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A Tanzania People's Defence Forces hearse carrying the casket bearing the body of former President Dr John Magufuli enters Jamhuri Stadium in Dodoma city yesterday ready for the national funeral. Photos: Guardian Correspondent



President Samia Suluhu Hassan consoles Dr Magufuli's widow, Janeth Magufuli, at the national funeral at Dodoma city's Jamhuri Stadium yesterday.

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Members of the Tanzania People's Defence Forces carry the casket bearing the body of former President Dr John Magufuli at the national funeral at Dodoma's Jamhuri Stadium yesterday.



Dr Magufuli's widow, Janeth, pictured during the state funeral in Dodoma yesterday leaning on the coffin bearing the late president's body - sobbing.



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Speaking at the Jamhuri Stadium ceremony in the capital, the leaders termed the late Magufuli as a true son of Africa who will be honoured by everyone.

Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta said President Magufuli was a respected leader in East Africa and the world.

"Magufuli showed the world that Africans have the ability to stand on their own," he said, adding:

"I am here to mourn a close friend. We used to talk on a daily basis and exchanged ideas concerning our countries as well as the future of the East African Community (EAC)."

Kenyatta said that Africans witnessed how Magufuli spent most of his time implementing several strategic projects which have transformed Tanzania's development.

"We will work together with the new President-Samia Suluhu Hassan towards uniting the people of East Africa," said Kenyatta.

President Cyril Ramaphosa from South Africa said that Magufuli was a focused leader who stood out as a warrior against corruption.

"Magufuli did not like traveling, he preferred to stay at home and at one time I thought he was afraid of flying, but when I had a chat with him, he assured me that he would rather stay at home and serve the people than travel overseas," he said.

"He was one of the new generation leaders who waged war against corruption; he believed leaders should work for the people and not for themselves," he said.

The South African leader said Magufuli's focus on economic development is commendable. He also expressed the wish that South Africa embraces Kiswahili, noting that measures have been taken to include the language in the school curriculum.

"Kiswahili will be taught at our schools in his honour," he affirmed.

Botswana President Mokgweetsi Masisi said that Magufuli was a great teacher just like the late Julius Nyerere. "He influenced us in Botswana to start speaking Kiswahili. We have started using Kiswahili in our school curriculums," he stated, promising the newly sworn-in president that Botswana will work closely with the government of Tanzania.

Comorian President Azali Assoumani said the Comoros and its people are with Tanzania in mourning the passing of President Magufuli. He said the death of President Magufuli is not only a tragedy for Tanzania but the whole of Africa and the world at large.

"The African continent has lost a great and important leader who had a positive vision to transform the continent and its people. Comoro has been greatly affected by the death of this leader because he stood as a catalyst of change who always preached for unity, peace and development," he said.

Malawian President Lazarus Chakwera said the passing of the finest African leader is a huge tragedy for the whole continent.

"Dr Magufuli was a true pan-Africanist who loved to see his people developing for better and the example of his excellent leadership is incomparable," he declared.

"166 days ago, President Magufuli and I had dinner together at the State House in Dar es Salaam,

but I did not know that it would be our last such event. The following day, he saw me off the apron of Julius Nyerere International Airport, but I did not know that it would be our last goodbye," the president recalled.

He urged fellow Heads of States in the continent to emulate Magufuli's leadership to push Africa forward.

"Madam President (Samia), we promise that we will stand with you, Tanzanians and all Malawians will be with you," he declared.

Zambian President Edgar Lungu said the late President Magufuli was a visionary and fearless leader who worked to transform Tanzania.

"We have lost a great leader, he was not only transformational but also a great friend of mine. We are here mourning with you, our prayers are with Tanzanians and his family," said the Zambian leader.

Zimbabwe President Emmerson Mnangagwa said Tanzanians have lost a great leader who worked to fast-track the country's development. He said Magufuli wanted to see Tanzania and the whole continent transforming into an improved, inclusive and industrial economy through strengthening intra-regional trade and other spheres of collaboration.

"He always called on the region's leaders to stand together and supervise good governance for the development of its people. He stood firm to speak and campaign for the Western alliance to remove economic sanctions imposed on Zimbabwe," he said.

In 2019, Tanzania was the first country to donate tonnes of food to Zimbabwe soon after the devastation arising from a pronounced tropical cyclone.

"We will work closely with President Samia to ensure that the desired development vision is attained for mutual benefits," he said.

Felix Tshisekedi, president of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) said the African continent has seen itself in gloom and orphanage after losing its loving and strong leader Dr Magufuli.

"He was a hero, a true leader who had a great vision to achieve various goals for Tanzania and the whole of Africa. We, the remaining leaders should ensure that we fulfill what was established by President Magufuli," he said.

President Filipe Nyusi of Mozambique said: "We will continue promoting Kiswahili as one of the teaching languages in Mozambique to honour our true leader."

He said the Mozambican people recognize the contribution of Tanzania during the struggle of liberation many years ago and will continue honoring ideals of humanity.

Dr Nangolo Mbumba, the Vice President of Namibia said President Magufuli was a fighter and leader of the whole African continent.

Rwanda's Prime Minister Édouard Ngirente said his government worked closely with President Magufuli in implementing various initiatives which aimed to transform development in the two countries.

"He was a great leader who worked hard to see the people improving. Rwanda is mourning with you and we promise to continue working closely with Tanzania," he asserted.

Prosper Bazombanza, Vice President of Burundi said the late President Magufuli was a leader for all Africans and he loved to see the continent transforming for the better.

Magufuli, 61, died in office from a heart condition on March 17 in the country's commercial capital Dar es Salaam. He will be buried in his native village in Chato district of Geita Region on Friday.



Zimbabwean President Emmerson Mnangagwa pays his last respects to former President Dr Magufuli in Dodoma city yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Samia: JPM death was a personal loss

By Henry Mwangonde

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan yesterday described the death of the late president John Pombe Joseph Magufuli as a personal loss of a mentor and true adviser who always wanted to see things done the right way.

Speaking during a state funeral in Dodoma, President Samia said the late president Magufuli used to follow up on every task at hand and that at times he would call early in the morning to insist.

"For six years that he has led Tanzania, he stood up for building a strong economy for the betterment of all by ensuring that basic services such as water, electricity education and were available to the majority of the people," she said.

The president said the late Magufuli did not like traveling; he dedicated the job to her saying this was as if he knew what would happen later hence gave her the chance to get experienced.

"For some of us who knew him saw a loving and kind

leader who hid his generosity in his actions and seriousness that he had on everything he did," she said.

She asked for support from retired leaders, noting that she banked on them for advice, insisting that nothing will go wrong.

She went on to encourage regional leaders who attended the ceremony that Tanzania will continue to work with the international community the same way it did during the late Magufuli's period in office.

During the event, Presi-

dent Samia reminded public officials and citizens alike that she was the country's leader and commander in-chief.

"Let me tell you that this person standing here is the president of Tanzania; let me repeat: the person standing here is the president of Tanzania and she is a woman," the president surmised, receiving wide ranging applause from the gathering.

President Samia said the last time she talked to the late president Magufuli was

when she was on her way to Tanga when he assured her that he was doing fine.

"President Magufuli was a man who in a very short time received praises from all over because of the good work that he was doing. We will miss him all," she declared.

The late President Magufuli was known as a non-sense leader by many but still he was a humorous leader who loved jokes at times he would call just to joke around.

Uhuru Kenyatta: Magufuli taught us that Africa can do without foreign aid

NAIROBI

President Uhuru Kenyatta yesterday mourned late Tanzanian President John Pombe Joseph Magufuli as the man who showed that Africa can succeed without having to depend on foreign aid, a distinguishingly pan-African approach adopted by the departed leader.

In his tribute, Kenyatta, who is also the current East African Community (EAC) chairman, said Dr Magufuli had shown that the continent can keep its head held high and finance most of its projects from revenues collected from within without depending on foreigners, whose aid often comes with many conditions.

"In a very short span of time, President Magufuli has shown that we as Africans are able to disentangle ourselves from the dependence of foreigners and that we have the ability to manage our own economy and ensure that our people get what is rightful to them," President Kenyatta said in Dodoma during Dr Magufuli's requiem mass.

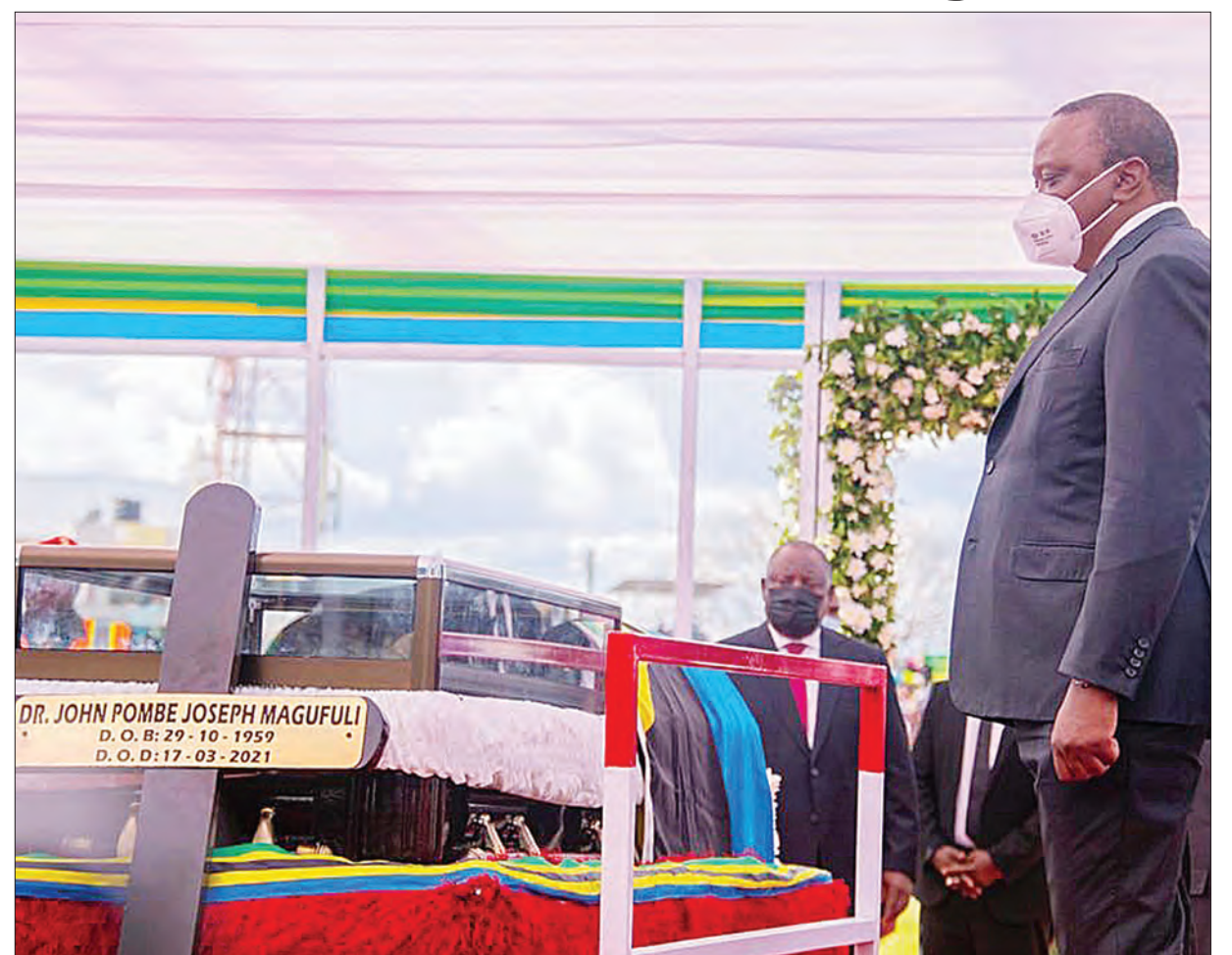
The late president often criticised foreign aid, arguing that Tanzania, and indeed the African continent, had the power to fund its own projects domestically.

Under Dr Magufuli, the IMF listed Tanzania among the fastest growing sub-Saharan economies, averaging 6 per cent.

Last year, the World Bank admitted the country into the list of Lower Middle Income Economies, although the final process is due to be finalised by end of 2023.

Dr Magufuli initiated various infrastructure projects such as the Bagamoyo port construction, the planned oil pipeline from Uganda, the Standard Gauge Railway and capital injection into Air Tanzania.

Besides Kenyatta, the mass was also attended by South African President Cyril Ramaphosa, Malawi's Lazarus Chakwera, Zimbabwe's Emmerson Mnangagwa,



Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta pays his last respects to former President Dr John Magufuli in Dodoma city yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Botswana's Mokgweetsi Masisi, Zambia's Edgar Lungu, Filipe Nyusi of Mozambique, Hage Geingob of Namibia, Azali Assoumani of Comoros, and Democratic Republic of Congo's Felix Tshisekedi.

In his speech, President Kenyatta praised Magufuli's record in putting up hospital buildings, road construction, electricity distribution, all of which he said saw tremendous improvements within a short span of time.

"Magufuli was a friend" He termed Dr Magufuli as a friend with whom he

consulted regularly on the EAC, the region, and the economy.

"We spoke every now and then, day and night. We would exchange ideas on our respective countries. His death hit hard... he was respectful," Kenyatta said during his speech today. "I had to personally come and pay my respects to him," he added.

He also vowed to ensure that the East African integration dream comes to fruition.

To new Tanzanian president Samia Suluhu Hassan, President Kenyatta asked

her to follow the path as he promised to hold her hand as she takes over the reigns in the neighbouring country.

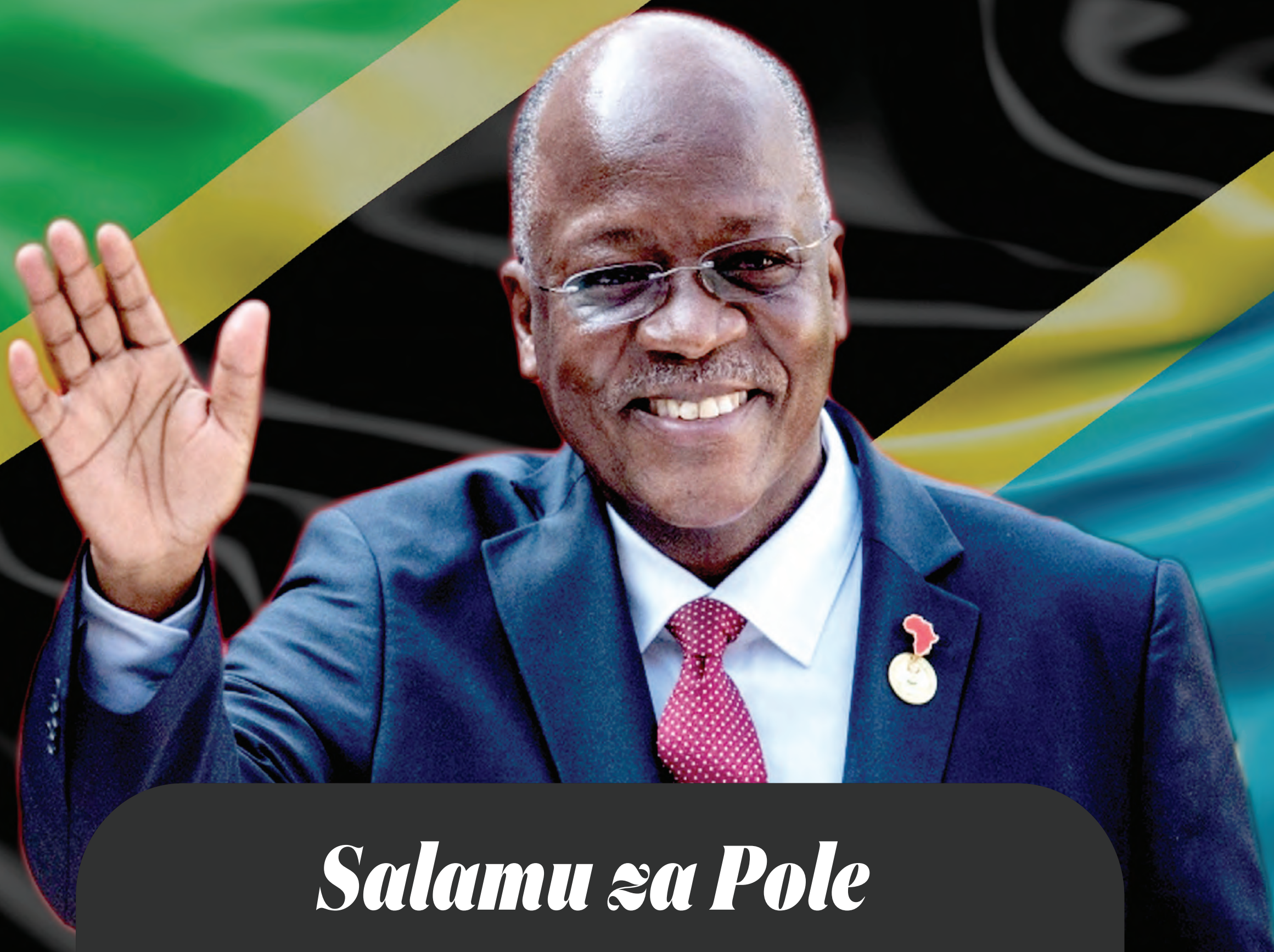
"We will keep doing what we have been doing to keep the East African spirit alive and to bring our people together. I assure you that we will walk this journey together and bring the region together and the continent as one," President Kenyatta said.

He went on: "I have no doubt that my sister [President] Suluhu, you have been shown the road, it has been opened, go ahead."

In his speech, President Ramaphosa, who is the current African Union chairperson, celebrated Dr Magufuli as a true pan-African whose vision to have Swahili as a language of the continent lives on.

"He was a true pan-Africanist who believed the culture of forefathers should be remembered. He wanted us as a nation to embrace Swahili which we have already introduced in our curriculum. In his honor, this will continue across our schools," President Ramaphosa said.

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Members of the Parliament queue in Dodoma city yesterday to pay their last respects to former President Dr John Magufuli. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

Mbeya residents mourn and Dr Magufuli

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

MANY Mbeya residents and government officials were seen openly crying, some of who rolled on the ground during special prayers organized to pray for the nation following the death of President John Magufuli on March 17 this year.

The prayers at the weekend were held at the Sokoine Stadium and organised by the office of the Regional Commissioner and incorporated citizens, government officials, religious and traditional leaders.

Mbeya District Commissioner William Ntinika was the first to weep and rolled onto the ground, the incident that saw first aid officials rushing towards him and took him to the place occupied by other leaders.

After Ntinika was removed and prayers continued, people who attended also started crying loudly with some falling to the ground, the situation that posed difficult time for first aiders.

Speaking at the event, Mbeya Regional Commissioner Albert Chalamila appealed to Mbeya region residents to remain calm dur-

ing this difficult period of grief for the nation.

He told them not to pain themselves from the passing away of Dr Magufuli because God loved him more, and urged them to continue praying for the nation.

"But also we should pray for our new President, Samia Suluhu Hassan to lead us during this difficult period of grief, as well as for the remaining four years," the RC said.

Some religious leaders who were given the opportunity to speak at the event called on the people to continue praying for the late Dr Magufuli for all the good he did while looking upon God as he used to stress himself.

Member of Mbeya Region's National Muslim Council (BAKWATA), Sheikh Ayoub Shupavu, appealed to the people to continue praying for the new President, Samia Suluhu Hassan to continue having the vision held by her predecessor, including implementation of various projects he has left behind.

For his part, ELCT Bishop for Konde Diocese Edward Mwaikali said the late Dr Magufuli was God's choice.

Grief and anguish rein at Parliament grounds as legislators pay last respects

By Guardian Correspondent,

Dodoma

'A voice is heard in Dodoma, mourning and great weeping, residents weeping for Dr John Pombe Magufuli and refusing to be comforted, because he was no more'.

Grief, anguish and weeping yesterday reined at Parliament grounds in Dodoma at the event to pay last respects to the late President Dr John Magufuli, while the Speaker of Parliament Job Ndogai disclosed his last conversation in which the late President

phoned him to tell him where he was to be buried after his death.

Ndogai said Dr Magufuli's death has been engulfed in much grief as Tanzanians have lost their strong leader - man of the people.

"Our responsibility as a nation is to continue praying for him, today I would have liked to give opportunity to at least three legislators to convey their condolences, but the time is very short, hence on March 30 during a Parliament session

we will have in place a procedure for our own resolution

on the sad passing," he said.

He said it was hard for him to forget the late Dr Magufuli due to the closeness between them as he frequently used to phone him to discuss various issues of the country.

"I remember one day the late President rang me and asked where shall I be buried when I die. I answered him that I will be buried at my home place in Kongwa. He also asked me where he (Magufuli) should be buried when he dies, and responded that he will have to be buried at Dodoma because he was responsible for the socio -

economic of the government capital. He told me no. I would like to be buried at my home place Chato," Ndogai recounted.

He said the late President Magufuli was part of the Parliament for 26 years, hence the event to pay him last respects has been engulfed with unbearable grief to them as Members of the Parliament.

He added: "This House entrance, as well as the one for Msekwa hall were the ones used by the late Dr Magufuli during his 26 years in Parliament since he was first elected MP in 1995, and today it is

much grief, Tanzanians are crying, and we say "Thank very much God for giving to us Dr Magufuli."

The body of the late Dr Magufuli arrived at Parliament grounds at 8.05am and when some MPs saw the convoy coming they started crying loudly.

After the bier was offloaded, Ndogai called for calm so that a schedule for paying last respects should immediately start.

He started by giving the stand to three MPs each of who made short prayers for the late President.

The first MP was Shally Raymond who was Chairman for Catholic MPs, and was followed by Anna Lupembe, Chairperson for Protestant MPs and then Omary Ally, Wete MP who read prayers on behalf of Muslim MPs.

Thereafter Ndogai invited Deputy Speaker Dr Tulia Ackson who said her holding of the Chair was greatly contributed by the late President.

"Today I will not speak much due to the difficult environment, but Hon. Speaker, you know my history, the one to who we are today saying farewell to him contributed a

lot in me holding the position I have now," she said.

She said during his entire presidency, the late Dr Magufuli strived to do what was good even though there are people who deride him by saying they have never seen his good deeds.

Dr Tulia said she hopes the late President died after he had already accomplished all that God gave him to accomplish during his life.

She also said they hold high hopes that the new President, Samia Suluhu Hassan will lead Tanzanians during this difficult period.

Parliament to use JPM's speech as executive yardstick - Speaker

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo

THE National Assembly will use the late President John Magufuli's 12th Parliament inaugural speech as a yardstick to ensure the country achieves the targeted goals of building a robust and competitive economy.

In his speech, the departed leader talked of developing economic sectors with much emphasis on developing the main sectors of the economy including agriculture, livestock, fishing, industry, mining, business and tourism.

National Assembly Speaker, Job Ndogai made the remarks in Dodoma yesterday before Members of Parliament bid farewell to pay respects to late President Magufuli who died on March 17th 2021 at Mzena Hospital in Dar es Salaam aged 61.

"The August House will continue to embrace President Magufuli and make use of his 82-page inaugural speech as a yardstick to ensure the country attains the set 2025 economic development vision," Speaker Ndogai asserted.

He added that Magufuli's speech comprised his economic vision for Tanzania in five years to come, which among others include a number of economic viable projects as well as endeavors that were targeted at transforming the country into a middle income nation by 2025 and job creation.

Ndogai added: "As the key state pillar in supervision and implementation of economic projects in the country, I have realized that it is prudent to often refer to President Magufuli's valiant speech to plug loopholes likely to go astray his reputable economic legacy."

He assured legislators that the National Assembly will work tirelessly to ensure the country's economic development goals are attained. He said successful implementation of the various projects would enable Tanzanians to graduate from poverty. In his speech, the late President Magufuli also talked on the private sector whereas he emphasized on improving business environment and investment climate noting the sector is crucial for the country's economic growth.

He told the MPs that the government will improve systems for availability of investment capital to smallholder farmers and investors to ensure food security in the country and production of raw materials enough for local industries and ensure there is surplus food for export.

In the coming five years, President Magufuli said that horticulture farming would be one of potential areas for the government to focus on, and ensure that it attracts and generates foreign currency for the country.



Simanjiro district commissioner Zephania Chaula (2nd-L) and Mining Commission chairman Prof Idris Kikula (2nd-R) in discussion with Simanjiro district administrative secretary Zuwena Omary (R) and tanzanite mining stakeholder Fatuma Kikuyu at Mirerani over the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Gift Thadey

45,000 people including foreigners expected in Geita for the funeral

By Guardian Reporter

MORE than 45,000 people from various areas in the country as well as outside the country are expected to participate in the funeral of the late John Magufuli on March 26 at his home Chato District, Geita Region.

However, foreigners who plan to go to Chato for the funeral have been told to stay in neighbouring regions as the town's accommodation was already full.

This was said yesterday by the Geita Regional Commissioner Robert Gabriel to reporters and the region's CCM elders.

RC Gabriel called on all guests to travelling to Gei-

ta to first look for accommodation to homes of relatives and other people they know instead of hotels and guest houses.

He said beginning March 15 the number of guests have been increasing and assured security will be beefed up.

In regard to the day for paying last respects to the late Dr Magufuli, the RC advised the people to stay at their homes and other special centres and follow the event via TV screens instead of needing to go to his residence are to the burial place.

He added many people could miss the opportunity to witness the event if they will all want to go to the place of burial.

Geita Region's CCM Publicity Secretary David

Azaria said he would have liked to see the body of the late President to take the road route to enable many Geita residents to pay their last respects.

Azaria said Mwananzia region has been given the opportunity to pay last respects to the late Dr Magufuli after which he would like to see other people do the same along the road.

Geita Town has remained calm since the announcement of the Dr Magufuli's death on March 17 while many people have been displaying their grief whenever they speak.

In another development, classrooms are expected to be used to accommodate visitors going to Chato for the late President John Magufuli's burial on Friday.

Beginning yesterday all primary and secondary schools have been closed until after the funeral.

Pascally Lutandura, a small gold miner in Chato District says he has bought small mattresses that he will take to classrooms for the anticipated guests.

He said he has done so to ensure guests coming to Chato get accommodation when attending the burial.

Meanwhile, the association of motor cycle (bodaboda) drivers in Chato district has written a letter to the District Commissioner for permit to participate in the burial.

The association's Chairman, James Andrew told this paper that the late Dr Magufuli assisted many youths.



Mary Massawe, a student of Mpirani Secondary School at Mabogini in Moshi Rural District, reads recommendations made by an NGO known as Tusonge on ways to eradicate violence against women and children. Photo: Godfrey Mushi

Tamwa asks parents to take extra precautions

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

THE Tanzania Media Women's Association (TAMWA) in Zanzibar has urged parents, especially women, to take extra precautions when they go to pay their last respect to the former President John Magufuli so that they return home safely.

The association issued the warning following reports of stampede at the Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam during the farewell ceremony where due to overcrowding there were also incidents of trampling which resulted in injuries and loss of properties.

TAMWA Zanzibar Director, Dr Mzuri Issa said in a statement that when such violence occurs, the most vulnerable are women and children, "so it is important for parents and guardians to take precautions."

On that basis, she said: "We strongly urge parents not to take children in such events to protect them from being trampled and other related problems." Dr Mzuri also stressed the need for the public to observe health related rules and regulations.

"TAMWA Zanzibar wishes all the best to all people in bidding farewell to the body of our beloved former President and we pray to God to secure the operation so that the body can finally be safely relocated," she said.

In another develop-

ment, Zanzibar government has announced that today is public holiday to provide an opportunity for the people to pay their last respect to the fallen leader.

Minister of State in the Second Vice President's Office (Policy, Procedures and Zanzibar House of Reps), Dr Khalid Salum Mohamed said in a statement that the body of the national leader will arrive at the Amani Stadium at around 7:45.

Meanwhile, Mjini Magharib's Regional Commissioner Idrissa Mustafa said all preparations for the reception and farewell have been completed, calling on citizens, various political, religious, public and private leaders to turn out in large numbers to bid farewell to the fallen president.

He also called on heads of public and private institutions to encourage their employees to come forward and participate in paying of final respects.

"We urge the public to come forward, from the airport to line up on the road to pay their respects even by just waving," he said.

He said it was a great honor given to Zanzibar because it is the first time that a head of state is bid farewell in the Isles.

We have lost a patriotic leader, former MPs say

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

RETIRED Members of Parliament who worked with the late President John Magufuli have hailed him saying the nation has lost a hero and a patriotic leader who loved his country.

Former Kikwajuni legislator, Parmukhi Hoogan Singh said the late Magufuli was one of the innovative leaders. Singh said that his ability to lead and work for the people was firstly witnessed when he was appointed as the Minister for Works.

"He was good at responding to MPs questions in the National Assembly," said Singh.

According to him, the late Magufuli shined within and outside the country shortly after he was elected Union President in 2015 with his popular slogan "Hapa Kazi Tu". He said Magufuli was vigilant in supervising and managing large projects especially those in the construction sector. He said the various initiatives undertaken by the late Magufuli to fight against corruption enabled Tanzania to be considered by the World Bank as the lower-middle income status in 2020.

Gaps linger in Tanzania's readiness to deploy vaccines to fight Covid-19

By Guardian Reporter

A RECENT World Bank assessment has showed that most of the countries have developed national vaccination plans and have safety measures in place, including systems for reporting adverse reactions.

It said only 30 percent of the countries have developed plans to train the large number of vaccinators who will be needed and only 27 percent have created social mobilisation and public engagement strategies to encourage people to get vaccinated.

The assessment was conducted by WB in collaboration with governments, World Health Organisation (WHO), UNICEF, the Global Fund and GAVI. It was conducted in 128 low- and middle-income countries.

Vice President for Human

Development at the World Bank, Mamta Murthi said: "Many developing countries are in the midst of preparing aggressive Covid-19 vaccine delivery plans."

Murthi added: "While most countries are well enough prepared to begin inoculating their populations, there are still important gaps that must urgently be addressed for wide, large scale vaccination rollouts to succeed."

The World Bank is providing \$12 billion for developing countries to purchase and distribute Covid-19 vaccines, tests, and treatments and strengthen health and vaccination systems to ensure that vaccines get to those who need them. According to the official, the vaccination programmes will reach over 40 countries in the near-term, amounting to \$3 billion out of the \$12 billion available.

The readiness assessments was meant to help governments and healthcare professionals better understand and manage the complex task of vaccinating large adult populations in a very short time-frame. Although countries have gaps in readiness, most have prepared well enough across most essential areas to begin their immunization drives as soon as they receive vaccines.

Existence of well-functioning child immunization national delivery systems is not a strong predictor of country readiness to deliver vaccines for adults, such as Covid-19 vaccines.

A weak correlation between GDP and readiness indicates that countries with more developed economies are not necessarily better prepared for massive vaccination programmes.



SALAMU ZA RAMBIRAMBI



Bodi ya Wakurugenzi, Menejimenti na Wafanyakazi wa Benki ya CRDB inatoa pole kwa Mhe. Rais Samia Suluhu Hassan, Rais wa Zanzibar Mhe. Dkt. Hussein Mwinyi, Waziri Mkuu Mhe. Kassim Majaliwa, Mama Janeth Magufuli, familia na Watanzania wote kwa kuondokewa na aliyekuwa Rais wa Jamuhuri ya Muungano wa Tanzania Mh. Dkt. John Pombe Magufuli.

Hakika Taifa letu limeondokewa na kiongozi shupavu, mchapakazi, mwadilifu na mzalendo kwa nchi yake. Benki ya CRDB daima itamkumbuka Mh. Dkt. John Pombe Magufuli kwa uongozi wake uliotukuka, na maono yake katika kujenga Tanzania iliyo imara kiuchumi.

Katika kipindi hiki kigumu kwa Taifa letu, Benki ya CRDB inaungana na Serikali, familia na Watanzania wote kuomboleza kifo cha mpendwa wetu.

Mwenyezi Mungu ailaze roho ya mpendwa wetu mahala pema peponi, Amen!

Morogoro-based college launches One-Stop Centre for GBV victims

By Beatrice Philemon

AS part of efforts to end Gender Based Violence (GBV) in Morogoro Region, the Jordan University College has established One Stop Centre (OSC) where women and girls will report the incidents.

Assistant Lecture at Jordan University College-Morogoro, Asifiwe Ali-nanuswe said this at the just ended one-day dialogue to discuss the International Labour Organisation (ILO) Violence and Harassment Convention, C 2019 that was organised by ActionAid Tanzania.

"We started constructing the centre last year, it will be located at the university," he said adding the centre will be operational from June this year.

The centre will offer advisory and legal services to women and children, he said.

He called on women and children across the region to make use of the established centre by reporting all the GBV cases. He said the university established the centre as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

"We have decided to support women and children because they are mostly affected. We aim at helping them to access their rights," he said.

Highlighting on violence and harassment, he said that ILO has come up with new convention to eliminate violence and harassment at workplaces in both informal and formal sectors.

The convention covers employees, trainees, retrenched workers, job seekers, volunteers, employers and others in the formal and informal sectors.

"Once the convention is ratified by the government it will promote human dignity, help workers to have decent work and promote social justice," he said.

So far Tanzania has so many workers engaged in the informal sector, with the majority of them complaining about violence and harassment at workplaces.

"We need to take serious measures to prevent violence and harassment and promote decent work at workplaces because decent work delivers fair income, security and social protection for workers and families," he noted.

Coordinator of the Tanzania Conservation, Hotels, Domestic and Allied Workers' Union (CHODAWU) in Zanzibar Fransica Clement said in a bid to promote decent work, gender equality in the workplace is very important.

"Women should be treated equally to men in workplaces because they have stepped-up with high levels of education. However, most women are still paid less salaries compared to men," she claimed.

According to her women and men can both be at risk of GBV but women and girls are mostly affected. She called upon employers to ensure paid leave for women entitled for maternity leave.



Iringa Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Authority manager David Pallangyo (R) pictured at the weekend briefing journalists on this year's upcoming Water Week commemoration. Photo: Correspondent Friday Simbaya

TFS: SAO Hill plants over 16m trees in past five years

By Correspondent Friday Simabya, Mufindi

SAO Hill Forest Plantation (SHFP) has planted a total of 16,312,813 trees on 14,683 hectares over the past five years, according to the Tanzania Forest Service (TFS).

The planted trees include Pines for timber and paper production as well as Eucalyptus for the production of electric poles.

TFS Conservation Commissioner, Dos Santos Silayo made the revelation when speaking to members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Land, Natural Resources and Tourism who visited the plantation. He noted that the significant investment in the plantation focuses on ensuring reliable availability of raw materials.

He added that the plantation management has been undertaking various initiatives to en-

sure the trees grow accordingly and protecting the farms by conducting patrols.

"Measures have been taken to enhance fire control and improvement of roads and bridges within the park," he said. The SHFP has been allocating budget each financial year for projects under its Cooperate Social Responsibility policy. The projects are meant to contribute to development of people surrounding the plantation. He said through the CSR projects, residents participate in protecting the tree farms as they benefit with conservation activities.

Silayo added that from 2016/2017 to now, TFS through SHFP has donated 4,162 school desks worth 291,340,000/- to primary and secondary schools in Iringa, Njombe, Rukwa, Singida, Mbeya and Ruvuma regions.

He however informed the MPs that the plantation faces various challenges which hinder

its expansion efforts. The challenges include land disputes with villagers and institutions bordering the forest. The involved villages are Mapanda, Usokami, Igeleke, Kibengu and Wamimbalwe.

He said various steps to resolve the dispute have been taken by the agency in collaboration with the District Defence and Security Committee and experts from Mufindi District and Iringa Region. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism through TFS manages 23 tree plantations including the Sao Hill which was piloted in 1939 to 1951.

Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Land, Natural Resources and Tourism Dr Aloyce Kwezi commended TFS through Sao Hill for supporting government efforts in improving learning infrastructures at primary and secondary schools.



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Thanks, neighbours, friends for great show of solidarity

TANZANIA yesterday played host to leaders of ten countries and highly placed representatives of scores of others on a monumental and sad occasion.

The occasion was the state funeral of the only Head of State to have died in office since our country attained independence six decades ago.

It is an occasion that has elicited the most profound sentiments among the people of this country and in neighbouring countries as President Dr John Pombe Joseph Magufuli had become a shining example of what South African President Cyril Ramaphosa said was generational leadership, of a new spirit of African leaders.

Indeed, scores after scores of inspired intellectuals took up the departed president as a trailblazer - as a role model.

Attendance at occasions of this kind serves as a barometer for 'gauging' the sort of links involving two or more countries and also the personal affinities of leaders of surrounding countries and further afield.

On the basis of their presence among us and in the remarks that they made at the national funeral ceremony held in our national capital, millions of those who followed the proceedings on television and radio and via other media outlets had occasion to take stock of these testimonies.

While this may not have answered all questions that may have cropped up, it definitely gave a clear picture of where we stand, just as the sentiments of our religious leaders showed or suggested.

There is no doubt whatsoever that we have been told by those near us and by religious and other community leaders that we have an examination ahead of us, and all eyes are watching how those holding public office will rise to the occasion.

A major reason is that those closely associated with the evils that Dr Magufuli combated to the last breath will likely be readying to swim back to their usual habits and expect the public authorities to be cooperative. And it so often happens that when one strikes the shepherd, the sheep scatter.

That is why it will take willpower and resolution to ensure that we don't lose focus all too easily as our detractors want or desire, and a whole series of actions will be ignited in different quarters of the public service and regulatory structures.

This period of mourning and laying to rest our departed leader calls for enhanced vigilance as ill-intentioned elements at delicate points of surveillance will use the gap of attention to get bad things

done, knowing that public authorities have their attention fixed elsewhere.

If there isn't sufficient vigilance at the moment, after this event has passed we may start getting used to new ways, and the effect will be clear.

Public expectations are that the principles on the basis of which governance has rested for the past half a decade of JPM's presidency are observed have a chance of being realized when leaders at various levels notice that those above them are keen about standards

Those with authority are the ones most severely tested, for they don't actually have to allow this or that negative turn of habit to take place but only need to be less than thorough for wrongdoers to notice the difference.

That is why the remarks made at the national funeral ceremony - in Dodoma city, yesterday - revitalized hope on a breadth of the citizenry, as our top leaders vowed to keep the spirit of fulfilling public expectations tied with the JPM leadership as the guiding intent.

Gleaning through some of the remarks, for instance those of leaders of the principal religious organisations, it is clear that there was the formal and the profound, the collective sentiment of grief and the particularity of sentiments around Dr Magufuli's leadership, and the fear that all this will be lost.

This awareness is also a test of our ability to keep to the maxim of 'putting God at the forefront' in whatever we do - namely, to take up the people's expectations as the yardstick of what we ought to do, and not the interests of those capable of walking to offices of top national leaders and have a hearty conversation.

That is what distinguished Dr Magufuli from most others, completely refusing what is often called 'state capture', by roping in the leader, and then relaxing.

Meanwhile, people are still paying their last respects to the departed leader, having done so in Dodoma yesterday and moving on to Zanzibar today, Mwanza tomorrow and finally his home village in Chato District.

From the scores of people who have fainted and have had a worse experience, this wholesale grief should be honoured by both word and deed by all those in public office. They must live up to this spirit - to public expectations.

That would also serve to reciprocate the solidarity our country's neighbours and friends have demonstrated in the way they have joined us in mourning Dr John Pombe Joseph Magufuli.

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No justice for women no peace in South Sudan

By Jackline Nasiwa

THE South Sudan crisis since 2013 has caused untold suffering to South Sudanese women. They have experienced displacement, loss of family members and gross human rights violations, including sexual assault and rape.

Women have often been targeted by armed forces and paramilitary groups. According to UN reports, Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International, INGO reports and humanitarian workers, women and girls are sometimes targeted because of their ethnic affiliation to the leaders and members of the fighting forces, or as a humiliation tactic when they are present in 'enemy' territory.

As fighting continues through the country, South Sudanese women continue to suffer sexual violence and rape at the hands of armed groups. Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) is rampant in the communities and perpetrators often kill or harm the victims after the act. In 2018, the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) reported 175 women and girls were victims of rape and sexual or physical assault in Northern Unity state alone, most of them in Bentiu. This corroborates a report by Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) in Bentiu that indicates more than 125 women victims of sexual assault were raped within a period of two weeks.

Another recent report estimates that 65% of women and girls have experienced physical or sexual violence. Yasmin Sooka, UN Commissioner, Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights reiterated the fact that victims of rape have not gotten justice and perpetrators remain at large without accounting for their deeds. In Yei, despite women on a daily basis reporting cases of sexual violence to the authorities in 2018, there was no justice done and perpetrators are left free. Several incidences of sexual violence continue to be reported, for instance, in Juba, an 8-year-old was raped in the Gudele area; in Sherikhat an 18-year-old was gang-raped, while in Lakes, young girls below 18 years have been forced into



marriage against their will. Currently, Covid-19 exacerbates women's suffering from sexual and gender-based violence including at the household level.

The government is under pressure to respond to this crisis of violence against women. It established a fact-finding mission to investigate the Bentiu rape allegations, but the initial report was inconclusive regarding rape claims and the second committee's report is yet to be made public. So far, no legal due process has been initiated to bring perpetrators to justice.

In August 2020, the South Sudanese government with support from international partners such as UNDP instituted a special Mobile Court to try the Yei rape cases.

This followed reports from the UN and monitoring reports on the gang-rape of 19 women and girls. CSOs and women rights organizations have been monitoring the trial processes to date and although there is hope that these legal procedures might bring justice for the victims, there is fear that no compensation will be paid.

In only one case have soldiers been brought to justice for wartime rapes. The Terrain trial sentenced 10 South Sudanese soldiers for the raping of an international aid workers and the murder of a South Sudanese journalist.

Although the military tribunal did award some compensation, this did not match the level of trauma the victims went through, including the loss of dignity, jobs and humiliation suffered.

The judge awarded \$2.5 million to the Terrain compound for losses of property and business compensation but only \$4000 for each rape victim.

The case was appealed to the Supreme Court, but remains in suspension as the file was reported missing.

Meanwhile, South Sudanese victims of rape in Kubi have been neglected, despite calls for justice by the church.

There was also no success in bringing up cases of sexual assault against armed opposition groups party to the SPLM-IO who attacked the church in Bor in 2013 and gang-raped women and girls. Similarly, women, girls, boys, and some men who suffered sexual assault in armed violence around South Sudan, including Malakal, Bentiu, Western Equatoria and Western Bahr El Ghazal, have yet to see any form of justice.

Women's access to justice remains challenging and perpetrators remain at large, despite the Bill of Rights enshrined in the Transitional Constitution of South Sudan 2011 and the ratification of international human rights instruments such as the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW); the African Charter on Human and People's Rights (ACHPR); the Maputo Protocol on Rights of Women; and UN Security Council Resolution 1325.

The lack of political will to bring justice to victims and to hold perpetrators accountable is linked to the deliberate denial of rampant sexual violence against women and girls. Continuous violations of the ceasefire and the issue of inter-communal revenge violence both pose major risks to achieving peace and security while hampering access to justice for many victims, especially women and girls. Legal frameworks do not offer sufficient protection to victims of SGBV or rape victims who live alongside the perpetrators in the same community and whose fear of further retaliation might prohibit reporting of cases or the pursue of justice.

In Yei, for instance, a perpetrator of rape continues to threaten the vic-

tims with death with impunity. This has left victims helpless and traumatized. In some instances, SGBV victims are even jailed by either their relatives or husbands for defying early and forced marriages.

In the Mobile Court trial in Terekeka county, we found examples of women victims detained for one or two years without trial; or tried and charged by chiefs who are biased about rights of women and girls.


For the women of South Sudan, Justice is Peace. Without justice, women shall continue to suffer violence at the hands of armed men with impunity.

The longstanding delay in the establishment of transitional justice mechanisms and implementation of Chapter V of the Revitalized Peace Agreement is only taking away hopes for the many victims who yearn for peace. Meanwhile, the delay and hampering of a genuine reconciliation process allow for localized revenge and inter-communal violence to spread.

Participants during a perception survey carried out by the South Sudan Law Society stated that for peace to prevail, justice must be achieved, impunity must end, and the cycle of violence must be broken as a legitimate citizens' demand. Similarly, during a peaceful women's match in Juba, they chanted demands for peace through security and justice.

In Wau, during a community dialogue on peace by a CSO, a female participant stated that 'as an SGBV victim, I can only feel safe when perpetrators are held to account'.





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Dr. John Pombe Joseph Magufuli
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Dodoma city hosts State Funeral for Dr Magufuli



Jet fighters salute former Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, the late President Dr John Magufuli, during the national funeral held at Dodoma city's Jamhuri Stadium yesterday. Photos: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph



Zambian President Edgar Lungu (R) pays his last respects.



President Félix Antoine Tshisekedi Tshilombo (2nd-R) of the Democratic Republic of Congo pays his last respects.



President Filipe Nyusi of Mozambique speaks at the state funeral.



The motorcade with the hearse carrying the casket bearing the body of former President Dr Magufuli heads towards the venue of the state funeral – Dodoma city's Jamhuri Stadium.



A Dodoma city resident spreads a khangas on the road to 'welcome' the motorcade. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph



Legislator Janeth Masaburi visibly in shock upon seeing the casket bearing the body of former President Dr Magufuli.



Assistance comes the way of a mourner overcome by emotions.

Govt planning to establish fish farming centres in 80 districts

By Guardian Reporter

AS part of campaign to promote fish farming, the government will in coming financial year allocate funds

for establishment of fish farming centres in 80 districts across the country to be used as model farms. Livestock and Fisheries Minister, Mashimba Ndaki said the move will

result in many Tanzanians engaging in fish farming to generate income as well as meet the country's demand. He was briefing members of the Parliamentary Committee on

Agriculture, Livestock and Water when they visited the Kingolwira National Fish Farming Center in Morogoro Region on Wednesday.

He said that promoting fish farming through ponds would help the nation to achieve its target of producing 50 percent of fish through aquaculture and another 50 percent through the available lakes, dams, rivers and the Ocean.

"We want to improve fish farming to ensure our people consume nutritional food, create jobs and eliminate poverty," said the minister noting the government is determined to improve all the aquaculture centres across the country to boost production of fingerlings.

Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Water, Dr Christine Ishengoma commended the ministry for improving the country's fingerlings production as well as educating

farmers on the best fish farming practices.

Dr Ishengoma asserted that the committee will closely monitor the ministry's fund allocation in the 2021/2022 fiscal year to ensure it sets aside budgets for establishment of the fish farming centres at district level.

Assistant Director of Aquaculture Department in the Agriculture Ministry, Dr Imani Kapinga said the National Fish Farming Center in Morogoro Region has offered training to 11,280 Tanzanians in between 2010 and 2020. He said the citizens were from different regions.

According to him, the centre has also distributed six million fingerlings to fish farmers across the country.

However, some of the parliamentary committee members urged the government to continue improving the centres as well as expanding its

buildings.

Fishing is mostly carried out in the Indian Ocean, Lake Victoria, Lake Tanganyika and Lake Nyasa.

Tanzania produces about 336,821 tonnes of fish per year, against a demand of 731,000 tonnes.

The country imports about 24,000 tonnes of fish per month worth Tsh56 billion (\$25 million), mostly from China, Vietnam and other states around the Indian Ocean.



We want to improve fish farming to ensure our people consume nutritional food, create jobs and eliminate poverty

New project with UN Women to empower women in Tanzania's sunflower industry

By Guardian Reporter

FARM Africa has announced the start of a new project with UN Women under their Realising gender through empowering women and adolescent girls programme.

Tanzania is well positioned to grow its oilseed and horticulture sectors, but many women are currently being excluded from participating in and benefiting from the potential of the sector. Through a 12-month project that launched in January 2021, Farm Africa will train sunflower farmers on how to access quality supplies and boost productivity to meet growing domestic demand for sunflower oil, increasing incomes for women working in the sector.

The project is supporting three agricultural marketing cooperatives (AMCOs) in the Ikungi district of Tanzania. AMCOs enable farmers to pool resources and undertake transportation, packaging, distribution and the marketing of agricultural products to buyers. UN Women are working with local officials to ensure these cooperatives increase their female membership so that women can also benefit from resources and market access.

Hodan Addou, Country Representative from UN Women Tanzania commented: "UN women is pleased to work in partnership with Farm Africa to progress our work enhancing the social and economic status of women and adolescent girls in Tanzania. The project will provide needed support to female smallholder farmers working



in the sunflower sector, boosting incomes and economic agency at a household and community level."

Mary Batterman, Farm Africa's Tanzania Country Director, added: "Farm Africa is delighted to embark on a new project with UN Women to unlock the potential of women working in Tanzania's sunflower sector.

Female farmers are currently being held back by poor production practices and lack of access to markets. We are proud to work to help female farmers increase the quality, quantity and value of their produce."

Currently, women make up 68% of Tanzania's sunflower sector but women only represent 17% of members in these cooperatives. Farm Africa will promote women's membership of and leadership roles within these cooperatives.

Farm Africa's new project draws on the experience gained from Flourishing futures, a project that supported 10,000 farmers to establish or develop sunflower busi-

nesses in the Manyara region of Tanzania.

Farm Africa will support cooperative members with training on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), Quality Declared Seeds production and climate-smart agricultural techniques, so farmers are able to increase the quantity and quality of sunflowers they grow in Tanzania's extreme climates.

Farm Africa will link cooperatives with suppliers and viable markets, so they can access quality inputs such as seeds, organic fertilisers and pesticides to boost production and sell their produce to buyers for better prices. A sunflower warehouse will be constructed in the village of Mwang'ana in Ikungi District for use by cooperative members to enhance collective marketing and reduce post-harvest losses.

This work will provide women in the sunflower sector with the resources and skills to increase their incomes and expand their businesses.



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Human Rights groups demand end to Myanmar military's crackdown on journalists

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TWO human rights groups have called on the military in Myanmar to release journalists arbitrarily jailed and allow them to work without harassment and prosecution.

Amnesty International and the Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) told IPS that they will double down on those demands until all journalists are released and the operating licenses of newsgroups are restored.

"From revoking media licenses and raiding newsrooms to arbitrarily arresting and prosecuting media workers covering the current human rights crisis in the country, the Myanmar military is desperately trying to hide from the world the appalling crimes it is committing against its own people every day," Emylynne Gil, Deputy Regional Director at Amnesty International, told IPS.

The calls follow a briefing by the spokesperson for the United Nations High Commissioner on Human Rights Ravina Shamdasani who said that 'deeply distressing reports of torture in custody' were adding to the crisis unfolding in the country.

Protestors have taken to the streets of Myanmar since a Feb. 1 coup by the military. Journalists covering the anti-junta protests have been particularly at risk of being detained, after the military amended Section 505(a) of the country's penal code to include offences that include knowingly spreading 'fake news'. The amendments give the military increased latitude to arrest journalists.

"The death toll has soared over the past week in Myanmar, where security forces have been using lethal force increasingly aggressively against peaceful protesters, and continue to arbitrarily arrest and detain people throughout the country," Shamdasani said last week.

Shamdasani told the press that hundreds of illegally detained people are unaccounted for and 'this amounts to enforced disappearances'.

Representatives of press rights group CPJ told IPS that journalists in Myanmar are living in fear.

"They are scared that the crackdown will become more targeted against media and that the junta intends to establish a new censorship regime, similar to the harsh measures imposed on the media by previous military governments," CPJ's Southeast Asia Representative Shawn Crispin told IPS, adding that "at least 5 independent news organisations have already had their operating licenses revoked for arbitrary and vague reasons. Other groups fear they could be next."

Reports of press censorship by authorities in Myanmar are not new. In 2018, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights assessed press freedom and high-profile journalist prosecutions through 5 individual cases.

The ensuing report, 'The Invisible Boundary - Criminal prosecutions of journalism in Myanmar', cited harrowing experiences by the targeted journalists and stated that the unlawful arrests and prosecutions created 'an invisible boundary for media personnel, that they cross at their peril'. It concluded that freedom of expression and press freedom were under attack.

Earlier this month, the UN Security Council said it was deeply concerned about developments in Myanmar. According to the UN, at least 37 journalists have been arrested in Myanmar since Feb. 1, with 19 still unlawfully detained.

"The Security Council strongly condemns the violence against peaceful protestors, including against women, youth and children. It expresses deep concern at restrictions on medical personnel, civil society, labor union members, journalists and media workers, and calls for the immediate release of all those detained arbitrarily," a statement from the President said.

Amnesty International says a free press in Myanmar is more important than ever.

"It is all the more urgent now to ensure access to information in Myanmar amid escalating violent repression of peaceful protesters and severe internet restrictions, and all attempts to hamper the right to seek, receive and impart information must cease immediately," Gil told IPS.

Six journalists have been charged under Article 505(a) of Myanmar's penal code.

"We are also calling on the regime to refrain from imposing any new laws or measures that would restrict media freedoms," Crispin told IPS.

A Human Rights Council Resolution of Mar. 12 consists of 9 recommendations of the Government of Myanmar, meant to protect journalists, freedom of expression and freedom of the press.

Among other measures, the Council wants the authorities to decriminalise defamation and amend the country's media law to ensure that the Myanmar Press Council can mediate in disputes with media outlets and journalists.

The Council also wants the immediate and unconditional release of all journalists in detention, an end to all current cases against journalists for exercising their right to freedom of expression and ensure access to restitution for the journalists who have been arrested and persecuted.

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Protests against military coup in Kayin State, Myanmar on Feb. 9. Protestors have taken to the streets of Myanmar since a Feb. 1 coup by the military. Journalists covering the anti-junta protests have been particularly at risk of being detained, after the military amended Section 505(a) of the country's penal code to include offences that include knowingly spreading 'fake news'. (File photo)



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'Digital adoption in Africa beats that in most other regions'

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A new report by Boston Consulting Group called Digital Challenge in Africa, reveals that although Africa currently trails other regions in terms of digital adoption and maturity, the pace of adoption and infrastructure build-out is happening faster on the continent than any other region in the world.

"The Covid-19 crisis has also focused minds, accelerating digital adoption among consumers and digital transformation among companies," says Jan Gildemeister, managing director and partner at Boston Consulting Group, Johannesburg.

"For success going forward, we believe that companies and governments need to coordinate on three fronts: creating scale, nurturing and attracting digital talent, and building ecosystems and innovation hubs to improve access to financing options, regulation and technology."

To get to the stage where companies and governments are able to fully coordinate on these fronts, it is going to be critical to close the digital gaps that persist; arising from limited digital service penetration, a lack of digital skills, little trust in digital service providers, weak connectivity coverage and the high cost of data. "For instance, only 40% of African consumers have 3G coverage compared to 72% worldwide and connection speeds and digital service quality in Africa are relatively inferior," says Gildemeister.

These challenges extend to African companies too. Organisations across the continent have the lowest average digital maturity globally; driven by management's struggle to narrow digital priorities, cultural resistance to adopting digital, insufficient digital capabilities and a lack of organisational agility.

AfDB backs NIT road safety training programme with 4.9bn/- in funding



NIT rector Professor Zachariah Mganilwa speaks at a past event in Dar es Salaam. File photo.

By Smart Money Reporter

A road safety and audit programme aimed to ease traffic accidents by offering courses to address the scourge will be offered at National Institute of Transport thanks to an African Development Bank's US\$2.1 million (over 4.87bn/-) funding.

NIT Rector, Professor Zacharia Mganilwa said in Dar es Salaam last week that the institute has already established a Regional Centre of Excellence in Road Safety (RCoERS) with support of AfDB. Prof Mganilwa said that the AfDB has already disbursed the cash.

"Through an agreement with African Development Bank, we will start offering road safety assessment and audit courses that will help reduce road accidents," he said adding that once NIT receives accreditation from International Road Federation (IRF) for the course, it will start offering the courses before the end of this year.

"There is no institution in the country offering road safety assessment and safety audit courses which makes NIT the first one to offer such courses," he added while noting that with IRF accreditation, graduates from the RCoERS will be recognised and accepted internationally.

"There will be no need again for Tanzanians and for companies to send their employees to train abroad," the

NIT Rector stated while stressing that many Tanzanians and local firms lack international credentials to participate in global tenders and recruitment as advertised by international companies and institutions.

"In future, we want to see all road construction and maintenance projects that need international qualifications as a criterion to be taken by locals," he added saying under a memorandum of understanding signed with AfDB, the RCoER will have an international consultant as well as 10 local professionals who will receive training on trainers' courses.

"The RCoER will take professionals from Dar es Salaam University, Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology, Tanzania National Roads Agency, Tanzania Rural and Urban Roads Agency who will undergo the training of trainers' course on road safety and audit," Prof Mganilwa stated.

Upon their successful completion of the courses, the 10 experts will enable NIT seek IRF accreditation. "After the International Road Federation's approval, the Regional Centre of Excellence in Road Safety will immediately commence offering courses at NIT's Mabibo campus," the NIT boss noted.

The courses will also be offered online to students in Rwanda, Burundi, Uganda, Kenya and countries which are members of Southern Africa Development Community which will enable many people to enrol and get IRF recognised certificates.

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H.E. Samia Suluhu Hassan
President of the United Republic of Tanzania



Over 20k students in Chato to benefit from NMB hostels

By Smart Money Reporter

OVER 20,000 students from 34 ward schools in Chato District, Geita Region, are expected to benefit from an NMB Bank Plc's bankrolled project to build hostels and save them from walking long distance between their homes and schools.

Speaking during a handover ceremony last week, NMB's Lake Zone manager, Baraka Ladslaus said the bank donated building materials to support the initiative worth over 37.6m/- so that students in public schools should stay within decent campuses to concentrate on their studies.

Ladslaus said the bank donated 180 pieces of iron sheets to Bongera Secondary School

and 110 desks to Ihang and Kak-eneno Primary Schools. "These donations are part of the bank's corporate social responsibility," he said adding that NMB will continue to back state efforts to improve the education sector.

Speaking after receiving the donations, Chato District Commissioner, Charles Kabeho thanked the bank's management for the assistance saying it will help improve the learning environment in public schools.

"These iron sheets will be used to roof a girls hostel at Bongela Secondary School to curb absenteeism and missing classes due to long distances covered from home," Kabeho said while noting that the hostel will also help girls improve their performance.

He said the campaign to build hostels in every ward is being im-

plemented in partnership with the community following the success in construction of new ward schools to accommodate the growing number of students being enrolled at both primary and secondary levels.

In a vote of thanks, Bongela Headmaster, Pastory Kihungu said the dropout rate among girls in the district is alarming hence the decision to construct the hostels. "Students cover more than 24 kilometres coming to school daily after joining from one which makes them vulnerable to male predators who cheat and impregnate them," Kihungu said adding that some girls simply disappear from home completely to avoid the walking punishment.

Meanwhile, NMB Bank also donated construction materials

to five public schools in Ifakara District of Morogoro Region valued at 25m/-. The bank's Eastern Zone Manager, Dismas Prosper named the materials as 50 desks donated to Mtoni and Kinin'ina Primary Schools valued at 10m/-.

Prosper said Uhuru and Mahutanga Primary Schools received construction materials valued at 5m/- each while Kiyongwile Secondary School got 55 chairs and a similar number of tables all valued at 5m/-.

In a vote of thanks, Kilombero District Commissioner, Ismail Mlawa said the donation will help reduce shortages facing public schools in his area. "This donation is also a big relief to parents and guardians who had to contribute to buy desks, chairs tables and construct classrooms," Mlawa said.



Pupils from Magufuli Primary School in Chato District carry desks donated by NMB Bank Plc after a handover ceremony held at their school last week. Photo courtesy of NMB



REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

RFQ Title: Supply of Care givers start up kits

RFQ number: 2021-K03/01

Date of Solicitation: 22nd March 2021

Closing Date: Tuesday 6th April 2021, 11:00am (Dar es Salaam, Tanzania)

Submission Date and time: 6th April 2021

Questions and Clarifications Due by 2nd April 2021

Estimated Delivery/ Performance Date: 20th May 2021.

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Pact Tanzania now invites quotes from eligible, registered companies to supply business startup kits for care givers in targeted councils. Below is list of lots to be supplied and distributed.

Lot1. Food vending kits.

spoons, cups, bowls, charcoal stoves, sourcing pans, plastic tables, plastic chairs, Gas cookers, marble plates, Hotpots, Blenders, Water glasses, Freezers, beam balance, knives, tea can, thermos, jaba, Chips iron bowl, Drain iron, chips iron spoon, fire picker, superghet making machine, Bucket, Cool box, Jug, glitter, Dell, flying pan, plastic drum, basin, cutting board, juicy machine, bids curtain, Plastic dich shelf, plastic squire plate, steel barrer, umbrella, wooden spoon, Lugume grinder, saving spoon, refrigerator,

Lot2. Agriculture/ Horticulture items

Flour Processing Machine, Water pump, Hoe, Lake, Water can, gumbboot, sprayer pump, Matches, Axe, Plough, Chicken cage, Incubator, chicken feeder, Tray, Spade, Solar panel.

Lot3. Handcraft, Metal works, and Petty Trade Kit

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Interested vendors should request for the full Terms of Reference through email to procurementTZ@pactworld.org before Friday 2nd April 2021.

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2. The quote that complies with all the specifications/requirements and offers value for money, as well as all other evaluation criteria indicated in the TOR, shall be selected.
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6. Pact reserves the right to disqualify any offer based on offeror failure to follow the solicitation instructions.
7. Pact reserves the right to waive minor proposal deficiencies that can be corrected prior to award determination to promote competition.
8. Pact will be contacting all offerors to confirm contact person, address and that the proposal was submitted for this solicitation.

Global economic recovery is stronger than expected but risks remain, IMF official says

BEIJING

Growth may be greater than the fund's 5.5% forecast but could be derailed by slow vaccine rollouts and new pandemic strains

The prospects of a stronger global economic recovery are emerging, driven by Covid-19 vaccines and the new stimulus measures in the US but significant risks remain, according to a senior official from the International Monetary Fund.

Countries are currently rolling out coronavirus vaccines to stop the spread of the pandemic while the US, the world's largest economy, also approved a \$1.9 trillion stimulus package to support its economy earlier this month.

"In January, we projected 2021 global growth at 5.5 per cent, but prospects of a stronger recovery are emerging, because of additional fiscal stimulus, especially in the US and the prospects of broader vaccination," Geoffrey Okamoto, first deputy managing director at IMF, told the China Development Forum on Saturday.

However, significant risks remain due to the unequal distribution of vaccines and the spread of resistant mutations that could delay recovery, he added. "Access to



Geoffrey Okamoto, first deputy managing director at IMF.

vaccines remains very uneven, both across advanced and emerging economies. Low-income countries might not see significant vaccination well into 2022, and that is a problem.

"There are also uncertainties about the effectiveness of policy actions and differences in what countries can do. Some countries face limited fiscal space and higher debts. While China still has some room for manoeuvre, many others, especially low-income countries, do not."

More than 430 million vaccines have been administered in 133 countries at a daily rate of 10 million doses, according to Bloomberg's vaccine tracker. In the US, more Americans have received at least one dose than have tested positive for the virus since the pandemic began.

China "has already completed its recovery, returning to its pre-pandemic growth levels ahead of all large economies", Mr Okamoto said. However, growth in the world's second-biggest economy "still lacks balance, with private consumption lagging investment." Outside of China, there are worrying signs that the gap between advanced economies and emerging markets is growing, he said.

"We project that cumulative income per capita in emerging and developing countries, excluding China, between 2020 and 2022 will be 22 per cent lower than what it would have been without the pandemic." "That will translate into close to 90 million people falling below the extreme poverty threshold since the pandemic started."

Many emerging markets witnessed large outflows in the early part of this month - a spillover effect from rising bond yields in the US and other developed markets, the Institute of International Finance said in a note last week.

Ukheshe Technologies develops SA's first WhatsApp payment gateway

JOHANNESBURG

Ukheshe Technologies has come up with South Africa's first digital wallet platform, a solution that also stand as the first WhatsApp channel to enable payments using QR.

The project and collaboration with Infobip form part of Ukheshe's objective of expanding its international reach as a solution-driven B2B provider of digital-first payment solutions that enable banks, telcos and fintechs to provide banking and payment services to their customers through a solution called 'chat banking.'

Infobip's deployment of a WhatsApp Business API solution leveraged by Ukheshe's cutting-edge Eclipse API integration is a first of its kind. The solution allows mobile operator customers to send money to anyone with a mobile number quickly and securely with no need for another app or any additional software. Clayton Hayward, co-founder and CEO of Ukheshe, said developing South Africa's first WhatsApp payment gateway was an exciting opportunity to provide a relevant and workable payment solution.

"We are thrilled that through various working associations we are able to assist organisations to address financial literacy and inclusion. The chat banking solution empowers end customers by giving them access to the internet, and an efficient and secure digital wallet, while meeting Know

your Customer (KYC) requirements."

The digital wallet will also be able to link to other cards, add virtual cards, pay or get paid with a QR code, send money, make cash withdrawals or pay for goods." He added that the service offering of the digital wallet platform will be extended to accommodate the issuing of virtual cards, which coupled with chat banking, underpins Ukheshe's drive to support digital-first e-commerce adoption.

Shaun Van Rooyen, strategic accounts and partnerships manager at Infobip South Africa, says that the partnership between Infobip and Ukheshe is underpinned by the current need for organisations to find innovative means to make their customers lives easier whilst also providing the masses with access to effortless banking.

"It has been a great pleasure to work with Ukheshe on this project. The initiative and wonderful partnership align with our goal of connecting the world. The project is something that we are proud of and want to keep working on to see how we can help Ukheshe do more," said Van Rooyen.

Hayward said Ukheshe's digital-first enablement platform has expanded and evolved significantly in recent months as the financial services market seeks innovative solution providers that can address the fundamental gaps faced by people that are seen as unbanked.



A TRIBUTE TO A VISIONARY PATRIOTIC SON OF AFRICA.



THE LATE PRESIDENT DR JOHN POMBE JOSEPH MAGUFULI

Dar es Salaam,

The Late President John Pombe Magufuli was a man of great vision and action. The Country prospered under his leadership attaining middle income status. He will be forever remembered for his personal courage, his love of people, and his Vision. He was a great exemplar of leadership through action.

He not only encouraged, lifted, and inspired all Tanzanians to free themselves from poverty, but had a deep & incredible love for his people and demonstrated by word and example the path to economic prosperity for all Tanzanians.

The National Bank of Commerce has indeed prospered during the last 5 years, due to the policies introduced by the Government to transform the economy of Tanzania whilst creating a conducive environment for the Business community to thrive that allowed us to be where we are today.

In the spirit of celebrating his legacy and paying tribute to this great Son of Africa, who built the foundation for a thriving productive local economy, NBC highlights some of his many achievements in this legacy feature.

1. PEACE AND STABILITY

The late President Magufuli, during his tenure in office, continued to uphold peace, unity, and solidarity amongst Tanzanians, whilst cherishing the fundamental principles of the Union. In addition to that, the late President strengthened the country's defense and security as laid down by the founding Father of our Nation, Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere. As a result, the people of the United Republic of Tanzania continues to be united irrespective of race, gender, ethnicity, and political affiliation.



2. THE ECONOMY & RISE TO MIDDLE INCOME STATUS

The leadership of the fifth phase Government led the country towards attaining lower middle income status. This comes five years ahead of projection underlining the country's rapid growth in recent years. The country has been recorded as one of the fastest growing economies in Africa, when it reached 7% economy growth in 2019. The World Bank categorized Tanzania as a lower-middle income country after the country made economic reforms, including making consistent plans and taking hard decisions aimed at improving its economic development.

Gross National Product (GNP) grew from TZS 94.349 Trillion in 2015 to TZS 139.9 Trillion in 2020 (at current prices). Inflation has been on a decreasing trend, from an average of 6.1% in 2015 to 3.5% in January 2021.

3. DISCIPLINE IN THE CIVIL SERVICE

During his tenure in office, the late President championed the importance of discipline & work ethics. His famous quote "Hapa Kazi Tuu" gave no room for complacency or laxity. This was the same vigour that he drove within the Civil service, and ensured that they served the nation professionally with diligence and loyalty. As a result of his immense leadership and bold actions, Public service attained a new sense of discipline and professionalism. In addition to the above, The Government was successful in regulating expenditures by instituting regular controls in administrative spends.



4. THE FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION

The late President Magufuli initiated the fight against corruption, economic sabotage and the embezzlement of public funds. He led to the formation of the High Court of Tanzania, Economic Crimes Division in 2016. During his time in office the Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB) was able to file more than 2,250 cases; and in the last five years PCCB managed to save a total of TZS 273.38 Billion.

5. INCREASED REVENUE COLLECTIONS

In the late President Magufuli's tenure of presidency, the revenue collections increased, from a monthly average of TZS 850 Billion in 2015 to a high of TZS 1.9 trillion achieved in Dec 2020 which is the highest collection amount ever achieved in the history of our nation.

6. FREE EDUCATION & CONSTRUCTION OF PRIMARY & SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

Under the Late President Dr John P Maghufuli, the Government introduced free education from Primary to Secondary School level (Form Four). The President championed the construction of new schools/classrooms that led to the increase of Primary Schools from 16,899 in 2015 to 17,804 in 2020. Additionally, there was an increase of Secondary Schools from 4,708 in 2015 to 5,330 schools in 2020.

The Government also rehabilitated 73 historical secondary schools out of 89 dilapidated schools as well as 253 dormitories and 227 laboratories. Further to that, the budget for Higher Education Students Loans was increased from TZS 348.7 Billion in 2014/2015 to TZS 450 Billion in 2020.

7. HEALTH

In the health sector, the Government, under the able leadership of the late President John Pombe Magufuli constructed, 1,198 dispensaries, 510 Health Centres, 102 District Hospitals from 2015 to 2020. The Government also build Regional Referral Hospitals in Mara, Geita, Songwe, Katavi and Mwanza.



8. WATER

Water was one of the election campaign promises that the Government of Tanzania under The Late President John Pombe Magufuli pursued to deliver in earnest. The Government constructed more than 1,420 water projects, of which 1,268 projects were rural and 155 were urban based. Under his lead, two key water projects were initiated, which are the Lake Victoria Water project to distribute water to Nzega, Tabora and Igunga, as well as the Arusha City Water project.



9. INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

Apart from increasing Government investment in community development sectors, Late President John Pombe Magufuli has implemented various projects in key economic sectors such as Construction, Transport, and Energy. In the Construction industry approximately 3,500 kilometers of roads were constructed bringing a total of 12,964 kilometres of tarmac roads. There is also an additional 2,000 kilometres of roads currently under construction.

The Government has and continues to construct flyovers and interchanges in the country's commercial city of Dar es Salaam. Thirteen large bridges were constructed namely, the Nyerere Bridge in Kigamboni Dar es Salaam, Magufuli Bridge over Kilombero River, and Sibiti Bridge. New bridges under construction includes the Kigongo - Busisi Bridge with a length of 3.2 kilometres, Selander Bridge known as Tanzanite Bridge with a length 1.03 kilometres, and the Wami Bridge with a length of 513.5 metres.

10. MARINE TRANSPORT AND PORT EXPANSION

The 5th Government of Tanzania, rehabilitated five marine vessels and one marine oil tanker namely Mv. Victoria, Mv. Butiama, Mv. Clarias, Mv. Umoja, Mv. Wimbi and Marine Tanker Sambamba. The Government also further rehabilitated ferry crossing points and 17 ferries, and is expanding three main ports of Dar es Salaam, Mtwara and Tanga and other subsidiary ports of the Great Lakes of Victoria, Tanganyika and Nyasa



11. AIR TRANSPORT

The Air transport sector was not left behind in the journey towards economic transformation. The National Flag carrier ATCL (AIR Tanzania) was a beneficiary of eight new aircrafts during the President's tenure in office. In 2015 ATCL had one aircraft, thus bringing a total of 9 aircrafts under the ATCL flagship. Airport infrastructure development was also not left behind as Julius Nyerere International Airport (JNIA) launched a new terminal (Terminal III), and a further expansion of the JNIA aircraft parking and ramps. Other airports that have initiated expansion projects, are the Kilimanjaro International Airport, Abeid Amani Karume International Airport in Zanzibar and 11 other regional airports.

12. ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

The Late President John Joseph Magufuli was a firm believer that Tanzania can be a net exporter of electricity during his tenure in office. He initiated several projects under his Government that have facilitated to electricity supply and increased reach of access to the people of Tanzania. The President supervised the Kinyerezi II project and the expansion of Kinyerezi I plant that ensured Dar es Salaam has reliable electricity supply. The President was relentless in his ambition to complete key electricity generation projects like Mwalimu Nyerere Hydro Power Dam in the Rufiji River that upon completion will generate 2,115 Megawatts of electricity. Such amounts

of electricity generation, will be sufficient enough to cater not only for the country power needs but also subsequently mean affordable electricity for the Tanzanians. During his tenure the percentage of Households with access to electricity increased to 69.6%. This ultimately means that Tanzanians will be less reliant on cheaper alternative sources that are environmentally polluting like charcoal and firewood thereby also contributing to environmental conservation efforts.



13. TOURISM AND CONSERVATION

The fifth phase Government, immense efforts in driving the conservation of Tanzania's natural resources and promotion of Tourism has been quite notable. In the Western Corridor of Tanzania, the following National Parks were founded namely, Nyerere National Park (formerly the northern part of the Selous Game reserve) is the largest National Park in Tanzania covering Morogoro, Lindi, Mtwara and Ruvuma, Burigi - Chato National Park situated close to the border of Lake Victoria, Ibanda-Kyerwa National park & Rumanyika-Karagwe National Park both situated in Kagera Region, Kigosi National Park that covers four regions- Geita, Kagera, Shinyanga and Tabora & River Ugalla National Park in Tabora Region. Tanzania's national Broadcasting Television (TBC) has a dedicated TV channel that aims to promote the country's flora and fauna, natural resources and tourism sites.

NBC Board Management and Staff wishes to extend heartfelt condolences to the H.E Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of The United Republic of Tanzania, The Government, and the People of Tanzania. The National Bank of Commerce reaffirms its commitment of working with the Government of Tanzania in the provision of financial services to Tanzanians as we have done so in the past five decades.



WORLD

Netanyahu says he made Israel a 'vaccination nation'. But will it vote for him?

JERUSALEM

PRIME Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has claimed victory over COVID-19 by making Israel a "vaccination nation". Even that may not be enough when voters wearing mandatory masks cast their ballots in an election today.

Netanyahu, who turned Israel's world-leading rollout of vaccines into a showcase of his campaign in the country's fourth national poll in two years, gave a measured assessment of his chances after the latest opinion polls pointed to a close race.

"I'm still missing a (parliamentary) seat or two to achieve a stable government," he said on Army Radio on Sunday, in what could have been a strategic bid to rally supporters of his right-wing Likud party to turn out to vote.

Opinion polls showed an uptick for Likud in the campaign's home stretch, giving a Netanyahu-led coalition of conservative and ultra-Orthodox Jewish parties around 60 seats, still short of a majority in the 120-member parliament.

But the surveys indicated that a potential, though perhaps unlikely alliance of left-wing, centre and rightist factions, possibly led by Netanyahu's strongest rival in the polls - centrist Yair Lapid of the Yesh Atid party - is also near 60.

No one party has ever won a parliamentary majority on its own in an Israeli election. In a close contest, election night results may only be a starting point, with backroom coalition talks determining whether "King Bibi" will still rule.

Gone this time were Netanyahu's giant billboards featuring a handshake with ally Donald Trump, defeated in the U.S. presidential election in November.

And with Democrat Joe Biden in the White House, there was little prospect of U.S. diplomatic moves that could help Netanyahu's election chances.

Israel's longest-serving leader, 71, focused instead on highlighting his role in turning high-tech Israel into what he dubbed a "vaccination nation".

About half of the population has been inoculated at a pace that drew international praise for Netanyahu but also calls for Israel to do more to ensure Palestinians in territories it occupies receive vaccines.

"We are the world champions in handling the coronavirus ... I have brought millions of vaccine doses and will bring millions more," Netanyahu said on the stump, pacing the stage in multiple campaign rallies each day and in a slew of media interviews as election day neared.



Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Health Minister Yuli Edelstein attend the arrival of a plane with a shipment of Pfizer-BioNTech coronavirus disease (COVID-19) vaccines, at Ben Gurion airport, near the city of Lod, Israel, January 10, 2021. (File photo)

Political opponents say he mishandled the pandemic from the start, pointing to the need for three national lockdowns and accusing him of turning a blind eye to violators within the ultra-Orthodox community that provides a power base for his key coalition partners.

'OBSESSION'

For Netanyahu, public praise from Albert Bourla, CEO of Pfizer, Israel's main vaccine supplier, was campaign gold. The prime minister, Bourla told Israel's Channel 12 TV, phoned him 30 times to secure a supply deal - even at 3 a.m.

"Just like I was obsessive about the vaccines, I'll be obsessive about our economy," Netanyahu said on Army Radio, promising more cash stipends for all Israelis and ailing businesses.

But after three inconclusive elections, voters have had plenty of time to make up their minds about Netanyahu, in a ballot being held almost a quarter of a century to the day after he won his first term as prime minister. Despite corruption charges he denies, weekly street protests over his

alleged graft, a trial scheduled to gain speed after the ballot and elections in April and September 2019 and last March, Netanyahu has managed to stay at Israel's helm.

This time, much could depend on potential kingmaker Naftali Bennett, who heads the ultranationalist Yamina party and once served as Netanyahu's defence minister.

Without Bennett's backing, neither a Netanyahu-led coalition nor an anti-Bibi alliance would have enough seats in parliament for a governing majority, polls showed.

And Arab voters might also tip the balance, six years after Netanyahu, drawing allegations of racism, said on election day that they were "heading to the polling stations in droves" to wreck his chances for a right-wing government.

Now, he peers down from Arabic-language Likud billboards and has campaigned in several Arab towns. Looking at their country's messy political mix, many Israelis simply wonder whether a fifth election is on the cards.

Agencies

New Yorkers rally to protest at anti-Asian violence with

NEW YORK

AS of Sunday, around 10 rallies have been held in New York City to mourn the victims in last week's SPA shootings in Atlanta, and to protest against anti-Asian violence.

Union Square in Manhattan witnessed such rallies for three days in a row with hundreds of participants each time, attended mainly by Asian Americans, with appearance of elected officials and representatives of other ethnic groups.

BREAKING SILENCE

On Sunday morning among demonstrators at Union Square, Xue Zhou, a programmer working in New York, said that she joined the rally on Sunday to make her voice heard as many Asian Americans were used to being silent and thus neglected.

Shocked and angered by the Atlanta shootings that killed eight, including six Asian

Americans, Asian descendants in America have shown solidarity so loud and firm as in these rallies.

"All the Asian including Chinese (Americans), we need to show our anger. We don't want to be silent and don't want to be a scapegoat," said Grace Jin in the rally.

"Now we need everyone to know in this country we are citizens. Nobody can do the same thing to us like before, like 100 years ago. That's why we stand here (to let) everyone know we're not viruses," Jin added.

"What happened in the past few days, it's really, really, really hits home for me as an Asian American woman, so I'm here to fight against racism and sexism, and the intersection of those things that really plague our daily lives," said Yaine Dong, another demonstrator.

Ray Li, a ride-hailing driver, said sometimes people shouted at him "Go back to China or Chinese virus leave America"



People take part in a protest against Asian hate in New York, the United States, on Monday. Eight people, six Asians and two Whites, were killed in shooting incidents in the Atlanta area by a suspect this week. The attacks came amid a troubling spike in violence against the Asian American community during the coronavirus pandemic. Xinhua

when he stopped at crosswalks. According to a new USA TODAY/Ipsos poll conducted after the Atlanta mass shootings, one in four Americans, including nearly half of Asian Americans, in recent weeks have witnessed someone blame Asian people for the COVID-19 pandemic. The Anti-Defamation League

(ADL), the world's leading anti-hate organization, and Committee of 100 (C100), a non-profit organization of prominent Chinese Americans, jointly issued a statement on Wednesday calling on all elected officials and law enforcement to urgently address racism, discrimination and violence against Asian

Americans and Pacific Islanders with concrete actions.

"The violence and rhetoric that is happening now in these communities across the U.S. is horrific, sad, and unacceptable," said C100 President Zhengyu Huang.

SHOWING SOLIDARITY

The common cause to fight against social injustice and vibrancy of the local community also drew support from a wide range of people regardless of race, gender or age, showing the spirit of solidarity.

"We're all here, Asians, Asian Americans and non-Asian Americans. We're here to provide support for each other," said Dong, adding that, "We're waking up and we're taking steps, and we're taking the steps to start conversation so that we can take more actionable steps and create a safer, brighter future for all of us."

Xinhua

Lavrov states need to deviate from West-controlled international payment systems

MOSCOW

PRESENT-DAY realities speak for the need to deviate from the use of the West-controlled international payment systems, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said in an interview with the Chinese mass media.

"We must deviate from the use of the West-controlled inter-

national payment systems," the top Russian diplomat said. "We must lower risks of sanctions by means of enhancing our own technical self-dependence, transition to payments in national currencies and international currencies, which are alternative to the [US] dollar."

Lavrov said the necessity of "enhancing our own self-de-



pendence" comes in the wake of the US attempts to restrict technological development abilities of Russia and China.

"The life dictates the need for us of building our own line in the economic and social development in order to be independent from 'concepts,' demonstrated by our Western partners," he continued.

"They are promoting their ideology-driven agenda, aimed at maintaining their dominance by restraining the development of other countries."

"Such policy contradicts the unbiased tendency and, as it is was common to say, 'is on the wrong side of the history,'" Lavrov said. "The historical process will eventually take over."

ROK minister for resuming humanitarian aid to DPRK

SEOUL

UNIFICATION Minister of the Republic of Korea (ROK), Lee In-young, a top Seoul policymaker in charge of inter-Korean affairs, renewed his support yesterday to resume humanitarian aid in the private sector to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK).

Lee (pictured) made the remark during a meeting with the chief of the Korean Council for Reconciliation and Cooperation, a ROK pro-unification civic group, according to Yonhap news agency.

The minister was quoted as saying that the government agrees "in principle" to the need for the resumption of the private sector's humanitarian assistance to the DPRK, vowing to review it sufficiently and rapidly.

Lee, however, noted that there remained issues to be considered, including the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic across the world.

Lee Jong-joo, the unification ministry spokesperson, told a regular briefing that the government maintained a basic position that it is necessary to continue the humanitarian assistance in the private sector.

The comment came after Kim Yo-jong, vice department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea of the DPRK, said last week that the DPRK may put on the agenda the issue of the Committee for the Peaceful Reunification of the Country, an organization for dialogue with the ROK "which has no reason for its existence."

Kim slammed the annual springtime military exercises between the ROK and the United States that lasted from March 8 to March 18.

Seoul has claimed that the joint military drills are defensive in nature, but Pyongyang has denounced it as a dress rehearsal for the northward invasion.

Xinhua

Europe must act as Lebanon collapses, France says

BRUSSELS

EUROPE must take action as Lebanon collapses, French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian said, adding that he would press EU foreign ministers yesterday to discuss solutions to the economic and political crisis in Beirut.

Paris has spearheaded international efforts to rescue the former French protectorate from its deepest crisis since the 1975-1990 civil war, but after seven months has failed so far to persuade squabbling politicians to adopt a reform roadmap or form a new government to unlock international aid.

The crisis has accelerated in recent days, with the currency plunging in value and some grocery shops temporarily shutting for lack of supplies. President Michel Aoun is scheduled to meet with Prime Minister-designate Saad al-Hariri later on Monday to try and break the deadlock in forming a government.

"France wishes that we discuss the Lebanon question," Le Drian said as he arrived at the EU foreign ministers' meeting. "The country is drifting away, divided ... when a country collapses, Europe must be ready." Agencies

French legislators condemn Biden's remarks about Putin

PARIS

US President Joe Biden's statements about his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin are unacceptable, French senator from the Republicans party and former French Defense Minister Gerard Longuet told TASS yesterday.

"What Biden said is completely inexplicable and does not meet the requirements for a head of state," he stressed. "France, which has repeatedly hosted President Putin, should distance itself from Biden's remarks. There is no place for such statements in the multilateral world that we all want to build for the sake of peace and progress."

Member of the French National Assembly (lower house of parliament) from the ruling Republic on the Move party Caroline Janvier likewise expressed concern about the deterioration of relations between the United States and Russia because of Biden's statements.

"I am concerned about the deterioration of American-Russian relations," she told TASS commenting on Biden's remarks. "That's regrettable." Agencies

Observer: Improving Hong Kong's electoral system important for developing high-quality democracy

THE fourth session of the 13th National People's Congress (NPC) opened in Beijing on Friday. Wang Chen, vice chairman of the Standing Committee of NPC, explained a draft decision on improving the electoral system of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region at the opening meeting of the session.

The explanation said that implementing the principles of "patriots governing Hong Kong" and filling up loopholes in the electoral systems has allowed Hong Kong people to see hope for getting rid of their political conflicts, and let the world see China's determination to ensure the sound and steady development of the "one country, two systems" policy and

maintain Hong Kong's stability.

It is the central government's power and responsibility to lead the improvement of Hong Kong's electoral system. The central government leads the improvement to ensure Hong Kong's democratic system will develop more smoothly in a healthy way. Hong Kong people have been tortured by endless political disputes and social divides for a long time, and they have long desired that the central government take action to solve these issues. This is for the welfare of Hong Kong. And it is a matter of internal affairs for China.

However, complaints came from the outside world. Some Western politicians jumped to make indiscriminate accusations, and some public opinion

organizations followed, quickly accusing China of "suppressing Hong Kong's democracy." The trick that turns things upside down reveals their ideological prejudice and ignorance of Hong Kong's real situation. Who is the true defender of Hong Kong's democracy? Who is disrupting Hong Kong's political order, prosperity and stability? Slander cannot conceal the facts, and justice is in people's hearts.

To comment on an issue, we must first figure out the ins and outs, otherwise the comment will be likely to be preconceived and not take into account other vantage points. Britain had ruled Hong Kong for more than 150 years. The 28 governors of Hong Kong were not democratically elect-

ed, and elections never sought out the opinions of the Hong Kong people. Governors were not responsible to the Hong Kong people. The Chinese who accounted for 98 percent of Hong Kong's population were not able to enjoy equal citizenship and political participation.

The return of Hong Kong to the motherland has truly started the process of democratic development in Hong Kong. Under the policy of "one country, two systems," Hong Kong citizens have begun to be entitled to unprecedented democratic rights. If someone deliberately distorts historical facts, ignores the achievements of Hong Kong's democratic development, and makes comments with

prejudice, his actions would be described as subjective speculation with ulterior motives.

Since Hong Kong's return to the motherland in 1997, the central government has always supported the development of democracy in Hong Kong, protecting Hong Kong residents to exercise their democratic rights in accordance with the law.

However, anti-China instigators have deliberately distorted their understanding of the Constitution and Basic Law, wantonly undermining "one country, two systems," and blatantly advocating "Hong Kong independence" among other wrongful propositions. Colluding with foreign anti-China forces, anti-China instiga-

tors are exploiting the loopholes in Hong Kong's electoral system, instigating illegal and violent activities without scruple.

Their actions pushed Hong Kong's democracy into disorder. Turbulence over proposed ordinance amendments resulted in ordinary citizens being lynched on the streets, with black terror lingering within Hong Kong society.

By spreading prejudice and hatred, anti-China instigators are poisoning the social atmosphere. They are doing everything possible to question and deny the central government's sovereignty over Hong Kong in spite of Hong Kong's overall and fundamental interests. People's Daily

Myanmar activists find new ways to protest as EU prepares sanctions on junta

PROTESTERS honked car horns in Myanmar on Monday and planted posters in an empty square to avoid arrest, injury or death as the European Union prepared to impose sanctions on 11 people linked to last month's coup and subsequent crackdown.

At least 250 people have been killed so far in anti-junta protests which the security forces are trying to stamp out, according to figures from the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners activist group.

"The number of murders has reached an unbearable extent, which is why we will not be able to avoid imposing sanctions," German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas told reporters as he arrived in Brussels for a meeting with his EU counterparts.

The names of 11 people involved in the coup and repression of demonstrators will be made public after the meeting, the EU's foreign policy chief Josep Borrell said.

They would be the bloc's most significant response to the coup so far.

According to diplomats and two internal documents seen by Reuters last week, the EU is also planning to target companies "generating revenue for, or providing financial support to, the Myanmar Armed Forces".

"We don't intend to punish the people of Myanmar but those who blatantly violate human rights," Maas said. A spokesman for the junta did not respond to calls seeking comment. He has previously said security forces have used force only when necessary.

The Southeast Asian nation has been locked in crisis since the elected government led by Nobel peace laureate Aung San Suu Kyi was overthrown by the military on Feb 1.

The violence has forced many citizens to think up novel ways to express their rejection of a return to army rule.

CAR HORNS, SHOTS

In downtown areas of the commercial capital Yangon, motorists honked car horns in response to a call on social media to mark the one-month anniversary of the launch of one of the biggest demonstrations since the coup.

In the western town of Mindat in Chin state, protesters planted scores of posters in a square in front of the main market saying "Military dictatorship must fall".

EU to sanction 11 people involved in Myanmar coup, foreign policy chief says

In the latest violence, one person was killed in the country's second city of Mandalay, aid workers and news reports said.

Four people were killed and several wounded in the city on Sunday when security forces opened fire after residents tried to resist efforts by the military to set up a base in a school, the Myanmar Now news portal reported. One man was shot dead and several were wounded when police opened fire on a group setting up a barricade in the central town of Monywa, a doctor there said on Sunday as a community group issued a call on Facebook for blood donors. **Agencies**

Remarkable progress achieved one year after China's implementation of foreign investment law

CHINA has achieved remarkable results after it enacted the foreign investment law, which offered easier market access for foreign capital, better facilitated investment, improved service system, brought more effective protection of rights and interests, and made market competition fairer, a spokesperson said recently.

The foreign investment law was implemented more than a year ago on Jan. 1, 2020.

It has created a more market-oriented, legalized, and international investment environment for foreign investors and enterprises, and served as a guarantee for an increase of 4.5 percent of foreign direct investment (FDI) to China last year, said Zang Tiwei, a spokesperson for the Legislative Affairs Commission of the National People's Congress Standing Committee.

Both China's attraction of foreign investment and its global share hit a record high in 2020, making the country the world's largest destination for foreign capital, Zang noted, adding that a total of 51,000 foreign enterprises were established in China last year, which drew a satisfying end of China's 13th Five-Year Plan period (2016-2020).

Heads of foreign enterprises told People's Daily that the implementation of the foreign investment law further reinforced their confidence to keep investing in China.

China's policy to enhance opening up, embrace advanced management philosophy, and ensure sound



A French technician of Hutchinson Industrial Rubber Products Suzhou Co., Ltd. discusses with a Chinese technician over product quality, April 16, 2020. File photo

business environment have created huge opportunities for multinational corporations, and boosted the confidence of foreign enterprises to keep investing in China, said Willie Tan, CEO of Skechers China, South Korea and Southeast Asia.

Skechers bucked the trend in the Chinese market last year against virus influence, the CEO introduced, adding that the company is continuing expanding its investment in China, and an Asia-Pacific R&D center has been established in Dongguan, south China's Guangdong province.

Besides, a \$1 billion logistics center established by the company in Taicang, east China's Jiangsu Province

is expected to be put into service this year, and its second-phase project will be commenced in the third quarter, Tan said. According to him, the company will keep expanding its market in third- to fifth-tier cities, while developing in top-tier cities.

Commercial vehicle maker Scania was one of the first automakers approved by China to establish wholly foreign-owned plants in the country. The Swedish firm spent a fairly long time on studying how to invest in China.

The Chinese government is launching a series of measures to advance economic reform and expand opening up, and these measures are continuously improving the country's economic resilience and production rate, said Mats Harborn, President of Scania China Group.

Optimistic about the future of the Chinese economy, Harborn noted that China will still be a locomotive driving global growth. He predicted that the country will become Scania's largest market in the next decade.

Swiss multinational corporation ABB last year completed its acquisition of a majority stake in Chargedot Shanghai New Energy Technology Co., Ltd. At present, a \$150 million robotic plant of the group is under construction in Shanghai, which, upon completion, will become the group's most advanced smart factory in the world.

People's Daily

Brexit reality stokes fears for the peace in Northern Ireland

LARNE

THE deep anger among some pro-British unionists in Northern Ireland over post-Brexit trade barriers that cut it off from the rest of the United Kingdom is emblazoned along the road from Belfast to the mainly Protestant port town of Larne.

Posters demanding "No Irish Sea Border", "Scrap NI Protocol" and "EU Hands Off Ulster" cover much of the 35-km route, their opposition to the new trading arrangements emphasized by the flying of Britain's Union Jack flag every few lampposts.

A dispute between Britain and the European Union over the implementation of the so-called Northern Ireland protocol - designed to prevent a "hard" Irish border - has raised fears that the outrage it has caused among some caught in the middle could spill over into violent protest in the coming months.

"The only thing that gets any results in this country is violence or the threat of violence," said Alex, a 72-year-old Larne resident who described himself as a "proper unionist". He declined to give his surname.

"We are part of the United Kingdom, we were born British, we live British and we will die British."

The British-run region remains deeply split along sectarian lines, 23 years after a peace deal largely ended three decades of bloodshed. Many Catholic nationalists aspire to unification with Ireland while Protestant unionists want to stay in the UK.

Preserving that delicate peace without allowing the United Kingdom a back door into the EU's single market via the border between Northern Ireland and EU-member Ireland was one of the most difficult issues of nearly four years of tortuous talks on the terms of Britain's exit from the bloc.

The protocol aimed to solve this by keeping Northern Ireland in both the UK's customs territory and the EU's single market.

However, the subsequent disruption at Northern Irish ports to trade in everyday goods such as cheese originating in Britain since the UK left the EU's orbit on Dec 31 mean the matter is far from settled.

Unionists say that, in its effort to avoid border checks between Northern Ireland and EU member Ireland and so allay nationalist concerns, the Brexit deal has instead cut them off from the rest of the UK with an effective border in the Irish Sea.

'Strength of feeling'

Many unionists say they feel part of their identity is being erased.

This month, Northern Irish loyalist paramilitary groups - who killed Catholics during the years of violence in what they saw as retaliation for Irish Repub-

lican Army (IRA) aggression - said they were temporarily withdrawing support for the 1998 Belfast Agreement, also known as the Good Friday Agreement.

While they pledged peaceful and democratic opposition to the Brexit deal, the groups, which include the outlawed Ulster Volunteer Force, Ulster Defence Association and Red Hand Commando, warned British Prime Minister Boris Johnson in a letter "not to underestimate the strength of feeling".

David Campbell, chairman of the Loyalist Communities Council, which represents the views of loyalist paramilitaries, said a "Pandora's box" of protest and political crisis would be opened unless the EU agreed to significant changes to the deal.

He said unionist anger was running at the highest level since the 1985 Anglo-Irish agreement, which gave Dublin a consultative role in Northern Irish affairs and prompted mass protests and a rise in loyalist violence.



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Our best wishes of success and prosperity to your Excellency and to the Tanzanian nation.

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Taifa Stars' head coach Kim Poulsen

Taifa Stars now opt for intensive preps for Equatorial Guinea clash

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA's senior national football team are preparing well for a crucial Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) qualifiers' match against Equatorial Guinea, which will take place at Estadio de Malabo in Malabo on Thursday.

Taifa Stars' head coach, Kim Poulsen, stated his charges are prepared to win the match and make the country proud.

He said he needs his players to be on top of their game if they are to get good results against Equatorial Guinea.

"We expect Equatorial Guinea to be tough, but we are preparing well as the aim is to win the game," he said.

Last week Taifa Stars lost 2-1 to Kenya in an international friendly clash and coach Poulsen said the game helped him a lot in creating combinations and coordination.

He said the game against Kenya was an opportunity for his team to assess their strengths and weaknesses.

He disclosed: "The match against Kenya was an opportunity for us to measure our strengths and weaknesses. I'm confident that we will do well in our game against Equatorial Guinea."

The coach said he expects to have a

full squad this week as foreign-based players join camp.

After the Kenya friendly, coach Poulsen said he will work on improving his team's defense and on scoring more goals.

"During the friendly match we made some defensive mistakes which cost us, but at the same time, our other challenge was failure to score, something we have to work on," the Dane disclosed.

He said they played good attacking football and, in the qualifiers' clash, they want to continue from where the team stopped.

Taifa Stars are expected to play Equatorial Guinea in the 2021 AFCON qualifier at the end of this month.

Stars' coach maintained that the mission is to see Taifa Stars qualify for AFCON finals for the second time in a row.

Kenya's Harambee Stars notched the first goal through Erick Kapaaito on the 20th minute of the first half.

Taifa Stars equalized 12 minutes later through Ayoub Lyanga and in the second half Harambee Stars' attacker Hassan Abdallah netted the winner for them on the 59th minute of the game.

Athletics coaches propose early camp for Olympics' qualifying competitions

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

ATHLETICS coaches in Tanzania have proposed early camping for domestic athletes who will participate in Tokyo Olympics qualifying events.

Athletics Tanzania (AT) vice-president, John Bayo, issued the statement at last weekend's meeting with Arusha-based athletics coaches.

Bayo had on Saturday met the coaches to appreciate the challenges they are facing in training athletes ahead of Tokyo Olympics qualifying events.

He said the coaches he met are Francis John, Thomas Tlanka, Anthony Mwingereza, Edward Panga, Dennis Malle, Marcelina Gwandu and Rodget John.

"The coaches want an early camp for our athletes, they say if the country is to send many athletes to the Tokyo Olympics we must have an early camp," he said.

Bayo also said the coaches have suggested that the camp should have 35 athletes instead of the initial 25 and camping should be at Sanya Juu in Kilimanjaro for long distance runners while field and track camp is to be located at Arusha's Forest Training College.

"The coaches have suggested that we have 35 athletes in camp instead of the 25 we earlier proposed, they say the added 10 athletes will serve as training partners, as it is not advisable for athletes to train without competitors,"

he said.

He said AT's budget for the camping and qualifying events is 56m/- but, with the coaches suggestions, it will be added up.

Bayo, however, disclosed AT will meet National Sports Council (NSC) and Tanzania Olympic Committee (TOC) before responding to the coaches' suggestions and new budget.

The Tokyo Olympics are scheduled to run from July 23 to August 8, with the Tokyo Paralympics due to follow from August 24 to September 5.

Currently only two local athletes Alponce Simbu and Failuna Matanga have qualified for the Games.

The AT official, however, conceded that with the recurrence of COVID-19 hitting hard around the world, many qualifying events have been either cancelled or postponed.

He, however, expressed optimism that there will be some Tokyo Olympic events soon.

"Of course many qualifying events have been suspended and others cancelled, but we are optimistic that soon they will be some events which will be used as qualifying for the Tokyo Olympics, what we want to do is to keep our athletes ready for qualifying tournaments," he said.

Some of the sports disciplines, which will have domestic athletes battling it out in Tokyo Olympics, are athletics, judo, boxing, swimming and beach volleyball.

Whither Tanzanian hockey and handball

By Correspondent Lloyd Ellipokea

DURING the last few years, it has been saddening to note that national hockey and handball have frighteningly descended into worrying stagnation.

For instance, there were precious few cheery and uplifting developments to report that emerged from domestic hockey and handball last year.

So, if we can all at least agree that both enchanting sports are going through a distinctly rocky patch, a pertinent question then arises, which is, what can we do to arrest the slide of hockey and handball into further regression?

Well, for my part, I feel that England's impressive example in how they have admirably transformed the once-declining fortunes of hockey and cycling during the past two decades can prove to be particularly instructive to our efforts to breathe new life into domestic hockey and handball.

Indeed, the manner in which England have rejuvenated hockey and cycling, two sports which in the past hardly featured prominently on the English sporting radar, has been nothing short of spectacularly exceptional.

And the thing is that this breathtaking ascent of English hockey and cycling from the doldrums did not suddenly happen overnight but was actually a painstaking and laborious process that required two



Junior hockey players take part in a recent tournament, which geared towards commemorating Olympic Day, at Magereza Ukonga venue in Dar es Salaam.

decades to fully come to fruition in all its resplendent glory.

And the tell-all results are patently clear for a surprised global audience to see.

At the 2016 Rio Olympics, the England women's field hockey team outfoxed their fabled and much-feared Dutch counterparts in the final to magnificently claim the highly coveted gold medal.

And in cycling, the results of England's ambitious rejuvenation project have been just as outstanding if not arguably more.

Indeed, during the past two decades, we have witnessed the steady and bold rise of the Team Sky cycling team, which has pretty much dominated the sport's most cherished brand,

the Tour de France during the period in question.

For example, two English cyclists from Team Sky have won the much-treasured and epic Tour de France crown a stunningly huge amount of times between them.

The first cyclist to set this unbelievable spell of British supremacy over the world's most daunting cycling race into motion was Bradley Wiggins, who won the Tour de France trophy in the late 2000s.

Hot on the heels of this tremendous accomplishment, however, was his erstwhile Team Sky teammate Christopher Froome, who went on to impeccably claim multiple Tour de France titles.

Indeed, perhaps at this juncture,

it would prove mightily helpful if we can remember that the Tour de France race is generally regarded as the most testing and challenging cycling contest in the whole world, which definitely means that it is not for the faint-hearted.

Thus, as we try to go about the doubtlessly hefty task of reviving both domestic hockey and handball from their sick-beds, it would be extremely useful, I believe, to attempt to glean whatever lessons that we can from England's seemingly magical project to uplift the fortunes of their once ailing sports of hockey and cycling.

Indeed, England's grand restoration project stands as a preciously stellar example to be emulated.

Mwanza sports official pays glowing tribute to Magufuli

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

MWANZA's Ilemela District Sports Officer, Kizito Bahati, has disclosed Tanzania's fifth phase President, the late John Pombe Magufuli, had during his life encouraged accountability and transparency for sports officials at various levels.

"He brought honour to everything in our country, meaning those in the sports industry should be careful and he was disappointed when our national teams were doing badly," he stated.

He said President Magufuli provided 1bn/- for the country's preparations for hosting the 2019 U-17 Africa Cup of Nations Championship.

He said Magufuli also assisted the U-17 national football team's preparations and participation in the showpiece.

Bahati stated Magufuli reminded the youngsters of patriotism and working hard at all times.

Bahati, the former national basketball team's player, also said that Magufuli once handed over 50m/- to senior national football team.

He said there was a cultural officer in each of the country's municipal councils and districts, who was in charge of all sports.

According to him, during Magufuli's administration, he hired district sports officers and made the profession more effective.

He said Magufuli also helped to renovate Mwanza's CCM Kirusumba Stadium and Jamhuri Stadium in Dodoma.

Bahati disclosed Magufuli's motto, which zeroes in on hard work, empowered athletes in various sports disciplines to have the courage to give their



Junior basketball players feature in a recent festival, held in Mwanza.

all at all times in various competitions.

The Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) noted it will always honour Magufuli because during his tenure, all national football teams qualified for the Africa Cup of Nations.

Wilfred Kidao, TFF Secretary General, issued the statement.

Kidao said Magufuli despite being an active sportsman, he attended senior national team's matches, a situation that inspired the team to perform well and ultimately qualify for the Africa Cup of Nations.

He added: "Once they made it to the continental tournament, he called them to the State House and congratulated them, he rewarded them with plots of

land."

"The squad moreover booked a place in African Nations Championship (CHAN), the U-17 team qualified for the Africa Cup of Nations twice, national U-20 squad as well played in U-20 Africa Cup of Nations, national beach soccer side as well performed well," he disclosed.

He said: "For us it is history that will make us continue to remember Magufuli as he also recognized the players who worked hard to defend the country's pride."

Kidao also said they will always love him as he also handed over 1bn/- to TFF for organizing the U-17 Africa Cup of Nations Championships and making Tanzania famous.

"Under his leadership, we had four sides making it to continental club competitions, the Mainland Tanzania Premier League has become the eighth best league in Africa," he noted.

Kidao said Magufuli will further be remembered for his last speech when he inaugurated the Parliament late last year after the general election, focusing on several issues which included investment in sports.

He disclosed: "We will support his cause by making sure that we manage our football resources and all of the sport's activities well, create employment opportunities, as he believed in creating industries to create employment."

Comoros set to reach Cup of Nations for first time and go 'crazy'

JOHANNESBURG

COMOROS winger Said Bakari expects the people of the small African island state to go "crazy" this week if they reach the Cup of Nations finals for the first time after hosting Togo.

"They went crazy after we beat Kenya last November so I expect more of the same if we create history," said the Netherlands-based winger.

"It is a wonderful feeling representing a nation knowing that everyone -- young and old, male and female -- is willing you to succeed."

The Comoros debuted competitively in 2010 World Cup/Africa Cup of Nations qualifying and have improved consistently since suffering heavy home and away losses to Madagascar then.

Egypt and the Comoros have eight points each with two Group G matchdays remaining between March 24 and 30, Kenya three, and Togo are out of the running with just one.

A draw will ensure the Comorans go to the 24-nation tournament in Cameroon next January, and even a loss would not prevent them qualifying unless Kenya beat Egypt in Nairobi.

In the unlikely event of Kenyan and Togolese victories, the two qualifiers will be decided early next week when Egypt host the Comoros and Kenya play in Togo.

Bakari is confident there will be no heart-break for Comoran supporters: "Coach Amir (Abdou) has created a mentally strong and professional squad. We will make it."

Here, AFP Sport highlights five of the most appealing matchday 5 fixtures as the struggle intensifies to join already-qualified Algeria, Mali, Senegal and Tunisia and hosts Cameroon.

Comoros v Togo

The Comoros began their qualifying campaign with a shock win in Togo in October 2019 thanks to a goal from Faiz Selemani.

A draw with record seven-time African champions Egypt and a draw and victory over Kenya followed, leaving them trailing Liverpool star Mohamed Salah and his Pharaohs only on goal difference.

Stability has been a key factor in the growth of the team from south east Africa with Marseille-born Abdou in charge since 2014.

Gambia v Angola

The Gambia is another country hoping to qualify for the first time, although they cannot achieve the feat in matchday 5 without help from fellow Group D leaders Gabon.

If the Gambians win at home to bottom side Angola and the Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang-led Gabonese defeat the Democratic Republic of Congo in Franceville, both countries will secure places in Cameroon.

But if either home team fails to collect maximum points, two-time Cup of Nations winners DR Congo will come into the reckoning.

E. Guinea v Tanzania

Equatorial Guinea were automatic participants at the 2012 (co-hosts) and 2015 (hosts) tournaments, but have never made it to the Cup of Nations through qualifying results.

That will change this week if they use home advantage to defeat Tanzania in a clash between the second and third-place Group J teams.

The Equatoguineans are favourably positioned thanks to two victories over Libya with former West Ham United midfielder Pedro Obiang among the goals.

Zambia v Algeria

Shock 2012 African champions Zambia are facing the humiliation of failing to qualify for three straight Cup of Nations tournaments as they prepare to host in-form title-holders Algeria.

The Algerians have won 16 matches and drawn six in all competitions since losing a 2019 Cup of Nations qualifier in Benin and trounced the Zambians 5-0 when they met 16 months ago.

Riyad Mahrez-inspired Algeria have already qualified, leaving Zimbabwe (five points), Botswana (four) and Zambia (three) battling for the other qualifying place.

Ethiopia v Madagascar

Debutants Madagascar were the surprise side of the 2019 Cup of Nations in Egypt, shocking three-time champions Nigeria before weariness led to a quarter-finals defeat by Tunisia.

Frenchman Nicolas Dupuis coaches a team that are well placed for a second successive appearance as they trail Group K leaders the Ivory Coast only on goal difference.

But Ethiopia, one point behind the pacesetters, are formidable at home, shocking the Ivorians with Shimelis Bekele the match-winner and firing three unanswered goals past Niger.

AFP

Arsenal show fight in comeback but inconsistencies continue to infuriate

By James Olley, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

THE battle for Arsenal's soul goes on. It is an exhilarating and exasperating watch in equal measure, a team so astonishingly intent on reminding everyone of the best and worst of themselves each time they take to the field.

Which is the real Arsenal? The one that was so utterly insipid for half an hour, readily acquiescing to a 3-0 deficit as West Ham seized the initiative? Or the one that responded with remarkable resilience, orchestrated by the excellent Martin Odegaard to rescue a point with a 3-3 draw through a stunning fightback?

This inconsistency of application ultimately cost Arsene Wenger and Unai Emery their position as Gunners boss.

Under Wenger, the accusation was Arsenal were too comfortable. Under Emery, it looked like they didn't care. Mikel Arteta has sought to tackle this corrosive culture by demanding greater professionalism at all times, a sentiment reinforced by the decision to drop captain Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang for last weekend's North Lon-



Mikel Arteta admitted Arsenal's 'two faces' worry him after a chaotic 3-3 draw with West Ham. (Agencies)

don derby after he reported late to the training ground on the day of the game.

He could have reprimanded all 11 for turning up late here. This was as bad an opening 30 minutes as Arsenal have produced in years. Thursday night's Europa League exploits must be taken into account, especially in the context of a condensed schedule, but the lack of the most basic work ethic was a staggering abandonment of responsibility for a professional sports team.

The Hammers started brightly but they did not need to be anything more than focused and purposeful to race ahead. Jesse Lingard

continued his fine personal record against Arsenal by scoring his seventh goal in eight games against the Gunners, rifling home a superb volley from just inside the box.

Lingard continues to look reinvigorated and marked his England recall with the seventh goal involvement since joining West Ham on loan from Manchester United in January. No other Premier League player has more during that time span.

Just 98 seconds passed before they went 2-0 up. Arsenal completely switched off after conceding a free kick -- Granit Xhaka was one of several players

not even facing the play when Lingard fed Jarrod Bowen who hit an unconvincing shot goalwards. Bernd Leno was beaten far too easily at his near post, painfully slow to react. When Tomas Soucek flicked in Michail Antonio's header to put West Ham 3-0 up after 32 minutes, Arteta could be seen on the touchline scowling in disbelief.

For all the talk about off-field standards helping inform conduct on the field, this is precisely the kind of spell Arsenal simply have to completely eradicate if they are ever to progress under Arteta.

"This is my responsibility because before we could not play at that level but now we can", said Arteta afterwards. "So we cannot go from here to there. We have to be all the time here [high]."

"This is where he is heading and we have to stop giving the opponents anything because the last shot that they had when they hit the post is a throw-in, we give them the ball and they are through. It is too simple.

"And for the rest, I am incredibly proud of the team. That is what keeps me awake, because it has happened too many

times too often. And at that level you cannot do that because the opponents are so good, and the margins are not that big. Then the positive one is the level that we played afterwards of course."

There was consternation in some quarters on social media of the team Arteta selected, notably with Calum Chambers starting at right-back and Aubameyang pushed out to the right but this wasn't about tactics, this was simply about a basic will to win. And what followed makes the first 30 minutes even more of a betrayal. Soucek deflected Alexandre Lacazette's 38th-minute shot into his own net and suddenly Arsenal came alive.

They improved dramatically after the break, Odegaard finding pockets of space and delivering intelligent, well-timed passes to puncture West Ham's rearguard. Chambers was in fact superb down the right, creating three chances and whipping in eight crosses, one of which forced a Craig Dawson own goal just after the hour mark.

Antonio missed a great chance to put the game to bed when Said Benrahma drilled a cross into a dangerous

area, hitting the post from two yards as the game became frantically stretched. But Arsenal equalised when substitute Nicolas Pepe crossed for Lacazette to head home, celebrating with Aubameyang who had been taken off moments before.

"I am not worried about the culture because we have come so far on that and I have seen so many positive things to be consistent with what I'm saying. Today was one of those again because I have seen before completely different reactions, with each other as a team, the belief the energy.

"I am not worried about that. I am worried about the levels we can show within a game and that's where I think we are still far from the top teams."

Lacazette's equaliser will no doubt mask the decision to remove Aubameyang when Arsenal were 3-2 down but it says everything about the Gabon striker's game right now that he was withdrawn in such circumstances. Aubameyang managed 22 touches and just four sprints in the first half and had the worst passing accuracy in the opposing half (62.5 percent) of any outfield starter on either team.

Fred's failings reflect Man United's lack of quality

LEICESTER, England

OLE Gunnar Solskjaer has made no secret of desire to win competitions more important than the FA Cup, but Manchester United's 3-1 defeat to Leicester at the quarterfinal stage on Sunday will remind the Norwegian that, ultimately, he needs better players to get him where he wants to be.

United's last hope of ending this season with silverware lies with the Europa League, but it is the Premier League title and the Champions League that Solskjaer really wants. To win those -- the most prestigious prizes on offer -- a squad is needed to match the best in the world and United, who lost away from home against a domestic rival for the first time in 14 months, fall short in that department.

Leicester, without James Maddison, Harvey Barnes and both their first-choice full-backs, were by far the better team and Brendan Rodgers, for whom this game was his 100th in charge at the King Power Stadium, will fancy his side's chances of progressing to the final after they were drawn against Southampton in the last four. Manchester City and Chelsea will contest the other semifinal.

Solskjaer, meanwhile, sees United go into the international break with a disappointing defeat after a long run of games caught up with them.

"We didn't have the spark tonight, but it's understandable," he said. "This team have been fantastic in the last three or four months.



Fred's inability to play at a consistently high level is symptomatic of Man United as a whole. (Agencies)

We played every three days and have been on a great run. It just caught up with us, all the games and travels."

Solskjaer claimed that Thursday night's Europa League trip to Milan "took a lot of out of us physically," which led to a lack of "zip, authority and confidence" against Leicester.

"We tried to get on the front foot and start well because sometimes you can get that adrenaline boost and confidence if you get a goal and that can carry you over the line," he said. "We've got too many players that have played too many games and too many that haven't really had much football. We didn't have enough against a tough team."

Solskjaer has set the standard for his players by claiming that, while FA Cup and Europa League success would be useful stepping stones, his focus is upon building a squad capable of winning a first Premier League title since 2013.

In two years as permanent manager, he has worked hard to change what he calls "the culture" at Old Trafford, but it is only part of the

puzzle. A bonded dressing room is one thing, but the best teams have the best players and this latest display featured further evidence that it is hard to make an argument for some of Solskjaer's regulars.

Fred, in particular, had a day to forget, and it was remarkable that he stayed on the pitch for 84 minutes. The Brazilian midfielder was shocking for the first 25 minutes especially, the lowlight of which was a loose back pass that allowed Kelechi Iheanacho to scoot round Dean Henderson and score into an empty net.

After Mason Greenwood had ensured United went into half-time level -- the 19-year-old's sharply taken finish followed Donny van de Beek's clever dummy -- Fred had a front-row seat seven minutes after the break to watch Youri Tielemans turn Nemanja Matic before embarking upon a strong run that ended with a sharp finish into the bottom corner.

United made a quadruple substitution to chase the game, with Bruno Fernandes and Edinson Cavani among those to come on, but Iheanacho put the tie to bed with his second, a close-range header after Dean Henderson flapped at a left-wing free kick.

Fred is not a bad footballer -- he was very good in the second half against Milan -- but is he a potential league winner? He turned 28 earlier this month and, in nearly three seasons at United, has made more than 100 appearances, but the window for significant improvement has probably closed, especially for a player who

relies on stamina rather than outstanding technical ability.

Indeed, it is difficult to see how he would get into Leicester's team ahead of Tielemans and Wilfred Ndidi, let alone the midfields of Manchester City or Bayern Munich. That is the standard Solskjaer has set himself and, while he is not the type to play the blame game, he must make decisions get his team to the heights he enjoyed as a player under Sir Alex Ferguson.

"When we win, we win together and when we lose, we lose together," Solskjaer said. "We're not pointing fingers and blaming. The second one is a good goal by the boy but maybe with a zip of energy we could've got to him and wouldn't have been done as easily in the middle. That's been one of our strengths -- keeping clean sheets and being dogged -- but we didn't have the opportunity."

Many of United's players will represent their countries over the next two weeks, rather than getting the rest Solskjaer

might feel they need, after which United return to action in pursuit of Champions League qualification and the silverware that has eluded their manager despite reaching the late rounds of a cup competition several times.

"We've got the Europa League and Premier League to concentrate on," Solskjaer said. "Yes, we would've liked to go to Wembley [in the FA Cup], but now all the focus is on the games we do have. We're in a good position in the league and we want to keep improving."

Second place in the league would enable Solskjaer to argue that progress has been made, regardless of what happens in the remaining rounds of the Europa League. For that is where the overriding ambition lies for the 48-year-old: Premier League glory is his aim, and it is his job over the summer to decide who of his players are up to it and who are not.

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Mbwana Samatta, Msuva set to join Taifa Stars' training camp



Taifa Stars' skipper, Mbwana Samatta.

by Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIA's senior national soccer side 'Taifa Stars' skipper, Mbwana Samatta, and team mates, Simon Msuva and Yohana Mkomola, are expected to arrive at the team's camp in Kenya today.

Samatta turns out for Turkish football outfit, Fenerbahçe S.K, whereas Msuva features for Morocco's Wydad Casablanca, and Mkomola features for Ukraine's Ingulets Petrove.

Reports from Nairobi stated that the three players will arrive early today to join their teammates, who have been in the camp since March 13 this year to prepare for Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) qualifiers' clash against Equatorial Guinea.

The Taifa Stars' trio was delayed due to their clubs' responsibilities.

Samatta was featuring

for Fenerbahçe in Turkish Premier League, Msuva was featuring for Wydad Casablanca in CAF Champions League, Mkomola had been turning out for Ingulets Petrove in Ukrainian Premier League.

Sunday's Turkish Super Lig derby between Besiktas and Samatta's Fenerbahçe ended in 1-1 draw, with Algerian forward, Rachid Ghezzal, getting an assist.

For Fenerbahçe, they could not grind out any meaningful opportunity in the first half but Tanzanian Samatta was cautioned on the 31st minute for a foul on Croatian defender Domagoj Vida.

Msuva tasted his first Casablanca

Derby win, as his outfit, Wydad Casablanca, cruised to 2-0 victory over rivals, Raja Casablanca, on Sunday to go top of the Botola Pro League.

Mkomola led Ingulets Petrove to 1-0 win over Oleksandriya in the Ukrainian Premier League to climb to the ninth spot in the Ukrainian top-tier.

Taifa Stars, under head coach Kim Poulsen, have set up camp in Kenya where they had hoped to play two friendly matches against Kenya's national team 'Harambee Stars'.

They, though, played only one game on March 15 and lost 2-1 while the other match, which had been scheduled to be played on March 18, was cancelled following the death of

Tanzania's fifth phase President, John Pombe Magufuli, who passed away on March 17.

Poulsen's men turn their focus on the AFCON qualifiers' match against Equatorial Guinea, which will take place at Estadio de Malabo on Thursday.

In the first clash bringing together the squads, held in Dar es Salaam on November 15, 2019, the hosts cruised to 2-1 victory.

Taifa Stars' goals were scored by Msuva on the 69th minute and midfielder, Salum Abubakar 'Sure Boy' on the 90th minute. Equatorial Guinea's consolation was scored by Pedro Obiang on the 15th minute.

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Azam FC still hopes to clinch VPL silverware

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

VODACOM Premier League giants, Azam FC, say they are still hopeful of winning this season's league top honour.

Azam FC's assistant coach, Vivier Bahati, said considering the competition in the Premier League, anything can happen.

"The league has reached a very crucial and tough stage, all teams are playing well, so, we are still hopeful of winning the silverware, all we need is winning all of our games," he said.

Azam FC has 10 games left in this season's Premier League, they are placed third with 44 points from 24 games.

Once the league resumes, Azam FC will host Mtibwa Sugar at Azam Complex in Dar es Salaam, the former will later play away to JKT Tanzania and Dodoma Jiji FC in Dodoma, and Yanga.

After away games, Azam FC will be at home welcoming KMC FC, Biashara United, Simba SC, Gwambina FC and finish two away games against Namungo FC and Ruvu Shooting.

Azam FC had started the league on good note, winning more than five games in a row, but they, on the road, lost several matches.

The situation prompted the outfit to part ways with Romanian coach Aristica Cioba and replace him with Zambian George Lwandamina, who started on a bad note as the team were registering draw in many fixtures.

Azam FC's Chief Executive Officer, Abdulkarim Amin, recently told The Guardian that although his team are placed third they can still win this season's title.

He said he is confident that they have a squad and technical panel, which has the hunger to win this season's top honour.

Amin said it has been the wish of his club to clinch the silverware, insisting that for the past 10 seasons Azam FC has been on the top three spots in the Premier League.

"We are placed third but I'm sure we still have a chance of winning this season's silverware, I have said so because we have a squad and technical panel which is hungry of winning it," he said.



Tanzania Olympic Committee (TOC)'s secretary general, Filbert Bayi.

Olympic Committee's official mourns Magufuli

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA's athletics legend, Filbert Bayi, has described the late President John Pombe Magufuli as a great sports lover and he will be sorely missed.

Bayi, who is also Tanzania Olympic Committee (TOC)'s Secretary General, said the country has lost a great son who worked hard to develop it in all sectors.

"I'm at a loss, words seem inadequate to express the sadness I feel for the loss of our dear president, he selflessly worked hard to see the country develop in all sectors," he noted.

He said Magufuli has left a footprint which will live forever.

He stated: "There are many things, which the departed President did for the country, he did a lot in all sectors, some were completed while others are still implemented."

"I wish he had lived to see the completion of all of his projects he initiated but we can not question God's decisions," he said.

During Magufuli's reign, the country improved a lot in sports as after many years the senior national team 'Taifa Stars' qualified for Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) tournament, hosted by Egypt in 2019.

Taifa Stars as well made it to African Nations Championship (CHAN) in 2020 and the U-20 team 'Ngorongoro Heroes' also qualified for U-20 Africa Cup of Nations' finals, which took place in Mauritania this year.

The body of President Magufuli will be taken to Amaan Stadium in Zanzibar today for the Isles' people to pay their last respect to the fifth phase President. The burial will take place in Chato on Friday.

Magufuli was described as a strong leader, who never fell to the trappings

of power like many others that used their respective countries' state houses to enrich themselves.

He was described as a leader that was committed to the idea of tackling corruption and ushering development with a zeal that is seldom seen here and beyond.

Various leaders say due to his commitment, Tanzania has seen the rise of vibrant infrastructure.

Writing on his Political Uncensored column, titled 'History will absolve you, Simba', Golden Matonga said Africa needs stronger leaders akin to Magufuli.

He wrote: "Truly Africa needs stronger institutions than benevolent strongmen (and indeed they are mostly men) but you ask around African populations today, the most pressing and urgent need is a government that can deliver on economic development while cutting on corruption and wastage."

"There is no gain in a democracy that serves the interests of a few. And that's where Magufuli delivered and that's where leaders across the continent should seek to emulate him," he disclosed.

"Magufuli proved exactly what Fidel Castro predicted for himself in his famous 'history will absolve me speech- 'A revolutionary government back by the people and with respect to the nation, after cleansing the different institutions of all venal and corrupt officials, would proceed immediately to the country's industrialization'."

"Magufuli was an action man. He is a hero. But even heroes die and lions sleep. So Simba (Swahili for Lion) now rests. And history will absolve this lion long after the scourge of the pandemic is gone, and his tangible achievements are reviewed without the caricatures of today," said part of his column.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

