriculture sector. As the company is doing a good job, the government will lend it two farms for extending the research activities it is

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# Samia suspends Kariakoo Market managers, scorns BRT II progress

By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan yesterday made an impromptu visit to a number of public facilities and ongoing projects, experiencing rot and laxity that prompted immediate suspension of various officials.

At the centrally placed Kariakoo Market, the president was met by congestion of merchandise and crowds, with the main entries blocked.

Presidential Communications director George Msigwa said in a statement that the president listened to complaints from traders which brought her to suspend the Kariakoo Markets Corporation (KMC) top management, running the facility alongside other markets.

The president witnessed tight congestion of goods alongside huge crowds of traders and their customers, the statement indicated, stating the obvious.

Suspending KMC officials shall pave the way for investigation on complaints from the traders, who told the president that they have difficulty gaining entry to the underground market as gates are blocked by other traders. They also complained of high charges for rented stalls, the statement noted.

President Samia was disturbed by the market condition and announced that the government will review the KMC structure, to find a new management solution.

"The president also toured the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) phase two at Mbagala Rangi Tatu and Mbagala Zakhem where she found that works were at 16 per cent implementation rate instead of the projected 60 per cent," the statement noted, elaborating that she expressed dissatisfaction with the progress

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President Samia Suluhu Hassan addresses the Kariakoo Market trading community following an abrupt visit in the central business district in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

# Curbs waived on day old chicks importing

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE government has temporarily eased restrictions on importation of day old chicks after a huge shortage that has pushed farmers to wait for three months.

Prof Hezron Nonga, the Director of Veterinary Services, told 'The Guardian' in an interview yesterday that day-old chicks have been scarce in the country since April due to the restrictions arising from the global Covid-19 pandemic, affecting importation of parental stock.

As a result, farmers in the country could not get chicks from breeders, with most told to wait until August, compelling some service providers to close shop.



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"As a short term measure, we have issued importation permits and the first batch of 100,000 chicks will arrive next week for the June, July and August gap," he explained.

Five registered companies have been issued with importation permits where one company has the capacity to import up to 30,000 chicks, he stated.

The shortage of day-old chicks was growing and its demand increasing, so the ministry has taken some precautionary measures, he said.

The chicks being imported will arrive next week from Zambia, Israel, UK, India, the Netherlands and Belgium, he said, noting that before distribution, veterinary officers will test them to ascertain that no bird flu danger exists. They will also test for quality, as the weight of the chick should be 40-50 grams, he elaborated.

Statistics show that the country's demand is 100m chicks while the breeding capacity stands at 88.5m chicks annually, he said, highlighting that at present there are 26 investors registered in the poultry sub-sector producing 1.3m chicks.

Out of the production, 55m chicks are broilers while 28.9m are mixed function chicks and 7.5m are layers,

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# Access fund: 3,000 villages link to internet by October

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

THE Universal Communications Services Access Fund UCSAF has embarked on a project targeting to connect over 13 million rural dwellers to the internet.

The project aims to benefit residents of 3,292 villages in 1,057 wards across the country by the end of October, UCSAF Chief Executive Officer Shirikisho Mpunji said in an interview here yesterday.

So far 2550 villages in 705 wards have been linked, where 8.6m people stand to benefit if the project

works as intended, he said, noting that the remaining 352 wards will be added to the network by the end of October.

At the same time, around 292 teachers from four Northern Zone regions have undergone the state coordinated Information Communication Technology (ICT) training to help with implementation of the project.

The move was described as a stride in government efforts to link all schools to internet services.

An UCSAF statement said here that at the moment the program has managed to provide ICT training to 2208 teachers in 31 regions, among them 80 teachers from Kilimanjaro, 73 from Manyara, 71 from Arusha and 68 teacher in Tanga region, all within the northern circuit.

Mpunji said the tailor-made ICT training for primary and secondary school teachers is conducted by UCSAF

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African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights President Judge Imani Daudi Aboud (L) receives working tools from the outgoing president Judge Sylvan Ore from Ivory Coast in Arusha on Monday. Judge Imani Daudi is the second woman to be elected at the post since it was established. Photo: Correspondent Getrude Mpezya

By Henry Mwangonde, Dodoma

## 'Tanzanians in diaspora contributed \$189.13million into country in 2020'

TANZANIANS in the diaspora have remitted a total of \$189.13 million into the country in 2020, Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation minister, told National Assembly yesterday.

Ambassador Liberata Mulamula made the remarks when she tabled budget estimates for her ministry in Dodoma yesterday saying the remitted amount was recorded by the Bank of Tanzania (BoT).

During the same period Tanzanians in the diaspora bought houses from the National Housing Corporation (NHC) worth 423.8m/-. Mulamula told the House in the capital Dodoma.

"The Tanzanian in diaspora have been playing a major role in contributing to the country's economic development," said the country's

top diplomat when she tabled her ministry's budget proposals for the 2021/2022 financial year.

She said in August 2020, her ministry organised a video conference for the Tanzanian in diaspora in Britain and Northern Ireland that was aimed at enabling them to look for markets for goods manufactured in Tanzania.

Mulamula said during the previous financial year, the ministry managed to implement various initiatives aimed at promoting the country's economic diplomacy.

"The ministry coordinated the

first state visit of President Samia Suluhu Hassan to the Republic of Kenya which had played a key role in promoting integration between the two countries," she said.

During the ending financial year, the minister said her ministry opened Tanzania's representative office in Jakarta, Indonesia which will be operating as a consul but also coordinate and offer services to people who wish to visit Tanzania.

Later during the day, the Parliament Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs Security and Defence called upon the government to finalise the

preparation of the foreign affairs policy as promised in the 2020/21 financial year due to its importance and needs currently.

The committee via one of its members, Zahoro Haji said the government should also come up with a strategy to end the shortage of resources in the country's foreign missions which was tainting the image of the country.

"The government should intensify efforts to administer the country's embassies so that they embark on marketing the country abroad," he said.

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the director noted. "We encourage the private sector to invest in a new big poultry project to assure production of enough chicks to bridge the gap as part of medium term planning," he said.

In the long run, the government wants the country to have a big poultry project with grandparent stock to produce parental stocks, assuring farmers that the government has taken measures to ensure the waiving of controls will be temporary.

A survey conducted by 'The Guardian' noticed that prices were hiked up to 2300/- for a single chick while breeders price the produce at 1,600/- per chick and the nearest order is slated for maturing after two months.

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and urged the contractor to speed up the work and stop making excuses.

The president assured the public the BRT and other ongoing projects will be properly completed, and action will be taken against contractors who fail to deliver on their contractual obligations.

President Samia also visited the Kisumu Market which is in final stages of completion and was told that it will be opened next week. Traders who removed from the market to pave way for the construction will be given priority in allocating space, the director noted.

She similarly toured the Mwananyamala Regional Referral Hospital in Kinondoni District where she greeted outpatients and wished well those admitted there.

The president donated 200 bed sheets, promising that the government will improve availability of drugs, look into workers' welfare and ameliorating the working environment.

She appealed to the public to continue taking precautionary measures against Covid-19 as advised by experts, it added.

## African countries urged to prioritise domestic resource mobilisation amid Covid-19 pandemic

By Special Correspondent

A World Bank official has urged African countries to prioritise domestic resource mobilisation as compared to debt in financing their response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Carmen Reinhart, vice president and chief economist of World Bank Group, told a virtual forum that the pandemic has created additional social spending requirements, noting that it is an opportunity for Africa to develop innovative ways to increase domestic resource mobilisation by expanding their revenue bases.

Reinhart told the Nairobi-based African Economic Research Consortium's 54th biannual plenary session on the pandemic and public finance in Africa that most African countries entered the pandemic with limited fiscal space and higher debt levels, and are now facing prolonged economic downturns as conditions have not normalised.

The World Bank official said the prospects for tourism and other cross-border activities are unlikely to fully recover until the global pandemic situation is considered to be appropriate for normal flow of international business and travel to restart.

She observed that Africa's gross domestic product per capita is unlikely to recover to pre-Covid-19 levels this year due to a number of factors, including the unequal access to large-scale vaccinations in the continent as compared to some developed countries.

Njuguna Ndung'u, the executive director of African Economic Research Consortium, said that the Covid-19 has exposed structural vulnerabilities of most African nations in a variety of fields ranging from health financing, social safety nets and economic diversification, and some African countries have fared better than others, depending on their initial fiscal and economic conditions before the Covid-19 pandemic.



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Ambassadors representing their countries in Tanzania were introduced by Speaker Job Ndugai at Parliament's gallery in Dodoma before Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation minister ambassador Liberata Mulamula presented her 2021/22 ministry's budget estimates yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

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carrying out, he promised.

"I congratulate you for what you are doing," he told the company staff, noting that the company has an especially good laboratory. If the company uses it well it will get positive results helping to improve seed quality, helping us boost agriculture sector performance.

He appealed to major institutions like the Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) and the Sokoine

University of Agriculture (SUA), to engage in research that helps growers and to quicken agro-sector development, emphasizing that the government wants to see Tanzania having quality seeds that are competitive in local and foreign markets.

The private sector needs to invest in the agriculture sector to create employment, as the sector has many opportunities that appeal to entrepreneurs, he added.

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in association with the Dar-es Salaam Institute of Technology (DIT), the University of Dodoma (UDOM) and the Mbeya University of Science Studies.

Each year the fund has sought to train 690 girls to write simple computer programs and roll out competitions to that effect, as a means of encouraging girl students to take ICT studies and related careers, he affirmed.

The fund has provided 711 public schools with computer sets and printers, in addition to linking those institutions with internet services, he pointed out.

UCSAF has also successfully established 11 telecommunication centers on the Mainland and 10 such hubs in Zanzibar. Ordinary people will have access to digital communication services such as internet and stationery facilities, he added.





Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa (R) presents a trophy to community affairs manager at Barrick North Mara mine Gilbert Mworira (L) for the company's contribution to the preparation and launching Mara Region investment guide. The event was held in Musoma over the weekend. Looking (2nd L) is Mara Regional Commissioner Eng Robert Gabriel. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## MPs advise govt to come up with diaspora policy

By Henry Mwangonde, Dodoma

MEMBERS of Parliament yesterday advised the government to come up with a policy which will guide on how to engage and involve the diaspora in national economy building but also promote investments.

The MPs were speaking during a debate in the National Assembly on the budget estimates for the ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation which requested the house to approve 192.2bn/-.

Namtumbo legislator Vita Kawawa said there was a need for the country to develop a strategy to train competent diplomats who can strategise and lobby on issues of national importance.

She said the policy will also make the country know the exact number of the diaspora and their contribution to the national economy.

On duo citizenship, the legislator said this was an opportunity for the country to benefit, saying most of the countries globally have made use of duo citizenship

to grab opportunities. The MP also spoke of opportunities for using Kiswahili as a tool to woo tourists, saying neighboring countries such as Kenya had made use of the opportunity by training their people on how best to use the language as a tool for economic benefits.

Another Special Seats MP Neema Lugangira said diaspora have participated in various initiatives in the country including the process to form a new constitution but the initiatives to involve them had gone a step back in recent days. "Currently our laws do not allow the diaspora to even inherit properties from their parents," he said.

Through this, the MP, we will be able to know how many diaspora do we have and what contribution do they have to the country

The MP advised that the government should first recognise the diaspora by giving them cards which help the government know how many people of Tanzanian origin are outside the country.

She gave an example of

India which has handed them established Identity cards labeled as non-Indian residents which allows its diaspora to access some key areas such as entering and moving out of the country without visas but also invest.

Later during the day Speaker Job Ndogai said there was need for the government to consider coming up with a system on how to handle the matter as there was a big number of people who are Tanzanian of origin who are now regretting why they made the decision to deny their original citizenship.

"I have met and heard several of them who regret denying their citizenship which of course was not deliberately done, they were forced to do so by circumstances mostly economic and now that they are aged they think of going back home but they cannot because of our laws," he said.

Speaker Ndogai spoke emotionally of how the current situation is denying thousands of people the opportunity to be buried home but also return home after their stay abroad.

By Guardian Reporter

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has instructed ministries, all government institutions and corporations, the private sector and other production groups that use wood and charcoal as energy to begin using alternate energy for cooking and other production activities.

He issued the instructions yesterday in his statement to for the World Environmental Day in Dodoma.

He said institutions such as schools, colleges, hospitals and other large buildings were supposed to install natural gas system for cooking.

"Every ministry should make follow ups in its institutions and I should be given implementation reports every after six months showing how many institutions have been reached and changed their systems, or have constructed building abiding by the need for alternate energy.

"The issue of preserving taking care of and supervision of

## 'Use alternate energy to conserve environment'

environmental cleanliness should not be done during World Environment Day only, but we must build up a culture to make it a daily activity," stressed the PM.

In addition, the PM called on Dodoma City council officials to make sure they have in place strategies to have all surveyed areas should be planted with trees.

For his part, the Minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Union Affairs and Environment Umyy

Mwalimu said in the celebrations they will conduct seminars to the ministry's environment officers.

"These officers were not being well utilized, but through these celebrations we shall exchange views to know what is to be done in the whole environment issue," he added.

He said there will be a huge campaign that will involve various development stakeholders "with the aim to ensure Tanzania becomes an example in the world in environmental preservation."



### Press Release

## Financial Sector Deepening Trust Leadership Transition

The Registered Trustee of the Financial Sector Deepening Trust ("FSDT") announces the leaving of the Executive Director, Mr. Sosthenes Kewe after fifteen years of dedicated service at FSDT. The development partners recognize and are very appreciative of the contribution that Mr. Kewe has made to the achievements in financial inclusion in Tanzania.

The Trustee announces the Appointment of Ms. Irene Madeje Mlola as an Interim Executive Director effective 1st July 2021. Ms Mlola is the current Operations Director who has worked with FSDT for the last seven years. We wish her well with the new responsibilities.

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## DAR ES SALAAM STOCK EXCHANGE PLC



### NOTICE OF THE 6TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 6th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Shareholders of the Dar Es Salaam Stock Exchange PLC (DSE PLC) will be held on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021** on a hybrid of both physical attendance at the **DSE Offices, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Kambarage House, Ufukoni Street, Dar-es-Salaam** and online through **Zoom Video Conferencing** at 9.30 a.m.

The Agenda for the meeting will be:

1. Adoption of the Agenda;
2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 5th Annual General Meeting of the DSE PLC;
3. Matters Arising from the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the DSE PLC;
4. To Receive and Adopt:
  - 4.1 The Board's Report for the year ended 31st December 2020;
  - 4.2 The DSE Group Audited Financial Statements and Auditors' Report for the year ended 31st December 2020;
  - 4.3 Fidelity Fund Audited Financial Statements and Auditors' Report for the year ended 31st December 2020;
5. To Approve Proposed Dividends for the year ended 31st December 2020;
6. To Ratify Auditors' Fees;
7. Appointment of External Auditors for the year 2021;
8. To Approve Directors' Fees for the year ending 31st December 2021; and
9. Any Other Business.

#### Notes:

- (i) In continual efforts to take precautionary measures against COVID-19 transmission and in compliance to Public Health Directives issued by the Government regarding public gatherings, Shareholders are encouraged to participate at the meeting online through **Zoom** via a link to be shared w.e.f. 21st June 2021.
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- (vii) The Register Closing date for determining shareholders entitled to vote will be Monday 21st June 2021.

Mary Stephen Mniwasa  
Company Secretary  
31<sup>st</sup> May 2021





Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Tanzania Yuri Popov gestures during an interview with The Guardian newspaper yesterday about the Russian National Day and the current relationship between the two countries. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala ( full story on the pull-out to be published on June 12)

By Henry Mwangonde, Dodoma

## Roads Agency to set aside 400bn/- for infrastructure

ABOUT 400bn/- has been set aside by the Tanzania Rural Roads Agency (TARURA) in 2021/22 financial year to renovate road infrastructure in the country.

Minister of State in the President's Office Regional Administration and Local Government Ummymwalimu said this in a written response to a question by Tabora urban legislator Emanuel Mwakasaka.

The MP wanted to know the government's plan to renovate various roads in rural areas which

are in bad shape.

The minister said in her response Tarura received 275.03bn/- in 2020/21 for the same task and now it has received an increase of 124.97bn/- for renovating roads and transport infrastructure in various areas in the country.

The minister said the figure was a 45.4percent increase from the

money set aside for the same last year.

According to the minister, "The funds will help Tarura rehabilitate various roads which are in bad condition," she said.

She assured the legislator that the agency will be receiving funds in phases as needs arise.

"The government will continue to facilitate Tarura

with the needed funds to ensure all the required roads are repaired timely and as required," she said.

The minister said the government will continue to facilitate Tarura so that it succeeds in discharging duties to reverse the situation which she said is costing the nation millions of shillings.



Karimjee Jivanjee foundation executive officer Caren Rowland (2nd R) cuts a ribbon to launch a new library at Ihumwa secondary school in Dodoma Region on Monday. Others are Dodoma City director Joseph Mafuru (3rd R) and READ international director Magdalene George. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Railways police holding six suspects for possessing marijuana contraband

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

RAILWAYS police authorities have given a stern warning to all saboteurs of the railways infrastructure who use the opportunity to transport contraband, saying they will not hesitate taking legal steps against them.

The warning was given following the arrest of six suspects with various copper items belonging to Yepi Merkez, the firm constructing the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) as well as marijuana.

Addressing reporters here at the weekend, Tanzania acting

Railways Police Commander SSP Manyama Wambura said six suspects including Yepi Merkez workers had been arrested.

He said in the first incident, in collaboration with Morogoro District Police, they arrested six people with 29 copper ingots, 40 copper pipes and 20 silicon pipes including other equipment used for cutting copper and 50 kgs of marijuana packed in bags.

Among the arrested suspects, he said two were found in possession of marijuana at Kilosa station area while in central line train travelling to Dar es Salaam

in a passenger carriage number 3670.

He named the suspects, all Dar es Salaam residents as Juma Kashinde (30) a resident of Buguruni, Kessy Ramadhani (35), resident of Majohe, Khalid Hassan (31), resident of Buza and Yepi Merrkezi plumber Seif Dikata (30) resident of Kilawani

Others are Christopher Mkalimoto (28), resident of Tabata and Yhepi Merkezi store keeper and Jakaya Mandelo (52) the firm's security guard.

"I call upon all those who use railways infrastructure for conveying illicit drugs,

contraband and other illicit goods to stop doing so forthwith as the police force, in collaboration with other organs were very alert," SSP Manyama said.

He called upon members of the public to work together with the police to guard and take care of railway infrastructure and other important infrastructure, as they are for the people's development, adding that the operation would be sustained.

He cautioned scrap metal dealers to be careful with the trade and must make sure the scrap metal they buy came from legal sources.

## LVFO unveils 10million euros project to boost aquaculture in E. Africa

By Guardian Reporter

THE Lake Victoria Fisheries Organisation (LVFO), a specialised institution of the EAC based in Jinja, Uganda, has unveiled a 10 million euros project that seeks to promote aquaculture (fish farming) in East Africa.

In a speech read on his behalf by the EAC director General Customs and Trade Kenneth Bagamuhunda at the launch of the project in Arusha, EAC Secretary General Dr. Peter Mathuki, said that the Truefish project was designed to address or remove impediments to growth in aquaculture faced by investors, for instance, lack of technical skilled operators, lack of investment finance and business planning and incomplete networks.

"The second objective of the Truefish project is to address identified threats which could undermine the sustainability of aquaculture development, or could impact negatively on the environment, food security or livelihoods especially biosecurity risks such as fish diseases and introduction of non-native species that has led to the loss of biodiversity," said Dr. Mathuki.

The Secretary General singled out some of the challenges facing the fishing industry on Lake Victoria as steadily declining stocks of Nile perch and tilapia, fish diseases, uncontrolled proliferation of fish farms and rising water levels.

On his part, LVFO Executive Secretary Prof. Shigalla Mahongo, disclosed that the European Union Commission was financing the project under the 11th European Development Fund (EDF) regional indicative programme to the tune of 10,150,000 euros.

"The EDF contribution is 10 million euros, while 150,000 euros is co-financed by potential grant beneficiaries," said Prof. Mahongo.

Prof. Mahongo said that despite various efforts of the countries around Lake Victoria to ensure sustainability of the traditional fishing methods, demand for fish had increased considerably due to increased population, increased incomes and urbanization.

"Whilst human population in the LVFO partner states was only 23.5 million in 1954, a reference period when Nile perch was

introduced in Lake Victoria, the human population grew seven times by 2018 to 165.5 million. Therefore, the capture fisheries of Nile perch and tilapia are no longer able to satisfy the ever-increasing demand for fish in the region," said Prof. Mahongo.

The Executive Secretary said that despite global aquaculture production surpassing harvests from capture fisheries for the first time in 2014, fish farming in the EAC region was still at its infant stage, accounting for approximately only 7-8% of fish consumption.

"The overall demand for fish in the region will continue increasing thus developing aquaculture to meet the ever-increasing demand for fish is inevitable," said the Executive Secretary.

Speaking at the event, Jose Parajua, fisheries technical adviser at the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) described the negative impact of the introduction of the Nile perch species on Lake Victoria almost six decades ago.

"Obviously, the entire food web in the lake underwent all kinds of changes due to the voracious Nile perch. Many small and colourful fish species disappeared from the lake forever. The Nile tilapia that was also introduced a few decades earlier wiped out some original other tilapia species," said Parajua.

"In that dynamic interaction between nature and fisheries LVFO had to make decisions how to assure food security for the riparian populations while at the same time looking after the economic interests of the neighbouring countries through the continuous export of the largest money-maker, the earlier-mentioned Nile perch," said the FAO expert, adding that the LVFO had done much to address the challenges.

"The LVFO could not stop the influx of numerous additional fishers, fishmongers, fish traders and other fisheries professionals and the overexploitation of the perch became a fact. Also, the Nile tilapia was hit hard by the fishing intensity, but nature came up with a solution as there was suddenly much space for a small fish species, also known as dagaa in Tanzania, mukèna in Uganda and omèna in Kenya," he said.

## Plans afoot for Songwe Region referral hospital

By Henry Mwangonde, Dodoma

THE government is in the final stages of constructing a referral hospital for Songwe Region which will offer services to the people in the region including reducing maternal deaths.

Health, Community Development, Gender Children and Elderly minister Dr Dorothy Gwajima revealed this in the National Assembly in a written response to a question by Vwawa Member of Parliament Japhet Hasunga.

In his question, the MP asked when will the regional referral hospital start operating and offer services to the people in the area.

In her response the minister said the government has started constructing a postnatal building at the facility where about five billion bn/- has been set aside.

"We are in the final stages of finishing the building but also start operating, by the end of the ongoing projects we will be able to begin offering services," she said.

Apart from the building, the minister said the government was also constructing two buildings namely laboratory which has reached 98-percent and an outpatient building which has reached 96-per cent and are expected to start operating by July 1, this year.

Zonal referral hospitals in Tanzania include: Lugalo Military in Dar es Salaam which serves the eastern zone covering Dar es Salaam, Coast and Morogoro regions; Bugando Hospital in Mwanza which serves the entire Lake Zone; KCMC in Moshi serves as referral hospital in Northern Zone (Arusha, Kilimanjaro, Manyara and Tanga).

Others are: Mbeya which serves residents of Southern Highlands zone that includes Mbeya, Songwe, Rukwa, Katavi, Njombe and Iringa regions and Benjamin Mkapa in Dodoam which serves central zone residents in Dodoma, Singida and Tabora. Currently, the government is building a referral hospital at Mtwara that will serve Southern Zone residents in Mtwara, Lindi and Ruvuma regions.



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Kisarawe District Commissioner in Coast Region Joketi Mwegelo speaks during the handing over ceremony of four classrooms, latrines and two teachers' offices donated by Plan International at Palaka primary school in the district on Monday. Right is Plan International director Peter Mwakabale. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Correspondent, Bukombe

## DC appeals for incentives for public health workers

**BUKOMBE** District Commissioner Said Nkumba has appealed to stakeholders who give incentives to best workers in private health facilities in the area to consider performers in public sector too.

Nkumba made the call yesterday when he officiated as guest of honour at a ceremony to hand over cash prizes and certificates to two top performers at Charles Kulwa Memorial Hospital.

"Public health sector also has committed hard workers who deserve to be motivated; I appeal to you to consider them too," he said.

Top performers who were recognized and feted in

yesterday's event were Dr Emil Mmanga (radiologist) and Dotho Biteko (nurse).

Executive Director of the hospital Baraka Kulwa said they have a motivational programme run in collaboration with private sector stakeholders aimed at improving health services in the district.

He said this time the hospital partnered with KAS MEDICS which donated the prizes.

"We have agreed to that instead of recognizing and rewarding top

performers twice a year, we will do that thrice," he said.

Executive Director of KAS MEDICS which deals in importation and sale of medicines and medical equipment, Masilaman Guru, used the opportunity to appeal to the government to reduce taxes on the essential supplies.

He said as an experienced supplier in both private and public sector, high taxes is one of the hindrances to affordable health for Tanzanians as health facilities

are forced to charge patients high costs to recoup the money they use in purchasing medicines and related equipment.

"Lower taxes will lead to lower medical costs and consequently quality health services for Tanzanians," he said.

The call for lower taxes comes as Tanzania strives to provide universal health coverage. Public health sector is currently served by the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) and the improved Community Health Fund (iCHF).

## Tanzania launches first radiochemistry laboratory in East and Central Africa

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame,

Arusha

CONSTRUCTION of East Africa's first Radiochemistry Laboratory, built at the cost of 10 billion/- is in its second phase here, with the facility anticipated to become one of the largest testing centers in Africa once it opens next March.

The country's first, fully-fledged Radiochemistry Analysis Laboratories is being built in Njiro, at Them Hills in the outskirts of Arusha City, under the auspices of the Tanzania Atomic Energy Commission to complement the TAEC facility.

Minister for Education, Science and Technology, Prof Joyce Ndalichako who visited the TAEC institution in the Njiro area here, revealed that the facility will be among the top five laboratories in Africa and the only one in East and Central Africa.

"This facility will not only serve Tanzania, but also the neighboring countries such as Kenya, Uganda and other East and Central African Countries that previously used to send their product samples to South Africa," said Prof Ndalichako.

The minister made the statement at Njiro area in Arusha, during the occasion to officially inaugurate the board of directors for the Tanzania Atomic Energy Commission.

Apparently, the state is investing 10 billion/- for the construction of the laboratory premises, the project which, according to officials, will be completed next March 2022. The cost for the facility may further increase with

equipment to be installed in the lab.

The Director General for Tanzania Atomic Energy Commission, Prof Lazaro Busagala said the laboratory will also be used to produce medical radiations for radiography departments of healthcare systems.

The Tanzania Radiochemistry Laboratory (TRL) is going to be a state-of-the-art laboratory for Eastern and Central Africa to be installed with 'High-Purity Germanium Detectors' for testing foods contamination and environmental samples; making the only place this equipment can be accessed in the region because such facilities so far exist in only Ghana and South-Africa.

With such a facility in place, Tanzania through TAEC will be in a position to conduct radioactive tests from all neighboring countries, such as Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, DR Congo, Ethiopia and Malawi where such services are not available.

It was stated during the occasion that radioactivity exists in almost all parts of the world not necessarily in just places that experienced explosions and related activities and therefore it was important to test contaminations in food, water, drugs and other intakes.

Meanwhile, the newly inaugurated TAEC Board of Directors, comprising eight members, is now chaired by Prof Joseph Msambichaka, who previously used to be the Vice Chancellor for the Mbeya University of Science and Technology.

### BODI YA USAJILI WA MAKANDARASI (CRB)



#### MKUTANO WA MASHAURIANO NA WADAU WA SEKTA YA UJENZI KWA MWAKA 2021- MWANZA

"Juhudi za Makusudi za Wadau Kuwezesha Ukuaji wa Makandarasi wa ndani".

Mwanza; Tarehe 10 - 11 Juni 2021, Ukumbi wa Gold Crest

Bodi ya Usajili wa Makandarasi (CRB) inapenda kuwataarifu Makandarasi na wadau wote wa Sekta ya Ujenzi wakiwemo Waajiri, Wataalam Washauri (Wahandisi, Wabunifu Majengo na Wakadiriaji Majenzi) na wataalam mbalimbali katika sekta ya ujenzi kuwa mkutano wa nne wa kikanda wa mashauriano na wadau wa sekta ya ujenzi utafanyika katika mkoa wa Mwanza kuanzia Tarehe 10 - 11 Juni 2021, Ukumbi wa Gold Crest. Mkutano utanza saa 2.00 asubuhi. Kaulimbiu ya mkutano ni: "Juhudi za Makusudi za Wadau Kuwezesha Ukuaji wa Makandarasi wa ndani". Mada zifuatazo zitajadiliwa:-

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## NGO joins govt to promote environmental projects

By Correspondent Crispin Gerald

THE Russian Society of Friendship has joined the Tanzania government to promote environmental and humanitarian projects at the international level.

The head of the organisation, a member of the Russian Geographical Society Yuri Korobov said in a statement yesterday in Dar es Salaam that they are planning to work with organisations in the country to promote environmental projects.

"This is in both Russia and Tanzania, the problem of mass deforestation is the most acute. Because of the low cost, Tanzania is deforesting widespread rainforests, which are already few on the planet," he said.

He explained that Tanzania is faced with a number of environmental problems. Resources are being depleted, with major developmental and environmental implications.

The head mentioned that the major environmental problems facing Tanzania includes land degradation, lack of accessible, good quality water for urban and rural inhabitants, environmental pollution, loss of wildlife habitats and biological diversity, deterioration of aquatic systems and deforestation.

"The Russian Society of Friendship is planning to work with organisations in Tanzania such as the National Environmental Management Council (NEMC) which is responsible for advising the government on all matters related to the environment," Korobov said.

"We will also focus on other problems that are affecting the environment of which the society plans to address in Tanzania," he added.

Looking at abandoned mines, which are not properly preserved after mining activities, releasing harmful chemical gases that lead to soil degradation, mass deforestation and environmental pollution.

"All of the above problems can be leveled at the expense of existing technologies in Russia. That's why we plan to conduct mutual training and exchange of

specialists - environmentalists, engineers, chemists and volunteers," Korobov said.

The Russian Friendship Society and Tanzania are expected to sign their first agreement with the Tanzanian Friendship Society at the end of June 2021. As part of the agreement, the parties will create a business council, which will include members of the public and entrepreneurs.

"Together we will work together and implement an understanding of how projects should be implemented on the ground, so that everywhere, even in commercial projects, in which we will participate as consultants and give information support, there is an environmental focus," Korobov said.

In addition, the organisation plans to implement a number of other projects. Among them are the creation of a platform for economic cooperation between the business of Tanzania and Russia, the holding of an economic forum with the theme of mutual investment attractiveness, the preparation of educational programs for students and young people of Russia and Tanzania, cooperation in the development of the agricultural sector of both countries, as well as the implementation of safe cognitive tourism programs, cultural exchange.

The Society of Friendship with Tanzania was established in Russia, in April 2021 by an initiative group of public figures and entrepreneurs to promote environmental and humanitarian projects at the international level.

In 2019, Sochi hosted the first Russia-Africa economic summit, which resulted in a declaration containing the goals and objectives of further development of Russian-African cooperation in the fields of politics, security, economy, scientific, technical and cultural and humanitarian spheres. The second Russia-Africa summit is scheduled for 2022.

We look forward to a fruitful friendship between Russia and Tanzania towards an environmentally friendly country and continued partnership.



Zanzibar Minister for Lands and Human Settlements Riziki Pembe Juma writes down contributions from Members of House of Representative for her budget tabled yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Rahma Suleiman

## Government is reviewing e-permits project - minister

By Henry Mwangonde, Dodoma

THE government is reviewing electronic system for processing work and residential permits for foreigners which was launched on April this year.

Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Parliament, Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disability) Jenista Mhagama said digitisation of permits application was aimed at ending bureaucracy

and delays in issuing the same.

The minister said this in a written response to a question by special seats Member of Parliament Dr Thea Ntara.

The legislator had in her preliminary question wanted to know what were the government efforts to allow expatriates especially professors work in the country.

The minister said in her response that the said system is on piloting phase since 23rd April

2021.

"The system will help in addressing challenges that were being faced in process by foreigners seeking permits in the country timely," she said.

The minister added that in facilitating access to permits by foreigners, the government came up with a law to coordinate the process.

She said as of now, the government was now reviewing the law so that it is in line with the

current environment.

Minister Mhagama said up to now about 74 working permits have been issued to professors and lectures in various universities in the country.

The minister named some of the universities that have received foreign workers via the system as University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM), University of Dodoma (UDOM), and St Augustine University of Tanzania (SAUT) among others.



Joyce Ndalichako Minister for Education, Science and Technology (4th R) gives directives to Tanzania Atomic Energy Commission management and Board of Directors during her visit to inspect the construction of a new laboratory building in Arusha yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Daniel Sabuni

## Mwanza adopts strategy to sensitise family planning education

By Guardian Correspondent, Mwanza

MWANZA City Council has teamed up with Ilemela Municipal Council to provide the community with education on family planning in areas that lack experts in the field.

The strategy aims to take the right education on family planning services to enable the community to abandon misleading beliefs that hinder government's efforts that has seen people shying away from the services.

Speaking to this newspaper at different times last weekend, coordinators of Reproductive and Child Health from Mwanza City

Council and Ilemela Municipal Council, Bertha Yohana and Nyabwire Lutumai said additional education on family planning was needed to change the negative concept in the community in using these services.

They said they have in place a strategy to educate officials, politicians and religious leaders by building for them the capacity to understand family planning services that would assist in conveying the right message to the community.

For her part, Bertha Yohana said for the period of January to December 2020 maternal deaths dropped from 94 to 75

even though these had no direct relation with family planning.

The coordinator said poor response from among the community have spurred them to come up with the strategy that would make them what members of the community say, as well what the experts say.

"We used to directly deal with members of the community without listening to their leaders whom they trust more than us, hence we are required to empower them in collaboration with other stakeholders such as Maria Stope Pamoja and "Tupange Pamoja" for assistance," she added.

For his part Lutumai said they

will use meetings as a strategy in meeting with the men to persuade them to go to family planning centres. "Education on family planning is still low among the community, we do not prevent people to bear children as it is a personal choice," he said.

For his part, Mwanza Region's Reproductive and Child Health Coordinator Cecilia Mrema said the three region's three districts lead in using family planning services in 2020.

She mentioned the districts with their percentages in brackets as Ukerewe (48 per cent), Mwanza City - Nyamagana Municipality (43) and Ilemela Municipality (42).

## Mbeya RC orders arrest of village officials over bribery

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

MBEYA Regional Commissioner Juma Homera has directed the police force to detain four officials of Mlima Njiwa village in Mbugani Ward, Chumya District over claims that they had set free criminal suspects under dubious circumstances.

The village officials to be arrested include Grace Luanda, the village chairperson; George Ndowolo and two members of the village government Bahati Mwaijande and Isack Mgogo, as well as Steven Mtakuzi who was still at large.

The RC gave the instructions at the weekend when the Region's Defense and Security Committee arrived at the village to listen to villagers' complaints and resolve the ongoing conflict among small miners in the area.

Before giving the instructions, some of the villagers raised the issue claiming that they had arrested thieves who were allegedly stealing their clothes and referred them to the village government office for further steps, but instead the officials allowed them to flee.

One of the villagers, Daniel Mwashambwa said they had arrested the suspects - two women and kept them at the village government office but the following day they were missing.

He said when they asked the officials of their whereabouts, saying that the suspects had already been sent at Chunya police Station, but they appeared uneasy.

Mwashambwa said in order to verify that the suspects were

taken to Chunya police station they telephoned the police but were told they were not there.

"Had we taken the law into our own hands by beating them we could have been in custody by now, the government officials facilitated their escape, we believe they were bribed, we want the RC to help us," he added.

For her part, Lesta Mwafongo, another villager said the village officials took away the clothes which the alleged thieves were found with and returned them to the owners, instead of taking them to the police as exhibits.

However, he said, some of the recovered clothes had disappeared in dubious circumstances, and added that the suspects were believed to have fled to their homes in Sumbawanga, Rukwa Region.

After these explanations RC Homera interrogated the Police Commanding Officer (OCD) for Chunya District to say whether the suspects were taken to the police station, to which he said they were not taken to the police station at all.

RC Homera said: "These officials have to be arrested at once and taken for interrogation by the PCCB over alleged bribery."



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Uhuru Torch race leader Josephine Paul lays a foundation stone for the construction of Pwani-Pangani Road in Tanga Region over the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Steve John

# Produce more quality goods, government counsel SMEs

By Correspondent Felix Andrew

THE government has encouraged Small and Medium Entrepreneurs to continue producing quality products that would enable them to fight competition in local and foreign markets.

This was said in Babati District, Manyara Region recently by the Deputy Minister for Industry and Trade Exaud Kigahe when opening exhibition which was organised by Small Industries Development Organisation (SIDO) held at Kwaraa grounds.

Deputy Minister Kigahe who was speaking at the TBS pavilion said only quality products will make SMEs survive in the markets, hence more efforts were needed to do so.

He also asked residents in the Northern Regions to participate in the exhibition and get various services from different exhibitors.

For his part the Quality Assurance Manager of Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) Gervas Mwanjabala, told reporters that the exhibition was an opportunity for the standard body to educate and inform SMES on issues regarding standards, listen to their challenges and look for its solutions.

“Our participation in this exhibition has enabled us to meet industrialists, residents and SMES where we get a chance to inform them on various standards issues and listen to their challenges,” Mwanjabala said.

The TBS Manager Northern

Zone, Happy Brown, urged SMEs living in the area not to hesitate to issue any information regarding goods so that they can get professional advice in order to produce quality products.

Speaking at the same event, the TBS Marketing Officer Deborah Haule, said there was a good response during this year’s exhibition, whereas many SMES turned up to get more information regarding certification procedures.

She said certification services for SMEs were free of charge, but they are required to route their application through SIDO. After certified they can reach different markets particularly those in the East Africa community without problem.

According to her, TBS insists on SMEs to produce quality products which would enable them to protect their capital and manage competition in nation and international markets.



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By Guardian Correspondent, Babati

## Make quality products to compete with foreign ones - deputy minister

DEPUTY Industry and Trade Minister Exaud Kigahe has said for the country’s products to compete with foreign products, it has to manufacture quality products that would protect local industries.

He made the call here at the weekend when launching the 16th Small Industries Development Organisation (SIDO) Exhibition for the country’s Northern Zone.

“Produce quality products that can compete in the foreign market,” said Kigahe.

He said the past five years saw the establishment of 8,477 factories countrywide,

and stressed that for quality products.

“If you buy a foreign product you create employment opportunities in the foreign countries, but if you buy a locally manufactured product, you increase job opportunities here in the country,” he added.

He said the government was in the process of coming up with a new policy for small industries.

He also said the government has improved infrastructures for

technology centres in various regions to assist Small and Middle Entrepreneurs (SMEs).

For his part, SIDO director General Prof Sylvester Mpanduji, reading his report said the aim of the exhibition was to bring together entrepreneurs, share experience and exhibit their various products.

He said the exhibition has 300 participants, adding that in FY 2020/2021 SIDO purchased 727 pieces of machinery and provided

a total of 2.42bn/- in loans to 919 entrepreneurs.

For his part, Babati District Commissioner Lazaro Twange, representing Manyara Regional Commissioner Makongoro Nyerere, said every kind of product is obtainable in the region except marijuana, hence he urged the Industry and Trade Ministry to work together with the Agriculture Ministry to mobilise investors to invest in agricultural products.

## Tanzanian tech firm goes continental

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania tech solution firm Smart Codes has positioned itself to reach out to the rest of African continent with marketing, technology, and innovation services.

A statement released by the company yesterday said the expansion followed the launch of its umbrella company, Smart Africa Group (SAG) which will house its five departments that have since been registered as independent companies and are becoming subsidiaries.

The growth brings change of focus to having a more structured approach where all the services are broken down to fit the five subsidiaries, said the advisory.

“Creating SAG enables the company to manage growth and increase trust from clients. SAG’s functions with this new structure, are advisory, leadership, and direction,” said Edwin Bruno, Chief Executive Officer Chief Visionary Officer at SAG.

“It will oversee operations, provide a unified vision for the group, help to defend the interests of the clients, and ensure that each subsidiary continues to experience the same level of growth that Smart Codes has had so far. By creating SAG we can ensure that we have the best talent, tools, and processes.”

According to the statement, the five subsidiaries include; Smart Codes that offers 360 marketing services to include strategy, digital, creative, media, events, and activations, and public relations, Smart Lab will continue in its role as a private innovation lab and accelerator focusing on the accelerator programs, skills development programs, talent, space, and events, Smart Foundry

deals with products, specifically the whole product lifecycle from strategy, design, development, and management, Smart Nology specializes in one of our original services, technology development offering web technology, payment integration, mobile application development, all the way to gaming and raffle tools and Smart Studio to offer production services like photography, video, audio, and animation production.

“The main mission of SAG is to build a platform company where we partner with African companies to help them make their mark through technology, media, and innovation. All of this will be powered by our subsidiaries that enable companies to build on top of our experience and expertise to solve different challenges. We’re joining African organisations and brands that drive digital transformation and are ready to work with them in this journey. As the old African proverb says: “If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.” said Bruno.

Smart Codes was founded in 2010 by Tanzanian entrepreneur Bruno. The company was later incorporated in 2014 as an LLC and continues to grow. Throughout this time the focus of the company has been pushing forward digital transformation for its clients and partners.

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Manyara Regional Commissioner Makongoro Nyerere talks with Simanjiro town councillors yesterday. Right is the council’s chairman Baraka Kanunga and Simanjiro District Commissioner Zephania Chaula. Photo: Correspondent Gify Thadey

## Justice Aboud becomes President of Pan African Court

By Guardian Reporter

JUSTICE Imani Daud Aboud has been elected as President of the African Court on Human and Peoples’ Rights (AfCHPR) for a term of two years.

According to the statement, the Court at its 61st Ordinary Session also elected Justice Blaise Tchikaya from the Republic of Congo as the Vice-President. Justice Imani takes over from Justice Sylvain Oré from

Côte d’Ivoire who has completed his tour of duty. Justice Tchikaya succeeds Justice Ben Kioko from Kenya.

Earlier, the Session began with the swearing-in of two Judges elected during the 38th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in February 2021. They are Hon Justice Dumisa Buhle Ntsebeza SC from the Republic of South Africa and Hon Justice Sacko Modibo from the Republic of

Mali. During the four-week Session, the Judges, among others, will examine a number of applications.

The Session will also formally launch its 2021-2025 Strategic Plan tomorrow, 1 June 2021.

As part of the Court’s 15th Anniversary, the court has organised a virtual Judicial Retreat of Judges from 2-4 June 2021.

The newly elected justices are replacing Hon Justice Oré from

Côte d’Ivoire (2010-2021) and Hon Justice Justice Angelo Vasco Matusse from the Republic of Mozambique (2014-2021).

The Court is composed of eleven judges, nationals of the Member States of the African Union elected in their individual capacity.

The court meets four times a year in Ordinary Sessions and may hold Extra-Ordinary Sessions.



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## Latest ministerial consultations a pointer to changed EAC zone

KEY trade procedure issues that were hampering trade between Tanzania and Kenya, and by implication other East African Community (EAC) partner states are on the way to be fully resolved. A meeting of Tanzanian ministers and the Kenyan cabinet secretary responsible for trade resolved just 30 out of 64 trade contentions, but these are likely to be the more significant, while the rest involve some prickly details. What mattered in the first place was the political will, and that had already been put to the shade.

Briefing journalists, the minister for Industry and Trade, Prof Kitila Mkumbo issued an appeal to members of the business community to continue exploring the Kenyan market and follow set regional procedures. That was meant to imply that they will not just find Kenyan laws applying to their ventures just as Kenyan traders won't just meet Tanzanian regulators acting on their own, but within a bilaterally agreed framework. Much as this initiative is bilateral, it squarely falls within the terms of the East African Customs Union Protocol; it takes up the terms of the EA Common Market Protocol a bit higher.

It is interesting to note that the meeting was the fifth Non-Tariff Barriers (NTBs) to have occurred between Tanzania and Kenya, and it still had 64 issues to resolve, which means it achieved pretty little in its earlier consultations because the political will had not changed. Even the present talks were fairly lengthy, lasting four days and proceeded to shelve other matters for more consultations, with the Kenyan minister saying things will be wrapped up in three weeks at most. Prof Mkumbo sounded more or less the same optimism as

to the 34 issues put on the burner as time ran out during the latest consultations.

For one thing, observers with a length of experience in the issues are beginning to see the sort of spirit that was expected - at any rate by those unfamiliar with the difference between rhetoric and reality - when the EAC was reconstituted in 1999. The step itself followed three years of consultations following a regional tour by third phase president Benjamin Mkapa and his foreign minister Jakaya Kikwete early in the new presidency in 1996. The bitterness of the collapse of the EAC 20 years earlier was still fresh in memory as key actors of 1996 were in government back in 1996; they stared at each other blankly, first.

Things are changing now as Tanzania rewrites its policy copybook the way things changed in the shift from the first to the second phase, but EAC hard feelings were too intense for a change of spirit, and the change itself in the second phase was somewhat inward looking. Outwardly Tanzania remained more or less the same, and by 1996 it was capable of looking over the horizon to put aside old disaffections, but only to an extent. EAC states created an elaborate institutional layout on a lowest common denominator basis, tying up external trade tariffs with ability to alter things for their internal markets, etc. It worked.

To an extent this change is an evolutionary result as well as a change of motivation at high places, since Tanzania has become a net food exporter. It had no way it can be assured of markets outside while being prickly of its markets. The rest may have been tied to this aspect of need, and with effort, it shall stabilise.

## Africa has opportunity to pave way for zero-net carbon emissions

THE definition of climate resilience is heavily debated, in both conceptual and practical terms. Key issues include: how resilience relates to climate change adaptation; the extent to which it should encompass actor-based versus systems-based approaches to improving stability; and its relationship with the balance of nature theory or homeostatic equilibrium view of ecological systems.

Currently, the majority of work regarding climate resilience has focused on actions taken to maintain existing systems and structures. This largely relates to the capacity of social-ecological systems to sustain shocks and maintain the integrity of functional relationships in the face of external forces. However, there is a growing consensus in academic literature that actions taken to induce structural changes must also be recognised within the definition of resilience.

The three basic capacities that are understood under the common definition are absorptive, adaptive, and transformative, each of which contribute different factors to the efforts of resilience work. This includes the capacity of social-ecological systems to renew and develop, and to utilise disturbances as opportunities for innovation and evolution of new pathways that improve the system's ability to adapt to macroscopic changes.

The fact that climate resilience

encompasses a dual function, to absorb shock as well as to self-renew, is the primary means by which it can be differentiated from the concept of climate adaptation. In general, adaptation is viewed as a group of processes and actions that help a system absorb changes that have already occurred, or may be predicted to occur in the future.

For the specific case of environmental change and climate adaptation, it is argued by many that adaptation should be defined strictly as encompassing only active decision-making processes and actions - in other words, deliberate changes made in response to climate change. Of course, this characterisation is highly debatable: after all, adaptation can also be used to describe natural, involuntary processes by which organisms, populations, ecosystems and perhaps even social-ecological systems evolve after the application of certain external stresses.

However, for the purposes of differentiating climate adaptation and climate resilience from a policymaking standpoint, we can contrast the active, actor-centric notion of adaptation with resilience, which would be a more systems-based approach to building social-ecological networks that are inherently capable of not only absorbing change, but utilizing those changes to develop into more efficient configurations.

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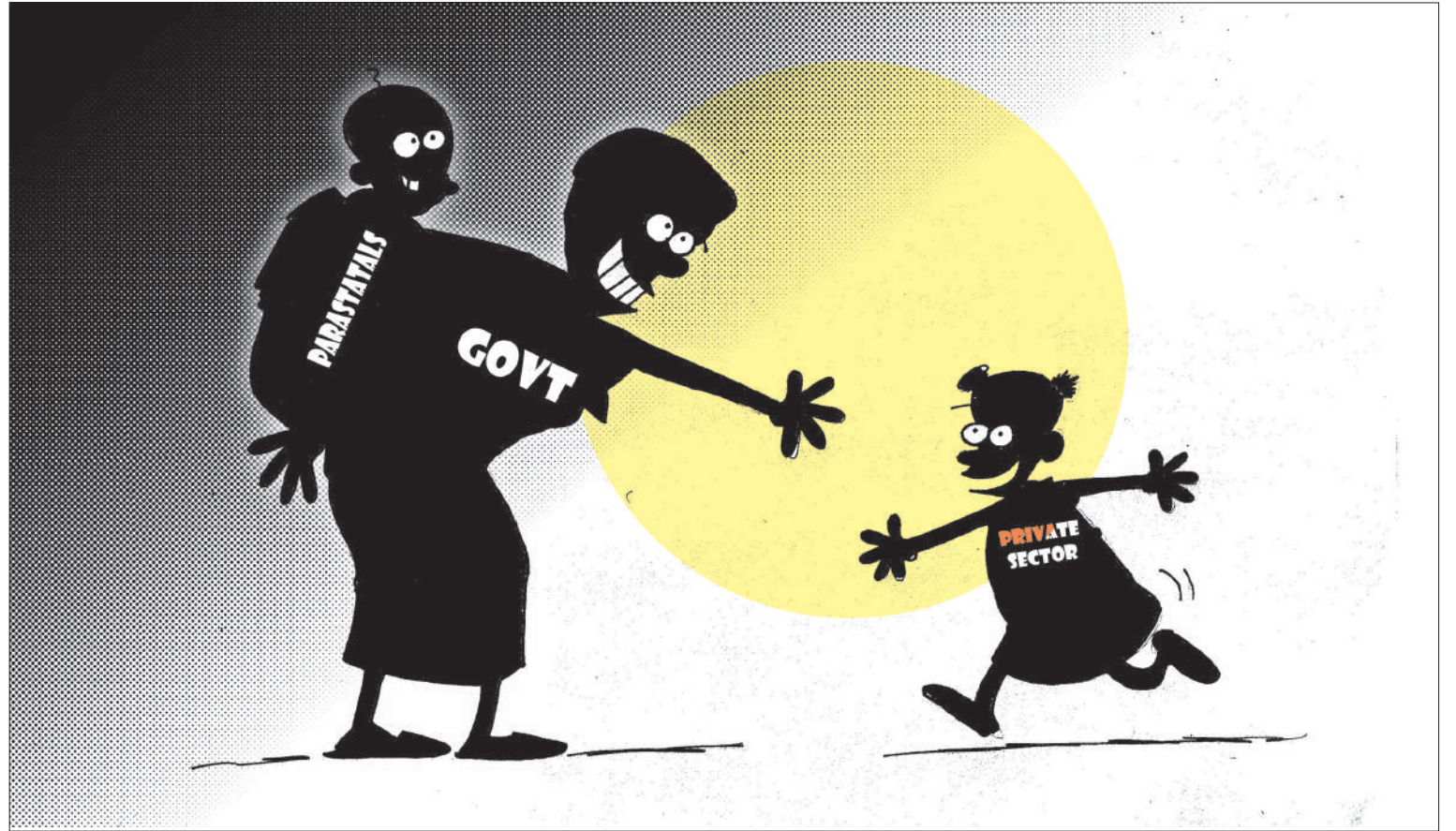
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## Who will guard the guardians?

ANY large-scale anti-corruption drive, such as the one Zimbabwe is pursuing, will generate a lot of social commentary, rumour, innuendo and perhaps even corruption among the hunters.

At present one official of the Zimbabwe Anti-Corruption Commission, Eric Chacha, has come under fire from a number of people whom he has been formally investigating, plus a raft of social media messages. But, as ZACC has pointed out, there has not been one official complaint to ZACC or a formal report to the police.

Those being investigated by Mr Chacha, and presumably that means he is in the team or heads the team that is doing the investigation, want him removed from their investigations. But that is as far as they are willing to go. Not one of these accused officials has submitted a formal complaint with detailed allegations, saying who did what and when.

There are those who say that there is no smoke without fire, but the fire could well be effective investigation that some people want extinguished, so they make smoke. Smokescreens are an ancient defensive move. When you think about it from the point of view of a person under investigation, to the level where they are facing formal charges, it makes sense to pour as much doubt as possible on the investigator and even to have that investigator replaced by someone who may perhaps not be so good. As anyone who sits in the criminal courts can easily discover, pouring doubt on the police is a fairly standard defence and this is one reason why these days police investigations are so heavily documented, in order to minimise the effectiveness of that defence.

So trashing ZACC and other anti-corruption agencies is an obvious approach by those who could be worried about being caught in their webs.

On the other hand, there are documented examples of bad police detective work, or corrupt police officers, that if not uncovered can lead to wrong convictions or criminals going free. The courts can do a good job of separating real evidence from manufactured evidence, evidence produced under duress, and plain bad evidence. And often in those cases the presiding magistrate or judge will make pertinent comments and suggest further investigation.

This problem, of "who will guard the guardians themselves",



has been a persistent gnawing problem throughout recorded history. Several approaches have been found to work. First there is the personnel selection for the "guardians", looking at track records, levels of dedication and levels of effectiveness. In other words you try and choose the right guardians. But as history shows, even in the most carefully-selected and dedicated teams, you can find a mistake was made.

So then there is a system of checks. In almost all organisations dealing with finance, for example, you find auditors. And frequently there are two sets of auditors, the internal auditors who have a quite different chain of command from operational staff, and external auditors.

Even more importantly these auditors are not just looking for something dubious. They are responsible for ensuring that systems are in place, with appropriate paper or electronic trails, that first make dubious decisions very difficult, and secondly make them very easy to detect. Having such systems means that the audit staff can be very small in comparison to the operational staff, largely because the system itself throws up notifications of the bulk of dubious transactions that then be investigated in more detail.

And as every operational manager knows, these systems are continually refined. It is rare for even the most glowing audit report to not have the odd recommendation for some change to the system in use to make it better. Auditors talk to each other professionally to establish best practices, if only because they do not want to be blamed when something does go wrong.

One interesting set of changes in best practice is a regular turnover of audit staff, so that on the

positive level you get some fresh thinking, and on the negative side to minimise the risk of a dishonest "guard of guardians" collaborating with dishonest guardians.

It would seem sensible to have a similar type of system for criminal investigation units, such as the police, ZACC and similar bodies, especially when they are hunting down people who might have a lot of money, earned dishonestly but still there to be "shared" if necessary.

Many modern police forces now do have a special department that does this, called Internal Affairs in many large American forces but with many other names. They not only sift formal complaints, but can also follow their own leads and dig into the processes. In many cases they, like auditors in the financial world, demand that set documentation procedures are followed that not only make investigation easier but which also make malpractice less likely in the first place.

And like audit teams staff are rotated in and out so that no one becomes embedded. Such teams, like auditors, have their effectiveness measured not so much by how many dishonest people they catch, but by how little dishonesty goes undetected. And, of course, they are really doing their job when they can clear the innocent as well as catch the guilty, for we need to remember that most people are not criminals and it is wrong that anyone doing their job properly should have to have any cloud hanging over their head.

In a society like Zimbabwe's, where rumour mongering has been a national pastime for decades with the advent of social media just making it possible for everyone to join in, the anti-corruption forces possibly need to think how they can maximise

credibility. One possibility would be a small "audit team".

To avoid wasting resources that really need to be applied to hunting down criminals, this team could be a joint unit with one or two seconded officers from the police, ZACC and the other agencies involved in the fight that has an independent chain of command and can investigate complaints. It will never satisfy everybody, but reasonable people would respond positively and in the end having the innocent cleared is important.

But at the same time we do not need to become enmeshed in "wilderness of mirrors" where effectiveness is lost by chasing down the mirages instead of hunting the real thing. That is the most sophisticated way of trashing a decent enforcement agency.



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# Why investing in women is key to achieving the sustainable development goals

BANGKOK

**L**AST year, the Asia-Pacific region recorded its worst economic performance in decades. With the pandemic far from over, the region's recovery is slow, fragile and highly uneven both across and within countries. As the region struggles to recover, how can countries rebuild their economies and revive their development?

The answer can be found in the flea market of Suva, the Facebook commerce online stores of Bangladesh, and the digital learning centers across Viet Nam. In these and so many other spots across the Asia-Pacific region, it is clear that women entrepreneurs are a driving force of recovery and the mainspring of commerce and technology. While we have always known that women entrepreneurs play an essential role in supporting inclusive economic growth in the region, the pandemic has made it more evident than ever that countries ignore women's role as job creators, employees and contributors to economic expansion at their peril.

Advancing women's equality in the Asia-Pacific region could add as much as US\$ 4.5 trillion - a 12 per cent increase - to the region's GDP annually by 2025. With the economic slump that countries now face, none can afford to continue to miss out on this largely untapped dividend.

That is why ESCAP - in collaboration with the Government of Canada - initiated the Catalyzing Women's Entrepreneurship (CWE) programme. The programme addresses three fundamental barriers that are hindering the growth of women-led businesses.

The first is lack of access to finance. The programme works to unlock private capital and use this capital to support women enterprises. This capital - whether as loans, equity, or blended finance - is used to provide targeted support to women entrepreneurs. It has created partnerships and used blended finance to support a range of gender-smart investment mechanisms, including a FinTech challenge fund, impact investment, and a women's livelihood bond. To date, the programme has supported over 7,000 women to access formal financial services and has unlocked over US\$50 million in private capital for women entrepreneurs.

The second barrier is policy. Existing policies and laws often do not recognize the specific issues women-led Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) face.

The programme is working to influence national Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) policies and laws with Government partners in six countries. For example, in Cambodia, the programme worked with the Ministry of Industry Science Technology and Innovation to review the national SME policy and included special measures for women-led MSMEs.

COVID-19 has illustrated that businesses need to have greater resilience and the ability to ensure continuity through times of crisis. This is even more critical in places where other challenges like vulnerability to disasters and climate change have been in play. In Viet Nam, the past year has seen an extreme impact on agricultural farmers - a vast majority of them being women - because of the drought and saltwater intrusion. Based on consultations with female farmers and provincial officials in Ben Tre province - the largest agricultural bed of the country - the programme is developing a strategy to address the impact of climate change on female farmers in the Mekong Delta region.

The third barrier to growth in women-led businesses is skills. Women



entrepreneurs need support to become equipped with digital and business skills to manage, sustain and grow their businesses.

The CWE programme has assisted women entrepreneurs to use digital tools in their financial management and leveraging e-commerce to reach new clients and expand to new markets. In Cambodia, CWE is helping women entrepreneurs to use the Kotra Riel mobile app, which allows them to record income and expenses, and more importantly, to pre-

pare financial records for their loan and financing applications.

All of these barriers have been in play in the aftermath of the pandemic. As a result, the impact on women and women entrepreneurs across the region has been disproportionate to their male counterparts.

Women have continued to take the burden of unpaid care work and homeschooling. Sectors in which women employees work - such as the garment sector

- have been hit harder than other industries, impacting women's employment. Women entrepreneurs, who predominately make up the informal sector, face a range of financial and digital literacy constraints affecting business continuity.

Over the past year, we heard incredible stories of the resilience of the women entrepreneurs that our programme is supporting. We have seen women entrepreneurs repositioning their businesses and building back not only better but more agile, more capable and better prepared for shocks.

Take for example our partner iFarmer, in Bangladesh that quickly established new digitally enabled supply chains to keep women-led businesses running and providing food delivery. Or the women enterprise recovery fund, in collaboration with our partners at UNCDF, that is co-financing fintech solutions that support women entrepreneur's resilience and recovery.

But the scale of the challenge also requires a change in our response. In 2021 we will continue to scale up our work, leverage more capital, replicate and scale up our financing initiatives and share what we have learned. To increase the footprint of the programme, we are also leveraging regional partnerships, including with organizations like ASEAN.

Building back better means ensuring that women entrepreneurs not only survive this crisis but thrive coming out of it. This requires scaling up the resources directed to women-run businesses exponentially. Now that we have the model for success, we are looking for partners from across the private sector and development landscape to help us do just that. Because quite simply, the smartest investment for the SDGs is in the women of Asia and the Pacific.

## Patients battle a 'blanket of fatigue': Inside Groote Schuur Hospital's long Covid clinic

By Biënné Huisman

**I**NSIDE his office at Groote Schuur Hospital in Cape Town, pulmonologist Dr Rubeshan Perumal gestures at his computer monitor where two lungs are etched in black and white.

"This is the right lung," he says, pointing. "And here you can see the left lung, nearly absent. That is because it was destroyed by tuberculosis in her previous illness. And one can see how somebody so disadvantaged by a previous episode of tuberculosis is really going to be in trouble when they come up against Covid, especially as severe as she had it."

"These are the complexities that we face in this country. Perhaps she wouldn't have struggled as much if she had not lost so much of her lung due to prior tuberculosis."

Perumal is discussing one of his patients at Groote Schuur's Post-Covid-19 Lung Disease Clinic. A first in South Africa, the clinic, hosted at the hospital's division of pulmonology every Friday, helps patients suffering long-term effects from acute Covid-19.

Each week, five pulmonologists and other healthcare staff see five new patients and between 10 and 15 existing patients. Patients are treated for persistent respiratory symptoms which include shortness of breath, chest pain and fatigue.

"This woman, who we're seeing today," Perumal continues, "had Covid in May last year. She spent some time in the ICU [Intensive Care Unit] and she had recovered, or so she thought, and so did we. But a year later, she's still on oxygen at home and she's given up all of her recreational and occupational activities. She isn't able to care for her family... She's barely able to take care of her own needs. But we've been able to offer her specialised further investigation, which helps us identify small opportunities to improve her condition and even trials of treatment. In fact, subsequent to one of the treatments which we tried on her, she has been able to take a shower on her own. And perhaps most proudly, she said to us, she was able to prepare a meal for her daughter, after her daughter's shift. Her daughter is a nurse here, at this hospital."

'Blanket of fatigue'  
As he speaks, Perumal's breath is misting up the spectacles above his face

mask. Breath is of course key to his work here.

"Patients were struggling with a few problems which plagued them in ways that didn't allow them to return to a life of meaningful quality," he says. "And that was concerning to us. They were tired. They often described this blanket of fatigue that was really impossible to escape. In their fatigue, they were losing motivation to recover."

"There were complaints of persistent shortness of breath. And you know, the desire to breathe is strong and one wants to feel comfortable doing it. And when one can't breathe comfortably, there's a great deal of anxiety."

"We find that these symptoms, while they might seem to originate in the lung, are often multifactorial and may also take their origin in the brain, heart, muscles, and often with a complex interaction between these systems. Often even the psyche... a perception of breathlessness. And so these are the problems for which we were being contacted."

Scientists in South Africa and around the world have noted that many patients suffer Covid-19 related complications long after their acute illness is over. Within a context of great uncertainty as doctors continue to study the phenomenon, Groote Schuur's Post-Covid-19 Lung Disease Clinic looks at what might cause patients' symptoms, and then suggests treatment plans. Due to its limited capacity, strict referral criteria are followed to prioritise patients most in need.

"Even when no medication is indicated, we can still offer reassurance," says Perumal. "And the effect of this reassurance cannot be underestimated. Patients know they have a place to express their fears, their concerns."

### 'I can breathe again'

Further along the corridor, Dr Gordon Audley is treating Shireen Chetty, who has made a remarkable recovery after being intubated on a ventilator for 42 days at Groote Schuur's ICU, while her husband passed away at Victoria Hospital in Wynberg. Speaking to Spotlight, tears roll down Chetty's cheeks as Audley touches her shoulder.

"I'm fine now. Finally, I'm fine. I can breathe again and live normally," says Chetty. "I am so grateful to the staff here at Groote Schuur for everything. But I'm not over my husband's death, you know, it was just such a shocker."

"He had a cough at home. We took him in because he wasn't looking well, but he tested negative. Then three days later, we noticed that he was just getting weaker. So they sent him to Victoria Hospital. He went in on Thursday and that Sunday morning they phoned to say he passed away. I was at Groote Schuur... the day he died was when I was put on a ventilator."

### Good days, bad days

In another room, Dr Quincy Gurirab is assessing patient Kim Japhta, who was admitted on 21 January and who has been receiving oxygen ever since. This included 38 days on high-flow nasal oxygen [HFNO], a technique that delivers heated and humidified oxygen at a maximum flow rate through a nasal cannula. (See Spotlight's previous reporting on HFNO here.)

With Japhta's permission, Gurirab says: "So this young lady, who had one or two comorbidities prior to her diagnosis of Covid, had severe Covid, requiring respiratory support. She spent 38 days on high-flow nasal oxygen and a total of eight days in ICU. She is now more or less five months post-Covid with a good recovery."

"She's gone from requiring eight litres of oxygen per minute, down to about one to two litres. She's got some residual lung injury, but we are very happy with her progress, and also very hopeful that the progress is going to be good."

Japhta has been back at her home in Mitchells Plain for a month now. She was discharged from Groote Schuur with an oxygen tank and an oxygen concentrator. "Even now I have good days and bad days," she says. "Today, I feel so much better. The way the doctor explains things plays a big role."

Speaking in the corridor, the doctors agree on the life-saving importance of oxygen supply. Audley notes a paper he co-authored in the South African Medical Journal, which details oxygen use at Groote Schuur during the pandemic.

The study, "Prolonged treatment of Covid-19 pneumonia with high-flow nasal oxygen: A story of oxygen and resilience", notes that 343 patients were admitted to the hospital with Covid-19 acute hypoxic respiratory failure from 7 May to 26 August 2020. These patients were treated with up to 34 HFNO machines. The paper adds that oxygen supply to Groote Schuur is priced at R8.73

per kilogram of liquid oxygen.

Using a 55-year-old woman who spent 40 days on HFNO as a case study, the study shows the success of prolonged high-flow treatment.

"Despite the large amount of oxygen used, costs for this inpatient treatment were relatively low," it states. "An approximated cost analysis of this patient's oxygen consumption equates to R26,600 while on HFNO."

In an adjoining room marked "Lung Function", another patient is breathing into a towering piece of equipment. Leading the way, Perumal explains: "This is the lung function division, which includes technicians who are trained in conducting lung function testing and exercise testing, and other studies really crucial to helping us understand the lung and its problems better."

Wrapping up, Perumal tells Spotlight that for all the grief and challenges of their work in the ICU during the pandemic's peaks, being able to provide aftercare to Covid patients is a privilege.

"There are a lot of repairs to be done," he says. "Even on psychological and emotional levels. But before then we will likely have to prepare ourselves to be submerged in another wave of Covid-19."

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# What Washington cares about Hong Kong is to sow trouble

BEIJING

**S**HORTLY after Hong Kong's legislature passed a bill amending the electoral laws last week, Washington issued interfering remarks to malign Hong Kong's efforts to put an end to violence and political chaos and get the global financial hub back on track.

The groundless accusation is the latest U.S. flagrant smearing against the local legislation on improving the electoral system in Hong Kong, and has again exposed Washington's hegemonic thinking and its ulterior motives to sow trouble in Hong Kong.

It must be stressed that China is a country with the rule of law. The comprehensive completion of this local legislation is an important measure to follow through on the relevant decision of the National People's Congress (NPC) and the spirit of the amendments made by the NPC Standing Committee.

It must also be stressed that Hong Kong is a special administrative region of China, and issues related to Hong Kong, including the reform of the local electoral system, are purely China's internal affairs. Therefore, U.S. politicians' finger-pointing over Hong Kong's efforts to fine-tune its election system is a gross interference in China's domestic affairs and a serious violation of the principles of the international law and the basic norms of international relations.

For some time, some anti-China forces and radical separatist forces have taken advantage of loopholes in Hong Kong's electoral system to create social unrest and even seek to seize the right to govern Hong Kong.

The new bill will plug the loopholes in the previous electoral system, reaffirm the new order of "patriots administering Hong Kong," and enable the democratic system of Hong Kong to move forward steadily along the sound and orderly track.

It will also provide more solid guarantee to achieving good governance in Hong Kong, and better uphold national sovereignty, security and development interests and Hong Kong's prosperity and stability in the long run.

For a long time, some U.S. politicians and U.S. media have blatantly



A woman holds a sign in support of the Improving Electoral System (Consolidated Amendments) Bill 2021 outside the Legislative Council (LegCo) in Hong Kong, south China, May 27, 2021. (Xinhua)

launched a smear campaign against China by deliberately distorting facts about issues related to Hong Kong and Xinjiang. Though professing to care about

democracy and freedoms in Hong Kong, their real intention is to exploit these issues to obstruct China's development.

No wonder they have never spoken up for the victims of wanton vandalism committed by rioters in the unrest, never shown regard for the shared aspiration of Hong Kong people for stability and development, and never truly cared about the well-being of ordinary citizens of Hong Kong.

Instead, they are always in a frenzy to fan the flames and sow discord in Hong Kong, leaving one the impression that their motto is "worse is better" when it comes to Hong Kong's stability and prosperity.

No one cares more about the future of Hong Kong, which is part of China, than the central government of China. That is why the National Security Law for Hong Kong and the new electoral system were introduced in the first place.

The good news for the world is that China will unswervingly adhere to the "one China, two systems" policy and vigorously endeavor to ensure Hong Kong's stability and prosperity.

The bad news for those anti-China forces who wish Hong Kong and China at large ill is that their sinister desire is doomed to failure.

Xinhua

# China's pairing assistance programme gives impetus to the development of Xinjiang

By Fang Min,

**T**HANKS to the pairing assistance program, under which 19 provinces and cities across China have provided and strengthened all-round support for northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region, people of various ethnic groups in Xinjiang have enjoyed a stronger sense of fulfillment, happiness and security.

These provinces and cities have invested a total of 96.4 billion yuan (about \$14.89 billion) in Xinjiang, including the Xinjiang Production and Construction Corps (XPCC), implemented over 10,000 projects in the region, and introduced a total investment of over 1,684 billion yuan from local companies, among which central enterprises invested more than 700 billion yuan in Xinjiang.

Recently, over 6,000 residents in Yamansu Kyrgyz ethnic township, Uqturpan county, Aksu prefecture of Xinjiang, received an insurance policy from the command center of east China's Zhejiang province for providing pairing assistance for Xinjiang. The insurance policy was designed to protect these people from falling into or returning to poverty because of diseases or disasters.

Zhejiang province has also launched a medical assistance project in the First People's Hospital of Aksu Prefecture. Under the project, Hong Zhaoyang, an ophthalmologist from the Zhejiang Provincial People's Hospital, has lately conducted keratoplasty in Aksu prefecture and helped two patients recover sight.

As a national strategy of China, the pairing assistance program represents an important part of the country's efforts to drive the reform, development, and social progress in Xinjiang and improve the livelihood of Xinjiang residents.

Since 2016, Zhejiang has selected and sent 2,772 officials and talents to Aksu prefecture and the first division of the XPCC.

From 2016 to 2020, the province rolled out 329 projects for the pairing assistance, helped Xinjiang build 24 parks of various kinds, and introduced 621 companies into the region, thus enabling 200,000 locals to secure jobs in or near their hometowns.

Since 2012, the policy of providing comprehensive, targeted and long-term assistance for Xinjiang has continued to gather momentum, and many new technologies and means have therefore been widely applied, infusing robust vitality into the development of Xinjiang.

To promote solid progress in assisting Xinjiang with industries, Zhejiang has creatively carried out three projects in recent years, namely building stores in cities in Zhejiang for the sale of agricultural products from Xinjiang, establishing factories in villages of Xinjiang to generate jobs for locals, and in-

roducing new agricultural plant varieties and technologies to facilitate production in Xinjiang.

Focusing on such fields as logistics, warehousing, and branding in Xinjiang, Zhejiang has established a sales network for farm produce from Xinjiang, which covers all areas in Zhejiang province and can sell products to the whole country.

Difficulties can always be surmounted, said officials who have been sent to aid Xinjiang, adding that they are pleased that residents in Xinjiang have shaken off poverty and become better-off, patients have got well, and the number of local talents has kept rising.

Providing pairing assistance for Xinjiang requires both introducing resources and funds to the region and empowering the locals with means to prosper, which makes it important to enhance the foundations of and build platforms and mechanisms for helping Xinjiang cultivate a local team of talents and force for development. Provinces and cities that have paired up with Xinjiang to help the region have made great efforts in this regard.

During the past five years, a total of 180,000 officials in Xinjiang took part in training sessions provided by Zhejiang province.

The Zhejiang Provincial People's Hospital, an important participant in the endeavors of helping build up Xinjiang's medical service capacity, has sent many senior medical experts to Aksu prefecture and launched innovative mechanisms



Visitors from east China's Zhejiang province tour around Kuqa King's Palace, a scenic area in Kuqa, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region, April 22, 2021. Under the arrangements of the command center of Zhejiang province for providing pairing assistance for Xinjiang, over 1,400 tourists took a special train from

to improve and upgrade local hospitals.

Meanwhile, the hospital has invited 120 medical workers from Aksu prefecture and provided them with further vocational studies.

Considering development an important foundation for long-term stability and security in Xinjiang, China believes that Xinjiang will certainly

embrace a brighter future as it continues to bring into play the geographical advantages of the region and unleash the strengths of its pairing assistance programme.

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## Bank hands sanitation equipment to Dar es Salaam City Council

By Guardian Reporter

EXIM Bank has provided sanitation supplies to Dar Es Salaam City Council as part of the World Environment Day celebrations culminating on June 5 this year.

The move is a continuation of the bank's environmental strategy known as the Exim 'Go Green Initiative.'

Receiving the grant earlier yesterday, Ilala District Commissioner Ng'wilabuzu Ndatwa Ludigija thanked the bank for the support while consequently using the platform to invite various institutions to participate in the conservation of natural environment, including beaches as well as planting trees and flowers in open spaces and gardens located in various parts of the city.

"Efforts like these showed by Exim Bank along with many other activities will continue throughout the week from June 1st to June 5th which is the peak Environment Day celebrations." He noted while urging contractors providing waste disposal services in the city to ensure that they are adequately equipped and provide services that meet the needs of the people in a timely manner.

He added that the celebrations will be aimed at motivating the public to conserve the environment and will be accompanied by variety of activities like professional conferences on environmental issues, exhibitions and sanitation campaigns, all of which will run throughout the week starting June 1st.

On his part, Exim Bank's head of marketing and communications, Stanley Kafu said the assistance includes various cleaning equipment like wheelbarrows, garbage cans, brooms, rakes and shovels.

"World Environment Day is a day that requires a joint effort to ensure that environmental hygiene and clean appearance are addressed. That is why Exim Bank strongly believes in the importance of supporting environmental initiatives that have a direct impact to society," said Kafu.

In addition to leading various tree planting campaigns - including the 100,000 tree planting campaign that was recently held in Dodoma in collaboration with retired Prime Minister Mizengo Pinda - the bank has also been at the forefront in maintaining a number of gardens in various cities in the country including Dar Es Salaam.



Exim Bank Tanzania's head of marketing and communications, Stanley Kafu (2nd L) hands over to Ilala District Commissioner, Ng'wilabuzu Ndatwa Ludigija (C) sanitary equipment provided by the bank to improve sanitation in Dar es Salaam City as part of the World Environment Day celebrations culminating on June 5 this year. Others include Ilala District Administrative Secretary Charangwa Makwiro (3rd L) and the bank's marketing and communications manager, Mariamu Mwapinga (R). Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## World Environment Day: Experts discuss pollution

By Guardian Reporter

AS Tanzania readies to join the rest of the globe in commemorating the World Environment Day on Saturday, an online seminar is taking place today to deliberate on land as well as water pollution.

A statement released yesterday by the Global Compact Network Tanzania (GCNT), a local network chapter of the United Nations Global Compact, said the webinar is centered on the theme 'Life below waters and on land for ecosystems restoration'.

"It is aimed at raising awareness for the need of a coherent and coordinated

framework between the initiatives for sustainable development goals and climate action that leads to systemic transformation for oceans and land," reads the statement.

Also, it seeks to develop actionable recommendations for raising ambition and building social, environmental and economic resilience through mitigation and adaptation to climate change.

"The webinar will be a space for experts with scientific knowledge of impacts of land-based and freshwater pollution on oceans and coastal areas, and the impacts of climate change on those areas and related food production systems."

The advisory noted that large urban areas are particularly vulnerable to storms (life loss, floods, infrastructure destruction) and, concurrently, they offer opportunities for regional and local action for enhanced management of such impacts.

It adds that planning and management of human activities should streamline mitigation and adaptation action in anticipation to climate change impacts projected for the 1.5°C global warming scenarios (add minimum).

GCNT is dedicated to assisting Tanzanian organizations meet the global goals.

According to the Interim Executive Director of the GCNT, Marsha Macatta-Yambi, about 20 per cent of the planet's vegetated surface shows declining trends in productivity with fertility losses linked to erosion, depletion and pollution in all parts of the world. By 2050 degradation and climate change could reduce crop yields by 10 per cent globally and by up to 50 per cent in certain regions.

Macatta-Yambi added that according to the Global Climate Action report of 2019, "the degradation of land and marine ecosystems undermines the well-being of 3.2 billion people and costs about 10 per cent of the annual global gross prod-

uct in loss of species and ecosystems services. Key ecosystems that deliver numerous services essential to food and agriculture, including supply of freshwater, protection against hazards and provision of habitat for species such as fish and pollinators, are declining rapidly".

She said the webinar is taking place within the framework of Global Compact Network Tanzania in partnership with its members and potential members from the private sector like Anglo-Gold Ashanti, Scania Tanzania, Vodacom Foundation Tanzania, Tanzania Breweries Limited, Aquaculture Association of Tanzania and Safari Wallet.

## SATF donates ICT gadgets worth 50m/- to partners

By Guardian Reporter, Morogoro

AS part of efforts to digitize its operations and ensure a paperless office, the Social Action Trust Fund (SATF) has provided computers, printers and internet facilities worth over 50m/- to its 18 implementing partners across the country.

"The donated equipment will apart from eliminating the use of papers, simplify document preparation and submission and enhance productivity," said SATF Program Manager, Nelson Rutabanzibwa when speaking shortly after the handover ceremony held in Morogoro Region recently.

The event was in line SATF stakeholder's conference which brought together 18 SATF implementing partners. The organization operates in 15 regions and 32 districts countrywide.

According to Rutabanzibwa, the equipment will help in documentation as well as easing communication between SATF and its implementing partners.

He added that previously, some implementing partners were delaying report submission due complicated preparation procedures, but now they can prepare and send reports while in the field.

"We are also coming up with a database which will see all our project reports stored in shared files that can be accessed by everyone in the organization. We will in future use the equipment and technology to conduct virtual conferences, thus reducing operation cost," the program manager asserted, noting that implementing partners will be trained on information and communication technology (ICT) to enable them to use the equipment efficiently.

SATF Chief Executive Officer, Beatrice Mgaya said: "We have donated the equipment to facilitate smooth operations. Beneficiaries should make sure the computers are used for targeted purposes."

One of the recipients, Sengiyumba Bisanga, Project Officer from Christian Council of Tanzania (CCT) in Kibondo, Kigoma Region commended SATF for the donation promising to use them efficiently.

Bisanga, whose organization takes care of 131 children, said with the modern equipment it would be easier for them to prepare and submit reports, contrary to previous years when they had to print the documents outside their offices.

With over 20 years of experience, SATF was established in 1998 aiming at providing care and support services to the most vulnerable children and addressing the impact resulting from HIV/Aids. It was supported by the government and the United States Agency for Development (USAID).

It supports vulnerable children and those living in difficult conditions to ensure they become productive members of the society.



Social Action Trust Fund (SATF) chief executive officer Beatrice Mgaya

## Barrick-North Mara awarded for facilitating the launch of regional investment guide

By Guardian Reporter, Mara

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has urged investors to take advantage of the various investment opportunities in Mara Region, assuring them that the government will continue to improve the country's business environment and remove barriers to investment.

Speaking at the launch of Mara Region investment guide which was held recently at Mwenbeni Complex in Musoma, the Premier acknowledged the contribution of Barrick Gold Corporation through its North Mara mine in preparation as well as launch of the investment guide.

During the event, Majaliwa awarded the mining firm and presented certificates to top Barrick Gold Corporation's leaders in recognition of its support in preparation of the document.

The mining company has been at the forefront in supporting various government efforts to improve the country's economy and people's welfare. It implements a number of community projects to the surrounding villages and helps in finding solutions to the challenges facing people residing near the mine.

The launch of the investment guide was in response to the call made by PM Majaliwa that each region should prepare an investment guide to attract investors.

Mara Regional Commissioner, Eng Robert Gabriel thanked the various stakeholders who facilitated preparation of the document including Barrick through its North Mara mine. The document provides investment information to prospective local and foreign investors to attract them to invest in the region and ultimately stimulate the region's business development and growth.

Investment is the country's backbone since it facilitates economic growth and job creation. It outlines the available business and investment opportunities as well as the good weather conditions and a reliable market for locally produced goods.

Some available investment opportunities in Mara Region include agriculture whereas the land is suitable for cultivation of various crops, livestock keeping and fisheries.



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# Calls for Zimbabwean journalist Jeffrey Moyo to be given fair trial after bail is denied

BULAWAYO

AS international correspondent Jeffrey Moyo was denied bail for allegedly breaching a section of the Zimbabwe Immigration Act by helping two foreign journalists work in the country without proper media accreditation, local organisations have called for his release and for him to be accorded a fair trial.

Moyo (37), a correspondent for Inter Press Service (IPS), the New York Times and other media, was arrested in Harare on May 27 and is being detained at Bulawayo Prison.

Bulawayo Magistrate Rachel Mkanga denied Moyo's bail application yesterday, May 31, stating that Moyo was deemed a threat to national security and that the sovereignty of Zimbabwe was at stake.

Moyo has been charged with violating Section 36 of the Immigration Act, which is essentially based on an allegation that he made a false representation to immigration officials. This pertains to the accreditation of two of his colleagues, Christina Goldbaum and Joao Silva from the New York Times.

Goldbaum and Silva arrived in Zimbabwe on May 5 and were subsequently deported on May 8 for not having proper accreditation with the Zimbabwe Media Commission (ZMC), the media regulatory body in the country.

"The state's case is weak and they know it, that is why the deported the key witnesses and want to deal with the locals and set him as an example [for others] not to compromise security-related issues," Tabani Moyo, the Executive Director of the Media Institute of Southern Africa - Zimbabwe, told IPS.

"Jeff must be given a fair trial so that we do not have a situation where the law is used as a weapon against the media," Tabani Moyo said, adding "we are not surprised with the turn of events as the state uses multiple strategies to intimidate depending on how it is irritated not with the media but with its international relations."

In a statement released on Friday, May 28, the ZMC said it learnt of the deportation from Zimbabwe of "a man and a woman claiming to be New York Times reporters and carrying forged accreditation cards and receipts which they reportedly said had been obtained on their behalf by Jeffrey Moyo, at the time a properly accredited local reporter for the same New York Times".

The ZMC said the New York Times journalists had not visited the ZMC offices though they had written to the relevant authorities to seek the prior clearance papers required before one can work locally as a journalist on temporary assignment. The relevant authorities had denied Goldbaum and Silva prior clearance.

The state media body also alleged that Moyo had recognised irregularities in the accreditation and reportedly "privately approached a ZMC staffer who also allegedly agreed to collude with Moyo and his now deported colleagues." The ZMC staffer was also arrested.

Award-winning, internationally acclaimed journalist and documentary film maker Hopewell Chin'ono told IPS via What's app that Moyo's arrest was an abuse of state institutions.

"The arrest of Jeffery is again an abuse of state institutions because the person who committed the crime is person working for the ZMC and not Jeffrey, who was a recipient of something that had been done incorrectly and at the very least he should be a state witness but he is the one being incarcerated," Chin'ono told IPS. He was referring to a ZMC staffer.

Over the course of 2020 and early this year, Chin'ono, a critic of the current government, was arrested three times by Zimbabwe police. His arrest made international headlines.

"There is no freedom of speech to practise journalism in Zimbabwe as long as you report against the political elite and Zanu PF is in power...Zanu PF as long as it is in power will continue to use state institutions to persecute



Zimbabwean and IPS journalist Jeffrey Moyo

journalists and other citizens for simply doing what is constitutional."

Meanwhile, Moyo's lawyer said they would appeal the bail hearing.

"We strongly disagree with those and all the grounds on which the court relied for denying him bail and we are currently preparing an appeal which will be filed as soon as we are able to obtain the record of proceedings from the Magistrate's court," Moyo's lawyer Doug Coltart told IPS by telephone yesterday.

"The main grounds the court relied on was that he was a flight risk and likely to abscond trial and

this funny ground that does not have any basis in law that he is a threat to national security and that the sovereignty of Zimbabwe is at stake because the international journalists interviewed Zimbabwean people without the Ministry of Information knowing about it," Coltart said.

Coltart further said Moyo's wife wasn't allowed to visit him and that his prison conditions were deplorable.

"He is ok any and still mentally strong [but] the conditions in prison are still bad," Coltart said, emphasising that Moyo had to share a blanket with one of the other inmates and was prevented to ac-

cessing reading materials.

"They have denied him access to his wife and most concerning of all he was actually slapped, I believe by one of the medical staff at the prison. We intend to make a complaint on that," said Coltart.

"We are focusing on getting him out with the bail appeal but certainly intend to make a complaint about the inhumane conditions in the prison."

If convicted, Moyo could face up to 10 years in jail.

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## RECOGNITION

## SGR brokered by the StanChart, Nedbank, TDB shortlisted for Africa Banker Awards

By Guardian Reporter

THE multi-trillion shillings Standard Gauge Railway project brokered by UK based Standard Chartered Bank, South Africa based Nedbank and Kenya based Trade and Development Bank (formerly PTA Bank) has been shortlisted for the prestigious Africa Banker of the Year Award 2021.

The SGR is shortlisted in the infrastructure category's Deal of the Year Award alongside Alexandria Port Authority (Banque Misr) of Egypt; Kigali's King Faisal Hospital (TDB) of Rwanda; TAV Airports Holdings Restructure (Standard Bank Group) of Tunisia and Zimborders Mauritius (Standard Bank Group) of Zimbabwe.

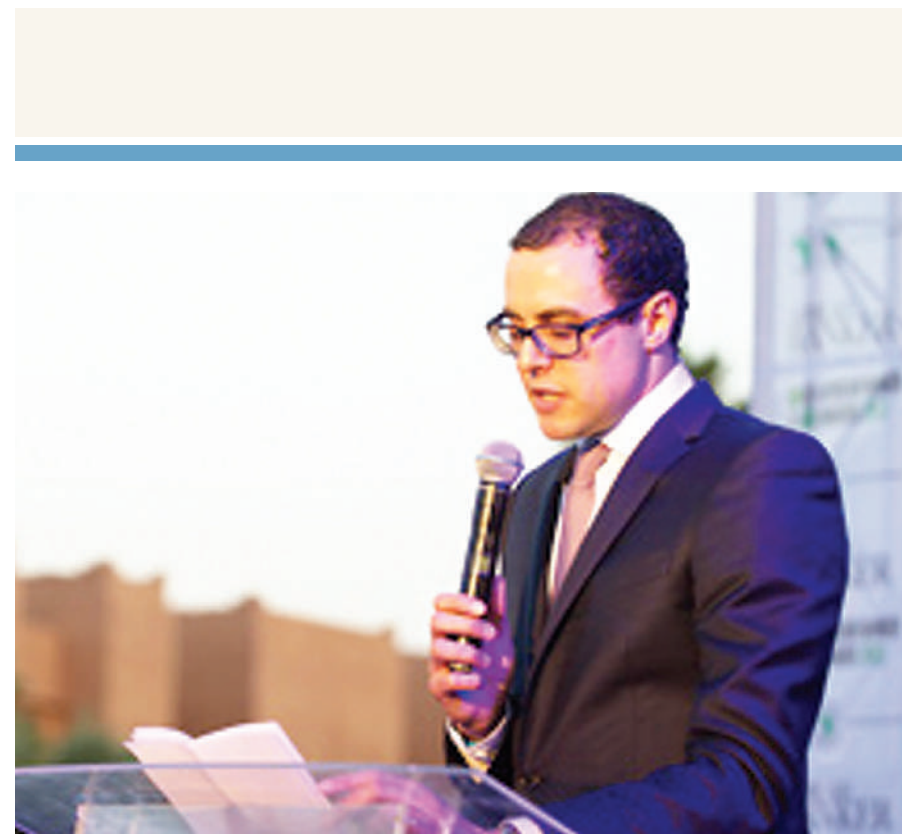
In a statement, organisers of the annual competition, London based Africa Banker magazine said over 60 nominees have been shortlisted for the 2021 edition of the African Banker Awards in several categories.

The statement added that Standard Bank group leads in the number

of nominations with eight entries in seven categories, including African Bank of the Year and Investment Bank of the Year. The Eastern and Southern African Trade and Development Bank (TDB) also featured high with five nominations, including a nomination of its President and CEO, Admassu Tadesse for African Banker of the Year.

"This year we received a record number of entries across all categories and the awards committee debated at length to select the shortlist. Common themes throughout were the rise of digitisation, the work the banks have done to support businesses of all sizes during the pandemic and the importance of innovation," said Group Publisher of African Banker, Omar Ben Yedder.

"All the entries received demonstrated the incredible resilience of the banking and financial services industry during these challenging times and how important the industry is to help soften the economic impact of the pandemic and support growth



Group Publisher of African Banker, Omar Ben Yedder

whilst leading on innovation to provide solutions to our businesses and communities," Yedder added.

This year's panel of judges consists of experts on project finance, investment and banking, representing all African regions, including Rebecca Eronchong, CEO of AppsTech; Zemedeneh Negatu, Global Chairman of Fairfax Africa Fund; and Tom Minney, Editor of African Council Markets News.

Others are; Toyin Sanni, Group CEO of Emerging Africa Capital, Jean-Louis Ekra, Board Member of British Globeleq Group; Vivien Shobo, CEO of FVS Advisory Partners; Alain Le Noir, Co-Founder of Club des Banques et Etablissements Financiers Africains; and Christopher Hartland-Peel, Principal of Hartland-Peel Africa Equity Research.

In addition to the nominees, the African Banker ceremony will include special recognitions including the Lifetime Achievement Award, Banker Icon Award, Minister of Finance of the Year Award and Regional Banking Awards.

Please see below the full list of nominees per category: African Banker of the Year Award with the shortlisted being Ade Ayeyemi (Ecobank Transnational Inc.); Admassu Tadesse (TDB); Brehima Amadou Haidara (Banque de Développement du Mali); Herbert Wigwe (Access Bank); James Mwangi (Equity Group Holdings Plc.); João Figueiredo (MozaBanco); and Kennedy Uzoka (United Bank for Africa).

In the African Bank of the Year Award category, the shortlist has; African Export-Import Bank - Afreximbank; Attijariwafa Bank; Banque Centrale Populaire; Commercial International Bank (CIB); Equity Group Holdings Plc.; Standard Bank Group; Trade and Development Bank; and Zenith Bank.

In the Investment Bank of the Year Award, the shortlisted banks are; ABSA; EFG Hermes; FBNQuest; Misr Capital S.A.E.; and Standard Bank of South Africa. The shortlist for SME Bank of the Year Award include: 4G Capital, Access Bank, Ecobank, FCMB and Fidelity Bank

For Sustainable Bank of the Year Award, the contestants are: Access Bank; Banque Ouest Africaine de Développement (BOAD); Commercial International Bank (CIB); Nedbank; and Trade and Development Bank (TDB). Candidates for Financial Inclusion Award are: EFG Hermes; Equity Bank; Jumo; Trust Merchant Bank (DRC); and Zeepay.

Innovation in Financial Services Award category has: Bank of Industry, Crowdyvest, Ecobank Transnational Inc, Mortgage Market, Sterling Bank, Ubuntu Tribe and United Bank for Africa. Deal of the Year Award in Agriculture includes: Cairo Three A Poultry (Banque Misr); Distribuidora Nacional de Açúcar Mozambique (Standard Bank Group); Rand Agri Debt Financing - Our Global Commodity Finance and Export Credit Finance (Nedbank); US\$28 million Medium Term Facility to GB Foods Africa (Stanbic IBTC Capital Limited); and USD 400m Revolving Trade Finance Facility in favour of ETG Group (African Export-Import Bank - Afreximbank).

Deal of the Year Award on Debt's shortlist include: AFC's inaugural green CHF150m 1.2050 percent 5-year benchmark (Renaissance Capital); African Export-Import Bank, COVID-19 Support Facility (MUG Bank); Dangote Cement PLC \$208mn (NIO0bn) Series 1 Bond (FBNQuest); Teraco Data Environments Proprietary Limited (ABSA); The African Local Currency Bond Fund Investment in Sonatel Local Currency Bond Issuance (The African Local Currency Bond Fund); US\$1billion Syndicated Guaranteed Loan Facility (Bank of Industry / Stanbic IBTC / Afreximbank); and Wood Technology Company (Banque Misr).

Deal of the Year Award in Energy's shortlist include: Alten Kenya Solarfarms (Standard Bank Group); ANOH Gas Processing Company (Rand Merchant Bank / Jackson, Etti & Edu); BBOX DRC (Lion's Head Global Partners); Nkhotakota Solar Power Plant in Malawi / 75 MW Solar PV Power Plant in Burundi (African Trade Insurance Agency); and USD 353 million (EUR 300 m) Sovereign guaranteed loan to Societe Tunisienne de l'Electricite et du Gaz (EBRD).

Deal of the Year Award in Equity's shortlist has: Brait SE Equity Capital Raise (Rand Merchant Bank); Fawry Accelerated Offering (EFG Hermes); Privatization of Afam Power Plc and Afam Three Fast Power Limited (FBNQuest); Structuring and establishment of the Acorn Holdings Limited (AHL) student accommodation Real Estate Investment Trusts (Renaissance Capital); and Togo Republic long-term and strategic partnership with Olam International Limited (Southbridge).

## INCENTIVE

## Demand of high-iron rich beans rising on the market

KIGALI

FARMERS who are growing iron-rich beans across the country are experiencing a rising demand of produce on the market considering the crop potential in beating malnutrition.

According to farmers growing the crop in Gatsibo District, the crop is impressively high yielding, giving farmers unprecedented harvests, potent solutions to micronutrient deficiency as it offers a sustainable solution to iron deficiency that can stem its negative impacts on brain development, learning capacity, and overall health.

Diets deficient in iron are a major cause of debilitating anaemia, which affects 33 per cent of children under five and also a big percentage of pregnant women in Rwanda. Icyerekezo Rugenge cooperative is one of the three cooperatives that grow Iron-rich beans using solar-powered irrigation along Lake Muhazi in Gatsibo District.

Felicien Ntwari, the cooperative president in the Kiramuruzi sector

said: "We grow Iron-rich beans on two hectares. The variety has been found with double productivity compared to other bean varieties. Today the price of Iron-rich beans is sold at Rwf800 per Kilogramme which is double of the old varieties since others are sold at Rwf350."

According to studies iron beans yield 17-22 per cent more in volume than other types of beans grown in the country and an additional \$57-78 of profit per hectare. Other attractive agronomic properties of iron beans include virus resistance, heat and drought tolerance.

Two more cooperatives in Gatsibo District namely Abahujakabuga Cooperative and Zamuka Munini cooperative have also invested in growing Iron-rich beans. According to officials, the cooperatives have been linked to a potential client as a way of linking farmers to the market.

"Currently the Iron-rich beans are grown on only 15 hectares in Gatsibo District. There is a need to expand the growing of this crop. This is because there are high demands



A Rwandan beans farmer in Gatsibo district.

of Iron-rich beans on the market as it plays a significant role reducing malnutrition and fetching better prices compared to other bean varieties. Today there is a dealer buying one Kilogramme at Rwf800 yet few farmers are growing it," said Ernest Nsigayehe in charge of agriculture, animal resources and natural resources in Gatsibo district.

Over 50,000 farmers growing Iron beans

The cooperatives in Gatsibo district are part of over 50,000 farmers that have obtained Iron bean seeds to increase productivity under the support of Hinga Weze-US-AID funded project in partnership with Rwanda Agriculture and Animal Resources Development Board (RAB). So far over 50,000 farmers have received 180 tonnes of High-iron bean seeds. The project to close by 2022 has also distributed

554.689 metric tonnes of orange flesh sweet potato to over 100,000 farmers.

By 2022 over 700,000 smallholder farmers are set to benefit in the districts of Bugesera, Gatsibo, Kayanza, and Ngoma (Eastern Province); Karongi, Ngororero, Nyabihu, Nyamasheke, and Rutsiro (Western Province); and Nyamagabe (Southern Province) and across five value chains namely high-iron beans,

orange flesh sweet potato (OFSP), Irish potato, maize, and horticulture. Nutritional status of women and children

The investment aims to sustainably increase smallholder farmers' income, improve the nutritional status of women and children, and increase the resilience of Rwanda's agricultural and food systems to a changing climate.

According to the latest Demographic and Health Survey released last year by National Institute of Statistics of Rwanda, the percentage of stunted children under the age of five dropped from 38 per cent to 33 per cent in the last five years.

However, more efforts are needed to ensure that the issue of stunting is reduced from the current 33 percent to the projected 19 percent in 2024. In 2005 stunting among children was at 51 per cent, which reduced to 44 per cent in 2010 before further easing to 38 per cent in 2015.

Anaemia among the children under five years old is also still a challenge. Anaemia is a condition in which there is a deficiency of red cells or of haemoglobin in the blood. Government has committed 3 per cent reduction rate in stunting and will help reduce stunting by 50 per cent reduction by 2024.

## PROBE

## Sars turns on the heat, asks crypto exchanges for certain customers' information

JOHANNESBURG

SA's three largest crypto exchanges - AltCoinTrader, Luno, and VALR - say they have been approached by the SA Revenue Service (Sars) as part of a tax risk assessment exercise on SA residents involved in "the mining, speculation and/or investment in crypto assets".

In 2018 Sars released a media statement entitled 'Sars stance on the tax treatment of cryptocurrencies' in which it reminded taxpayers to declare all cryptocurrency-related taxable income during the year such income was received or accrued.

In a joint statement released on Monday, the three largest crypto exchanges in the country say they have been approached by Sars for information on a "selection of customers in terms of Section 46 of the Tax Administration Act, 2011." "Sars has confirmed that the primary purpose of collecting this information is for risk analysis, which will inform the need for future action with respect to cryp-

to assets," they add.

"Obligated to comply"

"VALR takes the privacy and protection of our customer data very seriously," says Farzam Ehsani, co-founder and CEO of VALR.com. "We are also committed to being compliant with the laws and regulations that govern our business. We have engaged with Sars to express our concern for the privacy of the data of our customers and we have also sought legal advice on our obligation to comply with Sars's request.

"The conclusion of our legal advice is that per Section 46 of the Tax Administration Act, along with other cryptocurrency exchanges, we are obliged to provide the information requested by Sars." Adds Marius Reitz, general manager for Africa at Luno: "Luno does not share customer information with Sars on a routine or ongoing basis. More generally, and as described in Luno's privacy policy, we will only share customer data with law enforcement and other regulatory authorities when we are required by law



Farzam Ehsani, co-founder and CEO of VALR.com.

to do so.

"Luno has carefully reviewed the Sars request, taken legal advice on our obligation to comply with it, and worked with Sars to ensure that its scope is limited to the greatest extent possible. "We are, however, required by law to comply with the request, which is made under Section 46 of the Tax Administration Act."

Says Richard de Sousa, CEO of AltCoinTrader: "AltCoinTrader has always strived to protect our customers' privacy and provide the necessary tools to enable compliance. "AltCoinTrader has taken legal counsel to ensure that all information requested by regulators is within our legal obligation."

Cryptocurrency platforms are not yet required to provide customers with tax certificates. In their joint statement issued on Monday, AltCoinTrader, Luno and VALR say they all provide the ability for customers to download their transaction history to prepare any tax declarations that are required.



## EMPOWERMENT

## CTI, GIZ partnership to boost SME goods to access global market

By Francis Kajubi

IN a bid to build capacity of small and medium size enterprises to manufacture quality products that can compete in the global market, Confederation of Tanzania Industries and German government have come up with a project dubbed, 'Promotion of manufacturing industries performance through human capacity development.'

CTI Executive Director, Leodeger Tenga said in Dar es Salaam this week during a stakeholders meeting that the confederation is mandated with ensuring that industries are operating without hurdles and are able to compete on an equal footing in the global market.

"Training and other capacity building programmes are a pre-requisite in updating stakeholders' knowledge. I commend the business scouts for development programme with the funding of GIZ to continue the collaboration in strengthening the man-

ufacturing industries in Tanzania," Tenga said.

He added that, "This project also exposes SMEs to various opportunities that connect industries to business actors across the globe." Under the deal, CTI in collaboration with GIZ's Business Scouts for Development Department, a German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) funded programme, are implementing the strategic initiative targeting to building capacity of around 245 SMEs owners and managers in the areas of branding, packaging and marketing of their products in four regions of Arusha, Dar es Salaam, Mwanza and Tanga in the period of six months to December this year.

Tenga said the CTI organized a three-day workshop held in Dar es Salaam last week, involving the first batch of 35 SME owners and managers from diverse backgrounds of the manufacturing sector which includes agro-processing, technology, telecom,



CTI affiliated SME owners and managers attending a GIZ sponsored training held last week in Dar es Salaam. Photo: Courtesy of CTI.

food and beverage and leather processing.

Through the training, SMEs owners and managers were capacitated to new innovative models related to their products branding techniques, marketing network, packaging, sales and

customer relationship management, the CTI boss added.

GIZ's Business Scouts for Development also plays a role of match-making platforms at which growing manufacturers and companies from Tanzania can explore various oppor-

tunities available in the private sector and development partners.

"For business companies, this is a great opportunity to improve and position your products globally. You have learnt many things and it is up to you to make transformation, we thank CTI

and GIZ Tanzania for organizing this wonderful event that can possibly lead us to winning local and regional markets," said one of the participants, Godfrey Mkuwa who is a Client Management Executive of Viscar Integrated Consulting Tanzania Limited.

## PROGRESS

## Mozambican government signs gas and energy deals

MAPUTO

THE Mozambican government and cooperation partners on Monday in Maputo signed the technical and commercial agreements for the Temane Gas and Energy Projects, in the southern province of Inhambane, paving the way for the start, by the second half of 2021, of the envisaged construction work.

The first of the three projects involved is for the exploration of additional gas fields, adjacent to the Pande and Temane fields, in an investment led by the South African petrochemical company Sasol, in partnership with Mozambique's National Hydrocarbon Company (ENH).

Second, is the Temane Thermal Power Station, led by Globelec (an institution formed by Norwegian and British funds), working with the publicly owned Electricity Company, (EDM) and Sasol. Producing 450 megawatts, this will be the largest power station built since Mozambican independence in 1975.

The third project is for the Temane-Maputo high voltage (400KV) power line, running for 650 kilometres which will be fully owned by EDM. Mozambican President Filipe



Mozambican President Filipe Nyusi (c)witnessing the gas and energy deals signing ceremony.

Nyusi, who witnessed the signing of the contracts, said the three projects enshrine the Mozambican government's vision, through the national "Energy for All" programme, intended to ensure electricity reaches every Mozambican household and industry by 2030.

The agreements, Nyusi pointed

out, project an integrated development of the Inhambane gas fields, paving the way not only for the construction of the Temane power station, but also for the production of cooking gas and of light oil.

"Our ultimate goal is to industrialize the country, and substitute the imports of cooking gas, thus

contributing to the reduction of the domestic deficit and improving the sustainability of our ecosystems through replacing firewood and coal by gas," Nyusi said, adding that the country intends to become a regional power hub. From the exploration of Pande and Temane gas fields, about 55 million gigajoules

will be purveyed to the Temane Thermal Power Station, which will cost about one billion US dollars.

The expected contribution from Temane, Nyusi said, represents 75 per cent of the government goal estimated at 600 Megawatts. The 650 kilometre transmission line includes three substations at Vilankulo, Chibuto and Marracuene.

"The overall objective and the expected impact are to take electricity, for the first time, to over 10 million Mozambicans by 2024. Our ambitious challenge is to electrify those headquarters of administrative posts, that are not yet electrified," he said. Furthermore, Nyusi said the implementation of the liquefied petroleum gas (cooking gas) project, will produce about 30,000 tonnes a year, which is 65 per cent of the current demand for 46,000 tonnes.

"With the cooking gas production, our expectation is to produce 30,000 tonnes and as an immediate consequence reduce the imports of gas", he said, assuring the cooperation partners that the agreements will be fulfilled within the agreed time frames and that the Mozambican government will honour the investments channelled to the country.

## CAUTION

## Zimbabwe threatens to seize platinum concession from Eurasian Resource affiliate

HARARE

ZIMBABWE'S mines minister has informed Todal Mining Ltd., a venture controlled by Eurasian Resources Group, that its platinum mining concessions could be seized because no progress has been made in developing them.

The Bokai and Kinonde concessions may be taken over under the "use-it/lose-it principle" which allows the state to repossess idle mining claims, Minister Winston Chitando said in a letter to Todal dated May 28 and seen by Bloomberg. The mines ministry confirmed the veracity of the document.

"I note with concern that over the last few years there have been several changes to the work program to make this project progress to production stage," Chitando said in the letter. Zimbabwe, which has the world's third-biggest platinum group metal reserves, has struggled to develop its mining potential with investors from Russia, Cyprus, Nigeria and Kazakhstan yet to bring projects into production.

The Todal assets were taken from Anglo American Platinum Ltd., which does operate a mine in Zimbabwe, more than a decade ago and handed to Central African Mining & Exploration Co. That company was bought by Eurasian Natural Resources Co., which later became Eurasian Resources Group. Central African Mining lent the Zimbabwean government \$100 million at the time.

"This is due process in the spirit of administrative justice," Polite Kambamura, Zimbabwe's deputy mines minister, said by phone. "We will give the asset holder a chance to respond through the mining affairs board. If there are any developments that they have made on it which we are not aware of they will make those submissions and a final decision will be made after all due process has been done."

ERG didn't immediately respond to questions sent by email and text message. In 2013, the government said production on the mine was due to start that year. In 2008, Camec said a mine producing 150 000 ounces of platinum annually could be built for \$200 million.

## INVESTMENT

## Afrimat continuing journey into mid-tier mining house

JOHANNESBURG

THE diversification strategy embarked upon by Afrimat since the 2008 global financial crisis is transforming and propelling the JSE-listed open-pit mining company into a mid-tier mining house.

The acquisitions that have underpinned Afrimat's diversification strategy have been facilitated by the group's consistent profit performance and resulted in the group having three business segments - construction materials, industrial minerals and bulk commodities.

Afrimat CEO Andries van Heerden says the group has achieved a compound average growth rate in profit after tax of 22% between February 2009 and February 2021 and the diversification has made the group more resilient. Van Heerden said Afrimat started as a construction materials business but has evolved over the years.

## Acquisitions

"After the 2008 [global financial] crisis, we realised that construction can have a difficult road ahead

and we diversified into industrial minerals and bought Glen Douglas and Infrasons and Cape Lime.

"Those businesses were integrated into our business and in 2015 we started looking seriously at the commodities space and ... then identified Demaneng mine, bought it out of business rescue and since then we've have acquired the Nkomati anthracite mine and just last week [May 21] we announced that we have acquired Gravenhage manganese mine," he said.

Afrimat chief financial officer Pieter de Wit highlighted last week when the group published its financial results for the year to end-February that the group's iron ore business carried the group during the first half of the financial year when construction materials and industrial minerals were not producing any revenue during the harder Covid-19 lockdowns.

However, De Wit said all three business segments of the group produced exceptional performances in the second half of the financial year. "Gravenhage we have already announced but there are a few other exciting opportunities as well, so that cash that we generate



Afrimat CEO Andries van Heerden.

will assist us with that."

## Even more diversification

Van Heerden added that Afrimat had entrenched its diversification with more acquisitions during the financial year, including the purchase of the remaining shares in Unicorn Capital Partners Limited (UCP), resulting in Afrimat owning 100% of Nkomati Anthracite Proprietary Limited.

"We are excited about the mine's potential. The plan is for Nkomati to contribute to the second half

of the coming financial year," he said. Van Heerden added that Afrimat is also in the final stages of getting the Jenkins iron ore mine, which was part of the Coza acquisition, up and running. The mining licence was recently approved and it is also expected that Jenkins will contribute to the group in the second half of the new financial year, he said.

Van Heerden said the Gravenhage mine acquisition will add another commodity to its diversification strategy within the bulk commodities segment while also increasing the group's scale in the ferrous-metal value chain and providing further exposure to foreign currency denominated earnings.

## Group in best shape to date

He stressed Afrimat is today in the best and most healthy financial position it has ever been in, has consistently been delivering value for more than a decade and the recovery by the group's businesses after the hard Covid-19 lockdown showed the resilience of the group's entrepreneurial culture.

Van Heerden compared the headline earnings per share performance of Afrimat and other companies "it has respect for", such as Raubex, Sefhaku, PPC and the Consolidated Infrastructure Group, between February 2010 and February 2021. "Unfortunately you can see what the economy did to the other companies. They all went down and are at zero or close to zero and their growth rate was negative. So the diversification model did work for us."

Van Heerden said if Afrimat had only remained exposed to construction materials, its headline earnings per share in the same period would have been much lower and negative compared to headline earnings per share of 441.7 cents in the year to end-February 2021. The gap between the profit history of Afrimat over the past 10 years with and without acquisitions "has never been as wide as it is right now because of the good performance of our other businesses [acquisitions]," he said.







## WORLD

# Gun attack on Ugandan former army chief kills daughter, driver

KAMPALA

GUNMEN attacked and wounded Uganda's former army commander yesterday, killing his daughter and driver in an assassination attempt on the general, the current minister of works and trans-

port, an army spokeswoman and local media reports said.

Gunmen sprayed General Katumba Wamala's car with bullets in the Kampala suburb of Kiasasi, an army spokeswoman said.

"There was a shooting involving him...



Then Chief of Defence Forces of Uganda General Edward Katumba Wamala

he is hurt and he's been taken to the hospital, his driver was killed," Army spokeswoman Brigadier Flavia Byekwaso told Reuters.

Wamala's daughter, who was in the vehicle with him was also killed, local television station NBS TV reported.

Images circulating on social media showed Katumba with his mouth open, in apparent distress outside an SUV and his light-colored trousers splattered with blood. Social media images also showed bullet holes in a car window and casings on the ground.

There has been several assassinations and mysterious deaths of high profile of-

officials in the east African country in recent years that have fuelled speculation about perpetrators and their motivations.

Victims have involved a lawmaker, a senior police officer, the country's top public prosecutor, senior muslim leaders and others.

The attempt on Katumba was orchestrated in the same suburb in the capital where in 2017 gunmen on motorcycles sprayed bullets to a vehicle carrying a senior police officer. That police officer, Felix Kaweesa, was killed alongside his bodyguard and driver.



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu

## Netanyahu legal challenge to rival's PM bid is spurned

PRIME Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's party yesterday challenged the legality of a bid by a rival rightist to head a new Israeli government, but the last-gasp attempt at extending his leadership was rejected by President Reuven Rivlin.

Naftali Bennett, Netanyahu's former defence minister, announced on Sunday he would join a proposed alliance with centrist opposition leader Yair Lapid, serving as its premier first under a rotation deal.

They have until Wednesday midnight (2200 GMT) to present a final pact to Rivlin, who handed Lapid the task of forming a new government after Netanyahu failed to do so in the wake of a close election on March 23.

In a letter to the legal counsels of the presidency and parliament, Netanyahu's conservative Likud said Lapid was not authorised to cede the premiership to Bennett.

But Rivlin's office said in response that there was no legal merit to Likud's claim because Lapid would be sworn in as "alternate prime minister", second to serve as premier as part of the rotation.

It accepted Likud's argument that Lapid must provide the president with full details of the new government and not just announce that he has clinched a coalition deal.

The Lapid-Bennett power-share may include other rightist politicians as well as liberal and centre-left parties. Israeli media have speculated it could also court parliamentary backing from a party that draws votes from Israel's Arab minority.

That has prompted Netanyahu to accuse Bennett of imperiling Israel as it contends with internal Jewish-Arab strife over last month's Gaza conflict, the moribund peace process with the Palestinians, and Iran.

Netanyahu, 71, is the dominant political figure of his generation. He was first elected prime minister in 1996 and he returned to power in 2009, holding the top office for more than a decade. But he also faces a corruption trial for bribery, fraud and breach of trust - charges he denies.

### Divided country

A photo-shopped picture of Bennett in an Arab head-dress, circulated on social media, prompted comparisons with attempts to discredit former Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, assassinated in 1995 by an ultranationalist opposed to his peacemaking.

Lapid said on Monday that both he and Bennett had been given extra security following threats to their safety. Both have said they want to bring together Israelis from across the political divide and end hateful political discourse.

"A country that is divided and violent won't be able to deal with Iran or with the economy. A leadership that incites us against one another harms our ability to deal with the challenges we face," Lapid said. **Agencies**

## Russian diplomat notes some EU states seek cooperation, others demolition of ties

MOSCOW

MEMBERS of the European Union are divided into two categories: those who will stop at nothing to destroy relations with Russia and those who understand that there are common threats and problems which should be jointly tackled, Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova stated on the Soloviev Live YouTube channel yesterday.

"On one hand, there are forces that are doing everything possible and even impossible in order to shut the door on our relations, and there are forces that understand that we live in a shared European space, that we face the same challenges and threats, and we can only confront them together and it is also more beneficial to foster interaction mutually," she emphasized.

The diplomat pointed out that after the February visit of EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Josep Borrell to Moscow, in spite of the successful talks, Western media outlets began to churn out and circulate articles that he was allegedly humiliated, that "it was a slap to the entire European Union, that Russia allegedly did everything in its power to derail these negotiations."

"Then, a conclusion was drawn: one cannot interact anymore with Russia. Never set foot in Moscow! Over the past couple of months there have been quite a few talks with our EU colleagues, and these were just the face-to-face talks. **Agencies**

## Always staying with the people is secret of CPC's great achievements - former Japanese PM

TOKYO

THE secret of the Communist Party of China (CPC)'s great achievements over the decades is that it has always stayed with the people, said former Japanese Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama.

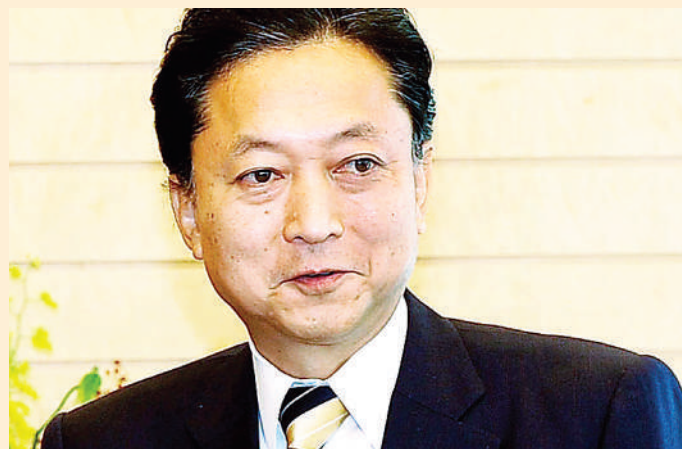
"Looking back over the one hundred years of history, always staying with the people is the secret of the Communist Party of China's great achievements in the annals of history," Hatoyama told Xinhua in a recent written interview.

"In the past century, China has suffered many misfortunes and difficulties, including the aggression caused by Japan, but the CPC has always worked with the people to overcome many difficulties. In particular, the reform and opening up has

become a huge engine for China's economic development. These great achievements will go down in the annals of history. For that, I have great respect," Hatoyama said.

In the interview, the former prime minister recalled his meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping at the 2019 Imperial Springs International Forum held in the Chinese city of Guangzhou. Hatoyama said he has been promoting the spirit of "fraternity" for many years, and was "deeply moved" when he knew "that Xi also cherishes the spirit of 'fraternity,' and will work hard to strengthen exchanges with Japan and the world."

During their meeting, Hatoyama recalled, Xi mentioned many times that he attaches great importance to multilat-



eral cooperation, and particularly hopes to establish good relations with neighboring countries.

"At the same time, the vision of a community with a shared future for mankind advocated by Xi has something in common with the vision of an 'East Asian community' that I have

been advocating. So I will do my best to support it," he said.

Hatoyama said China not only brought the COVID-19 pandemic under control early in the past year, but also achieved a 2.3-percent GDP growth, making great contributions to supporting the global economy.

China has also successfully

developed COVID-19 vaccines at an early stage, and provided them to other countries, which is not only saving the lives of the Chinese people, but also the lives of the rest of the world, he said.

Besides, China's success of lifting nearly 100 million people out of poverty in the past eight years is unparalleled in the world, he said.

Hatoyama noted that China has set a GDP growth target of more than 6 percent this year, and institutions like the World Bank also think China's economic outlook is bright.

There is no doubt that China will lead the development of the global economy this year, when the COVID-19 pandemic has not yet subsided, and in the post-pandemic era, he said. **Xinhua**

## South Africa, Kenya maintain firm hand against virus

NAIROBI

SOUTH Africa and Kenya have tightened social restrictions to halt the spread of COVID-19 as cases surge in both countries. More transmissible variants and laxity in people's observation of health protocols have contributed to the rise.

South Africa, the most affected country in the continent, is battling a third wave in four of its nine provinces. President Cyril Ramaphosa said it's only a matter of time before the entire country enters a third wave.

Ramaphosa said in an address to the nation on Sunday the country has been recording an average of 3,745 daily new infections over the last seven days, a 31 percent increase over the previous week and a 66 percent jump in cas-



A health worker vaccinates a retiree with the Pfizer coronavirus vaccine inside a tent, during a mass vaccination program for the elderly at the clinic outside Johannesburg, South Africa, May 24, 2021. (AP)

es on the week before that.

Ramaphosa said the country has doubled its test positivity rate in the past month,

from 4 percent to 11 percent.

The president blamed the surge on the rising number of social gatherings.

"We have not been as vigilant about wearing our masks all the time. We have not been avoiding crowded places and we have been socializing more," Ramaphosa said. He said more restrictions are necessary to ensure health facilities are not overwhelmed and lives are not lost.

Nationwide curfew hours were expanded from the previous midnight-4 am to 11 pm-4 am. Nonessential establishments like restaurants, bars and fitness centers are required to close by 10 pm.

All gatherings including religious services, political events and social gatherings, as well as restaurants, bars, and taverns, will be limited to a maximum of 100 people indoors and 250 people outdoors.

Kenya on Sunday announced an extension of the nationwide 10 pm to 4 am

curfew by another 60 days. In a notice on Friday, Fred Matiang'i, the interior cabinet secretary, said public gatherings remain banned.

Mutahi Kagwe, the health cabinet secretary, warned on Wednesday of a possible fourth wave of the coronavirus in Kenya due to the spread in communities of the B.1.617 variant, which was first found in India. He urged county governments to prepare by ensuring they have enough oxygen supplies in hospitals.

Both Kenya and South Africa are undertaking the second phase of COVID-19 vaccinations. Kenya kicked off jabs for the second dose of the AstraZeneca vaccine on Friday, 12 weeks after the rollout of the first dose. Priority will be given to frontline healthcare workers. **Agencies**

## Small village in SW China's Guizhou connected to outside world and bright future by 4G network

AFTER the drizzle that had been falling all night finally stopped after breakfast, Chen Yuanfu and Chen Yuanyang, two brothers who live in a small village in southwest China's Guizhou province, took out their equipment to make short videos about their stockaded village.

In their short videos, they would film family members and record interesting stories in the village, which is called Butang villagers' group.

Located in the hinterland of the Wumeng Mountains, Butang villagers' group in Gamu neighborhood, Bailidujuan administrative district of Guizhou's Bijie city, used to be basically isolated from the outside world due to the high mountains

and dense forests.

Last year, the two brothers quit their jobs in the cities, returned to their hometown and started to create short videos, something they had never imagined in the past.

"We could only get one channel on TV after installing the fishbone antenna high in the air, let alone making phone calls," recalled the brothers.

According to Chen Yuanfu, when he was in elementary school, he was once poisoned after eating a kind of wild fruit, and his fellow villagers had to run several miles in the mountains to send him to a hospital.

Before finishing middle school, the two brothers left their home-

town to work in other provinces. Back then, since communication device was still scarce in Butang, every time they wanted to talk to their parents by phone, they needed to first reach an acquaintance who lives in the nearest town, and then ask the acquaintance to bring their parents over to pick up the phone at an agreed time when they came to the town to buy things.

In 2008, Chen Yuanfu bought his first mobile phone with nearly two months' salary. However, when he returned home for the Spring Festival that year, the mobile phone, which he thought would make his friends so envious of him, couldn't find any signal in the small village.

A few years ago, the two brothers learnt how to make short videos. They wanted to make videos of the landforms and scenery of their hometown and post them online, but the idea was not realized because of poor signal.

In 2019, the over 280 residents of 62 families of Butang villagers' group finally saw a turning point in the communication situation when Guizhou province started to implement the fifth batch of pilot projects for universal telecom services and planned to build 3,513 4G base stations in five cities and autonomous prefectures including Bijie, in a bid to cover remote mountainous areas with 4G signals.

To make more residents benefit from 4G signals, the branch of China Mobile Group Guizhou Co., Ltd. in Bailidujuan administrative district decided to locate a base station on the top of an about 300-meter-high mountain behind the house of the two brothers.

To the surprise of Ge Zhixian, manager of the branch of China Mobile Group Guizhou Co., Ltd. in Bailidujuan administrative district, the construction of the base station in Butang villagers' group took much longer than expected 20 days or so.

There was no road to the top of the mountain, and it took technicians one and a half hours to climb up the mountain. Besides, they could find

no way to use large-scale machinery and equipment for the construction.

Eventually, the construction team found a local transport team that carried things with mules and horses. The construction materials were then carried to the mountain top bit by bit on the backs of mules, horses, and people.

After three months of painstaking efforts, the 4G base station was completed by the end of 2019.

Since it got stable network coverage, the quiet Butang villagers' group has quickly become boisterous as villagers had broadband installed at their homes and started a craze for smart phones and TV sets.

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## US introduces incentives to encourage more people to get vaccinated

WASHINGTON

STATES and cities across the United States are offering lotteries, cash payments or other incentive programs to encourage more residents to get COVID-19 vaccines.

U.S. daily administered doses fell in late April and May, according to data of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

From 1-million-dollar cash prizes to a free dinner with state governor, states are introducing incentives as part of their efforts to boost vaccination rates. "We encourage states to use their creativity to draw attention to vaccines and get their states and the country back to normal as quickly as possible," said Andy Slavitt, White House senior adviser on the national COVID-19 response.

California, the most populous U.S. state, announced Thursday to offer 116.5 million U.S. dollars in prize money to stimulate residents to get vaccinated against COVID-19, as it prepares to fully reopen on June 15. Starting Thursday, the state will give 50-dollar gift cards for grocery or other uses to the first 2 million Californians who get shots.

Meanwhile, all those aged 12 or older who received at least a dose will be automatically eligible for the prize money drawing in June.

Top ten winners will receive 1.5 million dollars each on the first day of the state's reopening. Another 30 people will take a 50,000-dollar prize on June 4 and 11. Ohio unveiled a Vax-a-Million lottery program in mid-May to boost lagging vaccination rates.

The state announced its first 1-million-dollar vaccine lottery winner Thursday, a 22-year-old from Shaker Heights.

According to the Ohio Department of Health, vaccination numbers increased during both weeks following Ohio Governor Mike DeWine's announcement about the lottery program. Maryland, New York and Oregon have announced similar programs to boost COVID-19 vaccination rates.

U.S. President Biden has set a national goal to get 160 million Americans fully vaccinated and at least one shot administered to 70 percent of individuals by July 4 holiday.

Over 40 percent of the American population have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 as of Sunday, and over 50 percent of the population has received at least one dose, according to data of the CDC. The number of Americans fully vaccinated is more than 135 million, CDC data show.

Among the fully vaccinated, nearly 41 million are people 65 years of age or older, accounting for 74.8 percent, according to the CDC.

## Govt minister ends defamation case against Australian broadcaster

CANNBERRA

AUSTRALIA'S former Attorney-General (AG) has dropped his defamation case against national broadcaster the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC).

The ABC reported on Monday afternoon that Christian Porter decided to discontinue legal proceedings against the broadcaster and reporter Louise Milligan.

Porter (pictured), now the Minister for Industry, Science and Technology, launched a defamation case against the ABC and Milligan after the broadcaster published allegations that a government minister had been accused of raping a woman in the 1980s.

The article did not name Porter but he later identified himself as the minister in question and strenuously denied the allegations.

Speaking outside court on Monday, Porter said his decision to sue the broadcaster had led to "a humiliating back down."

"They regret the outcome of that article," he said. "That is a humiliating back down for the ABC no matter what way they want to spin it."

Following mediation between the two parties, the ABC agreed to add a note to the end of the article saying it "regretted" that some readers "misinterpreted" it "as an accusation of guilt against Mr Porter."

"All parties have agreed to not pursue the matter any further. No damages will be paid," said ABC.

"The ABC has not said that it regrets the article. As we have stated, the ABC stands by the importance of the article, which reported on matters of significant public interest," the broadcaster said in another statement following Porter's comments.

## Pope revises Church law, expands rules on sexual abuse

VATICAN CITY

POPE Francis yesterday issued the most sweeping revision to Catholic Church law in four decades, toughening regulations for clerics who abuse minors and vulnerable adults, commit fraud or ordain women.

The revision, which has been in the works since 2009, involves all of section six of the Church's Code of Canon Law, a seven-book code of about 1,750 articles. It is the most extensive revision since the current code was approved by Pope John Paul in 1983.

The pope reminded bishops that they were responsible for following the letter of the law and that one aim of the revisions was to "reduce the number of cases in which the imposition of a penalty was left to the discretion of authorities".

The new section, involving about 80 articles concerning crime and punishment, incorporates some changes made to Church law since 1983 by the popes and introduces new categories.

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# China to support couples having third child

BEIJING

CHINA will support couples who wish to have a third child, according to a meeting of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee held on Monday.

Implementing the policy and its relevant supporting measures will help improve China's population structure, actively respond to the aging population, and preserve the country's human resource advantages, the meeting said.

Xi Jinping, general secretary of the CPC Central Committee, chaired the meeting to hear reports on major policy measures to actively address the aging of the population during the 14th Five-Year Plan period (2021-2025).

The meeting reviewed a decision on improving birth policies to promote long-term balanced population growth. China has a large population, and the aging of its population has been increasing in extent in recent years, the meeting said.

According to the latest census data, Chinese people aged 60 or above accounted for 18.7 percent of the country's total population in 2020, 5.44 percentage points higher than that in 2010.

China's increasing elderly population will reduce supply in the labor force while increasing the burden on families' elderly care and the pressure on the supply of basic public services, said Ning Jizhe, head of the National Bureau of Statistics.

Chen Yuwen's phone kept ringing on Monday afternoon, as friends bombarded her with tons of messages about the third-child policy.

"People knew that I wanted to have a third child, so they all came to tell me the good news," said Chen, 36, a mother of two in Shanghai. Her elder son is eight years old and her younger son is almost four.

Chen used to be a project manager in a Fortune 500 company. After having her kids and putting time and passion into raising them, she started posting on the



microblog Sina Weibo. She is now an influential figure on mother-child content with 2.4 million followers.

Chen currently writes maternal and child-related content on Weibo. She once wrote on Weibo why she wants another baby. "Raising my second child gave me confidence," she said.

"These two kids interact and bond with each other every day, which is just unique and precious."

Chen said that when she and her husband grow old, the children can take care of each other.

"The process of raising kids is not easy, but it is also a special, emotional and irreplaceable experience," she said. Chen Youhua, a sociology professor at Nanjing University, said the third-child policy is a swift move aimed at raising China's fertility rate.

An increasingly elderly population will increase the cost of labor and the

pressure on the social safety net, therefore hurting the vitality of the economy and the momentum of economic growth, said the professor.

"The new policy meets the needs of building a birth-friendly society. It will help make parents more willing and less concerned about having more children, and enable them to raise children well," he added.

Monday's meeting also acknowledged the progress of major birth policies adopted by the Party's central authorities since the 18th CPC National Congress in 2012.

China in 2013 allowed couples to have a second child if either parent was an only child, and in 2016 allowed married couples to have two children, phasing out the one-child policy.

The meeting demanded efforts to implement a third-child policy in accordance with the law and to advance birth

policies' alignment with relevant economic and social policies.

Education and guidance should be provided to promote marriage and family values among marriage-age young people, the meeting determined.

Efforts are needed to improve prenatal and postnatal care services, develop a universal child-care services system, promote fairness in education, increase the supply of quality educational resources, and reduce family spending on education.

China should also continue to implement its current reward and assistance system as well as preferential policies for families with one child and rural families with only two daughters who were born before the implementation of the two-child policy.

The meeting urged efforts to deepen the national medium and long-term population development strategy and regional population development planning to promote long-term and balanced population development. **Xinhua**

## Ten yrs after Breivik attacks, survivors seek to confront extremism

NEARLY 10 years after Anders Behring Breivik tried to kill her on the Norwegian island of Utoeya, Astrid Hoem is back there to explain to a group of teenagers how she ran for her life and hid in a beach cove while Breivik murdered others around her.

"He shot a girl next to me, in

the back. She told me: 'please tell my parents I love them because I am going to die,'" Hoem, 26, tells the high school students. The girl survived.

The students, who are on a three-day workshop on how to solve conflicts and challenge racist attitudes, listen in silence

as Hoem recalls her memo-

ries: how she did not move for about two hours from under a rock, how she did not call friends in fear the ring would give their positions away to Breivik, how she thought Norway was at war.

Breivik detonated a car bomb outside the prime minister's office in Oslo, killing eight,

before driving to Utoeya and shooting 69 people gathered at a Labour Party youth camp on July 22, 2011.

Survivors, many of whom were teenagers at the time, are determined to confront the far-right ideology which was a catalyst for the attack.

"It is important that we talk

about it because I do not want it to happen again," Hoem tells them.

It already has. In New Zealand in March 2019 white supremacist Brenton Tarrant, who said in his manifesto he was inspired by Breivik, gunned down 51 people at two mosques. **Agencies**

## China pools nationwide efforts to foster low-carbon lifestyle for national goal of peaking carbon emissions and achieving carbon neutrality

VARIOUS cities in China are trying to bring about changes in both the development and consumption of goods to lead enterprises and citizens to low-carbon consumption, guide them to consciously and willingly choosing environment-friendly products and services in all aspects of everyday life and avoiding waste, and encourage recycling.

Such active efforts made to realize the country's goal of peaking carbon dioxide emissions before 2030 and achieving carbon neutrality before 2060 are making low-carbon consumption and lifestyle a new fashion trend in society.

A resident surnamed Wang who lives in Guangzhou, capital of south China's Guangdong province, has a strong environmental awareness. She tries her best to commute by subway, bus, or bike, rather than a private car. She also replaced water, electricity, and gas devices in her house with energy-efficient ones.

Wang has exchanged such low-carbon activities for virtual "carbon coins" via a platform established by Guangdong province to encourage low-carbon lifestyle and reward small and micro firms, families, and individuals for low-carbon activities. "Carbon coins" can be used to buy commodities on the platform or donated to social welfare undertakings.

In 2015, the platform was piloted in cities of Guangdong including Guangzhou, Zhongshan, Dongguan, Shaoguan, Heyuan, and Huizhou. Users of the platform can log in their account through such channels as website, mobile phone app, and official WeChat account of the platform to exchange their low-carbon activities for "carbon coins" and coupons.

On March 12, 2021, China's National Tree Planting Day, the platform combined game with green public welfare activities and promoted low-carbon lifestyle on game platforms with a large number of users.

To advocate low-carbon consumption, the country needs a good environment created with society-wide efforts, in which governments and enterprises can play important roles.

East China's Shanghai has been carrying out publicity activities on China's National Low-Carbon Day every year to promote low-carbon lifestyle since China set the third day of its annual Na-



A citizen charges an electric car at a public electric vehicle charging station in Yichun city, east China's Jiangxi province, April 20, 2021. (File Photo)

tional Energy Efficiency Promotion Week as National Low-Carbon Day in 2013.

These activities covering many aspects of people's daily life, such as clothing, food, housing, transport, and consumption have involved businesses, schools, office buildings, as well as enterprises and public institutions.

In September 2020, Beijing Municipal Commission of Transport and Beijing Municipal Ecology and Environment Bureau joined hands with Chinese mapping service providers Amap and Baidu Map to launch incentive measures to stimulate green travel.

People who use the apps of Amap and Baidu Map to plan routes or navigate for trips made by bus, subway, bike, or on foot can get virtual "carbon energy" after they finish their trips. The "carbon energy" can be converted into rewards.

As of February 2021, the daily number of active users in the green travel campaign had grown to about three million, and the accumulative amount of carbon dioxide emissions reduced because of the incentive measures, had reached 23,800 tons.

Enterprises, as the providers of products and services, haven't lagged behind in the nationwide efforts to advance low-carbon consumption.

In the country's catering industry, traditional Chinese food restaurants and Western fast-food chains have rolled out small servings of food and joined the country's "Clear Your Plate" campaign one after another to stem food waste. Companies in the construction industry and home appliance sector have actively developed energy-efficient appliances and buildings in a bid to contribute to the reduction of carbon emissions.

New services and products constantly launched by China's ride-sharing service providers, including carpooling, have effectively improved the utilization ratio of vehicles.

In addition, more and more e-commerce platforms, take-out platforms, as well as logistics service providers have worked together with upstream and downstream firms to try to lower the carbon emissions of individuals through ways including simplifying packaging, adopting recyclable packaging, and reducing the use of disposable plastics.

Experts pointed out that to realize the goal of peaking carbon dioxide emissions before 2030 and achieving carbon neutrality before 2060 means a widespread and profound systematic social and economic reform.

As a part of the systematic social reform, encouraging a green and low-carbon lifestyle represents one of the important measures for achieving the goal, according to experts.

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## Nobody wants to soften Putin-Biden summit agenda, Kremlin spokesman says

MOSCOW

THE Kremlin believes it is important to make sure that Presidents Vladimir Putin of Russia and Joe Biden of the United States hold their much-awaited summit but there are no plans to soften the meeting's agenda, Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters.

"Naturally, nobody wants to soften the agenda in the run-up to the summit. We think that it is still very important that this summit takes place," he pointed out.

Peskov (pictured) emphasized that preparations for the summit were still underway. However, he declined to comment on a statement by Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov who had said that Washington was going to receive a number of "uncomfortable signals" from Moscow in the coming days. "This requires a request to the Foreign Ministry," the Kremlin spokesman clarified.

Moscow is thoroughly studying the entire spectrum of Washington's foreign policy in the run-up to the forthcoming summit Peskov added.

"I suppose this is why we are conducting a deep analysis of the entire spectrum of [US] foreign policy, this is why we are poring over all the events leading up to the summit, as well as the corresponding statements and actions. We are studying the way these statements correspond to concrete action in order to avoid any overestimation or underestimation," Peskov said, answering a question by TASS on whether there is a risk of underestimating the US for some reason, like in 1961 at the famous meeting between First Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union Nikita Khrushchev and then US President John F. Kennedy.

Earlier, the Kremlin and the White House announced that the much-awaited summit between Putin and Biden would take place in Geneva on June 16. This will be the first face-to-face meeting between Putin and Biden since the 46th US president took office. It will also be the first Russian-US summit since July 2018, when Putin met with then US President Donald Trump in Helsinki.

According to the Kremlin, the heads of state will discuss the conditions and prospects for further fostering Russian-US relations, strategic stability matters as well as pressing issues on the international agenda, which include cooperation in fighting the pandemic and settling regional conflicts. On May 30, Biden stated that he plans to discuss the topic of human rights during the summit.

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# SPORT



Senior Brand Manager, Coca-Cola Tanzania, Kabula Nshimo (L), hands over a gift hamper to Tanzania's senior national football side's captain, Mbwana Samatta, when he toured the plant in Dar es Salaam recently. Samatta, who has partnered with COCA-COLA to bring football inspiration and uplift talent to the Tanzanian youths, also graced the launching of the firm's campaign, known as 'WASHA MDUNDO', which will be held across the country. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

## MPs now ask government to deal with TFF

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

KINONDONI Constituency's Member of Parliament (CCM), Abbas Tarimba, has advised the government to clean up the Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) to bring hope to the game's enthusiasts.

Tarimba made the statement on Monday when he contributed to the revenue and expenditure estimates of the Ministry of Information, Culture, Arts, and Sports for the year 2021/2022 in the National Assembly in Dodoma.

He noted club officials have been facing indiscriminate punishments meted out by TFF and there is no equality in punishing those clubs.

"If an official makes the same mistakes today, he faces the most horrible punishments the following day," he said.

He said even the referees have indulged in the same distractions by favouring teams that pay them handsome cash to win the favour, the situation deprives other clubs of victory because the referees are afraid they will be banned.

"Complaints are sent to TFF today and are issued ruling the following day, some stay for six to seven months, this is where I find it doubtful within TFF, there is no integrity in the federation," he said.

He questioned TFF's motive given poor relations put the body in disrepute.

He issued an example of the federation's official, who was recently seen in a clip avoid to have a handshake with a First Division League club's head coach.

He called on the government to clean up football to bring hope, noting the federation's practices have even affected national teams.

Manonga Constituency Member of Parliament (CCM), Seif Gulamali, moreover called on the TFF to do justice to every soccer outfit in the country.

Gulamali made the remarks while contributing to the revenue and expenditure estimates of the Ministry of Information, Culture, Arts, and Sports for the year 2021/2022.

He said there must be a non-partisan federation that a leader can own an outfit but, when it comes to managing sports, he or she should not put his or her preference.

He stated: "We should not cherish favouritism in sports. Some leaders have had a problem managing the league. Others being indicted tomorrow (TFF) claim the verdict will come out. If Morison's case, which was filed by Yanga, is to this day, not been issued verdict, there is no professionalism."

He disclosed: "The leaders feel like they are doing nothing wrong," he said.

He said the TFF continues to run unprofessionally and called on the federation to uphold the rights of all clubs and treat all clubs fairly.

He noted: "Let's not lose the enthusiasm in sports. Let's reduce bias to bring quality. Let's make sure that justice is done and that it is properly done."

## Gomes: Simba SC will reinforce outfit in transfer window

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

SIMBA SC head coach Didier Gomes Da Rosa has identified two key positions he will work on to improve his team in the transfer window ahead of the new season.

The French tactician has revealed he is not considering making any major changes to his current squad but is considering making a couple of careful signings in the two positions within his squad.

"In my squad, if improvements can be made then personally my focus is on two positions, the central defender and the attacking midfielder, those are the areas I would like to add new signings," Da Rosa (pictured) said.

He added: "Simba is one of the best teams in the domestic league and international competitions and I am confident that we will next season do better this season."

Da Rosa helped Simba book a place in this season's CAF Champions League quarterfinals before losing 4-3 on aggregate to Kaizer Chiefs of South Africa.

He believes if the two signings are added to his squad, he will do better and the team will have more solid options.

"We will have to make sure we fix the two areas because it affected us especially when we played against Chiefs away and it is the reason I am more than focused to work on that," Da Rosa noted.

He stated: "It will also give us more options to pick from and get ready for a grueling campaign."

But before the signings, Da Rosa says his focus is to make sure Simba SC retains the Mainland Premier League and domestic cup titles.

He disclosed: "We don't want to dwell much on signings now because we have a huge task ahead of us, we have the league title and domestic cup to defend and that is my target now, we don't

want to rest, we have to make sure the trophies remain with us."

Simba has ten foreign players currently in their squad- Joash Onyango, Pascal Wawa, Taddeo Lwanga, Luis Miquissone, Clatous Chama, Larry Bwalya, Bernard Morrison, Chris Mugalu, Meddie Kagere, and Perfect Chikwende.

The team which is currently topping the 18-team top-flight table with 64 points from 24 matches, will next face Ruwu Shooting in a league match tomorrow.



## SPORTS

## Lions Youths' cricketers stun DCC B in DC Kazim Nasser tournament's Division C

By Guardian Reporter

LIONS Youths' cricketers have, against all odds, posted an emphatic six-wicket victory over Dar Cricket Club (DCC) B squad in a 2021 Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Kazim Nasser Memorial League (KNML) Division C clash, which took place in the city last weekend.

A spirited showing by Lions Youths helped them come out victorious in the exciting Group A duel which took place at Gymkhana Club's venue.

The DCC B squad had the opportunity to bat first, notching 108 for nine wickets in 20 overs.

It was a less impressive batting showing by the DCC B outfit, which is currently viewed as one of the tournament's serious contenders for the trophy.

Opener Faizan Osman could only notch 10 runs, which consisted of two boundaries, he was shortly thereafter sent back to the pavilion by Amaan Sameer.

Deepak Joshi, DCC B's hero in their previous tie versus Shree Kutchi Leva Patel Sports Centre (SKLSPC) B squad, had an extremely short spell in the last weekend clash.

The opener could only manage a run and was then caught by Lions Youths' Rehaan Rafiq off Abubakar Selemani's delivery.

Michael Kepha, this time deployed as a top order batsman, sought to boost the total with his 16 runs clearing the boundary on two occasions.

There was a meaningful contribution that Gopal Solanki and Ally Ishaq put to show, as they ended with two-digit figures.

Ishaq recorded 21 runs as was the case for Solanki.

Ally Hafidh, who came on with his side having recorded 105 runs after 19.3 overs



Lions Youths' cricketers jubilate when they took a wicket in a Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Kazim Nasser Memorial League (KNML) Division C clash versus Dar Cricket Club (DCC) B squad last weekend. PHOTO: COURTESY OF LIONS CRICKET CLUB

with nine batsmen dismissed, chipped in with 12 runs, clearing the boundary once.

Divesh Nadiadhara (two runs not out) and Rehan Aman (one run not out) brought the innings to an end with the bat in hand, they though did not notch convincing scores.

The visibly motivated bowlers, Abubakar Selemani, Abdullah Imtiaz, Amaan Sameer, and Rehaan Rafiq, deployed all skills at their disposal to tame DCC B outfit batsmen.

The quartet recorded two wickets each, which proved crucial to their efforts to limit their opponents' score to a manageable figure.

Needing 109 runs to come out victorious, Lions Youths gallantly got down to a successful chase as they notched 109 runs for four wickets in 15.3 overs.

Opener Shyam Kumar's scintillating batting, which had the batsman notching 59 runs not out, was pivotal to 's successful chase.

Kumar cleared the boundary on eight occasions, notching five boundaries and three sixes.

The opener put spirited showing to see to it fellow opener Yusuf Abdulhaleem's early dismissal hardly had

an impact.

Selemani, deployed at number three, kept the squad in the game with his 30 runs, which consisted of five boundaries.

Ashfaq Imtiaz brought the youthful squad to within reach of the victory with his 13 runs, nailing a four.

It was the second win that Lions Youths have notched in the showpiece, hosted by regional cricket body, DC.

The cricketers were declared winners in a game against Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA) Academy, which was abandoned.

## Polisi Tanzania all out to beat Simba in Premier League



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

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

AFTER returning to the camp, Polisi Tanzania FC's leadership has revealed that they are focusing all their efforts on the Premier League match against Simba to be played at the CCM Kirumba Stadium in Mwanza on June 19.

The team gave an eight-day break to players after being out of action since they played the last league game against Coastal Union at Mkwakani Stadium in Tanga on May 16 which ended with Polisi Tanzania winning 1-0.

After players and officials of the technical bench returned to the camp, the team has started training at the TPC-Moshi Stadium to prepare for the next game which will be tough due to the quality of the outfits and the need for three points for both sides.

Polisi Tanzania's information officer, Hassan Juma, said their strategy is to win all four remaining league matches to achieve the goal of finishing in the top four in the league standings.

He disclosed his club's game approach that won the previous duel against Coastal Union will floor Simba at CCM Kirumba Stadium.

He disclosed: "The players have returned with the enthusiasm and morale to go to ensure the team's

goals this season can be achieved by collecting 12 points in the remaining four games, starting with the tie against Simba."

He said Simba is a great team and they respect it based on participating in CAF Champions League, but they will fight to make sure they take three points from them. Juma warned Simba to prepare well.

In another development, Geita Gold FC head coach, Fred Felix 'Minziro', has opened up on a clip showing the Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) president, Wallace Karia, avoid to have a handshake with the coach during this season's First Division League (FDL)'s presentation ceremony.

Felix noted the video clip was made to have him come into a collision course with Karia.

He commented on the matter shortly after the FDL championship final match between Geita Gold FC and Mbeya Kwanza FC, which took place in Dar es Salaam on Sunday.

Geita Gold FC posted a 1-0 victory over Mbeya Kwanza FC to clinch the FDL top honour.

Felix was voted as the FDL's best coach and, as he was on his way to being presented with his award, the TV broadcast showed Karia avoid giving

Minziro a congratulatory handshake.

Karia played the incident down, maintaining it was no true and the issue bears malicious intent.

He noted: "I don't know what the one that posted the clip meant, ask Minziro and he will tell you the truth."

Minziro stated it was made to get him into a misunderstanding with Karia.

"Why would Karia refuse to give me a handshake? Much as he is the TFF president, I have never disagreed with him, people have simply decided to perpetuate the matter, seeking to create misunderstanding between Karia and me," he noted.

He said that when he was on stage, Karia told him to turn around and be photographed by the press.

"If he hated me would he tell me that?" Minziro queried, noting that he yesterday communicated with Karia.

"I do not quarrel with Karia, he's been my friend since I was playing football, and even this morning I talked to him, it's just people making strange things to confuse others," he said.

He said if anyone has spoken ill of Karia after watching the video then he has wronged him, as it is a video that he claims was made to look like Karia did not give him a handshake when all that was not true.



## Giggs' absence puts pressure on Bale to deliver for Wales at Euro 2020

LONDON

WALES will go into Euro 2020 without their beleaguered boss Ryan Giggs, putting the spotlight on Gareth Bale's bid to silence critics who say he has lost his appetite for success.

Giggs' absence following his arrest on charges of assaulting two women last year will cast a shadow over Wales during the Euro.

The former Manchester United star faces a trial in 2022 after being accused of butting his ex-girlfriend Kate Greville and controlling her throughout their relationship.

Giggs is also charged with the common assault of Greville's sister Emma in the same incident.

The 47-year-old had taken charge of Wales in 2018 and made a positive impression as he led them to the European Championship, just their second major tournament appearance since the 1958 World Cup.

But Giggs, who denies the charges, has been on leave since November last year, with caretaker boss Robert Page stepping into the breach.

Page has won four of his six games since replacing Giggs, with Wales' only loss in that time coming against the world's top-ranked side, Belgium.

If Wales are to thrive in Giggs' absence, the onus is on Bale to prove his erratic loan spell with Tottenham Hotspur this season was not further evidence that his love for the game is dwindling.

Although he scored 16 goals, Bale was unable to make a consistent impact on his return to Tottenham despite the hope that escaping his miserable time at Real Madrid would reinvigorate the Wales captain.

Hampered by fitness issues and a frosty relationship with Jose Mourinho before his sacking, Bale hardly disproved the theory he no longer has the drive required to dominate at the highest level.

Having celebrated Wales' Euro qualification by waving a flag that read 'Wales. Golf. Madrid. In that order', Bale has an opportunity to show that swipe at Real was more than hollow patriotism.

- Bale burden -

Despite the exit of his Real nemesis, coach Zinedine Zidane,

Bale is reportedly considering negotiating a pay-off to avoid returning to Madrid.

It was also suggested the four-time Champions League winner could quit football altogether and try his hand at professional golf, a claim rejected by his agent, Jonathan Barnett.

Bale fuelled speculation over a potential bombshell announcement when he was asked about his future following his brace in Tottenham's final Premier League game of the season at Leicester City.

"I know what I'm doing, but it'll just cause chaos if I say anything. It will have to happen after the Euro," Bale said. "I'm not thinking about anything else other than Wales."

After their fairytale run to the Euro 2016 semi-finals, Wales will need Bale at his best to get anywhere near repeating that success.

"We'd love to replicate what we did at Euro 2016 but we are realistic. It's a different team, a different tournament," Bale said.

Page's side kick off against Switzerland in Baku on June 12, with games against Turkey and Italy rounding off their group schedule.

The bulk of Page's squad ply their trade in England's second tier, with 19-year-old midfielder Rubin Colwill a surprise inclusion after only making his Cardiff City debut in February.

"He blew us all away with how he was and how he conducted himself. He's a top professional already," Page said of Colwill.

Wales won just four of their eight qualifying fixtures, with two of those victories coming against Azerbaijan, as they finished second in qualifying Group E behind Croatia.

They scored only 10 goals in eight qualifying games, putting pressure on Bale to shine.

Finding a way for Juventus midfielder Aaron Ramsey to overcome his fitness issues will also be crucial.

"Ryan's key principles when he first took over are no different and whether he is here or not, the lads know exactly how we expect them to play," Page said.

AFP

## Copa America moved from Argentina to Brazil

ASUNCION

CONMEBOL named Brazil as the host nation of the 47th Copa America on Monday, although President Jair Bolsonaro's chief of staff said ongoing talks might not reach a formal conclusion until the next day.

The decision was made less than 24 hours after South America's football governing body announced Argentina would no longer stage the event that is due to start on June 13 and last until July 10.

A CONMEBOL statement read: "The CONMEBOL @CopaAmerica 2021 will be played in Brazil! Tournament start and end dates are confirmed. The venues and the fixture will be informed by CONMEBOL in the next few hours. The oldest national team tournament in the world will thrill the entire continent!"

Later on Monday, Luiz Eduardo Ramos, Bolsonaro's chief of staff, said negotiations were underway and that there was "nothing certain" about the tournament's potential relocation.

CONMEBOL president Alejandro Dominguez said it was a unanimous decision that the council took to have Brazil as the host nation. He also thanked original co-hosts Argentina and Colombia and stated that opportunities would come along for the two countries to stage events in the future.

Brazil are the holders of the competition, having won it on home soil in 2019.

CONMEBOL cited "the present circumstances" as the reason for Argentina's withdrawal as hosts, with the country having experienced an

increase in COVID-19 cases. There were 348 deaths reported on Sunday and 21,346 new infections.

CONMEBOL, reluctant to cancel the tournament for a second successive year after the 2020 event was not held due to the pandemic, acted quickly with fewer than two weeks to go before the start of the competition.

The last Copa America, held in Brazil in 2019, brought in \$118 million in revenue.

The tournament involving 10 South American countries, was originally set to be staged by Argentina and Colombia, the first time in its 105-year history to have joint hosts.

Colombia had a request to have the tournament postponed rejected by CONMEBOL and pulled out as co-hosts on May 20 due to social and economic unrest in the nation.

Although no decision has yet been made on venues, many of the stadiums Brazil built or reformed for the 2014 World Cup could be candidates to host matches, with the Maracana stadium in Rio de Janeiro or the Mane Garrincha stadium in the capital Brasilia possible locations.

One source told Reuters that venues in Brasilia, Natal, Manaus and Cuiaba would be used. CONMEBOL said it would reveal the host cities "in the coming hours."

The last-minute decision also throws up some complicated questions for the Brazilian national federation (CBF). The Brazilian league was not due to be halted for the Copa America and at least 70 league games are scheduled to be played during the month-long tournament.

(Agencies)

## Aguero tips Messi to stay at Barca: 'I think he will'

BARCELONA

SERGIO AGUERO hinted that he expects Lionel Messi to stay at Barcelona after signing for the Catalan club on a free transfer on Monday.

Aguero, 32, has agreed a two-year deal with Barca after announcing earlier this season that he would leave Manchester City when his contract expires in June after a decade in England.

Messi's contract is also set to run out next month and his future has been shrouded in speculation since he first said he wanted to leave Barca last August.

However, Aguero, Messi's teammate for Argentina, said at his presentation that he believes the two friends will be playing alongside each other at Camp Nou next season.

"We hope to play together, of course," Aguero told reporters when asked if his arrival was an indicator that Messi had decided to stay at the club. "But what happens with Leo is a decision he will take with the club. It's a pleasure to play with him. If he stays here, which I think he will, we will give our best for the club to achieve big things."

Aguero and Messi came through the ranks together with Argentina, winning the Under-20 World Cup in 2005 and the Olympic Games in 2008, and have remained close ever since.

"I speak with [Messi] every day, but I can't tell you what about," Aguero added, laughing. "The last message was him congratulating me on my signing. I've known him since I was a kid, but training with him every day, because the national team isn't that often, is going to be much easier."

ESPN has reported that Barca president Joan Laporta is working on a two-year deal for Messi, who turns 34 in June, with the option for an additional season.

Laporta denied, though, that the signing of Aguero was a sweetener to help convince Messi to stay.

"We've signed [Aguero] because he is an exceptional player," Laporta said at the presentation. "He plays in a position which is very important for any system and especially in ours."

"He is clinical and that's important. We've signed him because we want a competitive team. We also



Sergio Aguero poses on the pitch of the Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona during his official presentation as new player of FC Barcelona. (Agencies)

want Leo to stay and he knows that. [Aguero] is the first in a series of signings that will be announced throughout the month."

Sources have confirmed to ESPN that Man City defender Eric Garcia will sign on Tuesday, with talks also ongoing to bring in Georginio Wijnaldum, Memphis Depay and Emerson Royal.

It remains unclear if Ronald Koeman will be the coach in charge of the new signings, though. Aguero said he has not yet spoken with the Dutchman and Laporta added that they're currently "reflecting" on what to do.

"We've opened a period of reflection with Koeman," the president explained. "We have to assess what's gone well and what hasn't gone well this season. We need this period of calm and in a week or 10 days we will meet again, but there's contact. We want to respect the contract he has and talks are going well. This reflection is necessary."

Koeman's deal runs until 2022 and reports have suggested Barca would have to pay €8-12 million to buy out the remainder of his contract.

Multiple sources told ESPN earlier this month that Barca are exploring replacements for Koeman, but Laporta doesn't want to sack him without having a successor in place.

Meanwhile, Barcelona have completed the signing of Eric Garcia on a free transfer from Manchester City, the club announced on Tuesday.

Garcia, 20, will join Barca on a

contract until 2026 on July 1 when his deal with City expires. He will be presented on Tuesday and his buyout clause has been fixed at €400 million.

The defender, who joins hours after former City teammate Sergio Aguero made the same move, first joined Barca's La Masia academy in 2008 and came through the club's youth system at the same time as Ansu Fati.

However, he left for City in 2017 and has since made 35 appearances for the first team under Pep Guardiola.

Garcia has been restricted to just 12 games this season, though, after telling City last summer that he did not intend to renew his contract. ESPN first revealed Barca's interest in re-signing him last June. The Catalan club tried up until the final day of the transfer window in October to bring him back, but they couldn't agree on a fee with the Premier League champions.

Barca tried again in January but, as they were without a president, no one at the club had the power to sign off a transfer.

In the meantime, several other clubs expressed an interest in Garcia, who is part of Luis Enrique's Spain squad for this summer's European Championship, but the centre-back's preference was always to return to Camp Nou.

Meanwhile, Manchester City are following Sergio Ramos' situation closely and are considering offering him a two-year contract if the defender doesn't renew at Real Madrid, multiple sources have told ESPN.

Coach Pep Guardiola values Ramos' experience and leadership qualities.

City are looking at offering him a tailored deal based on the player's form and own priorities: a two-year contract, with the possibility of a third if performance allows, or the alternative of a spell in Major League Soccer at City Football Group's New York City FC.

Ramos' contract at the Bernabeu expires on June 30 and his priority is still to renew with Madrid, but he will move on if an agreement with president Florentino Perez cannot be reached.

Sources told ESPN a meeting between the club captain and president is planned for the next few days when a definitive decision will be taken.

Negotiations have been stalled since the start of the season, and ESPN reported in January that City had taken an interest in Ramos' situation.

City lost the Champions League final to Chelsea in Porto on Saturday with a centre-back pairing of Ruben Dias -- who has excelled in his debut season in the Premier League -- and John Stones.

Guardiola believes a footballer with Ramos' qualities would increase the competitiveness and experience of the squad in such high-profile matches.

Young defender Eric Garcia is leaving to return to Barcelona and Nathan Ake played a limited role last season due to injuries -- making only 10 league appearances -- while Aymeric Laporte has gone from automatic pick to substitute over the last two years.

Ramos made just 15 La Liga appearances for Real Madrid himself, suffering a series of injuries which saw him left out of the Spain squad for Euro 2020 by coach Luis Enrique. However Guardiola believes that Ramos could play a Vincent Kompany-style role in the City squad.

Sources told ESPN that City's data analytics suggest Ramos' physical performance is akin to that of a much younger player, which is why the club would be willing to contemplate a two-year contract.

Ramos is aware of City's interest but wants to speak to Perez before taking a final decision.

(Agencies)

## Euro 2020 Group A: Resurgent Italy's to lose?

LONDON

GROUP A kicks off Euro 2020 on June 11 with one of its host nations, Italy, beginning their bid to return to international football's top table with a new generation of promising young talent.

Here AFP Sport casts its eye over the four teams trying to reach the knockout stage.

Italy

A team reborn since Roberto Mancini took over in May 2018, Italy are one of the dark horses for the Euro after a stunning turnaround under the former Manchester City and Inter Milan boss.

Unbeaten in 26 matches in a run stretching back to late 2018, Italy have shaken off the humiliation of missing out on the last World Cup by bringing in young talent like midfielder Nicolo Barella and goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma.

Mancini has got his team playing an expansive passing game that goes against Italy's traditionally conservative style and will be aiming for a deep run in the tournament to restore some pride to a wounded football giant.

As a host nation they will also benefit from playing all three group games in front of home fans at Rome's Stadio Olimpico.

Player to watch: Nicolo Barella

With Paris Saint-Germain's Marco Verratti likely to be out for at least the group stage with a knee injury, Barella will be charged with leading Italy's midfield with the same dynamism with which he helped propel Inter Milan to the Serie A title.

Switzerland

The Swiss have been high up the FIFA world rankings in recent years but haven't won a knockout match at a major tournament since before the Second World War.



Roberto Mancini

Capable of causing the big guns difficulty -- such as in recent draws with Spain and Germany -- Vladimir Petkovic's team blow too hot and cold for a confident prediction of how they might fare.

However they have some intriguing players who, if they click, could cause a shock, such as captain Granit Xhaka, Liverpool's Xherdan Shaqiri, Atalanta's Remo Freuler and striker Haris Seferovic.

Player to watch: Haris Seferovic

The 29-year-old is a frustratingly

inconsistent presence in the Switzerland front line, but he scored 22 times in 31 league appearances for Benfica this past season, and if the 'Nati' are to improve on their last-16 showing from Euro 2016 they will need him to provide a consistent goal threat.

Turkey

Turkey showed they were an outfit to be taken seriously when they took four points from world champions France in qualifying. Led by forward Burak Yilmaz, who recently completed a magnificent French title-winning season with Lille, Senol Gunes' team could upset Europe's more illustrious names.

Turkey also pose a threat through Yilmaz's Lille teammate Yusuf Yazici and AC Milan's attacking midfielder Hakan Calhanoglu, as their recent 4-2 World Cup qualifying win over the Netherlands showed.

Player to watch: Burak Yilmaz

'King Burak' comes into the Euro fresh from leading Lille to their fourth league title in an amazing first season in France, top-scoring for his new club with 16 goals and providing a wealth of attacking experience to a

young team. He is as reliable a captain as it's possible to be and Turkey's main goal threat.

Wales

Behind-the-scenes turbulence will accompany Wales to the Euro as they aim to repeat the memorable run to the semi-finals of five years ago.

With head coach Ryan Giggs absent due to a trial for alleged violence against two women, caretaker Rob Page will take charge of a young team that will be the group's underdogs.

However, Wales possess attacking punch with Gareth Bale and Manchester United forward Daniel James providing the sort of pace and dynamism that can trouble most defences.

Player to watch: Gareth Bale

Wales' star player has had a so-so season despite a loan to Tottenham Hotspur which promised an end to his Real Madrid torment.

However the 31-year-old is a different player for his country and despite rumours in Spain that he is planning to retire and focus on playing golf, expect Bale to be at full throttle at the Euro.

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Alaf Aces A cricketers in a group picture shortly after lifting the 2021 Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Kazim Nasser Memorial League (KNML) Division A top honour with a three-run victory over Aga Khan SC A in the final which took place in Dar es Salaam last weekend. PHOTO: COURTESY OF DC

## Alaf Aces A cricketers win 2021 Kazim Nasser Memorial League Div A title

By Guardian Reporter

ALAF Aces A cricket team has clinched the 2021 Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Kazim Nasser Memorial League (KNML) Division A top honour, commanding a three-run victory over Aga Khan SC A in a pulsating final, which took place in the city last weekend.

Gifted all-rounders, skipper Bhavesh Govind, Ali Mpeka, and Salum Jumbe played a pivotal role as Alaf Aces team had the last laugh in the keenly contested clash.

Jumbe was in good form with the bat when Alaf Aces A went in to bat first, posting 141 runs for the loss of eight wickets in 20 overs.

The tie started a bit too slow, with Aga Khan SC A winning the toss and electing to field.

Alaf Aces A experienced a wobbly start, as opener Jumanne Mohamed was run out by Aga Khan SC A's Arslaan Premji from Sadick Iddi's delivery.

Alaf Aces A' top order player, Ankit Baghel, deployed at number three, played in his usual style, cracking fours and sixes all over the pitch.

But post-Baghel's innings, which ended with the all-rounder notching 30 runs including four fours and a six, the wickets kept tumbling.

Mpeka was run out but Salum Jumbe and Govind had a brief partnership where they paced the game well.

Jumbe played sensibly before getting out on 49 runs which included three fours and a six.

The experienced Govind scored 23 runs, which included two fours and a mighty six.

In reply, Abhik Patwa the highest scorer of the tournament was first given the life in the second of the game, given Baghel dropped the Aga Khan SC A's performer.

The incident hardly cost Alaf Aces, given Patwa was then dismissed, he fell for the trap set for him on square leg off Mpeka's bowling.

After that Arslaan was out off Alaf Aces A's Mohammad Ali's delivery, with the Aga Khan A's performer scoring two runs.

Experienced performer, Vishal Patel, got his hands on the bat, making his intentions clear with a series of good shots.

He though hardly survived much as he was batting aggressively, the all-rounder was eventually caught by Ejaz Aziz off Baghel's bowling.

Patel had ended with 19 runs which included a boundary and two sixes.

The duel was moving very well then came Aga Khan SC A's skipper, Riziki Kisetu, and was seemingly taking the game away from Alaf Aces A with very smart running between the wickets.

The clash was almost going Aga Khan SC A's way, with the squad notching 104 runs on the board after 15.2 overs and four wickets were taken.

Mpeka bowled his artistic delivery to get rid of Kisetu and in came youthful Harsheed Chouhan who was also on a roll, hitting fours and sixes in his 18-run spell from 13 balls.

With Aga Khan SC A needing 15 runs to win, Chouhan tried to hit medium pacer Jumbe out of the park and the batsman was caught beautifully by Mpeka.

## Mwakinyo: Angolan opponent hardly merited participating in ABU title bout

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

AFRICAN Boxing Union (ABU) Super Welterweight champion Tanzanian Hassan Mwakinyo has stated his Angolan opponent Antonio Mayala should not have fought him.

Mwakinyo (pictured) emerged as the winner, notching a ninth-round Knockout victory over Mayala in the bout, which took place at Next Dor Arena, Masaki in Dar es Salaam last weekend.

The winner noted he has kept on entertaining Tanzanians who have always grown to trust his virtuosity.

The boxer that hails from Tanga said Mayala did not deserve to take on him but the Angolan had to take the ring, following an injury that his previous opponent, Zimbabwean Brendon Denes, sustained before the bout.

He noted: "Mayala did not deserve to face me, I only got two points in world rankings after the fight because I had surpassed him in boxing ranks."

He disclosed: "I fought him because the first boxer was injured. He had to fill in the void."

However, Mwakinyo said the last-minute change of the opponent somewhat affected him in preparations, but he was confident and realized the importance of going to win for all Tanzanians.

He stated: "Facing a different opponent in the last minute bothered me but I didn't want to keep it in mind because it would have taken me out of the game, considering our fellow boxers are always in preparation, but I had to win, so I fought and won."

"Participating in bouts abroad is way better than featuring in bouts at home, given you can find a boxer who fits in the ranks elsewhere."

Mwakinyo has participated in 21 bouts, notching a victory in 19 bouts and losing two.

He is now rated first in the Super-Welterweight division in the country and is placed 13th in the weight division globally.



## CAS set to start hearing Bernard Morrison appeal

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

THE Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) is set to start the proceedings involving Simba SC forward Bernard Morrison.

The case was forwarded by Yanga, who insist the player breached his contract with the outfit and signed for age-old rivals, Simba, at the beginning of this season.

Despite Simba, the Tanzania Mainland League defending champions, insisting the exercise was legal, Yanga refused to accept the decision and initiated proceedings against the Ghanaian.

"Yanga would like to inform all of our members, supporters, and fans of the latest on Bernard Morrison case which is ongoing at CAS," a statement from the club, which was obtained by The Guardian, read.

The outfit noted: "Legally, we are not allowed to reveal what is going on as far as the case is going on until when the ruling will be made."

"However, Yanga would like to inform all that what delayed the case was the preliminary objection made by Morrison to have the case handled in Tanzania."

"After listening to both sides, CAS opted to overrule the appeal and as a result, the case will be mentioned again from June 2, 2021."

"The club would like to confirm to all associated with it that we will continue fighting until justice is done and all will be informed," the statement said.

The Ghanaian midfielder left Yanga for rivals Simba SC in a controversial transfer that left his former club lodging a complaint with the Tanzania Football Federation (TFF), who later cleared him to play for Simba.

However, unsatisfied Yanga vowed to present the issue to the Court of Arbitration of Sports (CAS) in Zurich to protest the decision by the TFF.

During Yanga's 'Mwananchi Week' celebration, which culminated a week of charity activities held by the club, which was held at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam, the club, through the MC of the day Maulid Kitenge, announced Morrison was still a Yanga player.

"The player listed in number 28



Bernard Morrison

is Bernard [Morrison], who is still our player as we have a case in CAS, so Morrison is still our player," Kitenge announced.

The MC's statement was well applauded by thousands of Yanga fans, who turned up for the celebrations whereas others were annoyed.

Commenting on his signing for Simba, Morrison urged Yanga to accept and move, saying it was part of football.

"It is part of the game, and I don't take any personal offense about whatever that has been happening for a while now," Morrison noted.

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18:00 eNewz  
18:30 Music/Soap  
19:00 EATV SAA 1  
19:45 MJADALA  
20:00 DADAZ (r)  
21:00 Kibiashara Zaidi

**EATV SAA 1**  
Coverage of the days current events accompanied by interviews with prominent people on diverse topics ranging from national to social interests.

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06:00 Supa Breakfast  
10:00 MAMAMIA  
12:00 Kipenga Xtra  
13:00 Planet Bongo  
16:00 EA Drive  
20:00 Kipenga  
21:00 The Cruise

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