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Vice President Dr Phillip Mpango (in black mask) pictured yesterday having a word with NBC Bank executives, including managing director Theobald Sabi (C), retail banking director Elibariki Masuke (R) and corporate affairs and government relations manager William Kallaghe (2nd-R), during a tour of the bank's pavilion at the ongoing Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

VP promises new revenue mode to push more exports

By Getrude Mbago

VICE President Dr Phillip Mpango said yesterday that the government plans to review its income and expenditure systems to come up with a new one which will stimulate exports of locally manufactured products.

He expressed this intention at the official launch of the 45th edition of the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF), directing government agencies like the Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS), the Tanzania Medical Devices Authority (TMDA), the Fair Competition Commission (FCC), the

Occupational Health and Safety Authority (OSHA) and others to continue working to remove all levies and taxes that are thwarting business growth.

"The new revenue system should stimulate trade and business as well as boosting sales in the international market. The respective agencies should work collaboratively to ensure that traders benefit from fair market opportunities," he stated.

The VP demanded that agricultural institutions and related agencies move to ensure that they furnish the Tanzania Trade

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South Africa police await new court orders to arrest Zuma

Johannesburg

SOUTH Africa's police minister yesterday said he was awaiting court instructions on whether to arrest former South African president Jacob Zuma, who has been given a 15-month jail term for contempt of court.

The country's top court last week convicted Zuma for contempt and ordered him to turn himself in by end of Sunday to start his sentence. If he failed to do so, the police would be told to arrest him within the following three days.

But Zuma on Friday lodged a last-ditch application to halt execution of the arrest order. The application will be heard in a High Court chamber today.

"We hope that we will be getting the clarification, because when we were given the instruction there were no other legal activities taking place," Police Minister Bheki Cele told reporters yesterday.

Zuma (79) has also pleaded with the Constitutional Court order to reconsider and rescind its decision to jail him. That challenge will be heard on July 12.

Speaking from his rural home on Sunday night, Zuma said he would not hand himself to the police by the set deadline because of the pending court applications.

There is "no need for me to go to jail today," he reported at his Nkandla homestead in Kwa-Zulu Natal province, where hundreds of his supporters are camped outside in solidarity.

"They cannot accept papers and expect me to go to jail," he said, referring to his legal challenge of the sentence.

The defiant politician has repeatedly attacked the judiciary and did not hold

back from lashing out again.

"I'm very concerned that South Africa is fast sliding back to apartheid-type rule," he said.

"I am facing a long detention without trial," he said. "Sending me to jail during the height of a pandemic, at my age, is the same as sentencing me to death."

The Constitutional Court, in a historic ruling last week, handed Zuma the 15-month term after he snubbed a judicial probe into the theft of state assets under his tenure.

His nine years in power were stained by scandal and allegations of graft, ending disastrously in 2018 when he was forced out by the ruling African National Congress (ANC) and replaced as president by Cyril

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TIC amazed at 'floods of investors not seen before'

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE government's pro-business approach is increasingly attracting investors, with the Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC) registering 235 new projects in the past three months.

TIC Executive Director Dr Maduhu Kazi told reporters at the 45th edition of Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF) that the country is regaining investors' trust as some of them who shifted their businesses to other countries are now coming back.

This year there has seen a flood of investments not seen in the last five years, with many investors expressing faith in the friendly business environment put in



I can assure Tanzanians that the situation is very attractive

place by the sixth phase government. Many have been registering trading and industrial projects, he stated.

"As for now the situation is excellent and has never been like this," he stated, elaborating that TIC has registered 235 projects in three months.

Apart from making considerable contributions to the country's economic growth, investments have spurred large employment opportunities for the youth and skilled individuals across the country, he said.

"As for now, we have not yet prepared our statistics, but we shall publish them for the public to show Tanzanians that we now have

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Commuters on board a packed Dar es Salaam Rapid Transit bus, but most without the widely recommended masks - as a precaution against Covid-19. Correspondent Mirajji Msala's roving camera captured this scene yesterday.

Ex-presidents, premiers elated at mega power project progress

By Guardian Correspondent

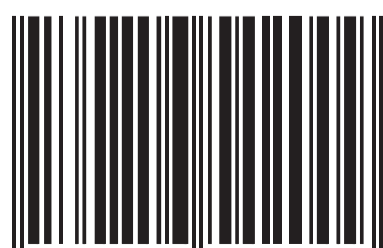
A delegation of retired national leaders yesterday expressed satisfaction with progress in the implementation of the Julius Nyerere Hydropower Project (JNHPP) along the Rufiji River in Coast Region.

The delegation comprising of former presidents Ali Hassan Mwinyi and Jakaya Kikwete together with three former prime ministers who toured the project were elated at the stage that construction work has reached. The retired premiers are Cleopa Msuya, John Malecela and Mizengo Pinda.

They together advised residents residing near the project area to follow instructions from experts on how to use the dam water so as to protect the environment.

Kikwete asked responsible authorities to look closely at how to control environmental damage around the project area, underlining that those residing near the

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Minerals minister Doto Biteko (L) has a word with Barrick Bulyanhulu goldmine workers at the company's pavilion at the ongoing Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

NBAA to F4, F6 students: Choose courses carefully

By Getrude Mbago

THE National Board of Accountants and Auditors (NBAA) has urged young college graduates, Form Four and Form Six leavers to pick the most marketable courses when going for higher learning studies for them to enjoy their future.

The board points out accounting, auditing and other allied courses as among the most marketable courses in the employment sector.

Speaking yesterday in Dar es Salaam at the ongoing 45th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF), NBAA executive director Pius Maneno said it has been observed that people who opt to study the courses on issues of finances and auditing eventually find no hurdles in searching for employment.

He went further and called upon youths with dreams of becoming professional accountants or auditors to register with NBAA for various courses and then acquire CPAs to become best accountants in the market.

"We are now enrolling new students, so it's my call to the youths, especially females who are few compared to males, to come and join the profession," added. In addition, the director said the board has also developed a new online system to allow students and stakeholders conduct applications wherever they are instead of spending time and money seeking for services at the board's offices.

Maneno said that earlier, students, stakeholders and members had to travel miles away from upcountry to Dar es Salaam or Dodoma seeking for the services.

According to him, the presence of this online system gives the board's stakeholders the opportunity to register, apply, check status, process payment and access results online. He said that the effective use of this online system will increase performance, efficiency and integrity to the public, private and general public as a whole.

The director detailed that the board offers a number of courses like Certificate and Diploma in IPSAS, Accounting Technician Certificate (ATEC), Diploma in Accounting/Accounting and Finance (NTA level 6).

"The board will strengthen its efforts with the professional colleges in the country to ensure that they enroll more graduates to cater the country's demand," he added.

The NBAA boss further challenged employers to abide by the laws of the country and employ certified public accountants, to avoid unnecessary frauds in their companies.

Maneno also wanted accountants and auditors to live up to their professional oaths and not just take it as a fashion, leading to massive mismanagement of public finances. NBAA is an examining body for the accountancy professional qualifications. However, NBAA does not train candidates who are preparing to sit for its examinations, but is collaborating with a number of training institutions, both public and private institutions to train candidates for its examinations. Training can either be on full time or on part time basis, depending on one's choice.

Govt happy with PSSF and NSSF performance

By Guardian Reporter

JENISTER Mhagama, Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Coordination, Parliamentary Affairs, Employment, Youth and People with Disabilities), has expressed satisfaction with the performance and achievement of the two social security funds - NSSF and PSSSF.

According to her, during the 100 days of President Samia Suluhu Hassan in office, there have been big achievements in the management of the two social security funds.

She made the remarks yesterday during her visit at the "Ushirikiano" pavilion which is used by the two social security funds at the on-going 45th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF) at Mwalimu Julius Nyerere grounds in Dar es Salaam.

"As the minister responsible for management of these funds, I feel very pleased that in the 100 days of President Samia's leadership, more than 100bn/- has been dishied out by the PSSF to pay retirees while the NSSF continues to do better in finalising the debt that had existed by increasing collection of contributions from its members reaching 100bn/- per month," she said.

Mhagama added the government has directed officials of both funds to make management assessment and come up with a sustainable system that will not create chaos and cause hardships to retirees.

She said that President Samia praised NSSF Director General, Masha Msomba who at a very short time since his appointment, the fund has done wonders in collecting contributions reaching 100bn/- each month.

PSSF Director General, Hosea Kashimba said their collaboration in using one pavilion for service provision have made easy for retirees of both Funds to be attended to.

"From 2018 to June 30th 2021 a total of 144, 0000 retirees have been paid their benefits and we pay monthly pensions on 25th of each month without delay, so we are doing very well, and I would like Tanzanians to understand that," said Kashimba.

NSSF Director General Masha Msomba said the pace of the Fund's growth has been fast, adding that in the past few years the Fund was worth 3trn/- but by June 30 this year, according to unaudited accounts, there is about 5.2trn/-.

"We continue to promise President Samia of our great efforts to enrol members from both the private and the informal sectors," he explained.

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Achievements Forum 2021

Turning achievements into recognition

Press release issued by the Socrates Nomination Committee

Europe Business Assembly and Academic Union Oxford are proud to announce that John Bura - CEO of BQ Contractors, Tanzania - received the title 'Honorary Professor of Academic Union, Oxford'.

The title was established by Academic Union, Oxford with the support of the Club of Rectors of Europe. Conferment of this title is a symbol of credit and expression of honor to people, who are promoting social and intellectual progress of modern society, integration and empowerment in the field of science, culture, business, economy, development of innovative processes in the world.

BQ Contractors Limited is one of national integrated contracting firms providing construction solutions to industrial plants, power and energy sector particularly in oil and gas. The company is actively involved in all aspects of construction in mechanical, civil, building and electrical. Over the years, BQ Contractors has evolved with the community within which operates. BQ Contractors grown to being better in what they do, now aspiring to expand service to East and Southern African market. Under guidance of John Bura the company has become an equal opportunity employer, training and retaining exceptional talents who are committed to individual growth and diversity. BQ Contractors has enhanced community development initiatives in education, health as well as social and youth sports.

Offering a unique blend of ideas and inspiration, the Achievements Forum focuses on the issues most relevant to today's open-minded businesspeople, stimulating new thinking and motivating action, whilst also offering a great opportunity for high-level networking. The main emphasis of the event was on achievements in the quality and management spheres and models of excellence. Acclaimed national leaders in economy, business, healthcare and science gathered to share and learn from each other for business improvement, positive social transformation and regional progress.

The Honorary Professor title was presented on 25 June at the Online Platform The Achievements 2021 within the online Achievements. The platform is dedicated to the promotion of the activities and successes of prominent regional companies and their TOP-managers, international recognition, assistance to entering new markets and search of potential partners, marketing, and PR-support of the winners and their brands.

Participant interest gave rise to interview devoted to philosophy of the brand management and the balance between modern technologies, high quality services and eco-friendly awareness with John Bura, CEO of BQ Contractors, Tanzania.

Europe Business Assembly congratulates John Bura with receiving the Honorary Professor of the Academic Union, Oxford title and wishes new achievements and prosperity!

Is a college degree necessary?

I was recently on a round table discussion and a lady in her 50s asked if she should earn a college diploma so she could work as a caterer.

Well, that's a large decision to make, especially for someone with massive life experience.

But her query was one that many individuals at different stages of their professions have: "Do I need to go back to school to progress my career?"

I always counsel people in this scenario the same thing: don't take out a ransom amount in student loans until you know you'll be able to repay them.

For many who rely on social security to get them through retirement, this is a terrible situation, so consider twice before enrolling in a costly degree program. To pursue a degree or not to pursue a degree, that is the question.

If you want to pursue a career in business, you'll need a college diploma to get a job with a major corporation. A bachelor's degree, on the other hand, is today's equivalent of a high school diploma. Fortunately of unfortunately everyone has one, you'll need at least a master's degree to stand out literally!

On the other hand, returning to school as per this lady's case is not necessary if you wish to freelance or start your own business. It's all about using knowledge to get results in this scenario where she wants to pursue the cluttered business. Mind you in the entrepreneurial world, it's all about performance, what you can deliver. Credentials, academic papers are irrelevant. Udem, Coursera, and EdX are ex-



amples of online sites where you can learn business skills for free and apply the knowledge in real life. Also, people who wish to progress professionally but haven't had formal skills training since college would benefit from online learning platforms that enable the development of cutting-edge skills without going back to school.

However, when job hunting it's also important to pay attention to how you write

your résumé, many people send old-fashioned CVs that are nothing more than lists of facts and dates don't let that be you.

That isn't the way to stand out. Companies are interested in your qualifications and the value you bring to the table not facts and figures. Help them see the big picture by integrating your experiences into a story about why you'd be a good fit for their team. Make your objectives clear.

This not only exhibits your skill set and problem-solving ability, but it also demonstrates the precise value you'll offer to the organization.

The interaction becomes richer and more engaging, and you stand a better chance of being hired than if you just handed in a standard résumé.

As a whole, in today's work environment, having marketable skills and being pro-

active about your continuous education is essential. On the other hand, as a piece of advice to this lady, formal education is not a requirement for professional success. But, in order to construct a fulfilling career around the work she enjoys, she must be willing to seek out learning opportunities, develop skills and apply what she has learnt.

I believe this will drive performance



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Families search for loved ones gone missing in post-war El Salvador

SAN SALVADOR

THE pain that María Estela Guevara feels over the disappearance of her niece Wendy Martínez remains as intense as it was four years ago, when she learned that the young woman, then 31, had vanished without a trace in eastern El Salvador.

"I still feel the same pain. I want to know what happened to her," Guevara, 64, who has always considered Wendy her daughter because she raised her from a very young age after she was orphaned, told IPS between sobs.

Guevara's plight is shared by thousands of families in El Salvador who have lost relatives who simply failed to return home one day and were never heard from again.

At least 2,383 complaints of missing persons were reported in 2019, against 2,457 in 2018, according to the report *Desaparición de personas en El Salvador* (Disappearance of people in El Salvador), published in April by the non-governmental Fundación de Estudios para la Aplicación del Derecho (Foundation of Studies for the Application of Law - FESPAD). The document covered the period 2014-2019.

The phenomenon has been occurring for years in a highly polarised political context in which the governments in power have sought to downplay the problem in order to show that they are efficiently fighting crime, and the political opposition has sought to draw attention to it.

A grieving process that never ends

Wendy went missing on Sept. 30, 2017 in San Miguel, the capital of the eastern department of the same name. She was studying cosmetology and that day she left at 7:00 a.m. to fix the hair of several clients.

"She said she was coming home again at 11:00 a.m. to give her nine-year-old daughter lunch, but she never returned," Guevara said. "I kept calling her until 12:00 at night, and she never answered."

Disappearances - nothing new in El Salvador

The phenomenon of disappearances is not new in this Central American country that was torn apart by a bloody civil war between 1980 and 1992, which left some 75,000 dead and 8,000 missing.

In the wake of the armed conflict, El Salvador has experienced a maelstrom of violence, mainly at the hands of youth gangs that over time have grown into powerful organised crime groups that control significant chunks of territory in this poverty-stricken country of 6.7 million people.

Gangs have historically been behind many of the cases of missing persons, as they attempt to leave no evidence of their crimes, said analysts consulted by IPS, but without ruling out the involvement of other actors in recent years.

"There is certainly a high probability that this pattern (of gangs) will continue," lawyer Zaida Navas, legal head of State of Law and Security at Cristosal, an NGO that works to defend human rights in Central America, told IPS.

She added: "But disappearances are also the result of murders in cases of femicide, and executions by or-



One of the flyers pasted on a tree in the city of Sonsonate, in eastern El Salvador, which on Jun. 28 called for help to find Flor María García, 33, missing since March. The next day, the young woman's body was found in a vacant lot near Cojutepeque, the city in the centre of the country where she lived with her husband, Joel Valle, arrested as the main suspect in the case of femicide.

ganised crime groups that are not necessarily gangs, and also due to personal disputes."

One of the latest femicides was the high-profile case of Flor María García, 33, who had been missing since Mar. 16.

That day, her husband Joel Valle reported to the authorities that Flor María was missing. According to him, she had left home early in Cojutepeque, a municipality in the central department of Cuscatlán, to head to the capital, San Salvador.

Valle, a dentist, said Flor María had gone to pick up materials for the dental clinic where she worked as his assistant.

But in a twist to the case, authorities arrested Valle on Jun. 25 as the main suspect in his wife's disappearance, and charged him with the crime of disappearance of persons.

"We always had doubts about him; we as Flor's family knew that she suffered psychological and economic violence in her home," her brother, Jorge García, told IPS a few days after Valle was arrested.

He added: "We found it strange that the day she disappeared, he, Joel, only sent us a WhatsApp message at about 7:00 at night, asking if she was with us, in Sonsonate," the city where Flor María was originally from, in the west of El Salvador, and where her family still lives.

The authorities found Flor María's remains on Jun.

29 in a vacant lot on the side of the road near Cojutepeque, under tons of dirt and gravel.

The charges will be changed from disappearance of persons to femicide, the authorities said.

"I should have warned my sister, I should have insisted that she leave him when the incidents of psychological and economic, and even physical, violence occurred," García added.

It is no consolation, but Flor María's family will be able to give her a religious burial and begin the mourning process.

However, many other families have no sense of closure, as long as their relatives remain missing.

The numbers game

Given the strained relationship between the government of Nayib Bukele and his political opponents, the issue of missing persons has once again gained national prominence, with the president defending his security programme, the Territorial Control Plan, as the reason for the drop in murder rates.

But his opponents say that while it is true that homicides have declined, cases of missing persons are on the rise.

According to government figures, homicides have dropped significantly since Bukele took office in June 2019 and began to implement the plan. When the government took office, there were 50 murders per 100,000 inhabitants in El Salvador, a rate that has dropped to 19 per 100,000, said Minister of Justice and Security Gustavo Villatoro in a television interview in March.

But establishing how many people are missing in the country, and whether the number is increasing, decreasing or remaining steady when

comparing time periods, is not an easy task, said analysts consulted by IPS.

This is true above all because there is no official census of cases, but three separate institutions keeping track of figures that are sometimes in line with each other and sometimes quite different: the National Civil Police, the Attorney General's Office and the Dr. Roberto Masferrer Institute of Legal Medicine, and each one handles its own data based on the complaints received.

"I think the most honest - although I don't know if the most rigorous - answer is that the official figures allow us to conclude that we have a partial view of reality, historically," lawyer Arnau Baulenas, legal coordinator of the José Simeón Cañas Central American University's Human Rights Institute, told IPS.

He clarified that he was not only referring to the current Bukele administration, but that this has been a problem for decades.

A report by the Efe news agency, based on official figures, stated at the end of May that in the first four months of 2021, reports of missing persons had increased by 112 percent compared to the same period in 2020, climbing from 196 to 415.

"But it is very difficult to assess whether the increase in complaints filed actually means there are more cases, because there is a counterargument: that people are reporting cases more because they see that the authorities are taking action," Baulenas said.

He added, however, that "Such a sharp rise would indicate that disappearances have indeed increased."

Bukele, for his part, said on Mar. 26 that as homicides have gone down, investigators are better able to investigate other crimes.

"It is not the same to investigate 40 homicides as three homicides a day," he said in reference to the drop in the daily murder rate.

Meanwhile, María Estela Guevara does not lose hope of one day finding out what happened to Wendy on that day in September 2017.

"Her little girl is now 13 years old, and she still has hopes that her mom will come home, she tells me not to remove things from Wendy's room, in case she comes back," said Guevara with a heavy voice.

UN ready for breakaway nations but the pace remains slow

UNITED NATIONS

WHEN the United Nations renovated its building at a cost of over \$2.1 billion, as part of a seven-year refurbishing project back in 2014, the seating in the cavernous General Assembly hall was increased from 193 to 204—primarily in anticipation of at least 11 new member states joining the world body sooner or later.

But the pace of new member states joining the UN, primarily from half a dozen breakaway regions dominated by separatist movements, has remained slow.

East Timor, described as the first new sovereign state of the 21st century, broke away from Indonesia and joined the UN in May 2002.

The UN played a significant role in supporting the democratic process in the country, now known as Timor-Leste. The UN Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET) was deployed from 1992 to 2002 to administer the territory, exercise legislative and executive authority during the transition and support capacity-building for self-government.

Meanwhile, the Republic of South Sudan (population: 11.3 million), which seceded from Sudan, was the last of the 193 UN member states, joining the world body in July 2011.

But at least one potential mem-



South Sudan's national flag (centre) flies at UN Headquarters following its admission as the 193rd Member State.

ber state—Kosovo—has been knocking at the door trying to seek admission rather unsuccessfully primarily because of opposition from one of the permanent members of the UN Security Council (UNSC).

The UN's relatively new member states, beginning in the 1960s, included Singapore (1965), Bangladesh (1971) and six republics, including Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Slovenia, resulting from the break-up of Yugoslavia in the 1990s.

Still, if political fantasies be-

come realities, a lineup of new U.N. member states may include potential breakaway regions, including Kurdistan, Western Sahara, Chechnya, Abkhazia, Catalonia, Scotland and Palestine—not forgetting Tibet and Taiwan whose membership will be shot down by China, a veto-wielding permanent member of the UNSC.

But currently the most likely candidate is Tigray which is moving towards an independent state after nearly eight months of fighting against Ethiopian military forces, described as one of Africa's most powerful, this time backed

by Eritrea.

If it does happen, Ethiopia would have generated two breakaway states: first Eritrea which became independent of Ethiopia in 1993, and now Tigray, with a population of 7.1 million.

The Tigray Independence Party (TIP) has long campaigned for secession from Ethiopia which it described as an "empire".

Debretsion Gebremichael, the leader of Tigray, was quoted by the New York Times as saying, "even if the conflict ends soon, Tigray's future, as part of Ethiopia, is in doubt".

In the Times report on July 4, Gebremichael said "The trust has broken completely. If they don't want us, why should we stay?". Still, he added, nothing has been decided because "It depends on the politics at the centre".

Linda Thomas-Greenfield, US Ambassador to the UN, told reporters on July 2 the Security Council has held six closed-door meetings "and the situation in Tigray has not improved."

She said the open meeting last week was the first opportunity to show that African lives matter as much as other lives around the world.

"But an open meeting is not enough," she said, pointing out that "what we need to see is action on the ground."

"We need to see a ceasefire that is permanent; that all of the parties agree to. We need to see the Eritrean troops return to their own border. We need to see unfettered access for humanitarian workers. "We need to see accountability for the atrocities that have been committed."

"And at this moment I just want to express, again, our sympathy for the many losses of lives, including for MSF (Doctors Without Borders) staff who were killed recently," she declared.

Meanwhile, the Brussels-based International Crisis Group (ICG) says the Tigray People's Liberation Front is in control of most of the Tigray region, including major towns.

William Davison, ICG's Senior Analyst, said the Front has achieved these gains "mainly through mass popular support and by capturing arms and supplies from adversaries."

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said last week he is deeply concerned with the present situation in Tigray.

"It is essential to have a real ceasefire paving the way for a dialogue able to bring a political solution to Tigray." He said the presence of foreign troops is an aggravating factor of confrontation.

"At the same time, full humanitarian access, unrestricted humanitarian access must be guaranteed to the whole territory. The destruction of civilian infrastructure is totally unacceptable," he declared.

IPS

Modern slavery: How consumers can make a difference

FEW people want to buy products that involve the exploitation or enslavement of the workers who make them - but that's exactly what most of us do on a daily basis.

Estimates reveal that there are 40.3 million people in slavery worldwide as part of a US\$32 billion business. Extreme labour exploitation and other forms of modern slavery are embedded within the supply chains of many of the products and services that we choose to consume regularly, such as laptops, mobile phones and clothing.

This raises important questions: how responsible are we for the slavery that is directly connected to our consumption, and what role should consumers play in reducing the demand and supply of products and services made by exploited workers?

On the one hand, the few examples of government legislation - including the UK's 2015 Modern Slavery Act - clearly place some level of responsibility on consumers to be informed, to act, and to make choices that help to eradicate modern slavery. These actions include reporting suspected instances of exploitation and boycotting known products of slavery.

In contrast, however, others are increasingly arguing that it's not up to consumers to police modern slavery. Commentators such as Sarah O'Connor and Emily Kenway remind us that the causes of slavery are systemic, embedded within the processes and structures of commerce and governance. They rightly suggest that slavery and forms of extreme labour exploitation cannot be reduced without addressing the structural role of government and business.

Consumer-citizen action

Global supply chains are complex and generally not visible or well understood by consumers. So asking them to take responsibility for how products are made may let businesses (who do understand this) and governments (who do have the power to change things)



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off the hook. Government and business do need to do more to address slavery in production systems through, for example, greater transparency, but where does that leave the role of the consumer?

Focusing on UK consumer understanding of modern slavery, our research highlights a more complicated and active role for consumers in challenging the exploitation of workers who produce the goods and services they consume.

It points to the broader observation that shoppers are often "complicit" when it comes to the social and envi-

ronmental consequences of their consumer choices. Indeed, we find that consumers are not ignorant of the risks of slavery and extreme labour exploitation. More worryingly still, some consumers explicitly express their indifference towards such issues.

Reviewing the Modern Slavery Act and similar legislation reveals how our current system relies on consumers to report and boycott instances of slavery as a key mechanism in the overall eradication plan. We agree with the likes of Kenway that shifting responsibility away from businesses and governments and on to the

consumer risks relieving these powerful players of their duties and commitments.

Yet, should this argument be used to negate all attempts to mobilise consumers? While it's right to be suspicious of attempts to pass the buck on to consumers, we argue that removing all responsibility from consumers and insisting that the realm of consumption remains a seemingly benign and apolitical arena is not a useful way forward either.

The considerable consumer inertia in response to scandals in the UK such as Boohoo - which saw the company accused of sourcing its clothes

from factories with poor health and safety records and paying staff less than the minimum wage - illustrates a need to sensitise consumers to the slavery in their consumption, and to elevate their power to act. This may be framed as calling on consumers to take positive citizenship action (lobbying) or negative action (boycotting).

It is important to recognise that consumer-citizens are not unfamiliar with taking action on important issues. For example, the understanding that we have environmental responsibilities as consumers is well rehearsed. It is ac-

cepted that "we must place on the consumer at least some of the responsibility for making the economy sustainable", as Tim Jackson writes in *Material Concerns: Pollution, Profit and Quality of Life*.

Imagine action on climate change that didn't include a role for consumers in taking some level of responsibility for their own impact through the consumer choices they make. Changing how we consume is a vital link in transitioning to a cleaner and more just society, even though businesses are disproportionately responsible for carbon emissions. It should be no different when we consider modern slavery.

While we don't support the shifting of unrealistic levels of responsibility on to consumers when it comes to ridding society of modern slavery, our research does point to an important role for consumers, revealing that they do want to take action - just not on their own.

They want to be partners in this modern slavery equation, particularly with business and government. Greater consumer interest, involvement and action over modern slavery is bound to raise more, not fewer, questions about the role and responsibilities of other groups involved, leading to greater transparency.

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Teenage girls happy with HPV vaccines

By Felister Peter

TEENAGE girls in Mbeya and Songwe regions are optimistic with the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccine as they are now protected and will not suffer and perhaps die from cervical cancer.

Cervical cancer is a leading cause of cancer death among women in low and lower-middle-income countries. More than a half-million new cases and 266,000 deaths occur annually, with most of the deaths occurring in these countries.

“We saw nurses coming at our school, our health teacher announced that girls aged between 13 and 14 years should gather in one of the classes; we were first educated on various health issues including the importance of being vaccinated for cervical cancer before the nurses administered the vaccine. Back home, my parents were also happy about the news,” said Annah Ribona, a Form Four student at Vwawa secondary school in Mbeya.

Ribona added: “I don’t want to die of cervical cancer; I want to live long so that I can accomplish my life dreams.”

Another student from the school, Shukrani Mbwire (Form Four) thanked Jhpiego Tanzania for supporting the nation’s HPV vaccination campaign in their region because apart from being protected from cervical cancer, they are also benefitting with other integrated services such as eye testing, reproductive health and nutrition education.

Jhpiego is implementing the project in collaboration with the government through President’s Office, Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG) and Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elders and Children with funding from UNICEF Tanzania.

Mbwire called upon other teenage girls who have not received the vaccine to ensure they do so for the betterment of their health.

“The vaccine is good because I couldn’t develop any side effects after receiving the jabs; I got both the first and second dose,” she added.

The World Health Organization (WHO) recommends two doses of HPV vaccine for girls aged 9 to 14 years, and three doses for girls aged 15 years and older and those who are immune compromised or HIV positive.

A Public Health Nurse at Mbozi district hospital, Beatrice Msukwa told the Guardian that most of the people are now aware of the vaccines as they normally conduct public education to both, the community and students before administering the jabs.

“In our outreach programmes, we visit villages and schools to educate them on cervical cancer and the need to protect girls by ensuring they receive the vaccines,” said Msukwa adding there are 188 primary schools and 63 secondary schools in the district.

Veronica Luwumba is a nurse-midwife at Ruanda health center in Mbeya city council, she said the target this year was to vaccinate 460 girls, but they have so far a total of 472 school girls have received the first dose between January and June this year. She said plans are to provide the second dose in August, 2021.

“Of the number, there are two girls who are HIV positive. One of them was traced through our HIV care and treatment clinics (CTC),” she noted.

According to her, the HPV+ programme under Jhpiego has improved their skills because previously, when the vaccination exercise was introduced in the country in 2018, they were just administering it without providing education and other integrated health services to eligible girls.



The World Health Organisation (WHO) recommends two doses of HPV vaccine for girls aged 9 to 14 years to protect them from cervical cancer. Photo: Courtesy of Jhpiego.

ministered the first dose to 1,800 girls, but only 970 of them were vaccinated for the second dose. He said that this year (January - May) they provided the first dose to 1,450 girls while only 700 girls received the jabs for the second dose.

The target this year is to vaccinate 1,796 girls, he added.

In April 2018, Tanzania launched the HPV Vaccine following the success of jab in the pilot phase in Kilimanjaro Region.



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“We went through capacity building trainings; we have also outlined plans for continuation of the vaccination exercise even after

A health teacher at Chalangwa primary school, Nuru Mwatujobe said: “We prefer vaccinating the girls at school because we can also reach a good number of them at once.”

The teacher added that apart from the teenage girls, parents are also happy with the vaccines as they all want their children to be protected from cervical cancer. She said this year (January-May) they have provided the first dose of HPV to 11 girls, whereas in 2020 they successfully vaccinated 11 girls with the first and second dose.

Chunya District Immunization and Vaccination Officer (DIVO), Moses Katamba commended the residents for a good cooperation as most of the parents have been supporting them in identifying as well as ensuring that eligible girls receive the jabs.

Katamba added in 2020, they ad-



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- (iii) Financial proposal; and
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Save the Children (SCI) has set aside funds for the construction works to be done in Zanzibar (Unguja and Pemba) as detailed below. SCI through this process, will also set Framework Agreements (FWAs) with several construction companies for upcoming construction works in other regions including Tanzania Mainland.

Therefore, Sealed bids are invited from reputed contractors, registered in the United Republic of Tanzania for the construction works to be done in Zanzibar (see table below) and FWAs for upcoming construction works in other regions in the Tanzania mainland.

Lot	Description	Quantity	Location
Lot 1	Construction of 10 rooms block toilets	4	Different schools in Unguja
Lot 2	Construction of 10 rooms block toilets	4	Different schools in Pemba
Lot 3	Construction of Handwashing facilities	14	Different schools in Unguja
Lot 4	Construction of Handwashing facilities	14	Different schools in Pemba

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By Tegbaru Yared, researcher, Horn of Africa Security and Analysis, ISS Addis Ababa.

Ethiopia's election was peaceful, not competitive but stark political divides endure

DESPITE some delays, 21 June saw Ethiopia hold its sixth national elections since the downfall of the Derg regime and the reconfiguration of the state along ethno-regional lines in 1991. Although the 2005 polls had an element of competitiveness, none of the past five elections was free, fair and competitive.

Partly due to Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed Ali's much-lauded reformist zeal, this election was anticipated to be a democratic way out of Ethiopia's authoritarian past. But despite efforts to reform laws on political parties' registration and election code of conduct, reconstitute Ethiopia's National Election Board and open up the political space, the elections were far from competitive. They were peaceful, though.

Close to 38 million Ethiopians (78%) registered to vote. Two major opposition parties from the largest and most populous Oromia region boycotted the polls, and there was no voting in three of the country's 11 regions. Preliminary results suggest that the ruling Prosperity Party will secure a landslide victory at the federal and regional houses.

Given its political divisions and historical social cleavages, many observers argue that the election is just one step in the right direction for Ethiopia. Other robust political mechanisms will be needed to resolve the country's structural ills.

The elections were postponed twice due to Covid-19 and other logistical, security and associated reasons. Some opposition parties contested the postponement on procedural grounds.

This led the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) to hold regional elections in Tigray in September 2020. This was done despite the federal Parliament's extension of the federal and regional governments' term until Covid-19 no longer posed a public health threat.

The TPLF had been a member of the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front but withdrew from the ruling coalition in November 2019, objecting to its merger with the Prosperity Party. The federal government and TPLF would



The President of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia Sahle-Work Zewde (C) casts her ballot in the general elections at a polling station in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 21 June 2021. (File photo)

later engage in violent confrontations, which are ongoing.

Political divisions, ideological incoherence in the ruling party and a fragile security apparatus have made the transition to democracy difficult. Incidents such as the murder of popular Ethiopian singer Hachalu Hundessa widened the cleavages and led to the arrest of some political leaders. Despite the 2018 promises of political reform, efforts to democratise have been disrupted by episodes of state repression.

The fundamental fault line in Ethiopia is the lack of agreement among political elites about the nature of the state – both past and present.

Before the elections, these fault lines were revealed by ethnonationalist parties such as the TPLF, Oromo Liberation Front (OLF) and Oromo Federalist Congress (OFC) on the one hand, and the nationalist Ethiopian Citizens for Social Justice (Ezema) on the other. Others like the Prosperity Party, National Movement of Amhara (NaMA) and Balderas for Genuine Democracy opted to strategically use both ethno-nationalist and nationalist narratives.

The OLF and OFC boycotted the elections, citing their political

leaders and members' detention and concerns about electoral irregularities. This deprived the election of competitiveness and a level playing field. It also means the poll brings the country no closer to resolving major differences about the nature of the Ethiopian state.

Despite pressure from the international community to prioritise national dialogue and postpone the polls, elections went ahead in all but the Tigray, Harari and Somali regions. In the first two, security concerns prevented voting, and in the third, irregularities and defective ballots were cited.

Many expected Ezema, Balderas and NaMA to pose a serious challenge to the Prosperity Party in Addis Ababa and the Amhara region. Yet the ruling party is poised for a landslide victory. Some party members attribute this to the Prosperity Party's popularity, citing the high voter turnout. Others link it to the approval and charisma of Abiy himself.

A senior analyst of Ethiopian politics told ISS Today that other factors could also be at play. These include the ruling party's effective mobilisation of the electorate through its party structure, its promises of social and economic prosper-

ity and voters' desire for peace, security and stability.

Major opposition parties have submitted official complaints to the National Election Board alleging, among others, voter and observer intimidation, undue police presence around polling stations and local administrators' interventions in the voting process. In the Oromia region, Abiy's home state, the OLF and OFC parties didn't participate, so the electorate's political marketplace lacked competing ideologies and outlooks. Hence the winner can only be legitimate in technical terms. If it achieves victory, the Prosperity Party can hardly claim a popular mandate to reconcile the country's structural divides along ideological lines.

Given the political cleavages still looming over the Ethiopian body politic, the Prosperity Party shouldn't read too much into the election results. It should focus on stabilising the country, stopping intercommunal conflicts, managing inflation, engaging the opposition and initiating an all-inclusive national dialogue. This could earn it popular legitimacy.

Besides being peaceful, the other legacy of the polls and Abiy's political reform is the institutional stature of the National Election Board. With all its limitations, the board could become an impartial arbiter. Led by former opposition figure Birtukan Mideksa, it has done a commendable job while projecting its independence, rigour and impartiality. Achieving this wasn't easy, though. At times the public had to appeal for Abiy's intervention to ensure regional administrations cooperated with the board's technical and logistical demands. Despite bureaucratic and capacity hurdles, the board tried to create a level playing field, establish clear rules and procedures and conduct a credible election. So far it seems to have met the expectations of many critical observers. Guaranteeing its independence and capacity could help consolidate Ethiopia's democratisation process. Ethiopia is a decisive player in the Horn of Africa and the diplomatic capital of the continent. Now that elections are over – barring those in Somali and Harari on 6 September – Ethiopia should prioritise inclusive national dialogue and reconciliation to deal with its security challenges. DM

China makes pursuing common good for world its mission and undertaking

By He Yin

IN celebration of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of China (CPC), the country held an art performance titled "The Great Journey" at the National Stadium in Beijing on the evening of June 28, during which a show under the theme of "shared future" was staged, embodying China's idea of building a community with a shared future for mankind and reflecting the CPC's sense of responsibility in striving for humankind's progress.

"Over the last century, the CPC has striven forward against all odds in a relentless pursuit of happiness for the Chinese people, rejuvenation for the Chinese nation, and the common good for the world. As a result, the Chinese nation has achieved a great transformation from standing up to growing rich, and to becoming stronger, and has thus made a notable contribution to human civilization and progress," said Chinese President Xi Jinping in a keynote speech at the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2021, who stressed the CPC's mission and undertaking of pursuing the common good for the world.

As July 1 this year marks the centenary of the CPC, many political party chiefs, government officials, and friendly personages



An art performance titled "The Great Journey" is held in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of China (CPC) at the National Stadium in Beijing, capital of China, June 28. (Xinhua)

in the world have sent wishes to the Chinese political party. They believe that the CPC is "an important driving force in building a balanced international order and maintaining peaceful coexistence of civilizations", and that "the vision of a community with a shared future for mankind proposed by Xi has brought hope for building a free, just and beautiful world."

The CPC has always aspired to make new and greater contributions to humankind. From "China should make a major contribu-

tion to mankind" to "The Chinese people not only pursue a good life for themselves, but also work for common interest and harmony of the world," the CPC has become more determined to pursue the common good for the world and made the connotations of the vision increasingly rich with the development of the party itself and the country.

The CPC, the ruling party of China, has not only made a solemn oath of pursuing the common good for the world, but taken actions to put such an idea into practice.

China has proposed the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence, and incorporated adhering to the path of peaceful development into constitutions of the country and the CPC. Making opening-up a fundamental national policy, the country has joined in almost all universal intergovernmental organizations and acceded to over 500 international conventions. It suggests building a new type of international relations and a community with a shared future for mankind, and upholds the universal values of peace, development, fairness, justice, democracy and freedom. The country has joined hands with other countries in

the construction of the Belt and Road, while actively participated in the reform and building of the global governance system. China has made major contributions to world peace and development with practical efforts.

On the international stage, the CPC always represents a rational voice and an anchor of stability, said Shahbaz Sharif, president of the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz, adding that Xi's vision of building a community with a shared future for mankind has promoted world peace and development.

The CPC has led the Chinese people onto a path of socialism with Chinese characteristics, and diversified the routes to modernization for developing countries, laying a foundation for pushing world peace and development and building a community with a shared future for mankind.

"We must also see that China's development will create more opportunities for the world. We will draw on our own practices to explore the law governing the evolution of human society, and share with other countries what we have learned. We do not want to "import" models from other countries, nor do we want to "export" the Chinese model, still less will we ask other countries to copy the Chinese practice," said Xi while addressing the CPC

in Dialogue with World Political Parties High-Level Meeting on December 1, 2017.

The CPC shares with the world its dividends in both economic development and ideas and philosophies, which is of use for all countries, especially developing countries, in exploring a development path that best suits their national conditions.

The path of socialism with Chinese characteristics provides a new route to modernization for developing countries, and this institutional innovation is a contribution to the diversity of human civilization, according to Victoria V. Panova, managing director of the National Committee of BRICS Research of Russia.

The CPC's great struggle together with the Chinese people in the past century has shone through the annals of history, and its great contributions to the peace and development of mankind are obvious to all.

No matter how the international circumstances may change, China will continue to play its part in building world peace, promoting global development, and defending international order, and contribute even more to enhancing the common well-being of human beings and building a community with a shared future for mankind.

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Zanzibar to adopt digital payment system for clove farmers this fiscal year

By Smart Money Reporter

ALL payments being made by Zanzibar Government to clove farmers this year will be done through their mobile phones as the Isles moves towards digitization of all payments.

Zanzibar's Minister for Trade and Industrial Development, Omar Said Shaaban said last week when launching the new payment system for clove farmers through Zantel's Ezyepesa platform that cash payments to the farmers and other groups which do business with the state have ceased.

"From this year onwards, the government will use digital payment system and no payments will be given in cash and we want all Zanzibar residents to accept and understand the changes," Shaaban said also launching this year clove harvesting season in Pemba.

According to him, the government has decided to use digital payment solutions and revenue collections as provided by Ministry of Finance this fiscal year saying the move is also aimed at improving efficiency and security.

He urged Zantel to improve the digital payment system so that it is user friendly and accessible at all times so that farmers easily withdraw their money. "We are aware that the system is still new to us, it might be challenging, but the challenges will be resolved with time" he added while urging Zantel and People's Bank of Zanzibar to ensure the payment system is reliable.

Briefing the minister on Ezyepesa payment system, Zantel's Chief Financial Officer, Azizi Said Ali said the company's goal is to ensure that customers get quality and affordable digital payment services to align with global



The Minister of Trade and Industrial Development for Zanzibar, Omar Said Shaaban (L), listens to Zantel's chief financial officer, Azizi Said Ali, who was briefing him on Ezyepesa digital payment system which will be used to pay clove farmers during its launch in Wete District of Pemba Island last week. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

transaction trends.

"The world is changing very fast when it comes to digital transactions, particularly in procurement of goods and services. Zantel through Ezyepesa has it all and we constantly improve our

services to meet growing market needs," Ali said.

He commended Zanzibar State Trading Corporation (ZSTC) for signing an agreement with Zantel aimed at digitizing clove farmers' payments in the main

growing region of Pemba Island. Ali urged the farmers to subscribe with Ezyepesa so that they can start receiving cash directly on their mobile handsets when ZSTC releases payment.

"Once money is received into

the accounts of ZSTC, the Ezyepesa platform will transfer the payments directly to farmers who have registered with the service and they will be alerted of the payment via an SMS message," he explained.

Speaking at the same event, Northern Pemba Regional Commissioner Salama Mbarouk Khatib said ZSTC is the only institution mandated to buy cloves in the Spice Islands hence farmers should ensure firm contacts with the state commodities company. "I also urge ZSTC to buy from farmers directly to avoid fraud and ensure that they are not cheated through use of tampered weighing scales," Khatib said.

Permanent Secretary at Ministry of Trade and Industrial Development, Dr Islam Seif Saleh said the introduction of the digital payment system is implementation of the current government's promise to improve standards of living among farmers in particular and all Zanzibaris in general.

Dr Saleh insisted that the government will ensure that ZSTC remains an exclusive buyer of the cloves in the isles saying legally such dealings should be done through auctions.

"The government is vigilant and well organized to ensure it stops clove smuggling. I urge farmers and middlemen to be patriotic and stop engaging in smuggling of the commodity to neighbouring countries," he added while warning would be smugglers of risking jail terms.

"We have come up with this digital payment system because bulky cash payments are risky to farmers and their families," Dr Saleh noted saying Zantel's Ezyepesa platform in collaboration with PBZ provide a better mechanism for the payments.

Mobile loans feel the pinch of new 20pc excise duty

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BBORROWERS of digital loans will bear the brunt of the 20 percent tax on fees and commissions earned on bank credit that took effect on July 1. All or a significant portion of fees charges on mobile loans provided by KCB, NCBA (M-Shwari), Absa Kenya, Co-operative Bank and Equity are considered as facilitation fees.

This means that the entire loan or a huge proportion of it will attract the 20 percent fee, increasing the cost of mobile digital advances by a larger margin compared to ordinary bank credit. Fees that attract the excise duty in a normal bank loan such as processing charges account for an average 1.5 percent of the overall lending rate, reflecting an additional tax equivalent to 0.3 percent.

But the additional tax is higher for a facility like M-Shwari whose 7.5 percent facilitation fees will see

its duty charges increase by 1.5 percentage points, pushing the monthly cost of the product to nine percent. "The cost of mobile loans will be higher compared to the normal loans because charges for digital products are dominated by fees," said a CEO of one of the top banks who sought anonymity.

KCB in text messages to its customers on Friday afternoon said that loans advanced through the KCB M-Pesa will now attract a fee of 8.64 percent, up from 7.35 percent. The NCBA Group said that all loan-related fees and commission will be subjected to the 20 percent excise tax, including M-Shwari and the overdrafts feature Fuliza – products the bank co-owns with Safaricom.

The increase of the loan fees comes a day after President Uhuru Kenyatta assented to the law returning the 20 percent tax on all fees and commissions, prompting banks to

pass the increased cost to borrowers.

The excise duty on normal loan fees will see banks pay the Kenya Revenue Authority more than Sh7 billion annually, making credit costlier as lenders transfer the burden to borrowers. But the taxman looks set to generate more from the digital loans because they generate bigger fees and are costlier than conventional credit.

Before the new tax, borrowers paid a facility fee of 7.5 percent for the M-Shwari loans, amounting to an annualised interest rate of 90 percent. On Fuliza, the fee is 1.083 percent daily or 395.2 percent annualised, underlining the high cost of using the short-term credit services regularly.

The Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) quoted the average annual commercial bank lending rate at 12.08 percent in April. The CBK will regulate



The cost of mobile digital loans will increase by a larger margin compared to ordinary bank credit.

monthly interest rates charged by the digital mobile lenders and borrowers' non-performing loans if a proposed law before Parliament is adopted.

The regulator will, among other things, approve increases in digital lenders' rates and other loan charges as well put a ceiling on non-performing loans at not more than twice the de-

faulted credit. Tens of unregulated micro-lenders have invested in Kenya's credit market in response to the growth in demand for quick loans.

Their proliferation has saddled borrowers with high interest rates, which rise up to 520 percent when annualised, leading to mounting defaults and an ever-ballooning num-

ber of defaulters.

From having little or no access to credit, many Kenyans now find they can get loans in minutes via mobile phones.

The push to control the activities of digital lenders comes nearly two years after Kenya removed the legal cap on commercial lending rates.

The cap, which was introduced in September 2016, slowed down private sector credit growth as commercial banks turned their backs on millions of low-income customers as well as small and medium-sized businesses deemed too risky to lend to.

The subsequent credit crunch triggered an appetite for digital loans, attracting unregulated micro-lenders to Kenya's credit market.

Global sukuk issuance may hit US\$155bn this year, S&P says

LONDON

GLOBAL sukuk issuance is set to increase to as much as \$155 billion in 2021, or 11 per cent more than \$139.8bn last year, driven by low interest rates and abundant liquidity, according to S&P Global Ratings.

The ratings agency said a more conservative outlook could be in the range of \$140bn. Sukuk worth a record \$167bn was issued in 2019. A continued economic recovery, vaccination campaigns in most Islamic finance countries and oil prices of about \$65 a barrel this year will also support growth in sukuk issuance, the rating agency said in its market report on Monday. "Taken together, these factors point to stronger sukuk market performance in 2021 compared with 2020," said Mohamed Damak, global head of Islamic finance at S&P.

Global sukuk issuance stood at \$90.6bn in the first half of the year, slightly more than \$86.4bn recorded in the six months to the end of June 2020. The market's performance was propelled by Sharia-compliant bond sales in Malaysia, Saudi Arabia and Oman. The sultanate returned to the market after issuing conventional debt in 2020.

The market was also supported by a higher primary issuance volume, which rose by 20 per cent in the first

half of 2021. "Absent an unexpected geopolitical event, a significant drop in oil prices or a shift in liquidity conditions on global capital markets, we expect sukuk issuance will continue to rise," said Mr Damak.

However, issuance volumes in Bahrain, Indonesia, Turkey and the UAE declined. In Turkey, the decline was mainly due to the rise in local currency-denominated issuances while the UAE's sukuk sales dropped as the country adopted new Sharia standards.

"Despite higher oil prices and lower fiscal deficits, we expect that some sovereigns in the Gulf Cooperation Council will continue to tap the market to fund their economic diversification programmes," S&P said.

It also expects bank and corporate issuance to "continue to support sukuk market performance" in the second half of 2021, after a muted activity in 2020 when companies preserved cash at the height of the pandemic and deferred capital expenditure. Sukuk worth about \$20bn is set to mature in the second half of this year, some of which will probably be refinanced through the market, S&P said.

Central banks around the world have introduced monetary stimulus measures last year to support the banking sector and help stabilise financial markets as part of their efforts to soften the



Mohamed Damak, global head of Islamic finance at S&P.

blow of the pandemic on their economies.

Interest rates, which have been set near or below zero in many countries, are expected to remain low this year and beyond as the world economy continues to recover. The International Monetary Fund expects the global economy, which last year slid into its worst recession since the Great Depression, to expand by 6 per cent in 2021.

The \$2.4 trillion Sharia-compliant finance industry is expected to register "low to mid-single digit growth" in 2021. It grew by 11.4 per cent in 2019 on the back of higher-than-expected sukuk issuance, according to S&P Global. The industry is expected to hit \$3.69tn in 2024, according to Refinitiv and a report by the Islamic Corporation for the Development of the Private Sector.

Sustainability-linked and green sukuk

issuance will also support the global Islamic bond market in the second half of this year. However, the volume of such Sharia-compliant instruments is expected to remain limited, S&P said on Monday.

During the first half, the Islamic Development Bank issued sukuk worth \$2.5bn and said it would use 10 per cent of the proceeds to finance green projects, with 90 per cent earmarked for social development programmes. Malaysia also issued a \$1.3bn Islamic bond that included an \$800 million sustainability tranche.

"Although these types of instruments may appeal to investors with ESG [environment, social and governance] objectives - and we expect to see more of them - we think that they will be the exception rather than the norm," said Mr Damak.

Global shopper confidence surging as consumers move back to stores - study

LONDON

SHOPPERS are beginning to return to physical stores in significant numbers as pandemic measures lift around the world, according to a new global research report by Mood Media, an on-premise media solutions company.

A follow-up to Mood Media's Shopper Sentiments: A September 2020 Global Mood Survey, this new study, entitled 'Shopper Sentiments: A June 2021 Global Mood Survey', was carried out by Censuswide and surveyed more than 8,000 consumers across four major markets - the US, UK, China and France. The report found that four out of five (80%) consumers now feel either 'somewhat' or 'very comfortable' visiting physical stores, up from 71% in 2020.

Three in five (60%) consumers surveyed expect their shopping habits to be back to pre-pandemic levels by or before the end of this year, while one-fifth (21%) of respondents report their shopping habits have already returned to pre-pandemic levels. These findings and predictions for physical stores are bolstered by the fact that only 5% of respondents across the US, UK, China and France reported not feeling 'comfortable at all' about returning to stores.

Scott Moore, global chief marketing officer (CMO) at Mood Media, said: "We're experiencing a healthy buzz as shops reopen to a 'new normal' throughout the world. Consumers are eager to get back into stores to experience the joy of shopping again. "This new study validates what we are seeing and hearing every day - both online and offline play an important role in retail, oftentimes in harmony with one another. That balance is now returning with solid foot traffic in shops around the world."

Allure of omnichannel

Revealing what global shoppers have missed most about the physical shopping experience during lockdown - largely pointing to benefits that don't exist when shopping online - nearly half (45%) said it was the experience of 'touching and trying on' items on the spot that they missed most when stores were closed.

KCB joins hands with NEEC and SIDO in arming young graduates with skills in entrepreneurship



NEEC's executive secretary, Beng'i Mazana Issa, speaks at a past event.

By Francis Kajubi

THREE hundred young entrepreneurs from six regions in Tanzania country who have been trained by Vocational Education and Training Authority under KCB Bank Tanzania sponsorship have since been linked to established business owners for mentorship.

The young entrepreneurs who have graduated from a six month 2jajiri Youth Entrepreneurship Training Programme at VETA in Dar es Salaam are from Arusha, Dar es Salaam, Kilimanjaro, Morogoro, Mwanza and Zanzibar, are currently undergoing a three day orientation course.

In collaboration with National Economic Empowerment Council and Small Industries Development Organization, KCB has allocated 100m/- to finance the graduates' entrepreneurship counselling and mentoring.

Speaking at the opening of orientation course in the commercial capital this week, NEEC Executive Secretary Beng'i Mazana said that the young entrepreneurs were picked from colleges and universities

in 2019 and handed over to VETA for theoretical training.

"During this orientation session, the graduates will learn how to manage and expand their businesses through mentorship during the next six months incubation period.

They will later be attached to big companies during the incubation period to acquire more skills on business management," said Mazana. She said the trainees have already received training on food production, tailoring, graphic designing, truck mechanics, cosmology and hair dressing but also hotel management.

Addressing the trainees, KCB Bank Tanzania's Managing Director, Cosmasn Kimario encouraged them to carefully learn and be patient if they want to succeed.

"The majority of youth get into entrepreneurship hopping for quick success which is not always true, I would like to advise you to be patience in running your businesses.

True success comes after a long period of hard work," Kimario said.

KCB's Head Marketing and Corporate Affairs, Christina Manyenye backed her boss by saying that the project targets to encourage youths join entrepreneurship to employ themselves as jobs are increasingly scarce in the market.

"I would like to see all of you go and explore all the opportunities out there for through your industry attachment because they are successful established enterprises," Manyenye said while adding that KCB has for over 20 years of dealing with entrepreneurs in the country.

KCB's Head of Treasury, Paschal Machango seconded Manyenye's observation saying the bank has been working in collaboration with NEEC.

"We are also planning to start equipping youth with required skills for the construction industry. We generally aim at empowering about 4,000 youth with such skills in the next three years," Machango said.

Green Gold Farms secures \$1.6m to tackle Ghana's food imports challenges

ACCRA

GOLD Farms, a Ghanaian agritech startup, has completed raising US\$1.6 million from Absa Bank Ghana, Diaspora Capital, Channel Ventures, EPMT Fund, and a number of early-stage seed investors.

Green Gold Farms is tackling the problems of poverty, lack of economic opportunity, and malnutrition, and related illnesses in Northern Ghana through large-scale agricultural production.

Despite abundant amounts of land, diverse agro-ecological richness and plentifully available labour, the majority of the two million people living in Northern Ghana are food-insecure. Limited economic opportunities leave many precariously close to the poverty line of \$1.90 per day.

Ghana currently imports over US\$2.4 billion worth of food annually. Such a high food import bill contributes to the country's large trade imbalance, depletes its foreign exchange reserves - critical for paying off foreign debt, and essentially exports jobs overseas. Additionally, imported food is typically more expensive and of lower quality.

For example, some imported frozen poultry products have been sighted to be over ten years old and preserved with harmful substances, which are toxic and known to cause serious health problems.

"It's a shame that we have so much rich, arable land in this country, but are unable to put it to productive use," says Green Gold Farms' CEO, George Boakye Sarpong. "Most farmers don't have access to capital or modern farming equipment, which would enable them to scale their production.

Thus, they remain subsistence farmers, perpetually trapped in the cycle of poverty. As a result, we [Ghana] spend scarce resources importing food that we should be growing domestically."

The capital raised will allow Green Gold Farms to invest primarily in capital equipment to scale up production of organic and non-GMO crops such as maize and soybeans;

generate large numbers of well-paying, sustainable jobs; and launch an out-grower program for smallholder farmers.

The company has partnered with local communities to secure over 60,000 acres of fertile land in the Northern and Eastern Regions of Ghana.

The company will use its huge land concessions to engage in commercial-scale food production and, in the process, create tens of thousands of jobs, boosting the regional and national economies.

These land partnerships have already created over 400 well-paying jobs, the bulk of which have gone to women and youth from these partner communities.

Commenting on the deal, Grace Anim-Yeboah, Business Banking Director at Absa Bank Ghana, noted that the bank is committed to its critical role being an agent of economic change, growth, and development.

"We are excited to be playing a key role in shaping Ghana's agricultural sector and connecting fast-growing companies, such as Green Gold Farms, with our financial resources and services. This will help the company fulfill its bold ambitions of revitalizing commercial farming in Ghana sustainably."

Green Gold Farms is also developing an innovative out-grower scheme that allows smallholder farmers to lift themselves out of poverty by training them on regenerative agriculture best practices, enabling them to produce on larger plots of land, and providing them with all of the necessary inputs and mechanization.

Over time, the company aims to cede its primary production to these smallholder farmers and move up the value chain into processing and, eventually, into manufacturing.

The company is attempting to develop and scale a sustainable food production model in partnership with the public and private sector that can be applied to developing countries around the world to help lift billions of people out of poverty and to do it in an environmentally sustainable manner.



Jenister Mhagama (C) Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Parliamentary Affairs, Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disability), exchange ideas with director general of Public Sector Social Security Fund, Hosea Kashimba (R) and his National Social Security Fund counterpart, Masha Mshomba after she visited their joint pavilion at the ongoing 45th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

MTI placed in final liquidation, 8000 more Bitcoin traced

CAPE TOWN

COLLAPSED Bitcoin scheme Mirror Trading International (MTI) was placed in final liquidation this week by the Cape High Court.

This comes as liquidators revealed that they had managed to track down roughly 8 000 additional Bitcoin, on top of the 1 281 Bitcoin recovered from Belize-based broker FX Choice and sold for about R1.1 billion.

An additional 8 000 Bitcoin at current market prices is worth about R4 billion. Liquidators believe they will be able to track down more of the estimated 29 000 Bitcoin that flowed into MTI. This would make it easier to chase down funds the liquidators believe rightfully belong to the insolvent estate. Anyone opposing this has until August 31 to file their replying affidavits.

Speaking to Moneyweb after the final liquidation was handed down, joint liquidator Riaan van Rooyen urged MTI members to lodge claims with the liquidators, saying they need not fear that they will be required to pay contributions to the insolvent estate.

Aiming to recover as much as possible

"We obviously want to recover as much money as possible for members, particularly the elderly and the vulnerable. It's important for members to know that they will not be required to pay into the estate just because they benefitted from withdrawals. It merely means that their claims will be reduced by the amount that they have already received in terms of withdrawals. If they paid in for example, R30 000, and withdrew R10 000, this means their claim against MTI would be reduced from R30 000 to R20 000."

Covid lockdowns permitting, the liquidators plan to launch a national road-show to contact as many members of MTI as possible and to assist them in lodging their claims. The chief beneficiaries of MTI's multi-level marketing scheme were the founders and early adopters, including 50% shareholder Clynton Marks, who opposed the liquidation of the company and argued that there were good prospects of rescuing the company by other means.

Some of the MTI leaders earned more than R100 million from the scheme, according to a data dump by a group called Anonymous ZA, and liquidators will be hunting down what they believe is undue enrichment. Some of the leaders of MTI, including Marks, are believed to have made hundreds of millions of rands

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Green Gold Farms' CEO, George Boakye Sarpong.

Top 4 developing insurance financial products by 2025

By Petrus Mare

PROBABLY at the top of the core financial needs, private medical scheme is important. And I will have to add dread disease cover as one of my 3 risk management priorities. Medical aid is expensive, but the consequences of not having any cover can be devastating. Many people make the mistake of choosing next year's medical scheme option on last year's expenditure. Your health situation can change overnight so make sure you choose the most comprehensive cover available.

Medical scheme membership with dread disease cover

At the very minimum have a hospital plan in place that covers you and your dependents at 100% of the medical scheme tariff. You will still however be liable for scans, scopes, and procedures out of hospital so be sure to have some understanding of the financial risk prior to deciding. An added dread disease cover is also non-negotiable. A recent study showed that with women above 15 years old, 15 million are at a risk of developing cervical cancer. Cervical cancer is the most common and kills more women than any other form of illness in Tanzania. With today's demanding society, fast paced lifestyle and cut-throat deadlines this is not to be messed with.

Income protection

If you had an ATM machine in your living room that consistently spat out your income on the 25th of each month, do you believe it would be worth insuring



for mechanical failure? Becoming disabled is your greatest financial risk, even with no dependents it is critical to protect your income. You would not want to rely on others to support you.

Income protection typically pays out after a certain waiting period, the longer the wait the less the premium. Do not expect the cover to pay out a 100% of your income, usually 75%. This should suffice since the core purpose of income protection is to support your rehabilitation, or to help you find an alternative occupation to replace your income.

Another important aspect to remember is for your financial planner to take into consideration your group/company benefits so you do not over-insure.

Income protection application's can be difficult, Insurer's

need to have a full understanding of your current medical conditions, any occupational risks, a comprehensive understanding of your employment and recreational activities. It is possible to take out temporary and permanent income protection through a single policy.

The underestimated emergency fund

Many a times we place laser focus on Life Insurance as well as Retirement Planning, which is essential on your path to financial stability and success, yet we underestimate the value and importance of an emergency fund.

As you start your professional career and start analyzing insurance needs and start laying the foundation for wealth creation, do not overlook the need for a well-managed and appropriately structured emergency fund. You can use various resources to cater for this i.e. An access bond on your property, your savings account with your bank or an accessible investment like a unit trust. Always know the pros and the cons of the source you choose to use.

When emergencies arise; co-payments with Medical Schemes, excesses with your Short-Term Insurer or even as we have seen during this pandemic, financial instability, the need to have accessible capital in times of need has become vital. Want a springboard to wealth creation? Do not underestimate the emergency fund.

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Anglo knew of lead danger at Zambian mine, doctor says

LUSAKA

A DOCTOR said Anglo American Plc was aware of the danger lead poisoning posed to employees and commissioned a study into its impact in a community close to a Zambian mine where he worked.

The claim bolsters a lawsuit in which a group of Zambian women and children allege Anglo caused widespread lead poisoning from the Broken Hill mine it had a stake in until 1974 in the northern city of Kabwe. They are demanding compensation and a clean-up of the area. Anglo said while it had an interest in the mine it wasn't the owner or operator, without giving more precise detail. "Conflating Zambia Broken Hill Development Company with Anglo American is simply incorrect," it said.

"The mine management were certainly aware of the risk of lead poisoning to its employees, the blood levels of all staff were checked regularly," Ian Lawrence, who worked as a medical officer at the mine in 1969 and 1970, said in a supplementary affidavit that's been added to the case. "I became deeply concerned at the number of deaths amongst children under the age of five in the residential township where local employees lived."

Lawrence's affidavit was submitted in April, six months after the case was brought to South Africa's High Court. He said the delay was because it was not feasible to visit a notary public in the midst of the coronavirus

pandemic.

"The invariably high levels convinced me that the problem was very serious," he said. Lawrence said contaminated dust from the mine blew into the township where, in addition to being breathed in, it settled on gravel where children played, and contaminated foodstuffs and cooking utensils. Lawrence, who now lives in England, said he didn't understand why an investigation hadn't been carried out and oversaw the taking of about 500 blood samples to test for lead contamination.

Within the month of him submitting his findings to management, a Professor Lane and Dr King from Manchester University arrived to investigate the problem, he said. He never saw their report. "We believe it is widely accepted that any responsibility in relation to the Kabwe mine site belongs elsewhere - being with the actual owners and operators of the site and those who operated the site post nationalization 50 years ago," Anglo said in a response to queries.

Law firms Leigh Day and Mbuyisa Moleele, who are representing the plaintiffs, said in a statement that Anglo claims not to have any documents "of relevance pertaining to the operation of the Kabwe Mine," including the Lane/King report. The firms said evidence they have from the Zambian state mining archives shows the documents would have been copied to Anglo's then head offices in Johannesburg. Anglo said the documents were handed over to the state mining company when it was nationalized.

100,000 people

A hearing to consider Anglo's request for an extension so that it can file its response is being heard in the Gauteng division of the High Court on Monday and Tuesday. Anglo said it has been denied access to crucial documents.

The case was filed by 13 plaintiffs on behalf of an estimated 100,000 people. The group lawsuit is the latest over Anglo American's decades of mining in southern Africa. In 2018, it and five other companies paid about \$390 million to settle a class action by former gold miners suffering from the respiratory disease silicosis.

Anglo held an interest in the Kabwe mine, at one stage the world's biggest lead operation, from 1925 to 1974, when it was nationalized by the government. While the operation about 100 kilometers (60 miles) north of the Zambian capital, Lusaka, was eventually shut in 1994, output during Anglo's ownership accounted for about two-thirds of the lead that now contaminates the area, the law firms said. Anglo said the state company's own records show that the worst period of lead pollution was likely post 1989.

Lead poisoning can cause health problems ranging from learning difficulties to infertility, brain damage and, in some cases, death. In a 2019 report, Human Rights Watch said that a third of the population of Kabwe, or more than 76,000 people, live in lead-contaminated areas. The lawsuit was filed in South Africa because at the time of the mine's operation Anglo was headquartered in Johannesburg.

Commodity traders harvest billions while prices rise for everyone else

NEW YORK

DOUG King set up his hedge fund in the early days of the commodity super-cycle in 2004. It was perfectly timed: voracious Chinese demand lifted the price of everything from oil to copper to record highs. Investors flooded the commodities sector. At the peak, King's Merchant Commodity Fund was managing about \$2 billion. But the boom ended abruptly after the 2008 global financial crisis and the onset of the US shale revolution. Prices plunged, big institutional money got out and many specialist hedge funds closed.

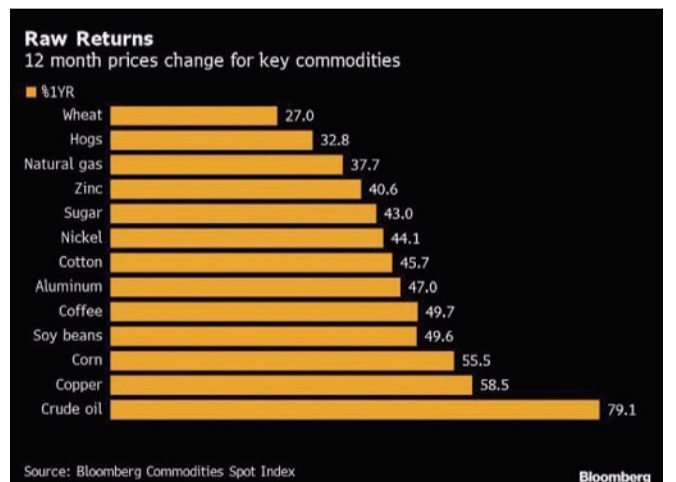
Fast forward more than a decade and King is having one of the best years of his career: a broad-based commodities boom has pushed up his hedge fund nearly 50% this year as raw materials from steel to soybeans hit multi-year highs. Commodities are back, and from pension funds to physical commodity traders, everyone is making money. The question now is whether it's a temporary snapback from the pandemic or signals a longer-term shift in the structure of the global economy. King is in no doubt. "We are facing a structural inflation shock," King said. "There's a lot of pent up demand, and everyone wants everything now, right now."

For the first time since the pre-crisis years before 2008, the commodities boom means central banks are fretting about inflation. The rally will have a political impact, too. With oil back at \$75 a barrel, Saudi Arabia and Russia are back in the driving seat of the global energy market - a remarkable come back from negative prices just over a year ago. The boom is also an unwelcome development for policymakers tackling the climate crisis: rising commodities prices will make the shift more expensive.

China, reliant on raw materials imports to feed millions of factories and building sites, is so nervous the government has tried to force prices lower, threatening crackdowns on speculators and releasing strategic stockpiles. It's worked to some extent - copper has given up all its gains this year - but prices across the complex remain robust: iron ore is still near a record, US steel prices have tripled this year, coal has risen to a 13-year high and natural gas prices are on a tear.

Even after the recent pullback, the Bloomberg Commodities Spot Index, a measure of 22 raw material prices, is up 78% from the March 2020 low when the pandemic first hit. And crude oil, the global economy's most crucial commodity, keeps powering higher as the world emerges from lockdown and the OPEC+ alliance puts a lid on supply. Benchmark Brent prices are up 45% this year, prompting traders and Wall Street banks to talk again about the potential for prices to surpass \$100 a barrel for the first time since 2014.

As prices have surged, so has Wall Street's interest. The annual Robin Hood investor conference, which every year congregates hedge fund luminaries from Paul Tudor Jones to Stanley F Druckenmiller and Ray Dalio, featured a panel on commodities earlier in June - the first time in at least five years the conference has found time to discuss raw materials.



VIEW FROM THE TOP

DUBAI

EMIRATES, one of the first global airlines to pilot the IATA Travel Pass in April, now offers the IATA Travel Pass solution to customers flying to 10 cities and plans to extend it to all routes across its network in the coming weeks.

In addition, Emirates has also partnered with Alhosn, the official UAE application for COVID-19 related contact tracing and health documentation, to offer its customers greater convenience and smoother journeys.

Adel Al Redha, Emirates' Chief Operating Officer said: "Over the past months, we have really accelerated our biometric, contactless and digital travel verification projects to provide our customers with even greater convenience and assurance when they fly with Emirates."

Al Redha added, "From our biometrics path at Dubai International (DXB) to initiatives like the IATA Travel Pass and integrations with the health authority databases, these projects deliver multiple benefits from better customer experiences to the reduced use of paper, and improved efficiency and reliability in travel document checks. We are grateful for the support from

Emirates expands IATA travel pass implementation

the authorities and our industry partners in the successful deployment of these projects which strengthen Emirates and Dubai's world-leading aviation capabilities."

Emirates customers flying between Dubai and the following cities: London, Barcelona, Madrid, Istanbul, New York JFK, Moscow, Frankfurt, Charles De Gaulle, and Amsterdam; can now use IATA Travel Pass to access the latest COVID-19 related travel information including the location of PCR test labs, and manage their COVID-19 travel documentation such as vaccination and latest PCR test results. Passengers on these flights will receive an SMS and email with the activation code and instructions on downloading the IATA Travel Pass app.

The airline is progressing on plans to roll-out the IATA Travel Pass solution across its global network. Since trials began, Emirates has worked closely with IATA and its partners to enhance the IATA Travel Pass experience based on customer feedback. The IATA Travel Pass app is now available to both iOS and Android users, and can also be used by customers with non-biometric



Emirates' chief operating officer, Adel Al Redha.

passports.

From July, Emirates will integrate the Alhosn app with its check-in systems, expanding on its existing integration with the Dubai Health Authority (DHA). This enables

customers travelling from the UAE to benefit from the quick and convenient digital retrieval and verification of COVID-19 medical records, regardless of where in the UAE they had completed their vaccination, or COVID-19 PCR and antigen tests.

Customers who opt to allow access their COVID-19 related health information via the Alhosn app for travel purposes can rest assured that once check-in formalities are completed, information related to their COVID-19 medical records will be immediately discarded from the Emirates systems.

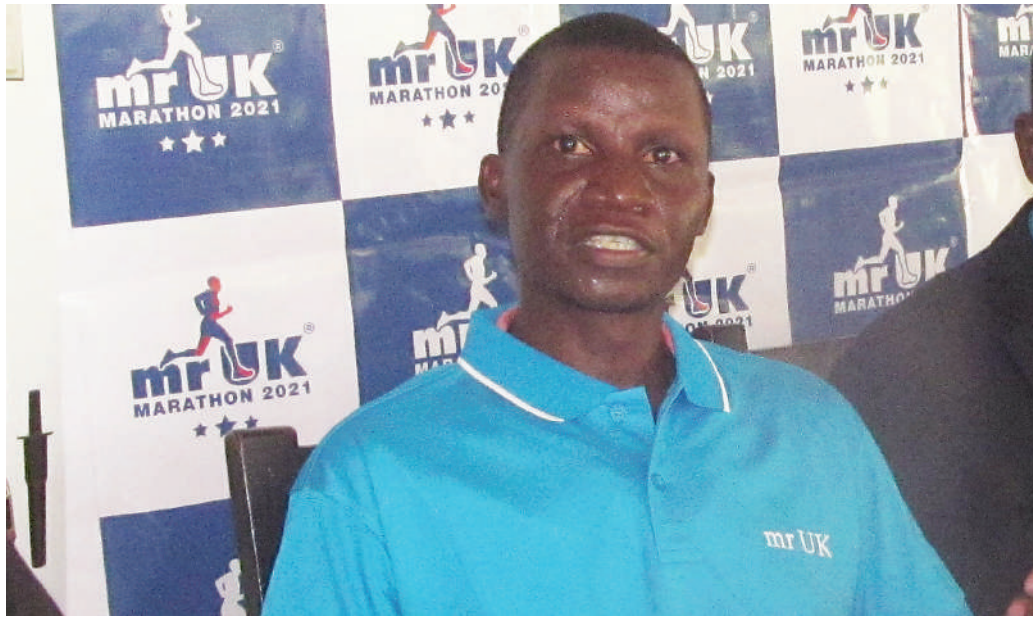
Emirates customers can travel with confidence that every care has been taken to ensure their comfort and health, with comprehensive bio-safety protocols at every step of the journey, generous and flexible booking policies, and

complimentary multi-risk travel insurance including COVID-19 cover with every flight.

The IATA Travel Pass is a digital solution developed by the airline industry body, the International Air Transport Association (IATA). It aims to provide governments, airlines, laboratories and passengers with up-to-date information on COVID-19 related regulations, and facilitate the secure flow of necessary information amongst all stakeholders.

Alhosn is a joint initiative between the UAE Ministry of Health and Prevention and local health authorities and is endorsed by the National Authority for Emergency and Crisis Management. It is the official UAE COVID-19 results app and provides quick access to COVID-19 test results and vaccination information.

SPORT



The maiden Mr UK Dar Marathon's organizing committee member, Nelson Mrashani.

Malaika Music Band now set to perform at Mr UK Dar Marathon

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

PROMINENT Dar es Salaam dance music troupe, Malaika, is expected to entertain patrons at the maiden Mr UK Dar Marathon which is slated for the end of this month at Leaders Club in Dar es Salaam.

Shedrack Profil, Mr UK Company's Finance Officer, said the city's other popular dance music troupe, Mapacha Watatu band, will also perform and there will be more entertainment from various Disc Jockeys (DJs).

He said the event, which will be held under the theme 'Run Towards Investment', is organized by Mr UK Sports Agency.

The official noted that more than 100m/- the organizers hope to raise from the race will be used for operating children that are receiving treatment for hydrocephalus and spine bitide at Muhimbili Orthopedic Institute (MOI).

The marathon will involve three events, Half Marathon, 10km and 5km.

He said the aim of the marathon is to help children suffering from hydrocephalus and spine bitide and, at the same time, promote investment through sports.

The official noted that during the event there will be exhibitions of various products and services.

"We are urging people from all walks of life to come and take part at the Mr UK Dar Marathon which will be held on July 24, there will be lost of entertainment, Malaika Band, which is headed by Christian Bella, and Mapacha Watatu, which is under Jose Mara, and various DJs, will entertain people, the money raised will be handed over to MOI," he said.

Former President, Jakaya Kikwete, is expected to be the guest of honour at the maiden Dar Mr UK Marathon.

Other dignitaries at the event will include Minister for Information, Culture, Arts and Sports, Innocent Bashungwa, Minister for Industry and Investment, Kitila Mkumbo, and other top government

Azam FC in pursuit of victory in remaining Premier League fixtures

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

AZAM FC assistant coach, Vivier Bahati, has said that they are still confident of doing well in their upcoming Vodacom Premier League matches so they can collect three points in each of the fixtures.

The Dar es Salaam side is sitting third in the top flight standings after playing a total of 32 matches, notching 64 points. Simba leads the Premier League with 73 points.

Azam FC settled for a 0-0 draw with Namungo FC in the previous league game, the former also lost a place in the Federation Cup final with a 1-0 loss to Simba in the last four stage.

The highly competitive Federation Cup match was played at Majimaji Stadium in Ruvuma.

Simba midfielder, Luis Miquissone, notched the winning goal, making the most of a quickly taken free kick by Bernard Morrison.

Simba got the free kick a few meters outside Azam FC penalty area as fullback Bruce Kangwa fouled Morrison.

Bahati said: "The fight is still going on and every player knows that we need to win the remaining matches so the main thing is to see to it that we win."

"Fans should continue to support us as every player knows what we need, it's important to do well," he said.

The side had, in the past few months, noted there is a great challenge for it to win the top

officials.

Recently, the Mr UK Sports Agency's official said they are delighted that former President, Jakaya Kikwete, and many top government officials have accepted to take part at the event whose proceeds will help children at MOI.

He promised Mr UK Sports Agency's continued support to social and economic development in the country.

John Hagu, a representative of one of the sponsors of the event, Agro Fresh Limited, said they are committed to reaching out to a lot of needy children in the country through sports.

"I'm from Agro Fresh Limited, one of the sponsors of this year's Mr UK Dar Marathon, we are delighted to be part of the group of companies supporting needy children through sports. We promise to continue supporting," he said.

A MOI neurosurgeon, Juma Mzimhiri, thanked Dar Mr UK Marathon for helping needy children in the country.

Mzimhiri disclosed the money which will be raised will help 100 children suffering from the mentioned diseases to be operated and get to normal condition.

The Mr UK Dar Marathon's organizing committee member, Nelson Mrashani, disclosed cash prizes to be handed over to winners, saying in 21km (both male and female), top 10 winners will be awarded 1m/each.

The event's runners-up will take home 700,000/- apiece and third-placed athletes get 500,000/- apiece.

He said there will also be cash prizes for those who will end fourth to 10th in both categories.

Mrashani stated: "The cash prizes are very attractive as top 10 winners in 21km in both men and women categories shall be awarded, while in 10km race there will be trophies."

"The other good thing is that all those who will compete will receive medals, another unique aspect in our race is that winners in 21km in both categories, who will reach 60 minutes in men and 70 minutes in women, a 1m/- awaits each of them," he said.

flight's title this season due to the wide points' margin between them and Simba.

Simba has played a total of 30 matches, whereas Azam FC has featured in 32 ties.

According to Azam FC information officer, Thabit Zakaria, it is difficult for the team to win the top flight title due to the margin.

The official stated: "It is very clear that it is difficult for us to win the league title due to Simba still having three games in hand."

Zakaria noted: "But that doesn't make us lose hope, we will continue to fight until in the last game."



Azam FC players participate in training in Dar es Salaam recently to shape up for the Vodacom Premier League. PHOTO: COURTESY OF AZAM FC

Azam FC ropes in Zambian midfielder



Charles Zulu. PHOTO: COURTESY OF AZAM FC

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

AZAM FC has sought to go for reinforcement early on, given the club has roped in Zambian midfielder, Charles Zulu.

Zulu that had earlier been playing for South Africa Premier League squad, Cape Town City FC, passed medical tests at Azam FC and has officially signed a contract to join the outfit.

Azam FC has continued to prepare for the next season and last weekend unveiled the midfielder, who is going tipped to improve the squad.

A statement from Azam FC stated: "We are pleased to announce that we have successfully signed Zambian midfielder, Charles Zulu, on a two-year deal from Cape Town City FC of South Africa."

"We signed him after reaching an agreement with Cape Town City FC, where he was playing."

"Zulu, whose agent is Nir Karin, will start serving Azam FC next season, prior to landing in South Africa he was playing for Zambian giants, Zanaco FC."

Zulu, who made a total of 14 appearances in one season at Cape Town City FC, contributed to one goal and two assists at the squad.

The midfielder makes his way to Tanzania to join Azam FC on a two-year

deal, as the Tanzanian club has confirmed the signing of the 25-year-old Zambian midfielder.

Zulu played as a winger for Cape Town City FC and could have scored more goals if he had made more appearances in his debut season, but he now has a new club to prove himself to in his role as winger.

Azam FC has confirmed the signing of Zulu on their social media accounts.

The Dar es Salaam outfit posted: "We are happy to inform you that we have succeeded in capturing the signature of Zambia international, Charles Zulu, for a two-year contract from Cape Town City FC of South Africa."

Azam FC are currently sitting third in the Vodacom Premier League, behind Simba SC in first place, and Yanga in the second place.

Cape Town City FC has also confirmed the player's departure from the club as they took to Twitter showing off pictures of Zulu putting pen to paper in his new Azam FC kit.

In another development, Azam FC striker Prince Dube is likely to miss two league games due to a stomach ache. The striker has already missed two league matches and one Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC) against Simba due to stomach problem.

Commenting on the announcement, Azam FC information officer, Thabit Zakaria, said the striker had been given two weeks off to recover.

"Dube is suffering from chronic abdominal pain and has been given a two-week break so that his health can improve to serve Azam in the remaining two matches will depend on the progress of his health," Zakaria noted.

The Azam FC official said the team's doctors are fighting to ensure the player returns to the pitch to

finish the remaining two matches, the club will confront Simba and Ruvo Shooting.

Zakaria said despite their attacking line-up having many players, Dube's presence in those two matches is significant given the player's record since joining their team this season has been impressive.

Dube is one of the Vodacom Premier League's leading goal scorers after posting 14 goals, John Bocco of Simba has posted the same number of goals.

Dube, who has recently extended his contract with Azam FC, will serve for two years.

He also has three goals in the Federation Cup, with Azam FC exiting the competition in the semi-final following a loss to Simba SC.

Simba SC will lock horns with Yanga in the showpiece's final in Kigoma.

Mtibwa Sugar now optimistic of notching wins in Premier League

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

MTIBWA Sugar FC will be hoping to win their remaining two Vodacom Premier League games to remain in the top flight.

The Morogoro-based side, which has 38 points from 32 games, is expected to play its two final games away at Jamhuri Stadium in Dodoma.

Mtibwa Sugar will, on Wednesday, face Dodoma Jiji FC in a match, which had earlier been postponed, and the former's final top flight game will see them lock horns with JKT Tanzania on

Sunday. Thobias Kifarua, Mtibwa Sugar's information officer, said it will be a tricky trip for his club to Dodoma considering that the league has reached a crucial stage where each team want to win.

He said the two games will, to his club, be treated as a final.

"We have rectified our shortfalls, the two games are going to be a final to us, we will play our lungs out, the players know the importance of winning," he said.

He, however, expressed confidence that they will win the two games, saying it will be suicidal for the team to drop points at this final stage.

"We are fighting to remain in the league, we need the six points at all cost and at the same time pray that others lose, we know it will be tough but we are confident of notching good results," he said.

Mtibwa Sugar are coached by former Gwambina FC head coach, Badru Mohamed, who has experienced mixed results.

The team, under Badru, has managed three wins against Tanzania Prisons, Mbeya City FC and Mwadui FC, lost to Namungo FC and settled for draw with Dar es Salaam's Kinondoni Municipal Council (KMC) FC.

Argentina-Brazil final is possible, but more Messi magic may be needed

By Tim Vickery, ESPN South America correspondent

SOME people are making a fuss about the fact that Lionel Messi has 76 goals for Argentina, just one fewer than Pele's total for Brazil, which is the record for South American male players. Others are making a fuss about the prospect of Copa America glory propelling Messi to another world player of the year award. The man himself, however, is unlikely to be concerned with either topic.

Messi has only ever seen individual awards as the consequence of successful work in a collective context. It is all about the team and now, more than at any other time in his career, the team is Argentina (and not just because, strictly speaking, he does not have a club after his Barcelona contract expired).

He could have been forgiven for throwing in the towel on international football after the shambles that was Argentina's 2018 World Cup campaign, which ended at the round-of-16 stage. Instead, he has gone all in.

For years there was an air of aloofness around Messi, with his self-contained nature said to intimidate other Argentina players. But beginning with the 2019 Copa, he has been different; a vocal, encouraging captain and leader, integrated into the team both as a human being and as a footballer.

Messi dovetails with midfielders Giovanni Lo Celso and Rodrigo De Paul and is developing a relationship with centre-forward Lautaro Martinez. Argentina are a better team than at any time since the 2016 Copa America Centenario and, having reached the latest edition's semifinals, are two games away from a first senior title since 1993. Messi, meanwhile, is two games away from his first senior international title.

Both games will be very difficult, however. Argentina must first get past Colombia on Tuesday and if they do, unless there is a major shock in the other semifinal, will take on Brazil four days later in Rio. In that scenario, the Albiceleste will have to beat the last two teams to have beaten them: Two years ago, Colombia and Brazil earned 2-0 wins in the Copa group stage and semifinals respectively.

Against Colombia, Messi and Co. are in for an epic battle with defensive midfielder Wilmar Barrios, one of the best man markers in the game. There is something of the young Javier Mascherano in the 27-year-old, who is quick across the ground, tough in the tackle, crisp in his passing and loves nothing more than a battle.

The two nations met in a World Cup qualifier in Colombia just before the Copa began. Amazingly, Barrios started on the bench and Colombia quickly caved, conceding two goals in the opening eight minutes. They had to chase the game, and risked leaving themselves open to the counter, but Barrios came on at half-time.

While he dealt with the danger by organizing things in front of his centre-backs, Colombia could concentrate on attack and levelled the scores with the last attack of the game, claiming a vital point on the road to Qatar 2022. Argentina's defence buckled in the end, and

Colombia are set up for a repeat performance on Tuesday.

Coach Reinaldo Rueda appears to have given up on having a playmaker, with the best that Edwin Cardona can hope for is a run off the bench if Colombia are chasing the game.

As such, Barrios will be joined in the middle by another defensive midfielder, while Juan Guillermo Cuadrado will return after suspension to carry out his double role on the right, coming inside to mark and going outside as a winger.

Luis Diaz will attack from the left and Duvan Zapata will lead a two man front line, seeking to bully an defence that looked in danger of leaking against Ecuador in the quarterfinals, when a 3-0 Argentina win was slightly deceptive. They have only scored three times in five games, but Colombia will be quick, direct and physical.

In the other last-four game, on Monday, host nation Brazil will expect to have fewer obstacles against a Peru side lacking the outstanding Andre Carrillo, who was somewhat harshly sent off in the quarterfinal after playing a heroic role against Paraguay.

There is considerable recent history between Brazil and Peru. Five years ago in Foxborough, Mass., a 1-0 win for Peru in the Copa Centenario group stage five years ago condemned Brazil to a humiliating elimination and brought down the curtain on the second reign as coach of Dunga, paving the way for Tite to take charge.

Peru have since won again on American soil -- a 1-0 September 2019 friendly triumph in Los Angeles -- but the spoils in competitive games have gone to Brazil, who won two World Cup qualifiers in Lima and have three wins in Copa America play: 5-0 in the group phase and 3-1 in the final two years ago, as well as -- most recently -- a 4-0 mauling in this tournament's first round.

In the absence of Carrillo, it is hard to see how the Peruvians can stop that run of defeats, not least because Brazil are on the bounce from a disappointing quarterfinal display, where Tite clearly picked the wrong team against Chile.

His 4-4-2, with Gabriel Jesus and Richarlison wide and Neymar and Roberto Firmino central, left the team outnumbered in midfield -- the formation is more suited to attacking games -- but the coach's half-time introduction of an extra attacking midfielder immediately solved the problem when the substitute, Lucas Paqueta, scored the game's only goal.

Moments later, Gabriel Jesus was sent off and his absence through suspension should make it easier to accommodate Paqueta from the kickoff on Monday night, when Peru's biggest ally would seem to be the deplorable state of the pitch at Rio de Janeiro's Nilton Santos stadium.

Tite pleaded that another venue be found for the semifinal, to no avail. CONMEBOL have been spooked by the poor playing surfaces, though, and the Maracana has been relaid ahead of Saturday's final, in the hope of producing a pitch worthy of a great occasion featuring Neymar and Messi, or maybe even Zapata.

England's run down to Southgate, players breaking away from the past



Gareth Southgate's approach has resulted in a squad that is at ease in tournament situations. (Agencies)

By Gabriele Marcotti, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

AFTER nearly a quarter-century living in England and covering the national team for much of that time, I can tell you that this run to the semifinal feels different. (In a good way, I hasten to add, though obviously that does not mean they will win Euro 2020; history shows they usually do not end up with a trophy.)

Make no mistake about it, some things are the same. Few countries, at least among the bigger nations, have the ability to go from ecstasy to dejection based on a single result, for example.

Win and you will hear pundits and fans -- at least those who make the most noise -- talk about how deep down, England can beat anyone and how everyone with Three Lions on their shirt is "world class," or, as they like to say, "thereabouts." Lose and they are inept no-hopers at best, a spoiled, ungrateful bunch of disinterested stains on the national character at worst.

This is not to say media and supporters in other countries do not get carried away when they excel, or turn into angry villagers with pitchforks and torches when they underperform. They certainly do; it is just that there is not normally the 180-degree turnaround from game to game.

But while that part has not changed about England, what has is a lot to do with the man leading the team, Gareth Southgate, and a little to do with the sort of players who comprise his squad. Here are five ways in which this side is different.

1. Southgate is likeable and humble and normal

England's manager is probably more relatable than any of his seven permanent predecessors. Let's remind ourselves that the list includes a guy who lost his job after saying he believed in reincarnation and that people with disabilities were being punished for sins in a former life (Glenn Hoddle), a guy who quit out of the blue in a postgame interview at Wembley (Kevin Keegan), a guy who had an affair with a Football Association employee and who was duped by a man dressed as a wealthy Sheikh (Sven Goran Eriksson), a guy who quit because the FA forced him to strip his captain of the armband (Fabio Capello) and a guy who had to leave after a single game because of an undercover sting that saw him talk about "bypassing rules" to register players (Sam Allardyce).

Now, there is context and another side to all of the above, and none of it means the aforementioned were worse managers than Southgate; in fact, from a purely footballing perspective, most were arguably better. But it does mean that the current England boss has managed to avoid controversy and drama to a degree that others did not. Moreover, he has done it while being humble and ear-

nest, traits that folks find appealing.

2. Southgate is not unduly influenced by the media

Whether it is playing Kieran Trippier at left-back (and not playing Ben Chilwell at all), sticking with Calvin Phillips in midfield, making Raheem Sterling a fixture or starting Bukayo Saka against Germany, Southgate has made a series of decisions that most might describe as well outside popular wisdom. The same popular wisdom, that is, which compelled previous managers to shoehorn Frank Lampard, Steven Gerrard and, occasionally, Paul Scholes into the same midfield.

Nor does Southgate freak out when performances leave critics unsatisfied, like the 0-0 draw against Scotland or the second half against Czech Republic in the group stage, the latter of which saw England contrive to register 0.0 Expected Goals (which is frankly difficult to do).

He has a plan, he sticks to it and he knows that, while short term he might be judged by how well his teams play (and therefore risk a media battering), long term he will be judged by how far they advance in tournaments (so far, so good).

Southgate gets a basic concept that others seem to miss: Club football -- with its 38-game league season -- generally rewards teams that attack and play well, creating more than they concede. Tournament football, on the other hand, is a different animal, where risk-taking is discouraged.

France won at the last World Cup by essentially sitting deep, not conceding and waiting for su-

perstars at the other end to do something special. England have not quite gone that far -- and may not, given Phillips is no Paul Pogba, Declan Rice is no N'Golo Kante, Sterling is no Antoine Griezmann and there is not a Kylian Mbappe in sight -- but the concept is not dissimilar.

3. England's players look like they want to be there

After most tournament disappointments in past years, the English media would run their inquests about what went wrong. This would be a familiar process. The coach's decisions would be criticised (always) and, usually, there would be a grand theory, sometimes involving an individual scapegoat, like David Beckham in 1998 or David Seaman in 2002 or Wayne Rooney most of the time, and sometimes noting a collective dereliction of duty.

Inevitably, another of the sub-themes to come up was whether these players really wanted to wear the Three Lions and whether there were innecine rivalries that ripped the group apart. Eriksson famously remarked how players would eat and hang out with their club teammates, other managers have talked about how players felt "less protected" with England than at club level and others still noted how players felt it was a "chore," given the environment around the national team.

And when things went awry, there was, punctual as ever, a story making its way into the national media. Maybe if England get beaten by Denmark on Wednesday the cycle will be repeated.

I don't think so, though, because there were none

after the World Cup semifinal defeat to Croatia in 2018, and every indication is that unlike in past expeditions, there is no poison in this England camp. Credit for that goes not just to Southgate, but also to this group of players.

4. This group has the right blend of leaders and foot soldiers

There is no question that, in terms of strength in depth, particularly in attacking positions, this England is as strong as any non-French speaking team in Europe. But there is also humility to the players Southgate has entrusted most over the past few weeks. There are very few alpha male, eyes-on-me, superstar types among the regulars, compared to yesteryear.

Rice, Phillips and Jordan Pickford watch the Champions League on TV. The three Man City players are important to their club side without being indispensable, partly because of Pep Guardiola's strong collective ethos, partly because of the talent around them. Mason Mount is not an A-listed yet. Luke Shaw plays for Man United, but has had his share of setbacks. Harry Maguire is a natural leader, but was at Hull City until the age of 24.

The one exception is Harry Kane, who has been carrying Tottenham on his back for many years, but in terms of ego and personality, he will not be mistaken for Zlatan Ibrahimovic anytime soon. It is a blue-collar team for a blue-collar style of play, with plenty of talent and game-changers rotating in and out from the bench, whether it's Jadon Sancho or Phil Foden or Jack Grealish or Saka. This is not a side built around two or three individuals -- arguably, Kane apart, though even then you saw him go for long stretches with no service and he did not complain -- and that makes it different.

5. Success breeds success and confidence

This also feels different for the simple reason that many of the players know what national-team success looks like. England have reached the semifinals of major tournaments just six times, with Southgate and much of this squad having done it twice, just like Sir Alf Ramsey and Co. in 1966 and 1968.

England had gone more than 20 years without reaching the last four of a competition, before Southgate took them there in Russia. It does not mean the pressure is off, but it is not insignificant, because once a cycle begins, it is hard to slow down.

Once you have experience actually achieving something meaningful, it becomes easier to do it again. This England team does not play with swagger, but the players do seem to have a quiet confidence. And that can be even more important.

Southgate's England have managed to break the feedback loop of drama and disappointment. Not by necessarily playing better football or by having better players -- at least in terms of the ones who actually make it onto the pitch -- but in the way they carry themselves and the way the environment in the camp projects beyond them.

It may not be entirely down to the manager. It may be the players. It may be the fans and the media who, after 18 months of pandemic, are just a little more chilled out and happy and wanting to highlight the positives.

It also may or may not be enough to win the Euros, but it is a darn sight different from the past.

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Juma Mgunda

Darts officials in Arusha appeal for boost from local companies

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

AS darts events are being revived in Arusha, the officials of Arusha Regional Darts Association (ARDA) here are now also appealing for support from members of the community as well as sponsorship from local companies to boost the sport.

"Operating costs are escalating and ARDA does not have any form of investments," explained the Arusha Regional Darts Association's Chairman, Tareto Kitili.

The official pointed out most of darts players play on a voluntary basis and incur all expenses related with competitions, including transport, practice and equipment.

Speaking during a two-day darts bonanza, held at the Usa-River Darts Club arena in Meru over the weekend, Kitili, who once also served as Tanzania Darts Association (TADA)'s Vice-Chairman, was of the view that the board game is still an important form of recreational sports, which needs to be promoted in order to ferry the events beyond the region, nationwide and missile into international boards.

Five clubs participated in last weekend's Arusha Darts Bonanza in Meru, including Magereza, Usa-River, Mapigano, VIP, and Ngaramtoni Darts Club.

Magereza Darts Club of Kisongo clinched the event's title, followed by Usa-River Darts Club, with Mapigano Darts Club coming third.

Darts player, John Massawe from Ngaramtoni Darts Club, was named the bonanza's best player, while Joachim Jacob from VIP Club became the second-best, Haruna Issa from Magereza Club finished third among this list.

"The Usa-River-held bonanza was staged in preparation towards the Regional Darts League planned for the next month," the ARDA boss said.

The ARDA Propagation Secretary, George Massawe, insisted that a series of these events aim at reviving the sport's interest among locals.

Massawe remembered with melancholy the past years when firms used to support and sponsor darts events in the country and make the sport popular across the nation, saying he wished that era would return again.

The TADA Secretary General, Victor Kimambo, said the main thing was to revive defunct or dormant darts clubs so that the annual TADA calendar can also be brought back to life, starting with national events in Dodoma in the near future.

Simba SC focuses on KMC FC game



Simba SC players participate in training in Dar es Salaam recently to shape up for the Vodacom Premier League. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

SIMBA SC head coach, Didier Gomes, has said his team's focus is now on tomorrow's Vodacom Premier League's clash against Kinondoni Municipal Council (KMC) FC at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

Simba SC play away to KMC FC tomorrow and the coach said after his outfit's 1-0 defeat to age-old rivals, Yanga, on Saturday, the focus is on the game against KMC FC.

"The results on Saturday are water under the bridge, it is painful but life has to go on and we are now focusing on our Wednesday match, my players are covering from the defeat and hopefully by Wednesday they will be ready," he said.

Gomes said he is optimistic of seeing his side collect maximum points on Wednesday.

"We are determined to collect maximum points, our aim is to defend the Premier League's silverware and I'm hopeful of that," he said.

Habib Kondo, KMC FC assistant coach, said he watched the Simba SC against Yanga match and he has analyzed Simba's strength and weakness and expects good results for his outfit in tomorrow's game.

He, however, said the match will be tough as Simba will come out with all guns blazing.

"We expect a tough match but the players are ready for the match, the good thing is that I have watched Simba play Yanga

and I analyzed Simba's weaknesses and strengths. I am working on a game plan which will see my team collect maximum points," he said.

Both KMC FC and Simba recorded unfavorable results in their previous Premier League games.

They both lost their clashes, as KMC FC went down 1-0 to Dodoma Jiji FC, Simba lost 1-0 to Yanga.

The KMC FC is sitting sixth with 42 points from 31 games while Simba holds the first spot in the league table with 73 points from 30 matches.

In this season's last game bringing together KMC FC and Simba, the game ended with Simba winning 1-0 courtesy of John Bocco's goal.

Juma Mgunda out to help Coastal Union survive relegation

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

COASTAL Union head coach, Juma Mgunda, has said that his team's preparations for the remaining Vodacom Premier League matches are well underway and they believe they will get positive results.

The Tanga side's next league clash will see them confront league leaders Simba SC at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on July 11.

Coastal Union are set to do so, as Simba SC succumbed to defeat in their game against Yanga at the same venue on Saturday.

Simba will lock horns with Kinondoni Municipal Council (KMC) FC at the venue on Wednesday.

Mgunda said preparations for their game against Simba SC, which will be played on July 11, are going well, and they believe they will get positive results.

The tactician pointed out the competition is fierce and every team needs a victory, but the need for three points for his squad is very high, so they will make sure they beat Simba in order to keep their Premier League survival hopes alive.

Mgunda disclosed: "The players are doing well as every player knows that we need a win in our remaining matches, we have to fight, so, our fans should continue to supporting us."

"Everyone needs to see that we restore confidence in our remaining games and that is possible especially considering that each team needs to get three points," he added.

Coastal Union currently sits 17th on the league log with 34 points, with relegation looming.

The North East Tanzanian team will hope they win their next fixtures while other teams drop points in order for them to remain in the country's top flight football.

Mgunda's side are without a win in their last five matches, witnessing four defeats in a row before posting a draw in their last match at home against Tanzania Prisons at Mkwakwani Stadium.

Simba SC faced all sort problems during their league fixture against Yanga when they lost 1-0 to the latter.

It has been Simba's third league defeat of the season although they are still on top of the league with 73 points after 30 games, three points ahead of Yanga, who are on 70 points with 32 games played.

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