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FIRE GUTS DAR'S DECADES-OLD MARKET



Downtown Dar es Salaam city's all-important Kariakoo Market ablaze on Saturday night, amid reports of destruction of breath-taking proportions. Both President Samia Suluhu Hassan and Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa have demanded an immediate root-and-branch probe into the tragic incident. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

PM forms probe team with disbelief spreads and uneasiness raging

By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan yesterday directed a multi-agency team to thoroughly investigate what caused the fire that gutted the historic Kariakoo market on Saturday night.

A huge ball of fire could be seen at the centre of the city where the city's main trading facility, with observers at a loss to say if anything remained in the main market complex, apart from the older market on the other side of the compound.

The Directorate of Presidential Communications said in a statement yesterday that in the wake of huge losses caused by the fire, President Samia has directed that defence and security organs and other agencies tasked to probe the matter conduct a thorough investigation and ascertain the cause of the inferno.

Kariakoo is the city's biggest market that drew traders from within and outside the

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Abiy in clear polls win as famine stalks Tigray zone

ADDIS ABABA

ETHIOPIAN Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed (pictured) has won the country's delayed elections with an overwhelming majority and is set to lead the country for another five years amid crisis in the northern Tigray region.

The election board said on Saturday that Abiy's Prosperity Party won 410 out of 436 seats, giving him another five-year term in office.

However, a fifth of the country failed to

carry out voting overall due to insecurity and logistical problems.

Polls were not held in the war-torn Tigray region, where hundreds of thousands face extensive famine.

Another round of elections has been penned for September 6 in the affected areas, but a date has not been confirmed for Tigray, following the delay of polls due to the pandemic, but rebel leaders in Tigray proceeded with their own polls and won the local mandate for the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF).

Abiy, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize for his reforms and reaching peace with Eritrea, described the vote as a "historically inclusive election" in a statement on his twitter page.

A new government is expected to be formed in October. However, there are concerns about the election's integrity, with opposition parties complaining that a government crackdown against critics had disrupted their polls preparation

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Fire outbreaks ruin girls' school dorms

Shocked students escape unharmed

By Guardian Reporter, Morogoro

TWO dormitories of secondary schools in Morogoro municipality caught fire on Saturday night, leaving hundreds of shocked students scrambling for safety but unharmed.

The fire outbreaks occurred at Charlotte Secondary School in Tungi Ward and At-Taaun Islamic Girls Secondary School in Membesongo Ward., pushing the Fire and Rescue Services to caution operators of private schools to make sure they



It is claimed that the fire began at around 8:30 pm and had intensified by 9:00pm, with students being out of the dormitory, mostly at the mosque

regularly inspect their electrical systems.

The regional commander for the services, Goodluck Zelotte issued this appeal while leading the exercise to put down a fire gutting the storied dormitory with a mosque below for At-Taaun at around nine in the night on Saturday. It was doused two hours later as police water cannons invested the area.

"In the morning we had to put down another fire at Charlotte Secondary School and that is why we are appealing to school

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Zanzibar State House has new top officials

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR President Dr Hussein Mwinyi (pictured) has appointed new permanent secretaries and their deputies for the supervision of the President's Office, and issued other instructions.

Chief Secretary Zena Ahmed Saidi said in statement yesterday that the president appointed three permanent secretaries, two deputy permanent secretaries and



one district commissioner.

The permanent secretaries are Mussa Haji Ali (State House Affairs), Habiba Hassan Omar (Labour, Economy and Investments), and Issa Mahfoodh Haji (Regional Administration, Local Governments and Special SMZ Units).

The deputies are About Hassan Mwinyi (Finance and Planning), who shifts from his position as District

Commissioner for Unguja North B, plus Mikidadi Mbarouk Mzee (Regional Administration, Local Governments and Special SMZ Units).

Those appointments took effect from Saturday last week, meanwhile as appointees are to be sworn in starting 10:00am at the Zanzibar State House

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Miriam Kikoti (C), a Tanzania Trade Development Authority (TanTrade) business information officer, pictured at the ongoing 45th edition of the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair at the weekend attending to an entrepreneur (R). This was at a business clinic sponsored by NBC Bank and held at the agency's pavilion. The event has brought together business professionals from various public and private institutions out to help SMEs across the country. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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today.

Similarly, President Mwinyi has instructed the Zanzibar Anti-Corruption and Economic Crimes Authority (ZAECA) and the police to probe suspected theft in the Zanzibar Electricity Co. (ZECO) at its various selling centres, with legal and disciplinary measures being instituted on all those found to be involved.

The directive was given when Dr Mwinyi addressed government officials when visiting Unguja Urban West Region, underlining that indications show that massive thefts of funds took place in electricity selling points. The two institutions need to probe the issue and steps seen to be taken, he emphasised.

He also directed the suspension of ZECO staff involved in uprooting power poles at Mwachealale area in Unguja West District-A, reminding the corporation that it has to take poles and transformers to areas that need to be

supplied with electricity.

To boost entrepreneurial outreach, President Mwinyi instructed that state-based investment funds be placed under one roof, including those catering for people with disabilities, the youth and women, so that their functions are properly managed.

Credit from these funds was being issued without proper safeguards, resulting in many beneficiaries failing to repay the loans, the Isles leader stated, tasking the Blue Economy ministry as well as Fisheries to empower entrepreneurs, but ensure improved financial accounting.

Dr Mwinyi deplored poor cleanliness in the city of Zanzibar, pointing out that only the road from the Abeid Amani Karume International Airport to the Mnazi Mmoja Referral Hospital was being kept clean, as he uses that road from time to time when travelling or returning to the State House.

"There is no other clean area other than the airport since I pass through it from

time to time," he said.

He said 90 per cent of funds under The Zanzibar Urban Services Project (ZUSP) - USD 90m) has been allocated to beautify the city, but there is no tending of the trees that were planted.

The government intends to come up with a project to beautify the city with tarmac roads, pedestrians' paths and other amenities, with the municipal council charged with its oversight, he said. No efforts have been made for the construction of markets and bus stations, with the municipality seemingly pursuing pointless contracts, he declared.

He said narcotic drugs have been entering Zanzibar through ports and the airport, with a portion of officials working together with criminals to effect the passage of narcotics thus destroying the youth.

"Defence and security organs must be serious. We want to hear from them that people are being arrested, prosecuted and jailed," he added.

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country, hence its destruction has caused untold loss to traders who rent stalls, apart from rents collected by the landlord for the historic market—the Kariakoo Markets Corporation, whose sole shareholder is the Treasury.

Apart from the huge number of traders, the market was a trading hub for various commodities demanded by people from various parts of East Africa, the president noted, underlining that its destruction was not only a loss to traders, but to the government and the country at large.

Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa visited the site of the raging fire yesterday morning and unveiled a probe team to investigate how the building caught fire and if there was arson behind it.

Addressing reporters and shocked area residents and traders, the PM gave the team seven days to complete the investigation and give a report on what happened.

The team comprises of State House officials (President's Office -Regional Administration and Local Governments), the Directorate of Disaster Management in the Prime Minister's Office, the regional defence and security committee, the military, the police, the Fire and Rescue Force as well as the anti-graft agency.

The premier also named the Tanzania Building Agency (TBA), the Tanzania Electric Supply Co. (TANESCO), the Attorney General's Office and the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) to send officials as part of the probe team.

"If it is established that somebody was

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owners to protect their infrastructures and ensure the safety of the students," he said.

Regarding the cause of the fire, he said it was too early to ascertain this, but a special team will be formed that will involve various defence and security organs will be tasked to do the job.

Regional Police Commander Fortunatus Muslim said the gutted girls' dormitory housed 102 students all of who were safe and were now sheltered at a nearby mosque.

There were no serious injuries but six students were rushed to the region referral hospital after collapsing from shock, he stated, while headmaster Iddi Suleiman Juma said the school had just opened on Monday after the holidays.

"It is claimed that the fire begun at around 8:30 pm and had intensified by 9:00pm, with students being out of the dormitory,

involved in one way or another, appropriate measures will be taken immediately," he said, expressing skepticism as to why the market has been here for years and it catches fire today. "The probe must be thorough," he emphasised.

The Kariakoo market building was designed by local architect Beda Amuli, one of the first East Africans to set up architectural firms, with construction starting in 1972 and completed in 1974 but was launched in 1975.

Its tree-shaped roof and column allowed rainwater to be caught and captured in underground water tanks, while its large openings allowed air to flow through freely and keep the building cool in the hot weather of Dar es Salaam and the large numbers of people visiting or doing business there routinely.

Despite that the city is now dotted with well built market structures in the suburbs, it remained the main bargain centre, and thus was key to the city's small-scale economy as the source of most of its supplies.

Auxiliary traders found in city streets indistinguishably set up shop in the open area outside, in many cases also specializing in rare products sought for in the city and far beyond.

Early last month, President Samia made an impromptu visit to the market and suspended top managers of the holding organization, the Kariakoo Markets Corporation following complaints over the congestion of merchandise and blocking of the main entries for much of the day. Traders also complained of high charges for rented space for stalls.

mostly at the mosque," he said, noting that the dormitory and belongings of the students were destroyed, with nothing being saved.

Morogoro MP Abdulaziz Abood who arrived at the scene at around 11:00 pm provided initial assistance including 100 blankets for the students.

At Charlotte Secondary School, the fire gutted the dormitory of Form I students, destroying all items inside, with school headmistress Sister Agnes saying they discovered the fire as it increased in intensity in the morning on Saturday, with no student being harmed. Parents and guardians should thus remain calm, she urged.

Prof Riziki Shemdoe, the Permanent Secretary in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments), accompanied by District Commissioner Albert Msando visited both schools to assess the situation.

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plans.

Abiy critic Berhanu Nega said his party, Ethiopian Citizens for Social Justice, had filed more than 200 complaints after observers in a number of regions were blocked by local officials and militiamen.

The state-affiliated Ethiopian Human Rights Commission (EHRC) said there were "no serious or widespread human rights violations" in stations it observed.

However, in a preliminary report the EHRC said that some constituencies experienced improper arrests, as they recorded voter intimidation and harassment of observers and journalists, noting also that it had observed several killings in the days leading up to the vote in the regional state of Oromia.

In May, the EU accused Ethiopia of failing to guarantee the independence of its election.

The election was Mr Abiy's first electoral test since coming to power in 2018.

He has clamped down on corruption, released political prisoners, appointed more women to the cabinet and made peace with neighbouring Eritrea, following a

1998-2000 border war that left tens of thousands of people dead.

He won the 2019 Nobel Peace Prize, but just a year later, he launched the military operation against Tigray province to oust the TPLF as the party defied the federal authorities, seizing military bases in the region in a move that observers interpreted differently, either as bid to overthrow Abiy, intention of secession or forceful demand for a weaker federal structure.

The conflict in Tigray has killed thousands of people more from food insecurity than military operations, as many abandoned their towns and villages to seek shelter across the border in Sudan. Eritrea forces, traditional enemies of TPLF, carried out operations laced with brutality, external observers maintained.

On Saturday, for the first time in two weeks, the UN World Food Programme began moving aid into Tigray, following weeks of trading accusations on blocking much-needed shipments.

The UN said on Friday that humanitarian operations were being constrained by the absence of essential services including fuel, telecommunications and electricity.



Rotary Club of Dar es Salaam president Sati Gadhvi (R) symbolically presents to Dar es Salaam mayor Omary Kumbilamoto (3rd-R) 150 desks donated by the club in partnership with Ananya Chag and Friends to Kombo Primary School. The event was held at the school's Vingunguti premises in the city at the weekend. Ananya Chag (2nd-L) and her friends contributed 15m/- to the cause. The others are SBC Tanzania Ltd marketing manager Jasper Maston (2nd-R) and locality government chairman Athuman Musa. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Reporter

PRIMARY and secondary school owners have been urged to utilise various exhibitions that are organised in the country by ensuring that they participate fully for them to gain experiences and market their services to the public.

Education stakeholder and marketing manager of the Scholastica schools from Himo Kilimanjaro Johnson Msuya made the call during the weekend at the ongoing Dar es Salaam International

'Public exhibitions will enhance national and international relationships and collaboration'

Trade Fair (DITF).

According to him, apart from marketing their services and providing services to the public various exhibitions including the DITF help to enhance national and international relationships and collaborations.

He said that the participation of

secondary and primary schools in the DITF has been very low for this year; Scholastica was the only school that participated in the exhibitions.

Msuya said among the things that pushed the leadership of Scholastica schools to participate in the exhibition was to ensure

that they continue to provide education to Tanzanians, especially parents and students about the importance of providing quality education to their children so as to enable them achieve professional dreams.

He also urged parents not to pressurize their children to take

courses which they do not want because by doing so may affect the children's academic development and performance.

"At the school, we have a system of educating parents on various things that help improve children's school performance. We cannot work alone to make children

achieve their educational dreams, but only by cooperating with their parents," he said.

Elly Singano, marketing officer of the schools, called on the Tanzania Trade Development Authority (Tantrade) to consider offering participation discounts to school owners who participate in the fair because they provide services and not business.

According to him, this will help attract more school owners to participate in the exhibitions every year.



A Vodacom shop attendant (R) briefs Bunda district commissioner Joshua Nassari (2nd-L) at the weekend on services and products offered by the mobile phone service provider. The DC had just launched the Bunda town shop. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Kikwete to join Agra board food systems tour of Africa

By Guardian Reporter

FORMER President Jakaya Kikwete will embark on a tour of Uganda, Zambia and Mozambique to mobilise political leadership and private sector participation in promoting agribusiness as a strategy for ending food insecurity and increasing household incomes in the continent.

The former Prime Minister of Ethiopia and Board Chair of the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), Hailemariam Dessalegn, paid Kikwete, a courtesy call at the Jakaya Kikwete Foundation (JKF) offices in Dar es Salaam on Friday evening.

In conversation with Kikwete, Dessalegn appealed for support to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), which he said are important for the faster growth of the agricultural industry.

"SMEs processing agricultural commodities understand consumer needs better than anyone. For agricultural transformation, and to respond to the market in a bigger way, it is important to place them at the fore-front," said Kikwete, who is also one of the members of AGRA board, which is chaired by Dessalegn.

The meeting was also attended by Minister for Agriculture, Prof Adolph Mkenia and Minister for Industry and Trade, Prof Kitila Mkumbo.

Mkumbo shared his ministry's priorities, while recognizing AGRA's role in advocating for the removal of VAT on some post-harvest management technologies. AGRA provided an economic analysis study to inform the debate on rescinding the 18 percent tax on hermetic bags, making them more affordable to smallholder farmers. The AGRA study found that the removal of tax would increase demand for the bags by 150 percent, while raising the total net benefit to the society by US\$10.9 million per season.

It is such verification of impact that the AGRA Board Chair is looking to get during his stay in Tanzania, which will also see him engage AGRA's staff,

private sector and development partners in reviewing their roles for the pursuit of agricultural transformation.

Dessalegn arrived in Tanzania on Friday morning for a five-day tour that will also see him meet with President Samia Suluhu Hassan for dialogue on her government's food systems priorities.

This is important as Africa prepares for the September UN Food Systems Summit, where the world will take stock of the progress towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially the commitment to end hunger and poverty by 2030.

Dessalegn's visit to Tanzania brings to an end a six-week trip that has seen him travel to four other countries - Kenya, Ghana, Nigeria and Burkina Faso. He passes over the mandate to Kikwete, who will use the opportunity to invite heads of state and government to the 11th African Green Revolution Forum (AGRF) summit, in Nairobi, Kenya, on September 7 - 10, 2021.

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The AGRF is the premier forum for African agriculture, bringing together stakeholders in the agricultural landscape to take practical actions and share lessons that will move African agriculture forward. The Forum is designed to energize political will and advance the policies, programs and investments required to achieve an inclusive and sustainable agricultural transformation across the continent.

TPA records steady rise in revenue collections

By Grtrude Mbagu

THE Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA) has recorded steady rise of revenue collections as it managed to collect 236.8bn/- in the final quarter of the 2020/21 fiscal year which is up from 203bn/- collected during the same period of the last financial year.

The authority cites major improvements conducted at the port, investment in customer care services and team-work spirit among the authority's staff as the major secret to the achievements.

TPA Communications and Public Relations Manager Nicodemus Mushi told journalists during the weekend at the ongoing 45th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF) that the revenue increase is among the achievements the authority has recorded during the 100 days of President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

He noted that in May alone, the authority collected 84bn/- which is the highest ever to be recorded in the same period over the last 10 years.

"From April to June 2021, the authority has collected 236.8bn/- which is also up by almost 15 per cent compared to 203bn/- collected during the corresponding period last fiscal year. We thank the government for continuing to support improvements in various ports including Dar es Salaam port, something which has made it among the best ports attracting traders from several parts," he said.

He said that the sixth phase government has provided 165.8bn/- for completion of the ongoing berths expansion works at Dar es Salaam port.

"We have also opened a call centre to allow local customers and those outside Tanzania to be able to communicate with us easily, it will

be operating 24 hours a day," he said.

He said that TPA is also implementing expansion and rehabilitation projects in the country's ports, even as it takes measures that are designed to attract more clients.

He further said the ongoing expansion projects include construction of new berths and dredging which, supported by the integration of transportation models through the new standard gauge railway system, will increase efficiency of the Dar es Salaam port.

Mushi noted that Dar es Salaam port remains a key economic gate and with the major improvements continued to be done will enable it contribute more in the country's development.

He further said so far, the expansion for berth 1-5 is complete and now they are working on berth

6-7 which are also almost complete.

Dar es Salaam port handles approximately 90 percent of Tanzania's seaborne import and export volume. It is the gateway to global trade and serves as a transit port for Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Uganda, Zambia, and Malawi.

Mushi said in implementing the government's directive to ensure that cashew nuts are transported through Mtwara port, the authority has conducted major improvements at the port which include purchasing modern equipment to increase efficiency and increase competence at the port as well as boost revenue collection.

"We are mulling to make the Mtwara port to be busy all out the year serving traders, farmers, industrialists and others. TPA will also review various levies so as to attract more transports to use the T'wara port," he added.

By Guardian Correspondent, Mtwara

Family break-ups influence truancy in Nanyumbu District - new survey

RAMPANT divorces in families and shifting cultivation in Nanyumbu District, Mtwara Region are mentioned as the prime factors behind students' truancy in the district's Likokona B and Mangaka Primary Schools, which have been seeing more than 100 students not attending schools each day.

This has been disclosed at the weekend in Nanyumbu District by education stakeholders in their meeting that discussed on follow ups of issues plaguing the education sector by Mtwara Non-Governmental Organisation Network (Mtwangonet).

Reading his report on the follow ups, Mtwangonet Coordinator, Fidea Rweanda said recently his institution conducted a follow exercise on the situation in the education sector in Nanyumbu District and came up with its findings and recommendations to the local councils, the people on what to do to improve the sector.

He said the exercise identified many challenges in the education sector, including truancy caused by many factors including rampant marriage break ups of parents, lack of food, abject poverty among households and long distances to schools from home.

Ruanda said the follow up exercise at

Likokona B Primary School and other schools discovered that more than 100 students each day do not attend schools due to various factors.

"Truancy is one reason for the plummeting of performance in the education sector in Nanyumbu District, and Likokona B and Mangaka Primary Schools lead in students' truancy," he added.

Faraji Namulichi, another education stakeholder and teacher at Likokona school said truancy was a big problem and added that many students live with

one parent after marriage break-ups.

He said there was a need for cooperation between the schools' committees, the government and the community to ensure truancy is eliminated, including introduction of bylaws to enforce truancy.

Earlier, opening the meeting on behalf of Nanyumbu district Commissioner, the District's Administrative Officer, Salum Mpalango said it was quite clear the District faces many challenges in the education sector, including shortage of desks, poor schools; infrastructures.



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1. Notice of Meeting

Notice of the meeting to be taken as read.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

To confirm minutes of 27th Annual General Meeting held on 9th November, 2020.

3. Report on Matters Arising

To receive a report on the matters arising from the minutes of the 27th Annual General Meeting.

4. Directors Report

To Receive Directors Report through Chairman's Statement.

5. Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December, 2020

To receive and approve the Audited Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December, 2020

6. Composition of the Board of Directors and Remuneration

To take note of the Composition of the Board of Directors and approve Directors Remunerations for the year 2021

7. Appointment of External Auditor

To appoint the External Auditors for the year 2021

8. Status Report on Shares offered to Minority Shareholders

To receive a report on subscription of new shares by minority shareholders

9. Any Other Business

Any shareholder entitled to attend and vote at the meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote on his behalf. The proxy should reach the registered office of the Company not less than 24 hours before the time of the meeting. Holders of proxies are required to bring with them acknowledgements of receipt of delivery of proxy forms and identification card for registration purposes.

By Order of the Board

Charles Mugila
Company Secretary
9th July, 2021

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'Kaaya's death has put Kilimanjaro convention centre project in limbo'

By Marc Nkwame - Arusha

The untimely death of Elishilia Kaaya who until his demise last weekend has been the managing director of both the Arusha International Conference Centre and Dar-es-Salaam's Julius Nyerere Convention Centre, has left a number of his initiated major projects here hanging including the proposed giant convention and exhibition centre structure.

Kaaya was determined to build the country's largest convention centre at Themis Hills section of Njiro, in the outskirts of Arusha City a project which was yet to start but was to be known as Kilimanjaro Convention and Exhibition Centre and was to run under the auspices of Arusha International Conference Centre (AICC) parastatal.

"Arusha needs a modern,

state-of-the-art, large convention centre which can not only host big conferences but also be used as exhibition arena for trade fairs and other events," Kaaya had previously stated, adding that the complex projects were them to materialise should have been able to host over 10,000 people at once.

Kaaya also envisaged constructing a giant shopping mall in the city centre, also under the management of AICC and already a plot to that effect had already been cleared at the Soweto grounds.

That aside, the AICC managing director also happened to have been the chairman of the board for the Kisimiri High School in Arumeru District, which has been topping exams for years and in fact shortly after Kaaya's death, the institution recorded yet another victory in topping this year's Advanced

Levels (Form Six) National 2021 Examinations results as being number one countrywide.

A resident of Tengeru area in Meru, Kaaya may have been an accountant by profession but also happened to know his art well, being a talented writer who belted out poems since his high school days and even contributed the verses to various newspapers and magazines such that he even won an international poetry award in 2003.

Born on the 31st of December 1962, Elishilia Kaaya a holder of CPA and MBA was an active member of Institute of Directors Tanzania.

Also a philanthropist, who will be missed by many, Elishilia Daniel Saitore Kaaya, passed away at the Arusha International Conference Centre (AICC) hospital in Arusha, where he was undergoing treatment.



TBL Plc managing director Jose D Maron (C) has a word with the Chairman of the Parliamentary Industry and Trade Committee, Davis Kihenzile (R), when members of the committee toured the firm's Dar es Salaam plant at the weekend. Left is TBL tax affairs manager Avito Swai. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Getrude Mbago

THE Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) is currently implementing a move to modernise its operations and develop a more sophisticated and responsive form of tax administration so as to enhance voluntary tax compliance.

According to TRA commissioner general Alphayo Kidata, the move will also help strengthen its tax collection performance in the medium and long term, increase domestic revenue as well as contribute considerably to trade and private sector development.

He made the remarks in Dar es Salaam during the weekend when officiating the three-day forum which brought together experts from the National Board of Accountants and Auditors (NBAA) and TRA. It meant to discuss issues on budget, economics and taxation.

"For our country to attain several development goals including the industrialization drive as envisaged, having a robust and sustainable tax system is inevitable. A sustainable system that we need in our country is the one that reflects predictability and

TRA due to implement tax compliance management in bid to better operations

inspires confidence for the future by allowing growth of businesses as opposed to strangling them taking into account that businesses are sources of taxes," he said.

Kidata said the sixth phase government's desire is to see taxpayers and businesses not only growing but also comply with the prevailing tax laws and regulations. That is why TRA is advocating for healthy business partnerships relations with taxpayers rather than regulator-based relationships.

"This forum provided an opportunity for country-renowned experts to convene and discuss vital fiscal matters affecting our economy and the World economy at large. As you are all aware, the globe is in the midst of Covid-19 pandemic that has sent shockwaves to the global economy and thus threatening the stability of financial systems. Policy makers across the Works are looking for suitable ways to contain the impact of the crisis through appropriate fiscal responses," he said.

Kidata therefore said, matters arising from the forum will be useful for policy makers, tax administrators, accountants and other stakeholders in the country especially during this era.

Pius Maneno, NBAA executive director said the main objective of the forum was to provide an opportunity for participants to discuss and give their views on the year 2021/22 government budget as well as participate in coming up with proposals to the 2022/23 budget. "The participants will also discuss updates on fiscal policies and economic development in Tanzanians compared to other East African countries as well as on taxation challenges.

He said the forum will discuss topics on budgetary changes, role of accountants in managing transfer pricing tax audits, new online VAT filings, implications of the 2021/22 tax changes on doing business in East Africa as well responses to Covid-19 in reflex from EAC budgetary changes.

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

A local-based-MICO International Halal Bureau of Certification (MIHB) has obtained international recognition after receiving Halal affiliation certificate from Hafsa Halal Certification and Food Import and Export Limited of Turkey.

MIHB currently supervises slaughtering of animals in all abattoirs and slaughterhouses in Tanzania to ensure foods adhere to Islamic laws.

Speaking during the hand ceremony of the certificate in Dar es Salaam over the weekend, Treasurer of Bakwata, Sheikh Said Mwendu said the certificate make Tanzania to have for the first time a company that have all international qualifications of Halal certification MICO Halal which is the agent of Muslim Council of Tanzania (Bakwata)

He said that the certificate was obtained after Bakwata through its agent MICO International Halal Bureau Limited in collaboration with Hafsa of Turkey conducted training to its staff in order to make

By Guardian Correspondent

FOLLOWING Prime Minister Majaliwa's call to double efforts in grapes cultivation in the country, the Makutupora Centre of Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI-Makutupora) in Dodoma Region is now all set to implement the directive and plans to produce two million seedlings every year to be provided to farmers.

Speaking at the ongoing 4th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF) at Mwalimu Nyerere Fair Grounds in Dar es Salaam, TARI researcher on the grapes crop Felister Mpole said already they have started more than 25 types of the seedlings at their blocks in Dodoma Region.

She said the government's decision to boost the cultivation of the crop will help in increasing its

MICO international Halal bureau obtains international recognition

them competent to handle Halal products.

The event was attended by the representative of Mufti, Musa Bin Hemed, representatives of Hafsa Halal Certification and Food Import and Export Limited of Turkey Murat Bayka na Jalal Sahal and other Bakwata officials.

Mwendu said Hafsa Halal Certification and Food Import and Export Limited in collaboration with MICO Halal started the training in March this year through a zoom meeting which proceeded until first July this year when they qualified for international standards.

He said staff who underwent Halal training will continue to educate people about Halal in all regions in Tanzania Mainland and in Zanzibar where necessary adding that from now MICO Halal can provide Halal certificates to different products like meat used in the country and for exportation.

Speaking on the importance

of having Halal international certificate, the representative of Mufti Sheikh Musa Bin Hemed said Tanzanian products will be easily accepted in the international market especially meat and help economic growth of the country through different taxes which will be paid. "There are many countries which do not accept products which are not certified by Halal so by having this Halal certificate in the country it means from now our products will penetrate everywhere in the world so we must be proud of this achievement," he said.

He added that in order to improve Halal services in the country Bakwata and its partner MICO Halal International are requesting the government to enable them to have a modern Halal laboratory.

He said the government should help to tell the business community that Halal certification is currently available in the country and there is no need to find it outside the country as it was the case before.

Tari set to provide two million quality grape seedlings - govt

production in the country due to the available reliable markets.

"We are well set, we call on business people and farmers needing to invest the grapes cultivation to come to TARI-Makutupora to be provided with ample supply of seedlings," Felister said. The researcher said some of the grapes types have three different uses - for wine making, used as sultanas for food making and as ordinary fruit, hence, she added, the market is big.

Another TARI researcher Armachius James assured farmers and traders that the grapes are in high demand in the country, and called on them to invest in the

sector. TARI Director general Dr Geoffrey Mkamilo said a team of TARI researchers from its 17 centres have camped at the fair Grounds to provide education on better farming practices on strategic crops to farmers and traders needing to invest in farming.

He said even after the completion of the Trade fair, farmers and traders will continue to benefit in acquiring various knowledge on technology in better farming practices.

He said farmers and traders to benefit by such technology include those from Morogoro, Coast, Tanga, Iringa and Dar es Salaam regions.



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NORTH MARA

REQUEST FOR TENDER MULTI OPEN PIT MINING TENDER

North Mara Gold Mine, a fully owned subsidiary of Twiga Minerals Corporation, which is ultimately owned by Barrick Gold Corporation and the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania requests the submission of Tenders from reputable, experienced, certified and qualified parties to provide open pit mining services.

Pre-qualification Criteria

1.1. Participation

Participation in this tender procedure is open on equal terms to both international and local or national contractors coming within the scope.

1.2. Selection criteria

Tenderers must prove their economic, financial, technical and professional capacity to carry out the work subject to this call for tender. Must show market capacity to run a large scale open pit mining project - with large scale mobile mining equipment.

1.1.1. Economic and financial capacity criteria and evidence

In order to prove their economic and financial capacity, the tenderer must provide.

- Record of financing of large scale mine developments
- Copy of the profit and loss account for the last two years for which accounts have been Closed or appropriate statements from banks.

If, for some exceptional reason which the Contracting Authority considers justified, a tenderer is unable to provide one or other of the above documents, may prove economic and financial capacity by any other document which the Contracting Authority considers appropriate. In any case, the Contracting Authority must at least be notified of the exceptional reason and its justification in the tender. The Contracting Authority reserves the right to request any other document enabling it to verify the tenderer's economic and financial capacity.

1.1.2. Technical and professional capacity criteria and evidence

1.1.2.1. Criteria relating to tenderers

Tenderers must comply with the following criteria:

- The tenderer must prove experience in the field of large open pit mining with at least one project delivered in this field in the last three years and show a corporate record of:
 - o Large scale open pit project management
 - o Large scale open pit Operations management
 - o Environmental - Healthy and safety management
 - o Social management
- Previous projects developed on time and within budget

1.1.2.2. Criteria relating to the team delivering the service

- The Project manager who will carry out the work must have proven experience of minimum 10 years in project management, including overseeing project delivery, quality control of delivered service, client orientation and conflict resolution experience in project of a similar size. The Project manager has to have experience in writing English texts for reports.
- The technical services team or expert(s) that will carry out the work must have a mining related engineering education and 4 years of professional experience in the field of open pit mining technologies, mine development, mine operations, and environmental management.

1.1.2.3. Evidence

The following evidence should be provided to fulfil the above criteria:

- List and description of related activities carried during the past three years.
- Publications of related work
- The educational and professional qualifications of the team which will provide the service for this tender (CVs). Each CV provided should indicate the intended function in the delivery of the service.

Expression of interest

If your company meets the pre-qualification criteria and would like to be considered to receive the invitation to tender (ITT), an expression of interest (EOI) including your company profile and evidence of compliance with pre-qualification criteria may be submitted to nm.proposal@barrick.com

Applicants must quote reference "NM Multi Open Pit Mining" in the subject line of the email.

NB: The Company reserves the right to invite any other supplier(s) who did not submit an EOI through this advertisement.

Key Dates

- Last date to submit EOI

July 16, 2021

North Mara Gold Mine Limited

Wanted: A new comprehensive govt strategy to train vocational teachers

By Beatrice Philemon

THE government has been advised to develop a new comprehensive strategy to train vocational teachers who will train children with disabilities across the country to enable them realise their dreams.

Vocational Educational Training Authority (VETA) instructor Kintu Kilanga made the call yesterday at the on-going 45th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF).

He said there is a need for the government to come up with a new strategy so as to address the current shortage of specialized teachers as most of the experts are retiring.

He said considering that the demand for children with special needs who need special education is very high, coming up with a

system that will enable the group to access quality education and help contribute to the country's development was paramount.

Kilanga said, so far VETA-Dar es Salaam has been able to train 11 students with occupational disabilities and 13 physical disabilities.

"Through the knowledge and skills gained from VETA, the students have been able to make a wide range of products. The money they get from selling products they use for domestic needs, transport facilities and other issues relating to their education," he said.

The official urged parents and the public not to hide children with special needs or disabilities at home, but rather help them to achieve their ambitions.

"We need to respect them because if they are well treated and

given education in accordance with their disabilities they can change and make different products that in turn will allow them to become self employed and employ other people," he said.

These students have been able to make charcoal stove, peanut peeling machine and other machines and customers willing to purchase what they have been able to produce they can visit at VETA-headquarter, "We have a modern workshop that helps them to make different products in accordance with their training.

Paulo Ngunyari, one of the beneficiaries called on government leaders including ministers, members of parliaments and other donors to visit at VETA and see what they produce as well as help them to connect to various markets.



MSPH Tanzania LLC, 7th Floor, Jangid Plaza, Plot No. G6, Chaburuma Road (Off-Ali Hassan Mwinyi Road) P.O. Box 80214, Dar es Salaam, email: icap-tz-info@columbia.edu phone: +255 (0) 22 270 0719+255 (0) 22 270 0725

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

Introduction:

ICAP at Columbia University is a non-governmental organization operating in Tanzania since 2004, with funding from PEPFAR and now the international task force (ITF) through the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). ICAP, in strong collaboration with the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children (MoHCDGEC), has been implementing Global health security – surveillance and emergency management activities at mainland Tanzania in five regions (Dar es Salaam, Tanga, Mwanza, Kagera, and Kigoma) and Zanzibar. The ongoing activities focus on strengthening the event-based surveillance (EBS) and support the operationalization of the public health emergency operating centers (PHEOCs).

Media scanning software is a very important tool that supports proper operationalization of Event based surveillance

Method of Selection: ICAP is seeking to engage a company with strong experience in Media and IT related matter.

ICAP will solicit Expressions of Interest (EOI) from eligible companies/organization through a competitive tendering process. Only applicants who meet the criteria will be invited to conduct presentation on the execution of scope of work and submit full proposals. Following the submission of full proposals, ICAP will evaluate the proposals and make a final selection, based on technical merit, experience and Cost objectives.

SOW- Media Scanning

Media monitoring software provides users with up-to-date feeds of content and activity notifications from a selection of media channels. MOHSWEGC plans to use these tools to follow media channels with news or information relevant to health issue in order to track alerts and rumors which can have public health effect. Users can also track any mentions of the health issues by a media outlet including social media, blogs, and news organizations.

The following should be the characteristics of the media scanning software;

- Track various online media channels
- Allow users to target specific keywords, mentions, or topics and customize feeds to their liking
- Provide users with relevant updates and alerts based on selected feeds
- Collect and store links to relevant mentions and/or posts for future reference
- Analyze findings with reporting features such as number and frequency of specific posts, impact on company, etc.

Specifications

Software:	Software manufacture and country of origin: United States of America, United Kingdom, Sweden, Norway. License terms: (Free or Annual renewal)
Hosting:	A hosted solution with 24*7; scheduled downtime: 4h per month; unforeseen downtime: 4h maximum per month; Size of hard disk storage: 10T; Internet speed: 2G, 3G, 4G; Saver technology needed: (To be determined); Configuration and Ongoing management role; Any other specifications:
Online Media monitoring:	That has global coverage, is multilingual and covers online news, as well as printed publications, full articles and images, in addition to references (handling of paid subscriptions) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Search functionality, with query & filters according to SJU business needs, criteria and keywords Real time searching, over 100 key words relating to disease conditions and Public Health events of concern matching; Dates, Times, Media (Local, Regional, International), Specified accounts, International and Regional (WHO, CDC, etc), Government accounts (MoHCDGEC, other Ministries), Personal accounts (Leaders, Influential people) Social media scanning Social media scanning (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, international newspapers, local newspapers). It include columns for each, filters should include local, National and international news. Media analytics, including readership data. Present for Public health related topics. Daily report- Present for public health related topics (International, Africa region, East Africa and National). WHO current situational reports (Sitreps) on current disease outbreaks. Press clippings archiving and management - Present Media contacts database - Present Press clipping reports creation and distribution capabilities -Present Press Relations measurement functionality -Present API functionality that allow push and push of events -Push Notifications to specified mobile numbers and email addresses

Submission and Evaluation:

- Eligible bidder/s should submit Financial and Technical proposal stating delivery/completion period from the date signed of the contracts.
- Eligible bidder/s should clearly indicate payment method and all payment shall be made in Tanzania Shilling (TZS)
- Legal business certificates (Copies of TIN, Business License, VAT, Tax Clearance, Certificate of Incorporation, TCRA Certificate, Certificate of conformity)
- The public tender opening will be made in presence of all bidders or their official representatives. We encourage all bidders to attend through zoom conference meeting and Zoom conference Link will be sent to all who applied.
- Scope of work will be sent to all the applicants via email address below upon request.
- MSPH Tanzania reserve the rights to disqualify any offer based on failure to follow solicitation instructions.
- MSPH reserves the rights to waive minor proposal deficiencies that cannot be corrected prior to award determination to promote competition
- The evaluation of bids will be conducted as per MSPH Tanzania LLC – ICAP Procurement Guidelines.

How to Apply:

Interested and eligible Companies should submit tender documents on the below email to procurement department at TanzaniaProcurement@cumc.columbia.edu. For more clarifications on specifications should email TanzaniaProcurement@cumc.columbia.edu

The Tender Committee,
MSPH Tanzania LLC – ICAP,
Jangid Plaza 7th Floor – Chaburuma Road
P.O Box 80214, Dar es salaam, Tanzania
All quotes must be in Tanzania Shillings

The deadline for the submission is 10:00am East Africa Time on 26th July 2020.
No tender fee charged for this invitation



ACCESS MICROFINANCE BANK TANZANIA LIMITED

PUBLICATION OF AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Issued pursuant to regulations 7 and 8 of the Banking and Financial Institutions (Disclosures) Regulations, 2014

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020		
(Amounts in million shillings)		
	Current Year 2020	Previous Year 2019
1 Interest Income	13,773	29,279
2 Interest Expense	(4,533)	(6,749)
3 Net Interest Income	9,240	22,531
4 Bad Debts Written-Off	-	-
5 Impairment Losses on Loans and Advances	(1,489)	(4,626)
6 Non Interest Income:	7,751	2,048
6.1 Foreign Currency Dealings and Translation Gains/(Loss)	221	273
6.2 Fees and Commissions	2,527	1,581
6.3 Dividend Income	-	-
6.4 Other Operating Income	3,135	195
7 Non Interest Expenses:	(22,074)	(26,747)
7.1 Salaries and Benefits	(11,069)	(13,476)
7.2 Fees and Commission	(1,396)	(1,271)
7.3 Other Operating Expenses	(9,610)	(12,000)
8 Operating (Loss)/Income	(8,440)	(6,793)
9 Income Tax (charge)/credit	(10,538)	1,295
10 Net (Loss)/Income After Income Tax	(18,978)	(5,499)
12 Total comprehensive (Loss)/income for the year	(18,978)	(5,499)
13 Number of Employees	306	386
14 Basic Earnings Per Share	(474)	(137)
15 Number of Branches	8	9
SELECTED PERFORMANCE INDICATORS		
(i) Return on Average Total Assets	-20.41%	-4.12%
(ii) Return on Average Shareholders' Fund	-114.13%	-19.05%
(iii) Non Interest Expense to Gross Income	112.30%	85.38%
(iv) Net Interest Income to Average Earning Assets	17.38%	27.34%

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2020		
(Amounts in million shillings)		
	Current Year 2020	Previous Year 2019
A. ASSETS		
1 Cash	6,363	9,528
2 Balances with Bank of Tanzania	7,668	17,488
3 Investments in Government securities	-	-
4 Balances with other banks and financial institutions	2,897	1,470
5 Cheques and items for clearing	37	15
6 Inter branch float items	-	-
7 Bills negotiated	-	-
8 Customers' liabilities for acceptances	-	-
9 Interbank Loans Receivables	4,807	17,729
10 Investments in other securities	-	-
11 Loans, advances and overdrafts (net of allowances for probable losses)	34,780	49,034
12 Other assets	4,853	15,470
13 Equity Investments	-	-
14 Underwriting accounts	-	-
15 Property, Plant and Equipment	5,727	8,437
16 TOTAL ASSETS	67,132	118,871
B. LIABILITIES		
17 Deposits from other banks and financial institutions	-	-
18 Customer deposits	49,107	76,947
19 Cash letters of credit	-	-
20 Special deposits	-	-
21 Payment orders/transfers payable	-	-
22 Bankers' cheques and drafts issued	-	-
23 Accrued taxes and expenses payable	2,100	2,653
24 Acceptances outstanding	-	-
25 Interbranch float items	-	-
26 Unearned income and other deferred charges	1,552	5,080
27 Other liabilities	7,234	8,073
28 Borrowings	-	-
29 TOTAL LIABILITIES	59,992	92,754
30 NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)(16 minus 29)	7,139	26,117
C. SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		
31 Paid up share capital	40,000	40,000
32 Deposit for shares	-	-
33 Retained earnings	(16,592)	(8,384)
34 Profit (Loss) account	(18,978)	(5,499)
35 Statutory Reserve	2,709	-
36 Minority Interest	-	-
37 TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	7,139	26,117
38 Contingent liabilities	964	1,339
39 Non performing loans & advances	13,519	22,440
40 Allowances for probable losses	9,043	18,079
41 Other non performing assets	64	64
D. SELECTED FINANCIAL CONDITION INDICATORS		
(i) Shareholders Funds to total assets	10.63%	21.97%
(ii) Non performing loans to total gross loans	30.25%	33.44%
(iii) Gross loans and advances to total deposits	89.24%	87.22%
(iv) Loans and Advances to total assets	51.81%	41.25%
(v) Earning Assets to Total Assets	58.97%	56.16%
(vi) Deposits Growth	-36.18%	-26.66%
(vii) Assets growth	-46.16%	-19.61%

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW FOR THE YEAR ENDED ON 31st DECEMBER 2020		
(Amounts in million shillings)		
	Current Year 2020	Previous Year 2019
I: Cash flow from operating activities:		
Net income(loss)	(8,440)	(6,793)
Adjustments for:		
- Depreciation/Amortization	3,968	7,519
- Net change in Loans and Advances	14,254	38,425
- Gain/loss on Sale of Assets	(11)	(87)
- Net change in Deposits	(27,841)	(18,473)
- Net change in Short Term Negotiable Securities	-	-
- Net change in Other Liabilities	(1,451)	(2,717)
- Net change in Other Assets	(850)	3,402
- Tax Paid	(93)	(1,142)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	(20,463)	20,133
II: Cash flow from investing activities:		
Dividend Received	-	-
Purchase of Fixed Assets	(282)	(203)
Proceeds from Sale of Fixed Assets	13	39
Purchase of Non-Dealing Securities	-	-
Proceeds from Sale of Non-Dealing Securities	-	-
Increase/(Decrease) in deferred revenue grant	(192)	1,128
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	(461)	965
III: Cash flow from financing activities:		
Repayment of Long-term Debt	-	(9,494)
Proceeds from Issuance of Long Term Debt	-	-
Proceeds from Issuance of Share Capital	-	-
Payment of Cash Dividends	-	-
Net Change in Other Borrowings	-	-
Lease payments	(1,106)	(1,440)
Net Cash Provided (used) by Financing Activities	(1,106)	(10,934)
IV: Cash and Cash Equivalents:		
Net Increase/ (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(22,030)	10,163
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the Beginning of the Year	40,892	30,729
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the end of the Year	18,862	40,892

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2020				
(Amounts in million shillings)				
	Share Capital	Retained Earnings	Statutory Reserve/ General Provision	Total
Current Year-2020				
Balance as at the beginning of the year	40,000	(13,883)	-	26,117
Profit/(Loss) for the year	-	(18,978)	-	(18,978)
Transfer to General Provision Reserve	-	(2,709)	2,709	-
Balance as at the end of the current period	40,000	(35,570)	2,709	7,139
Previous Year-2019				
Balance as at the beginning of the year	40,000	(9,257)	873	31,616
Profit/(Loss) for the year	-	(5,499)	-	(5,499)
General Provision Reserve	-	873	(873)	-
Balance as at the end of the previous period	40,000	(13,883)	-	26,117

The above extract are from the Financial Statement of the Access Microfinance Bank Tanzania Limited (formerly AccessBank Tanzania Ltd) for the year ended 31st December 2020, which have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). The Financial Statements were audited by KPMG, Certified Public Accountants and received a clean audit report. The Financial Statements were approved by the Board of Directors and signed on its behalf by:

Name: Ms. Jennifer Bash Position: director Date signed 5th July 2021.
Name: Ms. Tusekile Kibonde Position: director Date signed 5th July 2021.

VACANCY Re-Advertised



ABOUT GEITA GOLD INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL (GGIS)

Geita Gold International School (GGIS) is owned and maintained by Geita Gold Mining Ltd, located at Geita Region within the mine license area. The school is accredited by the Council of International Schools (CIS) and affiliated to Association of International Schools in Africa (AISA) and Tanzania International Schools Association (TISA). The school does the International Schools Assessment (ISA) and International Benchmarking Tests (IBT) yearly for the upper primary section. The school uses the International Primary Curriculum, which is one of the best International recognized curriculum for primary education. The school is unique but a highly effective small school consisting of only 34 children where more than half of the attending children are Tanzanians and three quarter of teaching staff consists of Tanzanian teachers. The primary objective of establishing the school at the mine was to motivate and retain scarce and critical employees by having their families close to the mine site and to provide quality primary education for their children. Applications are invited from ambitious, energetic and performance driven individuals to fill in vacant position(s) mentioned below:

Position	: Head Teacher
Contract type & Duration	: Unspecified time
Department	: HSE & Training
Reporting to	: Senior Manager - HSE & Training
Number of Positions	: One (1)

PURPOSE OF THE ROLE

To provide effective, dynamic, and inspirational leadership in order to maintain the quality of teaching at Geita Gold International School to enable every child to fulfil his/her potential. The role Incumbent is accountable to lead and manage the school, ensuring the achievement of excellent educational standards as well as promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- An Education degree Holder / Advanced Diploma or equivalent to the related field of education e.g. Psychology.

EXPERIENCE:

- Experience as Head Teacher or equivalent post in the International curriculum school for at least two years
- Experience in AISA or at least previously significantly exposed to the AISA system school.
- Management Training/ MBA in Management will be an added advantage.

MAIN OR KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES:

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL MANAGEMENT

- Demonstrate world class leadership and management effectiveness of an international school.
- Oversee implementation of Teaching and Learning Policy in place to adhere to the school purpose, vision, and values.
- Maintain Council of International Schools (CIS) Accreditation by adhering to required guidelines and standards.
- Have oversight of the curriculum, pastoral care and administration of the school all of which should be appropriate to the pupils' experience, interests and aptitudes.
- Embed International Primary Curriculum (IPC) and concept of 'internationalism' in learning and encourage new developments in the curriculum in the context of local, national and international initiatives.
- Develop and encourage good relations with and maintain affiliation with CIS, AISA, FIELDWORK, ACER, TISA and TAIS to ensure school retains membership and up to date with said organizations for quality assurance purposes.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT, SAFETY AND PROTECTION

- Advocate Child Safety and Protection by ensuring teachers and support staff are adequately vetted via company background check procedures.
- Promote and safeguard the general welfare of children.
- Ensure that there is an effective assessment, recording and reporting system of pupils' progress.
- Promote a culture of encouragement, support and challenge in order to achieve each child's full potential and the highest possible educational standards.
- Maintain proper communication with children parents / guardians in safeguarding the interests of the children, including emails, letters, parents' meetings, etc.
- Report regularly to School Advisory Committee (SAC) regarding student progress in Teaching and Learning.

MONITORING & QUALITY ASSURANCE

- Ensure that a system for monitoring and developing the quality assurance of teaching and learning is in place.
- Plan, manage and monitor the curriculum within the agreed budget, setting appropriate priorities for expenditure allocating funds and ensuring effective administration control. Includes providing a broad, balanced and relevant curriculum.
- Collate and review of schemes of work.
- Ensure quality assurance for report writing across the whole school (Nursery to Year 6).
- Ensure the achievement of mandatory requirements for the International Primary Curriculum (IPC) and relevant international educational standards are met.
- Create and maintain the School Calendar, Duty Rosters and class / events timetables.
- Ensure effective management and maintenance of the school website.

GENERAL SCHOOL MANAGEMENT

- Develop and encourage good relations between the school and the local community, including International Schools within Tanzania and surrounding countries.
- Ensure recruitment of right personnel as teaching and support staff, in liaisons with the Human Resources Department.
- Create and maintain good working relationships amongst all members of the school community.
- Promote the school's ethos in which the highest standards are expected from all members of the school community.
- Act as a Leader of Professional Development and Learning programme.
- providing an effective Professional Development Learning programme that enables teacher improvement aimed at improving student learning outcomes.
- Undertake Performance Effectiveness Reviews (PER) for the teaching staff and support staff (both online and paper-based reviews)
- Construct and manage the school budget in line with respective budget approval processes of the company.
- Coordinate School Infrastructure maintenance (buildings, playgrounds, furniture, etc.) through liaisons with infrastructure maintenance department

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Proven international school management Capability
- Computer Literate (Outlook, Internet, MS Office- Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
- Excellent Communication Skills (both written & verbal) in English Language – preferably English as the first language.
- Excellent Organizational and Project management skills
- Analysis & Problem-Solving skills
- Interpersonal skills
- Presentation skills
- Ability to manager conflict in a constructive manner
- Proven ability to influence and motivate others and build relationships.

MODE OF APPLICATION:

- Please apply through our recruitment portal by following the link below. Please click the link or type the URL address on a website browser to access the application portal.
- On the portal you will be required to upload your detailed CV, copies of relevant certificates, e-mail and telephone contacts, names and addresses of three referees. Please do not attach certificates that are not related to the qualifications stated above.
- You will also be required to upload a cover / application letter addressed to "Senior Manager Human Resources, Geita Gold Mining Ltd". Subject should be "Head Teacher"

Application Link:

<https://career5.successfactors.eu/sfcareer/jobreqcareer?jobId=16319&company=AGAprd>

Candidates may also apply through our jobs email at jobs.geita@AngloGoldAshanti.com. Email subject should also be "Head Teacher"

- You will be required to present original certificates if you are contacted for interviews.
- Internal Applicants (those currently employed by AngloGold Ashanti) must have their application letter endorsed by their Head of Department (HOD) or Manager once Removed (MoR).

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

- Applications should reach the above on or before **23rd July 2021 at 5:30 Pm**
- Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interviews.

BEWARE OF CONMEN! GGML and GGIS do not receive money in exchange for a job position. Should you be asked for money in exchange for a job offer or suspect such activity, please report this immediately to our Security Department, Investigation Unit, by calling +255 28 216 01 40 Ext 1559 (rates apply) or use our whistle-blowing channels by sending an SMS to +27 73 573 8075 (SMS rates apply) or emailing 24cthonesty@ethics-line.com or use the internet at www.tip-offs.com

Industry minister insists on integrity, team spirit

By Guardian Correspondent

Industry and Trade minister Prof Kitila Mkumbo has directed the new board of directors of Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) to adhere to integrity and perform its duties according to the law and regulations so as to stimulate trade and economic development.

Prof Mkumbo made the statement in Dar es Salaam during the weekend when launching the new board of directors who were appointed last month.

He said that the board plays a crucial role for the development of standards related issues hence integrity among its members is highly needed.

Minister Mkumbo said the board members were elected after meeting some criteria; hence the government wants them to meet its expectations.

"You will be working on behalf of the government make sure that the TBS management is implementing what is required for the benefit of the

shareholders, stakeholders and the country at large," he insisted.

He said the Board should make sure that the management of Standard watchdog is conducting its assignments without interference.

He also insisted the new Board members become aware of the roles of TBS, and know its objectives and mission.

He asked the board to work on all challenges facing the organization such as in areas of pre-inspection services and client service charter.

"We heard minor complaints on motor vehicle pre-inspection and some traders want to get their service on time, please work on that," he said.

Prof Mkumbo hailed the organization for conducting its activities well vowing to extend enough cooperation to enable it participate in developing internal trade at required standards.

He said at the moment TBS does not have a record of expired goods which are not fit for human consumption which show that

there are people who are working to prevent its importation into the country.

For her part, the TBS board chairperson, Dr Fenella Mukangara, thanked President Samia Suluhu Hassan for appointing vowing to extend enough cooperation to TBS management and help Small and Medium Entrepreneurs (SMEs) to realize their dreams.

Earlier, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Industry and Trade, Dotto James asked the board and management of TBS to introduce in-house training so as to improve efficiency among its staff.

He said workers of the Standard body must cope with the technology development, hence tailor made training was highly needed.

James said TBS is one of the important organizations in the country; hence more efforts were required to keep up its reputation.

Apart from launching the Board, Minister Mkumbo and his delegation also visited various TBS accredited laboratories to oversee its operations.



TIB Development Bank's Marketing and Corporate Affairs Manager, Saidi Mkabakuli (L, foreground), briefs Umyy Mwalimu (in headscarf), Minister of State in the President's Office (Administration and Local Governments), at the recent handover of medical equipment and supplies to Kasulu District Hospital in Kigoma Region. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

SADC launches online vulnerability atlas to store and share data on food, nutrition

By Guardian Reporter

The Southern African Development Community (SADC) has launched a new online vulnerability atlas designed to store and share data relating to food, nutrition and livelihoods security from member states.

The online atlas developed by the SADC Regional Vulnerability Assessment and Analysis (RVAA) Programme aims to provide easy access to quality vulnerability assessments and analysis data to inform evidence-based policymaking and programming.

The RVAA programme was developed the online atlas through technical support from the WFP and financial support from UK - Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC).

"The high levels of vulnerabilities that characterise the SADC region highlight the critical need for generating and providing decision makers with credible information to facilitate informed decisions to address emergency food and nutrition insecurity and development planning" emphasized the Director, Food Agriculture and Natural Resources Domingos Zefanias Gove, officially launching the online vulnerability atlas.

Deputy Regional Director, WFP Southern Africa Region Office, Margaret Malu said: "the Online

Atlas comes at a critical time when there is increasing complexity and demand of food and nutrition insecurity information to inform responses. In essence, the Online Atlas will deal with the mounting food security challenges by providing credible and comparable trend data on food and nutrition security."

Malu also appealed for maintenance of Quality Assurance (QA) in all aspects of vulnerability assessments and analysis processes.

Andrew Odera, the Head of Vulnerability Assessment and Mapping (VAM)/RVAA Technical Support Team said: "The idea of an Online Atlas came out of the need to respond to the strategic need to consolidate the gains of the RVAA Programme and add-value by making food and nutrition security information generated by 16 Member States easily accessible to a wide range of users working to improve the well-being of people in the SADC region."

The SADC Synthesis Report on the State of Food and Nutrition Security and Vulnerability in Southern Africa (Dec 2020) projected a rise from 41million (2019/20) to 51.3 million food insecure people in both urban and rural areas at peak lean season.

Latest figures are expected to be published end of July following the just ended 2021 Annual Dissemination Forum. These

numbers are likely to increase with the extended impacts of COVID-19 that has worsened the situation that has been predominantly caused by climate shocks (drought, floods, storms), climate stressors (land degradation, pests and diseases) and economic shocks.

To address vulnerability, it is important for decision-makers to have access to credible information. This applies to both emergency response as well as longer-term development planning.

Quantifying the situation on the ground and tracking changes in conditions is critical because without comparable data it is difficult to achieve efficiency, accountability and transparency.

Over the years the programme generated a wealth of data and information on food, nutrition, and livelihoods security from SADC Member States. However, that data was shared and stored using unreliable tools which could easily be corrupted or misplaced.

The online atlas runs from a server hosted at the SADC Secretariat in Gaborone, Botswana. It is freely accessible from any location in the world where there is internet connectivity.

Users can find data, analyse trends across space and time, compare food security behaviour between and amongst different countries in the region and generate maps.

Mara, Mwanza, Kagera choose TADB-endorsed projects for Torch Race

By Guardian Correspondent, Mwanza

MWANZA, Kagera, Mara regions have picked for Uhuru Torch race call three TADB-supported projects being implemented in Missungwi, Nyamagana, Ngara, Tarime and Rorya districts.

A press statement on the projects issued here yesterday by TADB (Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank), says Arthur Mngongo Poultry Farm with branches in Missungwi and Nyamagana districts, Mwanza Region was picked for Uhuru Torch call because it is touted as state of art modern poultry farm in the two districts and was declared a demonstration farm by Mwanza Region development committee.

“TADB has financed construction of the building and cage at a valued cost of 300m/-. Nyamagana District Council is also using this project as an institution for students to get practical training in poultry keeping,” the statement says.

Superior quality coffee seedlings are being distributed to coffee growers to replace traditional variety and improve the eminence of the crop and produce. A coffee VPU project, the first in Ngara District, Kagera Region, was picked for the torch call because it is expected to produce one million seedlings annually to enhance growing of Arabica and Robusta coffee in the region. TADB has given the project a motorcycle to improve mobility in implementing the project. The statement says: “TADB has offered 2.6 bn/- to the coffee industry in Ngara District to boost coffee trade business, purchase and installation of a modern coffee curing plant.”

Tarime Aqua Fish Group project was picked for torch call because it has a cage fish farming project with 12 cages (120,000) in Rorya District and Fishpond and fishmeal project in Tarime District, Mara Region. “This is the only fish cage project in the two districts and is being used by TAFIRI as their research and training centre. TADB has disbursed 432 m/- for cages, cold rooms, boat and working capital for the feed meal plant,” TADB says in that statement.

Until last month, overall disbursement at national level in relation to product value chains alone, TADB has disbursed 1,996,755,840/- for aquaculture, 1,428,856,435/- for poultry and 99,466,324,946.21/- FOR coffee.

TANTRADE and NBC Bank set up camp to train entrepreneurs

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Trade Development Authority (TANTRADE) in collaboration with NBC Bank and 15 other institutions have set up camp at the 45th Dar Es Salaam International Trade Fair in Dar es Salaam to assist the traders.

This is part of the response to the challenge of business formalisation among upcoming entrepreneurs and businesspeople have been mentioned as one of the biggest obstacles for them to run their businesses competitively and thus lack sustainable growth.

TANTRADE Business Information Officer, Miriam Kikoti unveiled this over the weekend in Dar es Salaam when speaking at the exhibition.

She said through a Business Clinic which is being supervised by TANTRADE and sponsored by NBC Bank, they have been able to bring together business professionals from various Public and Private Institutions to work together to solve various challenges facing Entrepreneurs in the country which include the issue of business formalization.

In addition to TANTRADE and NBC Bank, Kikoti mentioned other institutions that are actively involved in achieving the joint goal to include EPZA, BRELA, TIC, GSI, TRA, WMA, TBS, SIDO, FFC, UDSM, TIRA, TFS, GCLA, FCC, TMDA and OSHA.

“The biggest challenge for them is businesses formalization. So far apart from providing consulting services to the hundreds of upcoming entrepreneurs and businesspeople who visit us every day since the Fair began, we have successfully helped more than 120 entrepreneurs to formalize their businesses.”

“We are doing this very easily because through this clinic, participants get to follow a complete chain thus leave when they have completed everything that is required.” He explained.

She thanked NBC Bank for its decision to sponsor the Clinic as the move, apart from assisting entrepreneurs, it has largely opened the channel for financial institutions to provide credit services to entrepreneurs who are now qualified to be lent to as their operations are formal thus meeting lenders requirements with assurance of loan repayment. The success of the Clinic was demonstrated on October 14, 2020 where it was named the third winner in Best Use of Partnership category being the only one from African countries at the World Trade Promotion Organizations (WTPO) Awards 2020.

For his part, NBC's Head of Brand and Communications, David Raymond, said recognizing the importance of formalizing business among SMEs in the country, the Bank did not hesitate to finance the clinic to prepare groups to meet criteria for access to the bank's various services including loans.

“NBC Bank has maintained a close relationship with small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and that is why we continue to design products that meet their needs such as non-collateral loans, time-saving digital services as well as lower operating costs to increase productivity in their businesses,” he said.

He mentioned ‘NBC Kua Nasi’ account as an example of the products designed for emerging entrepreneurs including food vendors, bodaboda drivers, food processors, hairdressers and other groups by enabling them to manage their money more securely and easily without operating costs.



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Request For Quotation (RFQ) Consumables and Personal Protection Equipment (PPE's)

RFQ No:	07-21-0002
Title:	Consumables and Personal Protection Equipment (PPE)
Issuing Office and Address for Bid Submission:	Address: Abt Associates Inc., VectorLink Project, Tanzania Capri Point, Station Road, Plot No. 73, Nyamagana, P.O. Box 1212, Mwanza, Tanzania
RFQ Issuance Date:	12 th July 2021
RFQ Closing Date:	23:59 hrs, July 23, 2021
Mode of Submission	Email to: TanzaniaProcurement@pmivectorlink.com
Anticipated Type of Award:	Firm Fixed Price Purchase Orders (FFPO)
Basis of Award:	See "Evaluation Criteria" section
Funding Agency	United States Agency for International Development (USAID)
Prime Contract Number:	AID-OAA-I7-00008
USAID Source / Nationality (Geo) Code:	935
List of Attachments:	1. Attachment A: Prime Contract Mandatory Flow Downs 2. Attachment B: Purchase Order Terms and Conditions 3. Attachment C: List of Exceptions 4. Attachment D: Submission Checklist

Abt Associates, Inc. (Abt) is contracted by USAID Washington to conduct high quality Indoor Residual Spraying (IRS) programs in multiple Presidential Malaria Initiative (PMI) supported countries in Sub-Saharan Africa and the Mekong region in Southern Asia. This accomplishment through what is called the PMI VectorLink Project. The purpose of this RFQ is to achieve the targets in Indoor Residual Spraying (IRS) through implementation of a high-quality IRS program, conducting comprehensive monitoring and evaluation of the IRS program, and developing the national capacity to conduct IRS. Activities are carried out in full collaboration with the National Malaria Control/ Elimination Programs (NMCP/NMPE).

The VectorLink project is implemented in Kagera, Mwanza, Geita, and Kigoma regions, and Zanzibar.

The Purpose of this RFQ is to obtain quotes for the supplying of Consumables and Personal Protection Equipment for spraying operations in Tanzania.

About Abt Associates:

Founded in 1965, Abt Associates Inc., is a mission driven, global leader in research and program implementation in the fields of health, social and environmental policy, and international development.

With a global staff of more than 3000, and in over 60 countries, Abt Associates Inc., is recognized as an engine for social impact, fueled by caring, curiosity, and cutting-edge research that moves people from vulnerability to security. Whether it's welfare or weather disasters, the environment or economics, agriculture or HIV and AIDS, Abt Associates addresses the world's most pressing issues, and is known for its rigorous approach to solving complex challenges.

Approximately 51% of our staff has graduate degrees; one in six has a doctorate. Examples of Abt Associates work include nationally recognized research, evaluation, and technical assistance to improve efficiency of health care systems, effectiveness of government housing programs, the production of food, and the measurements of public opinion, and international public health.

Abt Associates has been ranked among top 20 global research firms and one of the top 40 development innovators.

About the PMI VectorLink Project:

In 2017, USAID awarded Abt Associates, Inc. (Abt) the Africa IRS follow on contract called PMI VectorLink Project to continue conducting high quality Indoor Residual Spraying (IRS) program in multiple supported countries mostly in Sub-Saharan Africa. The project seeks to achieve the Presidential Malaria Initiative (PMI) targets in Malaria vector control, through Indoor Residual Spraying (IRS) and associated monitoring and evaluation of the IRS programs, developing national capacity to conduct IRS. All PMI activities are carried out in full collaboration with the respective National Malaria Control/ Elimination Programs (NMCP/NMPE).

Instructions to bidders

- All documents submitted in response to this RFQ, as well as all related correspondence, will be in English.
- Offers are required to fully review all instructions and specifications contained in this RFQ. Failure to do so will be at the offeror's risk.
- At any time prior to award of the contract, should Abt Associates deem it necessary to change the RFQ provisions, it will provide such amendments in writing. No oral instructions by any person will in any way be considered to limit, exclude, modify, or otherwise affect any terms or conditions of this solicitation, and no supplier shall rely on any such instructions.
- Responses to technical questions will be distributed to all bidders.
- All responses to this RFQ shall be submitted via email to Gwamaka Nsekela: Gwamaka_Nsekela@pmivectorlink.com
- Quotes from Offeror(s) on US government debarred list will not be considered.
- In case samples are required, samples from successful bid(s) will be retained for product knowledge and reference purposes. Samples from unsuccessful bids, will be discarded. However, if an unsuccessful bidder wishes to get their samples back after review, they can indicate in their offer and include prepaid return envelope or arrange pick-up. Note that the sample will be returned open because of the review process.
- Bidder shall submit offer(s) with the following naming convention:
 - Email subject line (no space before/after dashes "-"):
 - RFQ XXXX Year company name
 - RFQ XXXX Year company name-Quote
 - RFQ XXXX Year company name-Product Literature
 - RFQ XXXX Year company name-Registration certificate etc
- Abt Associates Inc reserves the right to reject bids submitted without all requested information as non-responsive.

Quote Validity/Performance Period:

Submitted offers/Bids shall be valid for at least a period of 120 days from RFQ closing date

Preparation of Bids:

Bidders/Offerors are expected to examine the technical specifications and all instructions contained in this RFQ. Failure to do so will be at the offeror's risk

Offers shall provide unit and total price per line. In case of discrepancy between unit and extended total price, the unit price shall prevail.

Offers shall include delivery lead time in weeks. That is, number of weeks from order receipt to delivery at the designated warehouse in Mwanza area.

Descriptive literature, quality standard supporting documentation, full technical specification per quoted item must be submitted with the bid. Submitted literature will be used to demonstrate compliance with the stated technical specification but shall in no way be considered to amend the quotation and the applicable RFQ requirement.

Any deviation from the RFQ stated specification must be identified, explanation provided in the attached List of Exceptions document (attachment C). In case of conflict between the RFQ technical specifications and the supplier offered descriptive literature, the RFQ specifications shall be the standard.

Amendments:

If it becomes necessary to modify this RFQ, an amendment will be issued and be binding to all bidders. Amendment(s) will be sent return receipt requested, and will be numbered consecutively commencing with Amendment-01, 02 etc. Bidders are required to reference such amendments in their subsequent response and/or communication.

Clarifications:

All questions with regard to this RFQ shall be addressed to Gwamaka_Nsekela@pmivectorlink.com. The deadline of submitting questions is 23:59hrs CAT on 17th July 2021. Oral communication concerning this RFQ will not be accepted except for administrative clarification regarding submission format or location of the office, etc.

Exceptions:

To ensure clarity on the bids and their conformity to the RFQ technical specifications and requirements, bidder shall furnish a list of all exceptions to any of the terms/conditions/technical specification/Quality standards contained in this RFQ and shall include an explanation or justification for the exception taken.

Equipment and Operating Conditions:

Where applicable, operating and service manuals must be provided for all equipment.

Packing:

Supplier shall be responsible for packaging, marking and shipping the goods in accordance with the terms stated in the order, good commercial practices and all applicable laws. Each package shall be marked with handling instructions, shipping information, order number and part or item number. An itemized packing list shall accompany each shipment. Abt reserves the right to reject any shipment not meeting these requirements.

Delivery Location:

1. Items shall be delivered to our warehouse at Kiseke, Plot no. 153B, Block M Mwanza warehouse upon submission of the item samples (for the winning bidder only) and indicate the shipping/offloading cost to our warehouse applicable.

Packing List:

A complete itemized packing list shall be affixed in an appropriate "Packing List" envelope outside the shipper box or container used to deliver commodities. Each packing list shall include a complete description of the goods, all applicable catalog numbers as also indicated in the applicable Purchase Order

Invoices and Payments:

Payments will be made net thirty (30) days after Abt Associates receives a complete and correct invoice from supplier based solely on Services actually performed by Supplier and/or Goods actually supplied by supplier pursuant to a Purchase or Deliver order.

Product Description and Specifications:

Item #	Product description	Specifications	Unit of Measure	Manufacturer	Quantity	Unit price	Total price
<p>1. Where manufacturer name and catalog numbers are provided, they are for reference purposes only intended to provide a common reference point for all bidders. Other brands will be considered provided they meet the salient technical specifications. So, wherever a manufacturer or catalog numbers is mentioned, the words or equivalent are implied.</p> <p>2. Please quote durable products intended to withstand extreme handling</p> <p>3. Where multiple products are the same except for size, then one sample is sufficient for the purpose of evaluating product quality. However, be sure to document this decision in your offer.</p>							
Lot 1- Equipment of the sites and store and consumables							
1	Basin 80 litres	Plastic –Calibrated measuring basin (any color)	Pc		836		
2	Plastic Buckets 20 litres	Plastic –Calibrated measuring basin (any color except white color)	Pc		52		
3	Plastic Apron PVC and reusable	Yellow/white in color, waterproof with adjustable straps	Pc		22		
4	Alcohol Thermometer	(-10-100) C, glass material 150mm long	Pc		65		
5	Digital thermal scanner	Time response: 0.7 – 2seconds Measuring range: 0.5 – 2 m Weight: 130g Size: (120 x 37 x 23) mm Power supply: cell	Pc		30		
6	Calibrated jug 2 lts	Plastic materials, transparent and with metric measures in ml	Pc		14		
7	Emergency solar lights for IRS sight	Rechargeable	Pc		13		
8	Torches for Spray Operators, Team Leader and Security Guards	Metallic/Plastic light in weight, bright in lighting. Material Craft grade Aluminum with capacity of two batteries size D	Pc		1,357		
9	Batteries for watchmen and team leaders and Spray Operators torches	ABC Brand and size D	Pc		16,565		
10	Toothbrush (for cleaning nozzles)	Hard adult toothbrush (Colgate brand or other with hard bristles)	Pc		874		

11	Color coded vest yellow size M, L and XL	Cotton materials with nylon reflector line	Pc		20		
12	Color coded vest orange size M, L and XL	Cotton materials with nylon reflector line	Pc		231		
13	Washing brush	Plastic hard treated fibers brush for Cloth/household washing	Pair		78		
14	Alladite Glue	17mls-High performance-5Min Rapid/fast setting epoxy –adhesive	Pc		158		
15	Toilet Paper	Color-White plain soft tissue Layer – 2-ply Sheet size -95x100mm	Roll		2,910		
16	Lubricant oil (1L bottles)	Engine oil SAE 40-Packed in Plastic bottle	Litre		188		
17	Powder soap bags of 15kgs each	FOMA brand with a pack of 15kg TBS authorized	P/15kgs		155		
18	Sanitary napkins/pads	HQ or FC (Human Femi care Pads Aerobic Lavender Series- free size for female Spray Operators-Sizes per pack	Packet		1,359		
19	Surgical gloves	Single use gloves, latex, and disposable	Pair		4943		
20	Goggle's safety glass	Durable, transparent, easy to clean with side shields, transparent and with adjustable elastic	Pc		78		
21	Wipes for Spray operators	Ant-bacterial wipes with 75%- 80 to 100 Pcs per packet	Packet		2,500		

Lot 2 Environmental compliance, mitigation devices and other equipment for spray operators

1	Whistle for security	Security whistles- metallic silver	Pc		23		
2	Red plastic bucket for SOP vehicle (40L)	Red in colour (10 litre capacity)	Pc		50		
3	Locks (Padlocks)	WOHU Top safe lock, lock premium quality size 30mm	Pc		43		
4	Handkerchiefs (for sieving water)	100% cotton (white and standard size)	Pc		2,920		
5	Socks	Long, 100% cotton -black or brown in color	Pair		2,663		
6	Small towel	Small towel, 100% cotton (no color preference)-size 30 X 50 cm	Pc		3,016		
7	Bags for packing IRS materials (sandulas)	Grain packing bags 3-4 Ft. Width	Pc		1,000		
8	Hand washing soap (5L)	Laundry detergent in gl. gallons e.g powerful & package on strong containers with TBS authorization	bottle		80		
9	Hand washing bucket 100L	Bucket, HDPE, w/lid, 10cm cap and tap	Pc		9		
10	Fire Extinguishers	Co and Dry Powder type kg 9	Each		6		
11	First aid water for face wash	1L bottle (Killmanjaro/Jambo) Brand	Bottle		600		
12	Vitamin E Jelly	Petroleum Jelly with Vitamin E 50ml	Pc		608		
13	Slashers	Glass slashes 27" wooden handle	Each		4		
14	Rakes	Full size and complete models garden rake	Each		1		
15	Shovel	Pointed wooden handle shovel	Each		15		
16	Wipes for M&E	Packet @ 100 each	Packet		633		
17	Hoe	Agriculture hand hoe	Each		8		

Lot 3- Stationeries for M & E and Sites uses

1	Stationery - Box Files for Data Management Unit and sites	Standard box file RADO ALBA large- A4 size	Each		659		
2	Stationery - Attendance Register	Normal	Each		227		
3	Stationery - My Clear bag	Heavy transparent- any color- A4 size	Each		1237		
4	Stationery - Notebook for training & M&E	Normal for Trainings and other uses-21" x 8" 740 gsm, 60 sheets	Each		4,472		
5	Stationery - Store Ledger Book	Standard Ledger book-pre-printed-2 Quire	Book		194		
6	Stationery - Marker Pens for Training & M&E	Permanent markers- which are water resistant (Xylene & Toluene free)	Each		897		
7	Heavy duty tape	Heavy duty tape 50mm x 50M, black	Each		50		
8	Stationery - Pens for M & E	Obama blue (and red mixed)	Pc		109		
9	Stationery - Stapler Machine	Standard size -Pin size 24/6 to 26/6	Each		6		
10	Stationery - Stapler Pins	Size 24/6 (Box of 20 packets)	Box of 20 packets		56		
11	Rubber band	Yellow 3.8cm/1.5" diameter standard rubber	Packet/5 oopces		133		
12	Chalk (Packet of 100)	White-Soft and dust free	Each		517		
13	Counter book for Data Centre	2 Quire	Each		9		
14	Pens	Brand: Obama blue and black	Each		4,363		
15	Masking tapes for training	Standard size roll	Each		193		
16	White marker pens	White marker	pc		324		
17	Red pens for storekeepers	Brand: Obama red	Each		130		
18	Flip chart	A1 flip chart-80 gsm	Each		182		
19	Flip chart stand	Compatible with all size of flip chart papers, Board size W X H: 65cm x 86cm	Each		06		
20	Marker pen for SOP and sites use	Permanent-R/pack	Each		5,860		
21	Masking tape for site uses	Standard size roll	Each		216		
22	ID Card holders	Plastic materials with cotton hanging rope	Each		917		
23	Paper punch	Kangaroo paper punch-DP-600	Each		4		
24	Glue stick	8g glue stick	Each		134		

Lot 4- Other Equipment for operators and PPE Equipment

1	Overall, for spray operators (XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL)	100% cotton materials and dark blue in color	Pc		170		
2	Gumboot's size 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12	Black in color, Chemical resistant, temperature resistance up to 120 cel degrees	Pair		147		
3	Yellow Hazard Bags	14'X15" Biological hazard	Pc		108		
4	Helmet complete	Safety element, storage +3 to 40 C, Leather or synthetic	Pc		60		
5	Sisal rope - cylinder roll, 80m length, 2mm diameter (Kamba za Kudu)	Cylinder roll, 80 m length, 2 mm diameter (Kamba za Kudu)	Pc		230		
6	Water Tank	PVC/Plastic water storage tank 1000L capacity (black color)	Pc		5		
7	Haversack	Double partition each with width 18" breath	Pc		1026		
8	Extension cables	Tronic 6-way, surge stabilizer with a neon indicator, wall mounting	Pc		6		

Abt Associates Inc. intends to award a PO (in whole or in part) to the most advantageous technically compliant offer(s), the following factors considered:

- Price and price related factors
- Delivery lead time
- Delivery terms and/or cost
- Past performance

A responsive proposal is one that comes from a responsible supplier and complies with all the terms and conditions stated in the RFQ and/or its technical modification. A material modification is any modification that affects price, quantity, quality, delivery or installation date of equipment or materials, or which limits in any way the responsibilities, duties or liabilities of the bidder or any rights of Abt or its clients.

Abt reserves the right to waive any minor informalties in the quotation/proposal received if it is in Abt's best interest to do so, or to reject the quotation of any firm if, in Abt's judgement, the firm is not fully qualified to provide the goods or services as specified in the technical specifications.

APPENDIX A- BIDSHEET

Seq #	Quoted product description	Quoted product quality std (attach copy of applicable certificate)	Quoted catalog # (use include mfr catalog #)	Country of origin	Lead Time (in
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TRC's record shows joint venture need for SGR run

READINESS for starting operations of the new rapid train services is gearing up, with the government having allocated 11.3bn/- this financial year for procurement of 65 Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) wagons with rides and operations set for December. This is a big step in the proper realization of the project, affirmed in the second meeting of the new board of directors of the Tanzania Railways Corporation (TRC) at midweek. Works and Transport, minister Dr Leonard Chamuricho said that the target was to ensure that operations start once construction works are completed.

The shift from predominant steam and diesel engine trains to rapid electric train facility can be compared to the change in recent years at the Muhimbili National Hospital where cases that used to be referred abroad are now being handled locally, especially at the Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute (JKCI). MNH sent specialist doctors abroad for training, but they did not just come back to start handling those operations on their own. A linkage programme was created where specialists from abroad worked with MNH specialists for several operations of a particular kind, until the imparting of skills was sharpened enough.

This model comes to mind because of the disturbing record of TRC in the past, as train collisions or railroad cars, one such accident happening around two years ago or a bit earlier when inspecting the Ruvu-Segera rail link. Senior officials of certain departments

at TRC perished, and way back in 1998 a train rolled back with engine failure and hit into an oncoming train, with more than 300 people killed on the spot.

Some will say that was in the past but accidents have in no way been totally dissipated at the corporation, in which case there needs to be adequate safeguards in the SGR trial and operational start.

Strictly speaking there is a case for making an oversight arrangement with foreign experts a continuous situation, unless it can be explained why for 40 years TRC never speared capable of running trains with sufficient assurance. The huge calamities with ships also emerged in the same context, thus the transition to rapid train, with greater potential or error, looms large and errors will be more costly than in the past. TRC may have trained or are training personnel, but as they say, 'to be forewarned is to be forearmed.'

It will not be surprising if any effort to seek safeguards meets with resistance as often the wish to be fully independent and be proud of it is well underlined in the public service, and needs no reiteration. Yet it will be difficult to say that the past TRC record and even within the past few years augurs well for total trust in rapidly trained personnel to handle rapid trains, as they would be beginners where they have taken their courses, but when they come back they are given full charge of operating speed trains. Evidently they will be qualified but not experienced on the job, while past experience on a diesel train is unhelpful.

Noise pollution issue must take note of group needs

ANEW crackdown has been announced, focused on entertainment joints but with an eagle eye on churches in residential neighbourhoods. This affirmation has been made by the National Environment Management Council which said on Friday that beginning Saturday it would embark on a crackdown on noise pollution, underlining that it is increasingly becoming a menace in major cities and towns. That assertion may be right or false depending on where one stays or sees as dangerous noise levels, for once.

NEC Director General Dr Samwel Gwamaka told reporters that the onslaught targets entertainment joints such as bars, night clubs and function halls as well as places of worship located within residential areas. Accompanied by police officers, NEC officials will go to suburbs notorious for deafening noise on the basis of complaints received by NEMC. There is something disturbing about this explanation, as bars are restricted in playing loud music at midnight on weekends, but NEMC is creating an artificial total ban.

What is not in doubt is that NEMC is proceeding with precisely what business groups have been asking President Samia Suluhu Hassan to change in relation to executive agencies, that they shouldn't be doing business themselves. NEMC is supposed to be a consulting body on such issues, in which case it is local authorities which look at noise levels generally, and if it is past midnight, or 11pm on weekdays, then police patrols might raise questions, for instance a neighbour or cell leader phones to complain. There is virtually no room for NEMC enforcing noise pollution standards on the streets but for pecuniary interest.

State organizations, once there is something that is of interest to them,

seek to bend executive directives as much as is possible. For several years if not the whole decade the traffic police were openly declaring to be raising revenue by slapping fines, until President Samia publicly decried this habit. The Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB) eventually admitted that it framed hundreds of cases, and NEMC restricted harvesting of sand at Jangwani Valley and now the bridge is close to be submerged by seasonal water; it listens to residents of nearby raised ground saying harvesting sand puts houses at risk!

In addition, there are tussles of a commercial sort between different religious groups or denominational loyalties, where new churches acclaimed for miracle healing 'poach' thousands of worshippers from traditional domains, to their chagrin. It is entirely possible such interest groups seek to use this regulatory agency to prune activities of such groups, ostensibly on account noise while actually seeking to clip their wings. So NEMC shouldn't exercise foreign standards in relation to what is described as noise pollution, as on that score it would have to close virtually all garages in the city, welding workshops, factories, etc.

For one thing, noise by a single individual upon others, especially well past midnight, may not be tolerated, but justifiable noise of a community sort is likely to blend with culture, and thus with liberty in general, as collective freedoms are essential to liberty.

So noise in bars and prayer halls should be left to local authorities, to consult with those conducting activities, and if need be, there are police patrols too. Extraordinary initiatives like a NEMC swoop smack of other prerogatives, not the civic harmony we desire, and which the president has repeatedly emphasised.

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STAGES OF ACCEPTANCE

The Kubler-Ross Model

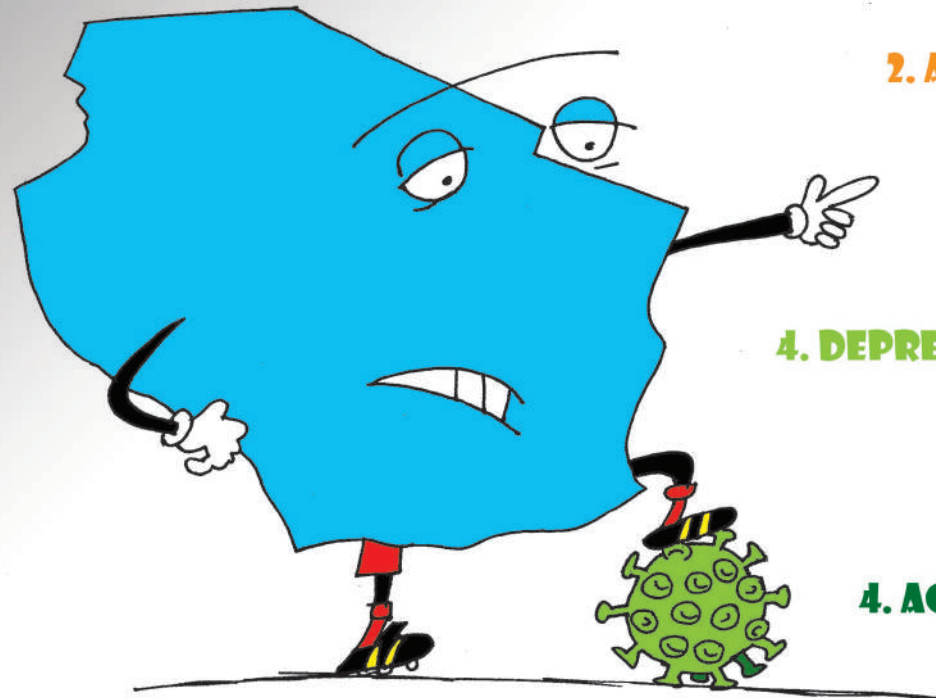
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Obituary

Time with Attilio Tagalile: A journalist whose revolutionary work protested Africa's oppression, exploitation and racism

By Derek K. Murusuri

RECENTLY, a legendary Tanzanian footballer, Leodgar Tenga, desired we should develop and sustain a celebrated and progressive culture of honouring hard earned achievements of others.

What a wise and positive comment from a legend. And, these are the building blocks of, not only a civilized society but also a developed one. It is a pull strategy for awakening a sleeping giant. Our youths crave for role models.

All successful societies encourage development by recognizing the achievements of their distinguished performers.

If it was a norm, therefore, the late Attilio Tagalile (71) who was called by his maker on 9 July, 2021, would have never gone timidly as he seems.

One can cry a bucket for Africans to adopt a new culture that would default us pant for celebrating and preserving our own heritage, obviously for successful succession.

Our youngsters could not wallow through the air for inspiration. We need clear heroes across fields. ATILIO was role model to many in the media fraternity.

There would be countless heroes to look up to, for the motivation to traverse over life billows through a pinnacle of success.

Most of our new generation turn to our past oppressors for heroes. This may not be a welcome news.

In that ideal Continent, where preparation of great minds was high on our agenda, the late ATILIO TAGALILE would be listed among top non political AFRICAN HEROES.

He did not just spend his time on earth writing stories, features and columns in the newspapers or hiding behind the microphones in radio broadcasting in South Africa and in the Federal Republic of Germany, ATILIO took a swipe at the racists, oppressors and exploiters of Africans in his latest book, DAMNED TRAITORS.

He was writing another book when I met him in December last year.

"We all know what the old Ziwani Government had stood for, oppression against own people. That the former Ziwani administration maintained close ties with the Jinamizi racist regime..." writes ATILIO TAGALILE on the last page, 139, of his novel, written on the reality of his time, the book which was published by TopCom Limited in 2012.



The late Attilio Tagalile

ATILIO who had an exceptional mastery of English language, dedicated the novel written flamboyantly to his wife Mary and three beloved children namely, Hans, Yvonne and Doreen.

"I am happy we have written the books on the same theme," he said jubilantly when we met over tea on 23 December, 2020 at BEST BITE Restaurant at Namanga, in Tanzania's business capital, Dar es Salaam.

"Congratulations for the great book Derek," he referred to my book, "MAKING AFRICA WORLD'S LARGEST ECONOMY."

He booked an appointment to meet me through a Doctor in the making, Leah Mwainyekule, one of my former students at Tanzania School of Journalism, currently writing her doctoral research.

ATILIO and I were not met before that day, though I knew him. He was a popular fellow in the media. He wanted to appreciate the effort God manifested in me, the attempt to put up a book. He encouraged me to write another one. This blessed me.

He quickly signed a copy of his book and handed it down to the palms of my hands.

Here is a selfless man. A very fine soul who recognized effort, albeit at infancy, he motivated me to take another step and push the book writing barriers.

I am crying for such a patriot, a pan africanist, activist, a revolutionary and a unifying soul which now departs at such a critical moment Africa crosses the turbulent times in the history of continental political independence.

With unique writing skills, Brother ATILIO showcased an exceptional command of English language.

He was not only a prolific writer and a thinker but also a talented story teller.

In DAMNED TRAITORS, his second book after ENDLESS TOIL, ATILIO provides a story set in an imaginary African country, "Jinamizi" Republic.

A great book for everyone and particularly our new generation. They need to know their history and recharge their batteries to the top bar.

ATILIO who previously did a stint at Deutsche Welle (DW) and proceeded to Radio Channel Africa, the external service of the South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC), narrates how a white minority racist regime oppresses and exploits, for socio-economic ends, the black majority population.

He writes, "the disturbing thing is, the racist regime uses Africans from an independent country in propagating, through its international radio station, the voice of Reason, its oppressive policy in the continent."

Not many knew this revered contribution ATILIO made on the battle ground for Africa's socioeconomic freedom. THANK YOU MY BROTHER, YOU HAD SUCH A BRAVE AND GOOD FIGHT. No doubt you kept the faith.

The late ATILIO was the founding editor of the Tanzania's first Corruption Tracker Website. He goes away with more than 44 dedicated years in print and electronic media, spent in Tanzania and abroad.

He wrote and edited the Daily News/Sunday News, Business Times, Daily Times, The Citizen and the African newspapers.

In 1984, he was among a team of 21 Tanzanians who formed a UN

observers mission in South Africa's first democratic election, in which Nelson Mandela on ANC ticket, won a landslide vote, to become the country's first post Apartheid black President.

It was hidden to me that on 23 December, 2020, our God was preparing me to honor him with obituary for the heroic deeds he moulded by his hands to inspire Africans never to give up the struggle.

The giant, though unsung, is no more. His soul is distinct from the host. He knows not what is goes on. He is silent. Adam of Eden and his wife Eve regretted seeing the first death of their son Abel.

Pain will never end until this world is remade anew. With tears, ATILIO will soon be laid to his temporary home, awaiting the glorious appearing of our Lord and Saviour. But, his legacy will live on.

However, he will still speak through his books he wrote out of love for Africa. He spent his time well on earth. His books will inspire the new generation to intensify the struggle until Africa stands tall.

"Brother ATILIO, thank you for meeting me when we were both alive on this part of heaven (earth)." You taught me a virtue, never shy away from encouraging others to do better and more without malice but with the great open heart of God.

As long as I live, I promise you, I will strive to encourage others too to walk yet another mile for our motherland, the land of gold and cradle of mankind on the face of the earth.

NOW, please go Comrade, never afraid of the darkness. Africa will be energized by your literary work you wrote with the love and passion of the continent in your generous heart. You could use your devoted time for personal gains but you felt the weight of the continent and Tanzania on your shoulders.

How I wish everyone had such a beautiful time on earth and commitment for such a noble job. But, Alas, may our God have mercy. Yours was a life well spent.

I pray that our merciful God be gracious to you as you go before us, awaiting the Trumpet of the Lord, when time shall be no more.

What else shall I say? Patriot, Good night my brother. Please sleep in the lap of our exceedingly compassionate GOD.

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Start the Week with Cynthia Stacey

Poverty reduction ... a long time coming, but mobile phones are very much with us!

Jambo, greetings for the coming week, and how much mail do you readers expect to receive during it ...if at all?

I'm not referring to electronic e-mails etc, but the real thing...paper mail in envelopes, or postcards with exotic stamps, which in England, is delivered to your house by a postal worker....how's that for service!

Anyway, I don't possess one of those irritating items called a 'smart phone', but just an old un-smart version, which is left behind when I leave for Britain.

Once there, I have the perfect communication known as a 'land line', and on it, can make and receive phone calls, but only if I'm at home, and why would I want to make calls outside....I have freedom inside!

Strangely, I never thought that clever Tanzanians would allow themselves to be enslaved by this aspect of the white mans magic.... yet the majority have whole heartedly done so....along with the accompanying 'god'...the mobile phone...this can totally take over their lives....allowing them to be as suitably re-colonized as the colonizers themselves....but what's next?

Sometimes on going to Britain, (yes-minus the mobile) I take a few local newspaper stories about life here, to show some of the fortunate 'wazungu' what real hardship is.

I'm still surprised at the difference, as I assumed over the years, that the future would bring a short of leveling up of prosperity between the two contrasting worlds.

This hasn't quite happened, thought the entrenched political elite and the hangers on around them, gained a sort of parity with their western counterparts, as the



emerging middle classes followed on.

I was going to say this was in direct proportion to the disparities still suffered by the poor majority....but is it? Because for every group of aspirational hopefuls going up, maybe hundreds of the hopeless sink further down....so it's not proportional at all.

I'm just guessing this vague ratio, but if

approximately 705 of Tanzanians are still rural peasants who've yet to experience prosperity, as opposed to the retired rich gentleman farmers masquerading as such, it's a possible supposition.

Foreign visitors are surprised when they see commodity prices here, and realized the almost zero purchasing power of low wage earners.

And as I've often writ-

ten, given this fact, the poor in Tanzania, attempt to do the biblical equivalent of the loaves and the fishes almost daily..... (with five loaves of bread, and a few fishes, Jesus fed five thousand people).

Anyway, on every return here, I'm still surprised at the harsh living conditions of daily life, as when going up country, and seeing little children walking long distances to

school, in fierce sun by the road side, as huge buses and lorries thunder past them.

Though over the years, admittedly with some success, the donor community and the government have raised the GDP (gross domestic product) an indicator of the national income, and though the gap between the haves and the have nots seems slow to reconcile, the sign

of change and improvement are there.

When in London, I feast on edible delights, but feel guilty doing so in Tanzania, where my favourite cake is classed as a luxury purchase, along with Salami and cheese!

This reminds me..... during the French Revolution, when Queen Marie Antoinette was told that the peasants had not bread, she answered....." then let them eat cake"..... not in Tanzania they won't....or maybe they will....in half a decade!

What doesn't seem to change as I come and go, is the poverty reduction industry, but it's ironic that over the years, a lot of funding has gone into this, which like corruption, can appear to increase in direct proportion to the strategies designed to retard it.

Rwandan leader Paul Kagame was reputedly the first African President to describe aid as an indignity and many agree with him.

In the poverty reduction challenges, the vocabulary has been variable, with many changes, but the long term favourite has often been the word "stakeholder".

By simply being referred to as such, it fools people into believing they

matter, regardless of the fact they'll probably never have a stake in anything meaningful.

I can't recall who famously said "the poor are always with us", but poverty as a growth industry, isn't new though its packaging is.

It was at a workshop in Mwanza in 1998, that the government unveiled the National Poverty Eradication Strategy, under the Vice Presidents Office, aimed at reducing poverty by the year 2010.

Officiating at the time, the Mwanza R.C. said "In adopting this strategy, responsibility has been assigned to different stakeholders, charged with co-ordinating eradication initiatives, and welfare monitoring indicators".

Well I'm not sure what this means, but in the time since it was said, how much money will have been spent on servicing... the servers....however well intentioned.

No wonder there's often little from such schemes, and the time frontiers are pushed forever forward, so 2010 becomes 2020..... which becomes 2025..... and 2030, with little visible progress. But maybe it's not fully in the interests of those in this business to effectively reduce it....or they could become jobless!.

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THE REGISTERED TRUSTEES OF HALOPESA FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	NOTE	2020 (TSH)	2019 (TSH)
Operating expenses	7	(13,579,650)	(13,091,947)
Operating loss		(13,579,650)	(13,091,947)
Finance income	8	2,169,978,535	1,197,611,716
Finance costs	8	(1,939,401,031)	(1,064,758,598)
Profit before taxation		216,997,854	119,761,171
Income tax expense	9	(216,997,854)	(119,761,171)
Profit for the year		-	-
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income		-	-

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

ASSETS	NOTE	2020 (TSH)	2019 (TSH)
Operating activities			
Profit before income tax	8	216,997,854	119,761,171
Reclassification			
Interest income		(2,169,978,535)	(1,197,611,716)
Working capital changes			
Increase in amounts due to customers		15,381,761,456	19,352,001,910
Increase/(Decrease) in other liabilities		11,593,257	(85,628)
Increase in restricted bank balances		(14,345,528,358)	(19,351,916,282)
		(1,952,980,681)	(1,077,850,545)
Income tax paid		(216,997,854)	(119,761,171)
Interest paid to beneficiaries		(1,047,826,355)	-
Interest received		2,169,978,535	1,197,611,716
Net cash flows used in operating activities		-	-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		-	-
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January		-	-
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December	10	-	-

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS	NOTE	2020 (TSH)	2019 (TSH)
Current assets			
Cash and bank balances	10	48,987,307,428	34,641,779,070
TOTAL ASSETS		48,987,307,428	34,641,779,070
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Amounts due to agents and customers	11	48,964,235,799	34,630,300,698
Other liabilities	12	23,071,629	11,478,372
TOTAL LIABILITIES		48,987,307,428	34,641,779,070

Family planning saves lives: We need to spread the message to men and women

By Tijani Salami

A year ago, I met a 26-year-old breastfeeding mother who was a graduate student. She was married with three children; the youngest was just eight months old. She started using oral contraceptives after the return of her menses following the birth, but she hid the pills from her husband. When he discovered them, he forced her to throw them away.

Not long after that, she conceived again. Three months later, she had a miscarriage caused by stress. She was admitted into hospital with infection and blood loss. Thankfully, she survived, and her husband has since changed his attitude towards contraceptive use.

In my work in rural areas of Nigeria, attending mostly to uneducated women, their inability to make their own decisions on contraceptive use, combined with lack of awareness of what contraceptive methods are available, are prominent factors that affect contraceptive uptake. About 80 percent of the women we see do not use modern contraceptives because of lack of knowledge, or because their spouses are against it.

However, it is cheering to note that when I talk with couples about the importance of contraception to a woman's health and her family's welfare, I see a marked change in attitude. From my conversations with others working in reproductive health



services, it seems that they have also had success when they talk to couples.

It is already a government policy to increase the use of modern contraceptives in Nigeria. The official goal, first set in 2012 and revised in 2017, was to reach a modern contraceptive prevalence rate of 27 percent by the year 2020. Unfortunately, the level of contraceptive use reached in 2020 was only 12 percent, one of the lowest rates in the world.

A key reason for the low level of contraceptive use is lack of government leadership. Despite making promises to fund modern contraception, the government actually cut funds for family planning by 80 percent in its 2019 budget, with further cuts in 2020. In effect, the government is leaving international non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to pay for most of the contraception and family planning services in Nigeria.

While NGOs do an admirable job, none has the capacity to run a sustained national awareness campaign, or to change deeply ingrained social attitudes affecting contraceptive uptake. This is the work of government, which needs to invest in family planning education, including in schools, and ensure modern contraceptives are widely available at little or no cost.

The government also needs to tackle stigma. Here in Nigeria, we need to stop being embarrassed about contraception or treating it as a secret. We can learn from the success of immunisation campaigns against childhood diseases, for example, which have used massive awareness campaigns and health workers going house to house to carry out vaccinations.

Today, it is quite normal to vaccinate children when it was previously viewed with suspicion. The government should apply the same strategy to family planning, using health workers to educate couples and deliver contraceptive services at home. They would have an opportunity to speak to couples together, and importantly include men in the conversation.

By speaking with couples normally about contraception, we in the health sector can show that there is nothing to be embarrassed or ashamed about, reassure both women and men that the products are safe, and address any misconceptions and answer questions. The problem now is that the system encourages secrecy and misinformation, making it even harder for women to control their fertility, and often putting

their health and welfare at risk.

The cost of this problem to the country is significant. The health and social impacts that I see frequently include unplanned pregnancies, unsafe abortion, maternal deaths, perpetuation of poverty, malnutrition, frequent hospital visits and children dropping out of school.

If all the unmet needs of modern contraception were satisfied, it is estimated that unintended pregnancies in Nigeria would drop by 77 percent - from 2.5 million to 555,000 per year - and the number of abortions would drop from 1.3 million to 287,000. Full provision of modern contraception, combined with other medical care, would reduce maternal deaths by 68 percent (61,000 to 19,000 per year) and newborn deaths would drop by 85 percent (from 255,000 to 38,000 per year).

We know that our rapidly growing population is one of the country's biggest economic and political challenges. Latest official data puts Nigeria's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and population growth at 2.2 percent and 2.6 percent, respectively. We are poised to be the third most populous country in the world by 2050, ahead of the United States. Finding jobs for all these people is already extremely difficult. Protecting our environment in the face of massive population growth is another challenge. Contraceptives have always been a vital tool for countries to build viable societies,

and when given the option, most families make responsible decisions, ensuring that they can provide for the children they have.

I want to emphasise that this is not just a problem facing poor people in rural areas. The woman I described at the beginning of this article is well-educated, living a comfortable middle-class life. Yet the taboos around family planning affected her just as much as the rural women I also treat on a regular basis.

This is a problem impacting every part of the Nigerian society. Therefore, I call on government at all levels to prioritise family planning. It will be necessary to increase spending, employ more health workers, carry out awareness raising campaigns, and take contraceptive services to homes, as they do for immunisation. Perhaps they can combine these roles - training vaccination teams to also deliver contraception.

As a man, a father, and a husband, as well as a doctor, I also call on all men to educate themselves about these issues and consider their wives and children's well-being above all. The benefits of change will flow not only to women, but to the whole country, by enabling families to prosper, reducing poverty, protecting our environment, and building a more sustainable future.

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Amidst COVID-19, health facility quality ratings give a false sense of security

By René Sparks

Health facilities across South Africa are regularly assessed and rated on their quality and ability to meet patient needs. Currently, the way these assessments are performed means that despite an excellent rating, things may not be what they seem.

As South Africa faces a severe third wave of COVID-19, communities deserve a standard of care that can stand up to scrutiny every day and during a devastating pandemic, it is even more urgent to ensure transparency and accountability in our quality assessment processes.

Imagine this scenario: Leilah - a suspected COVID-19 case - enters her local health facility with breathing difficulties. She needs an oxygen mask, which had been confirmed as available in the facility just hours before she arrived. Leilah's condition quickly deteriorates, and she passes away because there was no mask. Upon investigation, several compliance issues emerged that had not been apparent on the day

of the assessment. The facility was checked, and the masks were there but only because they were borrowed from a neighbouring clinic in an attempt to pass the inspection. The masks were returned swiftly afterwards.

Shortcuts and false compliance South Africa's Department of Health has two quality assurance programmes which both assess the compliance of health facilities to the minimum health standards.

Currently, the national Department of Health benchmarks quality of care through assessments conducted by "peers", which include a group of nurses within the local area. These groups move from site to site, assessing each other with a standard checklist and provide a score that rates the quality at the site. These assessments form part of the Ideal Clinic Realisation and Maintenance programme, also referred to as the Ideal Clinic programme.

These assessments differ from the assessments conducted by the Office of Health Standards Compliance (OHSC), which uses



trained inspectors in a legislated quality assurance programme based on the National Core Standards (NCS). The Ideal Clinic programme was implemented after the roll-out of NCS to create a more sustainable, hands-on programme that would allow health staff to engage with quality assurance activities on a more frequent basis. The OHSC remains in place to provide oversight but the two assessments are not currently being monitored or reported on in one combined document and sites are receiving accolades on the peer-assessed programme as opposed to the legislative programme.

In my experience working in public health quality assurance across government, municipal and NGO spaces, I design and conduct assessments and can see first-hand the shortcuts taken to gain good ratings, and the strategies used to avoid true compliance. The current system of health facility assessments is seen as a tick box exercise or a short-term hurdle to overcome to please management or funders.

False compliance continues to lead to gaps in care and even when health facilities receive high ratings, the experience of patients does not bear this out. The cost of failing to

address this is high.

Assessments lack objectivity A critical study from the University of KwaZulu-Natal published in the journal *Curatiosis* found that among the many challenges facing the healthcare system in South Africa, the lack of objectivity in health facility assessments is one reason millions still experience preventable harm every day due to poor health services.

Even with these dubious attempts at increasing scores, only a third of provinces meet the scores necessary to qualify for support. In 2018, 47% of sites accessed by the Office of Health Standards Compliance were deemed compliant. In the 2018/19 financial year, the Office of Health Standards Compliance released an annual inspection report in which it stated that only 137 out of the 730 (18.7%) health facilities assessed in South Africa were compliant. Interestingly, the same listed health facilities that were not compliant with the National Core Standards have received awards in their Ideal Clinic assessments.

A comparison of the various

assessment outcomes is not reviewed by the OHSC or the Department of Health and the question remains how one site could be both compliant and not compliant in the same period. Over the 3-year period (2019 - 2021), the government has allocated R19.2 billion to improve facilities and an additional R4.3 billion via the National Health Insurance Fund, but these funds remain largely untouched and may even create a further perverse incentive for manipulating assessment outcomes.

We must ensure that quality services and lifesaving facilities are available to communities and that compliance assessments are done with integrity and without bias. That means ensuring more accountability in peer and self-assessments, by including external verification and transparent communication of findings to communities. These external assessments from unrelated entities ensure the findings are correct and provide training to peer assessors to ensure consistency.

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Rwanda deploys 1,000 soldiers to Mozambique's Cabo Delgado

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RWANDA has started deploying 1,000-strong forces to Mozambique to help it combat worsening violence in the gas-rich northern Cabo Delgado province.

The announcement came on Friday after the 16-member Southern African Development Community (SADC) approved last month the deployment of joint forces to help Mozambique respond to the nearly four-year-old conflict, which has killed some 3,000 people and displaced almost 800,000, half of whom are children.

Soldiers from Rwanda, which is not a

member of SADC, would fight alongside Mozambique's forces and SADC troops, the Rwandan government said in a statement.

"The Rwandan contingent will support efforts to restore Mozambican state authority by conducting combat and security operations, as well as stabilisation and security-sector reform," it added.

Rwandan defence forces spokesman Ronald Rwivanga told Reuters news agency the new forces would have deployed in full by Saturday.

He said the Rwandan contingent was made up of members of the police force and troops trained "to deal with terrorism and

security-related issues" in Cabo Delgado.

Alexandre Raymakers, Africa analyst at the United Kingdom-based global risk consultancy Verisk Maplecroft, said he believes the Rwandan contingent could be used to secure key liquefied natural gas (LNG) sites in an effort to lure back international investors.

"The Rwandan security forces have developed a reputation for being a highly capable fighting force," he said.

But, he added, "The presence of multiple military missions, in the form of a potential Rwandan contingent and the SADC, will likely lead to conflicting priorities and fric-

tion at the military command level, hindering the overall." Attacks by an armed group known locally as al-Shabab, whose origins, analysts say, are steeped in local political, religious and economic discontent, have steadily increased in the Cabo Delgado province since October 2017. The sophistication of the attacks has increased, too.

The fighters linked to ISIL (ISIS) have ransacked towns and gained control of key roadways, destroying infrastructure and heading civilians. In some cases, they have forced locals into their ranks or held them as sex slaves.

Since August 2020, the fighters have been

in control of the key port town of Mocimboa da Praia, while in March, they launched a coordinated assault on Palma town, killing dozens and displacing tens of thousands, while also forcing the French energy firm Total to suspend its \$20bn LNG project.

The government has deployed thousands of soldiers to Cabo Delgado to combat the fighters, but analysts have long cautioned that Mozambique's army has historically been weak, poorly trained and under-equipped.

The World Food Programme has warned of a growing hunger crisis as nearly one million people need food aid.



Students of Dar es Salaam's Feza Boys Schools carry their colleagues Harry Mshana and John Bugeraha shoulder high at the weekend for emerging among the top ten performers nationally in this year's Form Six exams. The results were announced at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Measles vaccines missed because of Covid focus

By Sandrine Lungumbu

MANY children are missing out on measles vaccines because of disruption caused by the coronavirus pandemic, fears are growing that there could be an outbreak of the disease in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

"In the last two to three months we've not been able to carry out routine measles vaccinations, which is worrying," says Eugénie Ngabo Nzigire, a nurse based in the eastern city of Bukavu.

"It takes just one sick child and the whole community is in danger," adds the 57-year-old head of the maternity unit at Skyborne Hospital.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has warned that with an estimated 140 million measles vaccinations around the world having been missed due to Covid-19 disruption, countries with fragile healthcare systems, such as DR Congo, could be sitting on a 'time bomb' of potential outbreaks.

DR Congo reported 440,000 cases in its last measles outbreak, which ended in September.

Nearly 8,000 people - mainly children - died from measles between 2018 and

2020 in the country, according to monitoring data from the WHO.

Measles is the most infectious preventable disease in the world, much more contagious than Covid-19. It is spread through contact and droplets that can remain in the air for hours.

Still a common killer, there are outbreaks currently in Pakistan and Yemen as well as concerns that there could be one in the Tigray region of Ethiopia.

"A child can get measles and die wherever they are in the world, but the likelihood of death is much higher for children younger than one and if there are other stresses like malnutrition or vitamin A deficiency, these really increase the risk of death," said Dr Natasha Crowcroft, senior technical advisor for measles and rubella at the WHO.

Bukavu is a bustling commercial centre and home to around a million people.

It is also where Ngabo Nzigire has dedicated more than three decades of her life to treating children.

"I knew I wanted to be a nurse at a very young age, so it's not just a job that I fell into but a vocation to care for people," says the mother of 11.

Human-wildlife conflict one of greatest threats to wildlife species - reveals new report

By Guardian Reporter

A new report by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has cited the human-wildlife conflicts as one of the greatest threats to wildlife species.

Conflict between people and animals, from China's famed wandering elephants raiding farms for food and water; to wolves preying on cattle in Idaho, USA; to a crocodile killing hundreds of people in Burundi, is one of the main threats to the long-term survival of some of the world's most emblematic species, warns a new report.

It said human-wildlife conflict - when struggles arise from people and animals coming into contact - often leads to people killing animals in self-defence, or as pre-emptive or retaliatory killings, which can drive species to extinction.

The report, a future for all - the need for human-wildlife coexistence, highlights that globally, conflict-related killing affects more than 75% of the world's wild cat species, as well as many other terrestrial and marine carnivore species such as polar bears and Mediterranean monk seals, and large herbivores such as elephants.

"Within a human lifetime, we have already seen extraordinary and unparalleled changes to our planet. Global wildlife populations have fallen an average of 68 per cent since 1970," said Margaret Kinnaird, Global Wildlife Practice Leader at WWF International.

Kinnaird added: "Human-wildlife conflict, in combination with other threats, has driven significant decline of species that were once abundant, and species that are naturally less abundant have been pushed to the brink of extinction. Unless urgent action is taken, this devastating trend will only worsen, wreaking detrimental and, in some cases, irreversible impacts on ecosystems and biodiversity."

"If human-wildlife conflict is not adequately addressed by the international community, WWF believes it will have a considerable negative impact on countries' ability to meet the majority of the SDGs," said Dr Kinnaird.

The report featured contributions from 155 experts from 40 organisations based in 27 countries.

Susan Gardner, Director of UNEP's Ecosystems Division said: "This report is a clarion call to elevate

the problem of human wildlife conflict and give it the attention it deserves in national and international processes."

"It is a call for the adoption of approaches that identify and address the deeper, underlying causes of conflict while developing systemic solutions with affected communities as active and equal participants in the process. As demonstrated in many of the case studies in this report, coexistence is both possible and attainable," she said.

According to the report, human-wildlife conflict is as much a development and humanitarian issue as it is a conservation concern, affecting the income of farmers, herders, artisanal fishers, and Indigenous peoples, particularly those living in poverty.

It also interferes with access to water for communities competing with wildlife for local water sources and drives inequality as those who pay the price for living with wildlife rarely receive the benefits of coexistence.

Despite being so strongly linked to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), human-wildlife conflict continues to be overlooked by policymakers.

The report shows that completely eradicating

human-wildlife conflict is not possible but that well-planned, integrated approaches to managing it can reduce conflicts and lead to a form of coexistence between people and animals. Such approaches require work on prevention, mitigation, response, research and monitoring all backed by strong policy support and the participation of local communities.

In South Africa at the Kavango Zambezi Transfrontier Conservation Area an integrated approach to managing human-wildlife conflicts has led to a 95 percent reduction in livestock killings, resulting in zero retaliatory killings of lions in 2016 (at least 17 were killed in 2012 and 2013) and allowing previously threatened lion populations to recover.

Reducing human-wildlife conflict in this way can lead to opportunities and benefits not only for biodiversity and impacted communities, but for society, sustainable development, production, and the global economy at large.

The post-2020 global biodiversity framework is expected to be adopted in October at the Fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP15), where world leaders will sign a new 10-year commitment to protect biodiversity.

ADMISSION OF A NEW PARTNER



JOSEPHINE NJUNWAS (ACPA-PP); PARTNER, ADVISORY SERVICES

We, Shepherd Consulting Ltd are pleased to announce the appointment of Josephine K. Njunwas, our new Partner in Advisory Services Unit (ASU) with effect from June 2021. Josephine has more than 18-years experience of providing professional accounting and advisory services gained while working with one of the international big four consulting firms in Tanzania and South Africa, raising up her career from an Audit Trainee to an Associate Director in October 2017

Before she was promoted to an Associate Director in October 2017, Josephine worked as a Senior Audit Manager in South Africa for a period of approximately two years from November 2013 to September 2015. In all her professional life, Josephine has worked with clients in diverse sectors of the economy including Financial Services, Oil and Gas, Hospitality, Telecommunication, Non-Profit organizations, Construction, Retail and Consumer Products, etc

Josephine is a professional Accountant who graduated from the University of Dar es Salaam Business School and registered with the National Board of Accountants and Auditors (NBAA) as an Authorized Certified Public Accountant in Public Practice since 2011. She has also attended High Potentials Leadership Programme at Harvard Business School.

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Conflating the Zuma judgment with politics, illegality and unconstitutionality is a dangerous shot in the dark

By Omphemetse S Sibanda

I am not a prophet of doom, but signs are that those who hold the firm view that the judiciary is politically biased against Jacob Zuma seem prepared to throw out of the window any respect for the judiciary left in their fibre. And there is no unequivocal assurance from the ANC as the governing party that things will not deteriorate further.

The initial optimism about the South African Constitution as one of the most exemplary and best in the world concerning the protection of rights and freedoms, and the Constitutional Court as the ultimate enforcer of the rule of law and the interpretation and protection of our rights and freedoms, seem to be fading with time.

The Constitutional Court judgment, in the case of Secretary of the Judicial Commission of Inquiry into Allegations of State Capture, Corruption and Fraud in the Public Sector including Organs of State v Zuma and Others [2021] ZACC 18 sought to remind us that courts are established as the last line of defence for the South African constitutional order and the rule of law and to help the country ward off the threat from new authoritarians.

Justice Leona Theron, in her dissenting judgment with the judgment of the majority penned by the then acting Chief Justice Sisi Khampepe, referred to it as bad and unconstitutional because the judgment "has pushed the bounds of our law of contempt in order to meet these exceptional circumstances" [at par:191]. The unequivocal message by the majority judgment that the Constitution is sacrosanct and that the rule of law must be respected has not gone down well, obviously, with Zuma.

As a disclaimer, it must be noted that I do not take a position here on the correct outcome in the Zuma case. I do, however, hold a view that the majority judgment was convincingly well reasoned in light of the facts of the case compared with the minority judgment, though I have described the dissenting decision as the perfect gift for spin doctors. So important to the Zuma defence is the Theron dissenting judgment that even his



supporters, sympathisers and ordinary citizens refer to it as they gather at Nkandla in a show of unwavering support, some pledging even to die for the former president before he can be arrested if their disregard of the Covid-19 pandemic threat has not killed them by then.

More worrisome is the threat of violence by Umkhonto weSizwe Military Veterans Association (MKMVA) spokesperson, Carl Niehaus, in his briefing to the media at the Nkandla homestead on Friday, and the ominous warning to the ANC national leadership that there would be "dire" consequences should Zuma be imprisoned.

"Our country would be torn apart. There will be instability and unrest," said Niehaus. Are we facing a possibility of another Marikana bloodbath? One cannot ignore the possibility of another Marikana moment considering that some of the protesters at Nkandla brandished firearms and knobkerries. Or are we facing the possibility of a coup against the current ANC government should law enforcement agencies align themselves to the MKMVA position? Nobody wishes any of such happening because we will all be losers.

We are entering another week of uncertainty and being on tenterhooks

as a country after the Constitutional Court agreed to hear Zuma's application for a rescission of its contempt judgment and sentencing against him in terms of Rule 42 of the Uniform Rules of the Court. Rule 42 makes provision for instances in which a court may reconsider its final decision. It will be interesting to hear how the cases on Rule 42 previously entertained by the Constitutional Court itself, such as Molaudzi v S 2015 (8) BCLR 904 (CC); Daniel v President of the Republic of South Africa and Another 2013 (11) BCLR 1241 (CC); and Zondi v MEC, Traditional and Local Government Affairs, and Others 2006 (3) SA 1 (CC), will be used by the Zuma defence to secure rescission.

As a fiasco unfolds, with different public discourses ascribing responsibility or displacing blame, I wish I had more writing space to reflect on the content of the founding affidavit by Zuma pleading for the Constitutional Court to reconsider and withdraw its judgment against him last week. I can only outline broad issues, without delving into nuances.

A careful reading of the affidavit by Zuma indicates that he is appealing to humanity in the form of its "judicial being" and to the intelligence of the

court, and also making a case that the majority judgment by Khampepe made a serious error on merits and in the process betrayed the Constitution and the Constitutional Court itself as an institution.

Further, that the Constitutional Court is dangerously overreaching under the guise of protecting constitutional values. Zuma, in essence, aligned himself to the minority judgment of Theron, and considers the majority judgment of Khampepe unconstitutional, irrational and pronounced by a court that lacked independence and impartiality. There is some kind of chastising language in Zuma's affidavit, and although a bit toned down compared with his previous statements, public speeches and defiance of the Constitutional Court, is not surprising.

Notable contentions by Zuma, without in-depth discussion in this opinion, include: admitting in the alternative that he is guilty of the offence of contempt of court and that he needs to take advantage of the opportunity previously given to him by the court – which he scorned – to argue in mitigation of sentence [par:11]; and reminding the court that he is aware of the passionate disdain it holds against him for defying its

orders [par:11].

More interesting is Zuma's note that his freedom and "health challenges facing the country should all combine" in favour of the Constitutional Court hearing the application [par:14]. Reference to the country's health challenges is curious, unless the statement was meant to mean health challenges facing Zuma as further in paragraph 16 of the affidavit he notes that incarceration threatens his health. Perhaps this is a sneak preview into the possibility of Zuma applying for medical parole or release from prison fearing that Covid-19 and overcrowding in prison pose serious health risks to him.

To this end, Zuma will be taking full advantage of what is permissible in terms of the Correctional Services Act should he not be paroled after serving a quarter of his sentence or get mercy from President Cyril Ramaphosa by authorising presidential parole or correctional supervision under section 82 of the Act.

Zuma makes it clear that his health will be key to his sentence mitigation statement. In his affidavit, he alerted the court that he suffers from ill health that will require him to be in and out of hospital to receive the appropriate medical attention. [Par:18]

It is interesting that as an icon of the freedom Struggle and a role player in the liberation of the country towards constitutional democracy steeped in the rule of law, Zuma declared that he is not proud of being the first prisoner of the Constitutional Court in post-apartheid South Africa [par:19]. Perhaps if he was given substantively proper counsel and defence he could have dragged himself to the Zondo Commission and the Constitutional Court, despite his disdain of the two.

Or perhaps this is just a belated change of heart about his respect for the

administration of justice. So far one does not know what to believe in now. Zuma swears that he never vowed not to attend the commission, and instead levelled a serious allegation that the commission acted in bad faith in issuing summons when kept in notice of his inability to attend the commission [par:21].

The politicisation and out-of-context prominence given to the dissenting judgment by Theron has the potential and threat of transforming justice into a spectacle, and individualisation of justice. Come on South Africa! The rhetorical trick of conflating the majority judgment with politics, illegality and unconstitutionality is a dangerous shot in the dark.

It must be emphasised that there is nothing unusual about the sharp disagreements between the majority and the minority judgments in this case. Judges do not always agree and this should not be strange. Like lawyers and judges would say, what would be strange would be if judges agree on everything, for the law is not, like mathematics, an exact science – it is at best an analysis, a person's opinion, a judgment.

Of course, one must acknowledge that we may have reached an impasse in the Zuma matter; and that expecting the Constitutional Court to jettison last week's judgment because of the adverse reception of the judgment, without anything new to indicate that indeed the court was wrong, will further plunge the country into anarchy.

The Constitutional Court was essentially doing its job of protecting the rule of law like it did when it asserted its judicial oversight against Parliament in several of its cases. This has not prevented some experts, including legal experts and lawyers, to have tak-

en opportunities to write commentaries to fuel and incite defiance of the judgment, planting fears that there is a third hand controlling the South African judiciary.

I am not a prophet of doom, but signs are that those who hold the firm view that the judiciary is politically biased against Zuma seem prepared to throw out of the window any respect for the judiciary left in their fibre. It has been a long and winding road to this cul de sac between Zuma and the courts, and there is no strong, unequivocal assurance from the ANC as the governing party that things will not deteriorate further.

It is unclear if the Constitutional Court agreeing to hear Zuma's rescission application will be met with an acknowledgement of its authority, of respect for whatever its decision will be. So far, acting Chief Justice Raymond Zondo has been singled out by Niehaus as having gone out of his way to target Zuma.

"We see here that Mr Zondo is going out of his way to try and get the harshest sentence, to target him again. Those actions just confirm to us once again that he's biased against president Zuma and that Zuma will not be able to get a fair hearing as long as it is chaired by Zondo," said Niehaus. He also fired a warning shot that imprisonment of Zuma "will be entirely unacceptable to us" and that the arrest "will inevitably lead to upheaval and instability in South Africa and cause further divisions within the ANC".

The possibility of an argument after the hearing and judgment that the judges who concurred with Khampepe in the majority judgment are a poisoned chalice and should not have sat on the bench or been allowed to pen the ruling should not be discounted.



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BUSINESS



MultiChoice Nigeria CEO, John Ugbe.

CENSURE

MultiChoice refutes claims as it looks to avoid Nigeria crisis

ABUJA

MultiChoice is scrambling to avoid a potential financial crisis as a result of a directive issued by Nigeria's Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) to banks to freeze accounts of the pay television operation pending the collection of outstanding fiscal payments.

On Thursday 8 July FIRS claimed that MultiChoice Nigeria had defaulted on tax payments to the amount of 1.8-trillion Naira (over US\$4-billion). The company is also accused of providing incorrect information to FIRS related to its income and subscriber numbers.

In a statement the Authority said companies operated by MultiChoice in Nigeria (DStv) "would not promptly respond to correspondences, they lacked data integrity and are not transparent as they continually deny FIRS access" to their records.

"The companies are involved in the under-remittance of taxes which necessitated a critical review of the tax-compliance level of the company," further reads the statement from the revenue authority. This means that MultiChoice Nigeria will not be able to access or

make payments from some of its key bank accounts within the country.

The company said that it is engaging the tax authority and has insisted it is up to date with its tax payments. "We have been- and are currently in discussion with FIRS regarding their concerns and believe that we will be able to resolve the matter amicably," read a statement issued by MultiChoice Nigeria.

It also claimed that it had not yet been notified of the position taken by the FIRS. Nigeria is a key market for MultiChoice owing to Africa's biggest economy's booming population and growing middle class.

In November last year, MultiChoice said it had a subscriber base of 11.4m households (57%) "in the Rest of Africa" segment, which includes Nigeria, although it did not reveal the numbers for the West African country.

In South Africa, it has 8.7 million users for its pay television service. MultiChoice becomes the third major tech company to attract the wrath of Nigerian authorities with Twitter still suspended and MTN Nigeria being heavily fined for failure to disconnect unregistered SIM cards.



Stanchart chief executive Kariuki Ngari (left), NCBA boss John Gachora (centre) and Absa's Jeremy Awori.

PROGRESSIVE

Nigerian lawmakers pass historic oil overhaul bill

ABUJA

Both chambers of Nigeria's parliament have passed a bill that overhauls nearly every aspect of the country's oil and gas production, putting a project that has been in the works for two decades one step closer to presidential sign-off.

Legislators have been hashing out details of the bill since President Muhammadu Buhari presented an initial version in September last year, but an overhaul has been in the works for some 20 years. The chambers had

been expected to vote clause by clause on the more than 400-page long report, but instead quickly approved the full package.

Each chamber made changes before approving the package, and the senate lowered the share of money for oil-producing communities. The chambers will need to meet again to work out the details, but members were optimistic that they would come to an agreement next week, after which it could go for presidential sign-off.

Analysts say its approval is essential to at-

tracting a shrinking pool of capital for fossil fuel development. Earlier in the day, senators entered a closed-door session with the petroleum minister and the head of state oil company NNPC for a briefing on the technical terms and details.

The last key controversies related to the share of wealth for communities in areas where petroleum is produced, and those in the northern and central parts of Nigeria where there is exploration but no production yet. The house bill signed off on an in-

crease in the share of regional oil wealth generated from production that host communities can claim from 2.5% to 5%, but the senate approved 3%. Communities had pushed for a 10% share. Sources said disagreements with northern leaders were managed separately following several hours-long sessions between them and federal government officials early this week.

The package also includes a string of changes sought by oil majors, including amended royalties and fiscal terms for oil

and gas production, and the transfer of state oil company NNPC's assets and liabilities to a limited liability corporation created by the bill. It also divided the stakes in the new NNPC Limited evenly between the finance and petroleum ministries, but would not allow for public share sales without further government approval. Leaders agreed earlier this year to sweeten the terms for oil companies in an effort to attract much-needed investment in an era of shrinking global cash for fossil fuel production.

STIMULUS

KCB Bank youth entrepreneurship graduates set to get 5m/- soft loans



KCB Bank Tanzania's head of marketing and corporate affairs, Christina Manyenye has a word with young entrepreneurs at a past event.

By Francis Kajubi

GRADUATES of a KCB Bank Tanzania Limited's six months '2jajiri' youth entrepreneurship training program will get 5m/- in soft loan to develop their businesses if they come up with a bankable project.

Speaking at the closure of a three-day orientation course for the 118 young entrepreneurs, KCB Head of Marketing and Corporate Affairs, Christina Manyenye said only those who will write bankable business plans will qualify for the seed capital from the lender's entrepreneurship empowerment facility.

"We have invited them to submit their business proposals and those with well presented ones are likely to be issued with a loan of 5mn/- and above depending on their demand," Manyenye said.

The KCB programme has so far involved

300 young graduates from Arusha, Dar es Salaam, Kilimanjaro, Morogoro, Mwanza and Zanzibar will also provide mentorship to the entrepreneurs. "The next step from here is linking them to processing and manufacturing industries for a period of six months to gain more practical skills," she said.

Far from the financial assistance to grow their small businesses, Manyenye said that the young entrepreneurs will be provided with three experts in the areas of marketing, law and accounts from KCB who will play a role of counselling them on good approaches of running their businesses.

"We are looking forward to starting to equip youth with required skills for the construction industry, innovation, arts and business. We generally aim at equipping about 4,000 young graduates in these areas so that they acquire required skills that will make them competent for self employment and competitive in the market," she added.

Peter Sona, one of the beneficiaries who is from information and communication technology field said that the knowledge and skills acquired opens up a new avenue for them because theories from university and college is not enough to make them competent.

"Majority of the youth graduate with little practical skills of their profession hence programs such as '2jajiri' play a vital tool to equip us with such skills," said Sona who also commended KCB Bank's management for coming up with such an initiative. According to him, all graduates had already opened savings and business accounts at KCB that will not only enable them save their business income but also to qualify for loans the lender.

KCB Bank has allocated 100m/- in financing of the course which is being implemented in collaboration with National Economic Empowerment Council (NEEC). It also incorporates mentors from Small Industries Development Organization (SIDO).

FREEZE

CEOs lose bonuses amid Covid fallout

PARIS

As surely as the rains fall and flowers blossom, the Northern Hemisphere awakens every June to

another, less inspiring rite of spring—a new peak level for global atmospheric carbon dioxide. This year, that number is 419 CO molecules for every million molecules of air, a.k.a. parts per million.

Ten Nairobi Securities Exchange-listed firms cut their executive bonuses by Sh284 million last year in the wake of reduced profitability that was largely caused by the economic fallout from the Covid-19 pandemic.

KCB, Absa Bank Kenya, Britam, NCBA and Bamburi Cement among the firms that either suspended or reduced executive bonuses as part of cost-cutting measures that also saw companies lay off hundreds of rank-and-file workers.

The banking sector, for instance, posted a 20 percent drop in net profit to Sh88 billion in the year ended December compared to Sh110.1

billion a year earlier, according to Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) data. This hurt bonus payouts to bank executives, including CEOs of KCB, NCBA, Absa and StanChart.

The weaker bank earnings were mainly caused by loan loss provision swelling to Sh110.2 billion from Sh39.2 billion as the lenders braced for increased defaults in the wake of increased job losses, lockdowns and business disruption in the pandemic era.

With few exceptions, executives suffered reduced or zero bonuses to contribute to their companies' cost-cutting efforts and also demonstrate solidarity with ordinary employees who also missed bonuses and took pay cuts in some cases.

Banks, which have traditionally paid the largest bonuses on rising profits in the past, led in trimming the cash

incentives in the review period. Four firms – KCB, NCBA, Britam and Liberty Holdings – suspended bonus payouts to their executives while six (Absa, StanChart, Bamburi, BOC Kenya, Longhorn and Unga Group) reduced the cash incentives.

KCB's chief executive, Joshua Oigara, missed out on bonus payment unlike in the previous year when he took home Sh193.7 million – Sh145.3 million in cash and Sh48.4 million deferred. The bank's chief financial officer, Lawrence Kimathi, also did not earn any bonus unlike in 2019 when he received Sh29.4 million and Sh9.8 million in cash and deferred respectively. The missed bonuses came as the lender's net profit fell 22 percent to Sh19.6 billion in the year ended December on the back of increased provisions for coronavirus-related loan defaults.

"Executive directors are entitled to a performance-based bonus pay. Each year, 25 percent of the bonus is retained with the payment of the retained portion being deferred to be paid over a period of the three subsequent years," says KCB.

NCBA Group chief executive John Gachora and the finance director David Abwoga also missed out on bonuses as the bank's net earnings fell to Sh4.5 billion from Sh7.8 billion. Mr Gachora and Mr Abwoga had received bonuses of Sh38.47 million and Sh14.4 million respectively the year before.

Britam Holdings chief executive Benson Wairegi, who retired early this year, did not get a bonus unlike in 2019 when he received Sh13.48 million. The insurer says it runs a performance-based bonus, which is paid from the company's profit.

DECCELERATION

Asia becomes epicentre of market fears over slowdown in growth

SINGAPORE

Asia is emerging as the epicenter for investor worries over global growth and the spread of coronavirus variants.

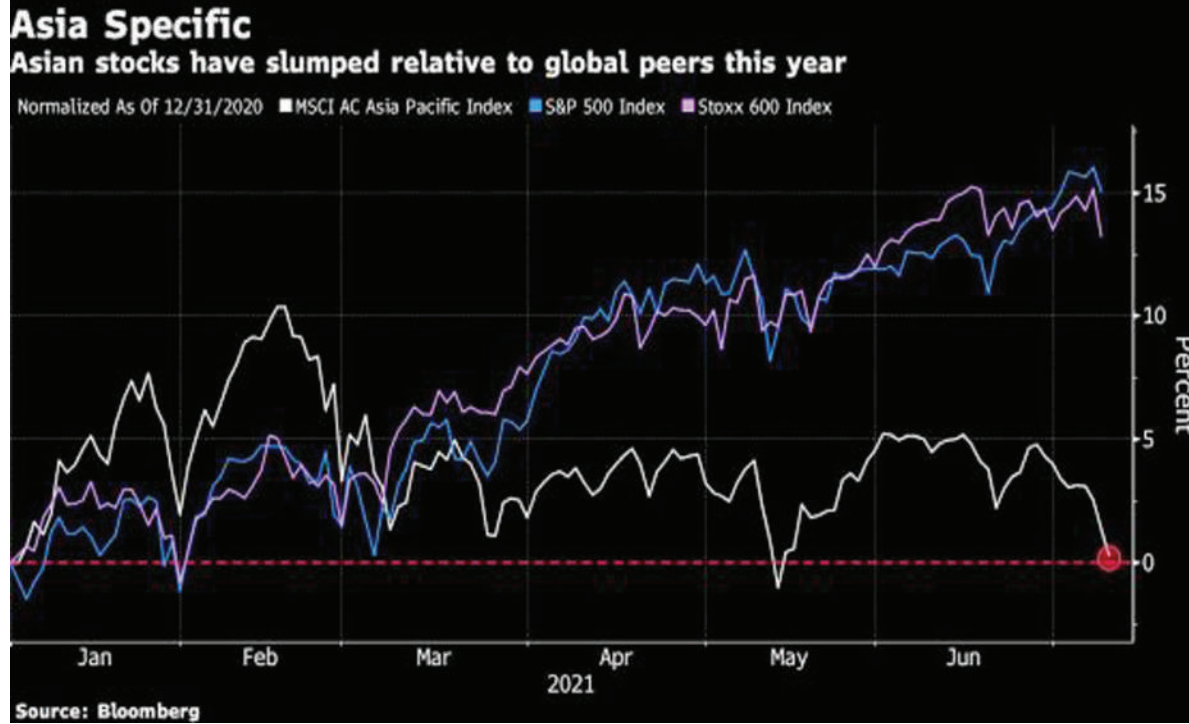
While their peers in the US and Europe remain near record highs, Asian stocks have fallen back in recent months amid slowing Chinese economic growth and a glacial rollout of vaccines. The trend accelerated Friday with the benchmark MSCI Asia Pacific Index briefly erasing year-to-date gains for the second time in as many months.

"Asia was seen as the poster child in pandemic response last year, but this year the slow vaccination rollout in most countries combined with the arrival of the delta variant means

another lost year," said Mark Matthews, head of Asia research with Bank Julius Baer & Co. in Singapore. "I suspect Asia will continue to lag as long as vaccination rollouts remain at their relatively sluggish levels and high daily new Covid counts prevent them from lifting mobility restrictions."

The growing jitters in the region comes as investor concerns shift from runaway inflation to an early withdrawal of stimulus by central banks. China's authorities signalled earlier this week they may soon unleash more support for the economy, suggesting the world's fastest-pandemic recovery may be weaker than it appears.

A fresh regulatory crackdown on Chinese tech stocks this week has also impacted investor



Source: Bloomberg

An Asian stocks graph.

sentiment in the region. The Hang Seng China Enterprises Index fell briefly into a technical bear market Friday, led by weakness in the sector. While Asia bore the brunt of the

retreat in global equities, havens in other asset classes from Treasuries to the yen have rallied, and the rotation toward economically-sensitive cyclical stocks from their high-priced growth counterparts continued to unwind.

"It's a sign of how challenging the reopening process is," Marvin Loh, State Street senior global market strategist, said in an interview with Bloomberg TV. "What the PBOC is going through as well as these variants that keep popping up around the world shows it's going to be an uneven process. Maybe a normalization tightening policy is not necessarily going to be as fluid."

Covid 19 remains a key challenge. In Japan, Tokyo has declared a renewed state of emergency to

combat the resurgent virus, banning spectators from the Olympics and pushing the Nikkei 225 Stock Average toward a correction. South Korea is intensifying social distancing measures in Seoul while Indonesia is battling a virus resurgence that has crippled its health system.

"Asian equities are being particularly impacted by the rebound in coronavirus cases in the region, fears about the impact of that on regional growth and concern that we may now have seen the best of the rebound globally," said Shane Oliver, head of investment strategy with AMP Capital Investors in Sydney. "Asian shares may have led the way on this but coronavirus concerns may also weigh on global shares generally."

CONCERN

Europe's meat-loving nation faces reckoning over climate impact

MADRID

The link between red meat consumption and climate change was made by Minister of Consumer Affairs Alberto Garzón in a video published on his Twitter account Wednesday. People should eat a more varied diet, with less animal products, because it is healthier and better for the environment: "I don't want to scold anyone, but to reflect on this before the problem becomes chronic."

Garzón touched a nerve. Data shows consumers increased their intake of meat by 10.5% last year to around 50 kilos (110 pounds) per person – about double the recommended amount. The industry generates 2.5 million jobs nationally and nearly 9 billion euros (\$10.7 billion) in exports.

Within less than 24 hours, the six-minute video racked up more than half a million views, and got the attention of Garzón's colleagues. "Our cattle farmers are being subjected to criticism that's deeply unfair," said Luis Planas, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. "They deserve respect." Socialist Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez also got involved while

on an official visit in Lithuania. "To me, eating a steak cooked to perfection, that's unbeatable," he told reporters.

If Spain is to achieve its goal of eliminating net greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, in line with a European Union target, it will need to tackle emissions from agriculture. The sector is Spain's second-largest emitter after transport, and accounted for about 14% of the country's emissions last year. Elsewhere, meat producers are mitigating greenhouse gas emissions with innovative solutions – agriculture giant Cargill Inc. will start selling mask-like wearable devices for cows in 2022.

After an industry group sent an open letter to protest Garzón's "irresponsible" and "erroneous" statement, he nuanced his words, telling a local radio station he doesn't want anyone to stop eating meat. The minister is the leader of United Left party, a junior partner in a coalition with a very slim majority. "What we're saying is not that we have to stop consuming meat," he said, "but that we have to follow the levels recommended by science, between 200 and 500 grams week."



Spanish shoppers at meat shop in Madrid



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WORLD

Violence spreads to South Africa's economic hub in wake of Zuma jailing

JOHANNESBURG

SHOPS were looted overnight and a section of the M2 highway was closed in Johannesburg yesterday, as sporadic acts of violence following the jailing of former South African President Jacob Zuma spread to the country's main economic hub.

Violence had mainly been concentrated in Zuma's home province of KwaZulu-Natal (KZN), where he started serving a 15-month sentence for contempt of court on Wednesday night.

Police said criminals were taking advantage of the anger some feel over Zuma's imprisonment to steal and cause

damage.

The Johannesburg Metropolitan Police Department (JMPD) said there had been looting in the Alexandra township and Jeppestown suburb. The M2 was closed off after there were reports of shots being fired at passing vehicles.

Protests were ongoing in the Hillbrow neighbourhood yesterday morning, JMPD spokesman Wayne Minnaar said.

KZN police spokesman Jay Naicker said there had also been looting in eThekweni, the municipality that includes Durban, and that nine people had been arrested, taking the number of arrests in the province since Friday to 37.

"We saw a lot of criminals or oppor-



A burnt out truck lies beside the road following protests linked by police to former president Jacob Zuma's imprisonment, in Mooi River, South Africa, on Saturday. REUTERS

tunistic individuals trying to enrich themselves during this period," he said.

A senior police official in Gauteng, the province where Johannesburg is located, told public broadcaster SABC: "What is happening in KwaZulu-Natal, there is a link in a way with Gauteng," Major General Tommy Mthombeni said.

Zuma was given the jail term for defying an order from the constitutional court to give evidence at an inquiry that is investigating high-level

corruption during his nine years in power until 2018.

He denies there was widespread corruption under his leadership but has refused to cooperate with the inquiry that was set up in his final weeks in office.

Zuma has challenged his sentence in the constitutional court, partly on the grounds of his alleged frail health and the risk of catching COVID-19. That challenge was expected to be heard today.

Agencies

Ethiopia ruling party scores landslide election victory

ADDIS ABABA

ETHIOPIA'S ruling Prosperity Party won more than 400 out of 436 parliamentary electoral constituencies of the June 21 general elections, the National Electoral Board of Ethiopia (NEBE) announced on Saturday.

The vote for 547 parliamentary seats was delayed due to faulty printing of ballot papers and logistical as well as security challenges.

NEBE plans to hold a second round of national elections on

Sept 6 for the rest of the electoral constituencies, except in 38 electoral constituencies located in Ethiopia's war-torn northern Tigray regional state.

In a press statement, shortly after the announcement of the result, Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed said the ruling Prosperity Party plans to use the electoral mandate it is given to focus on growing Ethiopia's economy in the next five years, especially the country's agricultural sector.

Ahmed also said Prosperity Party will work on finding a so-



Ethiopians stand in a long queue to vote in the general election at a polling center in Addis Ababa, capital of Ethiopia, on June 21, 2021. (File photo)

lution to insecurity problems affecting various parts of Ethiopia.

On June 21, millions of Ethiopians chose candidates from 46 regional and national parties, though Prosperity Party was widely expected to be favorite to win the polls.

Under Ethiopia's parliamentary government system, the prime minister who is the highest authority of the land is selected from the party that wins the most seats at federal parliament level and will be sworn in after parliamentary vote.

South Sudan marks 10th independence anniversary amid hope, uncertainties

JUBA

AS South Sudan marked 10th independence anniversary on Friday, the people of the world's youngest country are hoping that the day could usher in an era of stability and tranquility after years of violence and civil strife.

During the past decade, the oil-rich country has been mired in a civil war that has killed tens of thousands of people, corruption and a deteriorating humanitarian crisis.

Meanwhile, the country is struggling to recover from the still spreading COVID-19 pandemic. While celebrating the 10th anniversary of independence from neighboring Sudan in 2011, many South Sudanese people expressed optimism about the country's future.

Nancy Victor, a 32-year-old mother of three who teaches at the Bishop Mazzolidi Memorial Basic School based in the capital city of Juba, said she was optimistic about the arrival of a new era of peace and cohesion. In an interview, she said her hope and expectations stem from the recent rebound of the economy after years of hyperinflation caused by conflicts



South Sudanese athletes pose for a picture after a marathon to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the country's independence in Juba, South Sudan, on Friday. South Sudan on Friday marked its 10th anniversary of independence. (Xinhua)

that reduced earnings from oil revenue.

Political disputes broke out in December, 2013 between President Salva Kiir and his former deputy Riek Machar. The landlocked country then descended into civil war, with conflicts creating one of the fastest-growing

refugee crises in the world.

In accordance with the peace agreement signed in September 2018 between Kiir and Machar, the South Sudanese transitional unity government was formed in February, 2020. Francis Diima Joseph, deputy headteacher at the Bishop Maz-

zolidi Primary School, said he was tired of endless conflicts and hoped political actors would fully implement the remaining tasks in the revitalized peace deal. "We are now tired of war and are praying for a peace deal to be implemented," he said, expressing hope for enough food and medical supplies.

Diima said that insecurity caused by sub-national conflicts needs to be addressed by the transitional unity government formed in February last year.

Refugees and internally displaced persons need peace and security to encourage them to return home. "If the government implements the peace agreement, it will encourage people to cooperate with each other to end tribalism so that we can develop our nation," added Diima.

Noting that Friday also marked the 10th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between China and South Sudan, Diima said China is a true friend to South Sudan. He also said South Sudan needs to learn from countries like China to develop critical sectors like agriculture that can immensely

reduce poverty.

Some 7.2 million South Sudanese are suffering from food scarcity this year, including 1.4 million children, who are at risk of malnutrition with humanitarian agencies appealing for more donations amid cuts due to COVID-19, according to the UN.

"On my part I assure you that I will not return you (South Sudanese) to war again. Let us all work together to recover the lost decade and put our country back toward the path of development in this new decade," Kiir said in a speech marking the independence day.

The dividends of independence were only enjoyed in the first two and half years when "people would move anywhere without insecurity."

Abraham Kuol Nyuon, assistant professor of the Department of Political Science at the University of Juba, said, adding that years of conflicts destroyed the social fabric, leaving communities more divided.

If the peace agreement "is not fully implemented, the people of South Sudan will be hugely disappointed with these leaders that brought them independence," he said. Xinhua

Kenya struggles to address cases of missing children

NAIROBI

THERE was laughter and joy as a young Frank played with his friend outside their home located on the northern edges of the Kenyan capital, Nairobi. While his friend returned home that day, Frank's parents spent the whole night scouring their neighbourhood for their three-year-old son taken by persons unknown to them.

"A neighbour alerted me that a woman was walking off with Frank. This was around 10 a.m. local time. Aware that I had not allowed anyone to take Frank, I rushed out of the house but failed to see them.

Both Frank and the woman were gone within minutes," James Mwangi, father to Frank said during a recent interview.

Mwangi and his wife have momentarily lost sense of the world with the unfortunate disappearance of their child. Since June 22, when their son was withdrawn from them, the family has been in a state of hopelessness.

Regrettably, other families share in Mwangi's anguish after their children have also gone missing. In the recent past, cases of child abductions have been making headlines in the local media.

In the capital, the cluster of kidnappings is emanating from Zimmerman, a suburb 13 kilometres from downtown Nairobi. Mwangi resides in this area together with his young family.

The coastal city of Mombasa has also been in the spotlight with area residents being left shaken by soaring cases of violence meted upon children in the hands of their abductors.

"The incident has left her traumatized and is now threatening her pregnancy. We have been going to the hospital more frequently because of Frank," said a distraught Mwangi.

Because of the situation, school buses are delivering children right outside their homes unlike before when they would be dropped off a few blocks away. Also, the young ones can be heard playing within the confines of their building blocks kept under lock and key round the clock.

"Anxiety is at an all-time high; no parent wants to see a stranger talking to their child. There is fear of even sending them to the shops because that could put them right in the path of the kidnappers," said Irene. "Last week, a car was upturned with two men inside.

The two men failed to provide details of a young child in their possession. Within minutes people waged an assault against them. They were saved by the police," she added.

Responding to the dire situation, the cabinet secretary for Labour and social protection, Simon Chelugui said the government had constituted a special unit that would address cases of missing children, according to local media.

Missing child Kenya, a non-profit organization at the forefront of reuniting missing children with their kin, released a report for last year when 242 children were reported missing, 131 were reunited with their families, and 10 were confirmed dead.

Xinhua

Some US legal acts show the country is split, Russian diplomat says

MOSCOW

A number of recently adopted legal acts in some US states point to the current split in the country as well as growing "cultural wars" in the United States, Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova wrote on her Telegram channel yesterday.

"America is split, and 'cultural wars' are becoming more sophisticated and are ensured with laws now," the diplomat said.

Zakharova drew attention to two recently passed legal acts in some US states.

In particular, California's State Attorney General banned local state workers from traveling to some other regions in the country. According to the diplomat, the reason is Sacramento's different political views compared with the positions of 17 states regarding gender issues.

Furthermore, Arkansas prohibited doctors to conduct gender surgery for minors. Florida, Montana and West Virginia also imposed a ban on transgender girls to take part in school sports competitions. In North Dakota, a bill was passed allowing student organizations to refuse to accept LGBT students.

"In general, even in the twisted logic of the US left-wing liberal ideology many legislators at the regional level understand that it's impossible to cross the line, especially in the issues concerning children and the youth.

But the liberal dictatorship has another view. California's authorities now won't 'make friends' with other US federation subjects," Zakharova noted. "It cannot be ruled out that the ban on trips is just the beginning of pressure of the US richest state on less wealthy regions."

According to the diplomat, against this backdrop another regional legal act comes to the forefront. Florida compelled colleges and universities to monitor the freedom of political views of the youth. This points to "a state political control over free dissemination of ideas among students in the worst traditions of dictatorships of the last century," the diplomat explained. "This is another step towards punishment for thought crimes," she stressed.

A PROSPERING China and a legally secured Hong Kong are what Hong Kong citizens aspire to, as well as a reality in today's world. However, such a reality is making the foreign supporters of the anti-China forces all hot and bothered.

On July 7 local time, the White House unexpectedly announced the so-called "continuation of the national emergency with respect to Hong Kong" and the extension of relevant Hong Kong-related sanctions, claiming that the recent actions taken by China with respect to Hong Kong pose a threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the U.S.

How ridiculous it is!

Hong Kong embraces pride, confidence, ends disorder, chaos

The situation in Hong Kong and the national emergency of the U.S. are totally irrelevant. However, the two were unreasonably connected by an executive order imposed by former U.S. President Donald Trump last July, which exposed the arrogance of the so-called "world police" and made the U.S. a laughing stock. Today, the farce of the so-called "continuation of the national emergency" went on with the decision of the current U.S. administration, as a warmed-over tactic to tarnish China.

It must be pointed out that such stubborn intervention in Hong Kong

affairs and China's domestic affairs by the U.S., which stays impenitent, has always been firmly opposed by the 1.4 billion Chinese people, including Hong Kong compatriots.

The aspiration of the people shall never be violated, and the determination of the Chinese government and Chinese people to safeguard national sovereignty, security and development interests shall never be underestimated. The Hong Kong society has a firm resolution to safeguard the rule of law and protect the prosperity and stability of the special administrative region.

Today, Hong Kong is shining with national self-esteem and confidence.

The Chinese people, including Hong Kong compatriots, have just celebrated the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of China and the 24th anniversary of Hong Kong's return to the motherland, both of which fell on July 1. During a flag-raising ceremony held on Hong Kong's Golden Bauhinia Square, the honor guard of Hong Kong's Disciplined Services for the first time performed Chinese-style foot drills, and completed actions according to the commands called out

in Putonghua, or Mandarin Chinese. It reflected the common aspiration of the Hong Kong citizens and attracted global attention.

Another activity held recently in Hong Kong to showcase China's scientific achievements in the past 100 years was also impressive. During the activity, a batch of top Chinese aerospace scientists visited Hong Kong schools, and lunar soil brought back by China's moon mission and other aerospace exhibits were displayed for the public. It sparked an aerospace mania and patriotism of the Hong Kong citizens, who expressed

their ambition to realize personal ideals while pursuing the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation, which showcased their national pride, love for the country, and aspiration to serve the country.

However, what forms a sharp contrast against the thriving atmosphere in Hong Kong is the daydream of some people in a few Western countries to disrupt the special administrative region. They are lingering on the chaos happening in Hong Kong in 2019, and even recently posted combo photos of rioters holding foreign national flags to encourage violence two years ago.

People's Daily

Entry into force of Serbia-Eurasian Economic Union free trade

BELGRADE

IT is a historic moment for Belgrade that the Free Trade Agreement between Serbia and the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) came into effect on Saturday, Serbian Innovation and Technological Development Minister Nenad Popovic, head of the intergovernmental committee for cooperation with Russia, told TASS on Saturday.

"It is a historic moment for Serbia. As a result of our excellent political relations, new prospects for the development of our economic ties have opened, which is of crucial importance for our state, economy and citizens.

With this agreement coming into effect, Serbia's economy will be able to export almost all the goods produced in the markets of the Eurasian Economic Union, which has about 200 million people, without trade duties," Popovic said adding that "it is an exclusive advantage compared to all the other countries in Europe and the world."

"As a minister in the Serbian government, I will do my utmost to use this advantage to the full, so that with the state's systematic strategic support, the Serbian economy can take as best position in this market as possible and can export as much as possible in the future.

At the same time, I would like to invite investors from Russia and the EAEU to invest in Serbia. The Serbian government provides high subventions for the new jobs. We are developing an excellent transport infrastructure, and we have perfectly educated engineering staff.

"Thanks to this, Serbia has been a global leader in attracting direct foreign investments in the past few years," the Serbian minister said.

On July 10, the Free Trade Agreement between Serbia and the EAEU, which was signed on October 25, 2019, entered into force. Serbia mainly exports metals (steel, copper), high technology, machinery and equipment, agricultural products, foodstuffs, petrochemicals, electricity and medicines to other countries.

India pulls out staff from Kandahar consulate

NEW DELHI

INDIA'S foreign ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi yesterday said India was monitoring the situation in Afghanistan and has brought back staff from the Kandahar consulate for time being in wake of the intense firing there.

"India is closely monitoring the evolving security situation in Afghanistan. The safety and security of our personnel are paramount. The Consulate General of India in Kandahar has not been closed. However, due to the intense fighting near Kandahar city, India-based personnel have been brought back for the time being," Bagchi said in a statement.

"I want to emphasize that this is a purely temporary measure until the situation stabilizes. The consulate continues to operate through our local staff members."

The statement came in wake of media reports that around 50 diplomats and other staff members at the Kandahar consulate in Afghanistan have been evacuated by India, in view of the Taliban fighters rapidly seizing control of a number of key areas in the region.

According to reports, the personnel were flown out on an air force plane and the Kandahar consulate has been closed temporarily.

"Arrangements are being made to ensure continued delivery of visa and consular services through our Embassy in Kabul," the spokesperson said.

As the United States looked to complete the withdrawal of its forces from Afghanistan by August-end, ending nearly two-decade of its military presence in the war-ravaged Afghanistan, a surge in series of attacks has been witnessed in the last few weeks in the country.

Agencies

Palestine says Israel obstructing efforts to stabilise Gaza truce

RAMALLAH

Palestine on Saturday accused Israel of obstructing the efforts to stabilize the truce in the Gaza Strip by tightening the blockade.

In a statement, the Palestinian ministry of foreign affairs said that more than 2 million people in the Gaza Strip "pay heavy prices due to the endless Israeli blockade which ruined their daily living."

"The Israeli blockade has led to sabotaging the lives of the Palestinian citizens and declining the level of basic services provided, under the pressure of Israeli delay and extortion," the statement said.

Israel has been imposing a tight blockade on the Gaza Strip right after the Palestinian Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas) seized control of the coastal enclave in 2007.

Israel tightened the blockade during the 11-day fighting with Hamas-led militant groups, which ended on May 21 and left more than 250 Palestinians and 13 Israelis dead.

The statement called on the United Nations Security Council to bear its responsibilities and take all needed measures "to oblige Israel to abide by international and humanitarian laws."

On Friday, the UN Humanitarian Coordinator of the occupied Palestinian territory Lynn Hastings warned that the Israeli ban on bringing supplies to the besieged Gaza Strip puts vital sectors in the enclave at risk. **Xinhua**



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US leaves Afghanistan 'nothing but trash'

BAGRAM, Afghanistan

STILL surrounded by concrete walls and razor wire, the Bagram Airfield, also known as Bagram Airbase, had been home to the U.S. troops in Afghanistan in the past 20 years.

The airbase was handed over to the Afghan forces early this month. "Nothing important was left at the airbase," Gen. Mir Assadullah Kohistani, now commander of the airbase, told Xinhua.

"The U.S. forces destroyed all the facilities and military equipment that the Afghan forces could not use or their shifting to America was expensive."

Piles of trash heaped up at the airbase are to be sold to local dealers, said Gul Mohammad, a scrap dealer in Bagram. But the real mess the U.S. troops have left behind in the country is triggering concern across the world.

U.S. President Joe Biden in April ordered the complete withdrawal of the country's troops from the war-torn Afghanistan by Sept. 11 this year, the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington that precipitated the so-called U.S. war on terror.

Claiming to be in pursuit of Osama bin Laden, the alleged mastermind of the 9/11 terror attacks, the U.S.-led military forces invaded Afghanistan and ousted the Taliban within weeks of the terror attacks.

With over 90 percent of the withdrawal being completed now, Biden said that the mission was to be concluded by Aug. 31, a few days ahead of the original deadline.

Taliban militants have been more active since the withdrawal of the U.S. troops at the beginning of May, resulting in the deteriorating security situation in Afghanistan.

According to a Taliban source, the group now controls 85 percent of Afghanistan's territory.



People shovel earth into the tomb of a victim of a car bomb in Kabul, capital of Afghanistan, on Saturday.

A visiting Taliban delegation to Moscow said on Friday that their militias have controlled 250 out of 398 districts in the country, though the claims cannot be verified so far.

The hasty withdrawal is widely regarded as a defeat for the United States, both in Afghanistan and throughout the region.

The United States invaded Afghanistan under the pretext of fighting terrorism in late 2001 and dethroned the Taliban regime and its alleged supporter al-Qaida network. Atequllah Omarkhil, a retired army general as well as a military and political analyst, told Xinhua.

According to Omarkhil, only the Taliban and al-Qaida were operational in Afghanistan in 2001. Today more than 20 militant groups, including the Islamic State, are active.

Twenty years later, the United States left Afghanistan with fighting and violence still ravaging the country, the retired army general said.

The legacy of the U.S.-led forces' 20-year presence in Afghanistan is nothing more than brutal fighting and insurgency, he said, adding that the "ongoing war and destruction are the outcome of the U.S.-led military invasion.

"The United States termed its mission in Afghanistan as a defensive maneuver against terrorists, and the mission was supposed to bring peace to Afghanistan and help the Afghans establish a stable society.

The Pentagon claimed recently that over 2,400 U.S. troops have been killed and 20,000 others wounded in Afghanistan over the past two decades.

The most conservative estimates by local and international rights groups suggest that close to 47,600 civilians have been killed and more than double that number injured in Afghanistan during the 20 years of war, according to

figures from the Watson Institute of International and Public Affairs at Brown University.

The whole affair has been a brutal fiasco, serving no perceptible purpose and achieving nothing at all.

"After Vietnam, Afghanistan is the second country that the U.S. military is leaving after suffering military defeat," Khan Mohammad Daneshjo, an analyst, told Xinhua.

The U.S. defeat and its troops' departure from Afghanistan would further increase the already fierce fighting in the conflict-plagued country," Daneshjo said.

The U.S. mission in Afghanistan asserted it was to annihilate terrorists, bring about peace and help Afghans establish a peaceful and prosperous society, but fighting has been continuing and Afghans are still suffering, said the analyst.

The Bilateral Security Agreement inked between the United States and Afghanistan years ago was a commitment by Washington to defend Afghanistan "whenever needed," an obligation conveniently overlooked during the withdrawal.

Daneshjo said, adding that the United States has left Afghanistan at war with itself, a war characterized by insurgency, fear and poverty.

The United States and the Taliban signed a peace deal in February last year, calling for a gradual withdrawal of the U.S. troops on condition that the Taliban cut ties

Habitats of endangered wild animals improve evidently in China

AS China has made active efforts to protect ecological environment and biodiversity, the country is seeing more and more traces of wild animals, which signals evident improvement and restoration of China's wildlife habitats.

The country has established a relatively complete system of nature reserves that systematically and thoroughly puts large areas of natural ecosystems under protection, and effectively improves the living environment of wildlife, said Cui Shuhong, director-general of the Department of Nature and Ecology Conservation of China's Ministry of Ecology and Environment, at a press conference on July 7.

The wild giant panda, Tibetan antelope, Milu deer, and other rare and endangered species are living in better environments, as pointed out by Cui at the press conference on the Eco Forum Global Guiyang 2021, a national-level high-end platform on ecological civilization to be held in Guiyang, capital of southwest China's Guizhou province, on July 12 and 13.

Populations of several rare and endangered species have gradually recovered, and the numbers of Siberian tigers, Amur leopards, Asian elephants and crested ibises have grown rapidly, he added.

Wild giant pandas were once on the verge of extinction, but now their status has been officially downgraded from "endangered" to "vulnerable" on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species as their population grows. At present, over 1,800 giant pandas are living in the wild.

There have been many reports recently on rare and endangered



Photo shows a Chinese desert cat, a wild animal under Grade-I conservation in China.

wild animals, which Cui believes have mirrored China's fruits in biodiversity conservation and ecological restoration.

Rare and endangered wild animals including wild giant pandas and snow leopards have been reported to be frequently captured by cameras. Siberian tigers appearing in villages in northeast China's Heilongjiang province and Asian elephants heading north in southwest China's Yunnan province were also on the news. Recently, a Bryde's whale was discovered at the Mirs Bay, Shenzhen, south China's Guangdong province.

During the annual sessions of China's national legislature and top political advisory body in March, the delegation of northwest China's Qinghai province showed photos of Chinese desert cats, a wild animal species under Grade-I conservation in China. The photos were taken in the Qilian Mountain National Park. Chinese desert cats, known as one of the most mysterious species of the Felidae family, are rare and sparse, and have been hardly trailed over the years.

In the same month, photographers captured images of three

rufous-necked hornbills, also under Grade-I conservation in China, in mountain forests more than 2,000 meters above the sea level in Yingjiang county, Dehong Dai and Jingpo autonomous prefecture of Yunnan. It was the first time to capture images of this species since the 1980s.

Rufous-necked hornbill has been listed in the Appendix I of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora as one of the species threatened with extinction which are or may be affected by trade in specimens.

In recent years, China has carried out major activities and taken effective measures to safeguard biodiversity, and remarkable results have been achieved.

Cui noted that China has significantly accelerated the mainstreaming of biodiversity, and gradually incorporated biodiversity protection, an important part of the ecological civilization construction, into various national plans and projects.

In its five-year plans for national economic and social development, the country made maintaining biodiversity a key task of ecological protection and restoration.

In 2010, China drafted and adopted the National Biodiversity Conservation Strategy and Action Plan (2011-2030), which serves as a guide to its mid- and long-term biodiversity conservation efforts.

In June 2020, the country issued a master plan that includes major projects protecting key ecosystems, preparing to comprehensively strengthen the conservation and restoration of ecosystems and biodiversity.

According to Cui, China has

steadily formed an ecological red line system that enforces strict protection over certain zones, and basically finished identifying such zones for ecological conservation. At least 25 percent of China's land area shall be demarcated for ecological protection, covering major ecological functional zones, regions that are ecologically sensitive and vulnerable, as well as key regions for biodiversity.

China has also constantly improved in-situ and ex-situ ecological conservation networks, as Cui pointed out. By the end of 2019, China had 11,800 nature reserves of various types, which covered an area of over 170 million hectares and accounted for 18 percent of the country's land area. It helped China meet the Aichi Biodiversity Targets goal of protecting 17 percent of terrestrial areas ahead of schedule, Cui said, adding that the country has also set up botanical gardens and wildlife breeding bases and successfully bred a large number of rare and endangered species.

Cui noted that China has made major progress in ecosystem protection and restoration. By implementing and advancing a large batch of ecological conservation and restoration projects, including comprehensive and systematic treatment of mountains, waters, forests, farmlands, lakes, grasslands, and deserts, natural forest conservation, turning the low-yielding farmland back into forests and pasture, and wetland protection and restoration, China has seen a continuous increase in forest coverage and decrease in degraded land areas.

People's Daily

Growing express delivery capacity helps unleash consumption potential in China

CHINA'S express delivery sector has continued to maintain robust momentum for growth since the beginning of 2021, with the number of parcels handled exceeding 50 billion as of July 4, close to that of the whole year of 2018, according to the country's State Post Bureau (SPB).

It only took the industry six months to register a business volume of 50 billion this year, about two months earlier than in 2020. In addition, the sector serves an average of about 600 million customers per day, and handled up to over 400 million packages a day during the annual "618" (June 18) online shopping festival, continuously creating notable new records.

The rapidly rising business volume and increasing delivery speed reveal the country's flourishing consumer market and witness a boom in online retail market of China.

Of the 50 billion parcels handled in the country, about one third were sent to rural areas, representing a fast growth. The consumption potential of rural residents has been gradually released as the network of China's consumer market extends to rural areas, and manufactured goods enjoy increasingly smooth channels for transport,

sales and marketing in the countryside.

While the number of parcels sent to rural areas increases, the amount of packages sent out from these areas has also surged, reflecting huge potential for sales growth of agricultural products in urban areas.

Due to poor logistics, Raohe county of Shuangyashan city, northeast China's Heilongjiang province, a core area of national nature reserve for black bees, had difficulty selling local honey and increasing local residents' income.

"After express delivery services became available in our

village, we can sell individually wrapped honey on e-commerce platforms at a price of up to 40 yuan (about \$6.16) per kilogram. Our life is much better now," Li Shuying, a beekeeper in Raohe county, told People's Daily.

According to Li, before the village was connected to the country's express delivery network, her family could only sell the honey they harvested to a few passersby, and then sell the rest in bulk at low prices to processing plants.

In one of the areas covered by express delivery service outlets in Raohe county, where there are 21 beekeeping house-

holds and about 75,000 kilograms of honey is produced a year, the income of beekeepers has increased by 1.2 million yuan after express delivery services have been launched in the locality.

Encouraged by the SPB, courier companies in China have pushed ahead efforts to make express delivery services available in rural areas by adopting various models according to local conditions in recent years.

By 2020, all the townships in China had been basically covered by express delivery network, and more than 50 percent of the packages had

been able to be sent directly to villages.

The ever-expanding express delivery network and improving express delivery services in rural areas have brought more and more agricultural products onto dining tables of urban residents, while helping rural residents enjoy continuous increase in their income.

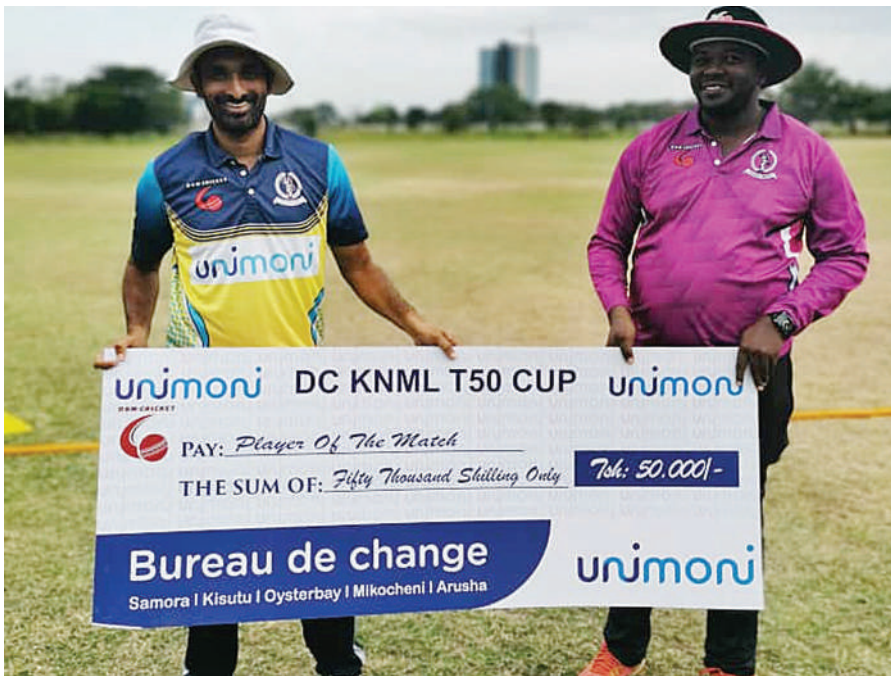
As their income has grown, rural residents show stronger willingness to spend, which has further speeded up the introduction of manufactured products into rural areas and made rural market a new growth driver for express de-

livery sector and a new "blue ocean" of consumer market.

The service capacity of the express delivery sector decides to some extent the product mix of consumers' online shopping list. After all, efficient express delivery services can surely make online shopping more appealing.

Looking forward, express delivery sector in China is expected to contribute more to unleashing consumption potential and facilitating the forming of a new development pattern.

People's Daily



Strikers Cricket Club player, Ramesh Alluri (L), receives the best player of the match award from match official, John Zablou, shortly after the former's outfit took on Gymkhana Cricket Club in this season's Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Kazim Nasser Memorial League (KNML) Division A 50 overs' match, which took place recently. PHOTO: COURTESY OF DAR ES SALAAM CRICKET

Strikers now demolish Gymkhana in DC Kazim Nasser Division A 50 overs tourney

By Guardian Reporter

STRIKERS Cricket Club put dominant displays to record 129-run win over Gymkhana Cricket Club in the 2021 Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Kazim Nasser Memorial League (KNML) Division A 50 overs' match that was held recently.

Strikers Cricket Club won the toss and elected to bat and had a very nice start of 36 run-stand by openers, Karim Khan and Jatin Darji.

The loss of one of their experienced cricketers, Darji, aka 'Mr Dependable', did give them a bit of a shock.

Newly recruited cricketer, Khan, nevertheless played a sensible innings of 40 runs.

His displays took the team's score to 69 runs but he was thereafter cleaned up by Gymkhana Cricket Club's Kevin Angelo.

Then there was a decent build up between Issa Kikasi and Ramesh Alluri as other 57 runs were added into the team's score, as the score moved to 126 runs.

Kikasi sought to build solid partnership with skipper, Sanjay Bhatia, which was not fulfilled.

Bhatia did not last long at the crease, as he was dismissed with an individual score of 11 runs and team's score was 144 runs in the 34th over.

The skipper was replaced by his son, Vaibhav Bhatia, a young and talented player who did play a lovely hand in the next big partnership of the game with Alluri, which saw them notch 70 runs.

Alluri thereafter got out for individ-

ual score 61 runs as he was dismissed in the 43rd over.

The young Bhatia notched impressive 43 runs of 47 balls and Strikers Cricket Club finished their 50 overs for 249 runs dropping eight wickets.

Given a target of 250 runs, Gymkhana Cricket Club batting unit was skittled for 120 runs in 33.4 overs.

With the exception of opener Kheel Suchak, there was no player giving any type of a fight to chase Strikers Cricket Club's score down.

Suchak was ultimately the top run getter, posting 40 runs and clearing the boundary on five occasions.

Fellow opener, Amit Raghuvanshi, scored 14 runs consisting of two fours as his spell was later cut short by Alluri.

Gymkhana Cricket Club was in trouble, when it came to getting down to successful chase, after Suchak had exited in the 27th over, with his side's score on 103 runs.

It was definitely a dismal batting performance shown by Gymkhana Cricket Club in what turned out to be fruitless chase.

Strikers Cricket Club's Alluri and Nikhil Sawant got three wickets apiece, Darji chipped in with two wickets, seeing to it their club weaken Gymkhana Cricket Club's resolve.

Alluri was the proud winner of the best player of the match award, which is sponsored by Unimoni Bureau de Change Company.

The firm is known to be fervently supporting cricket in the international events across the globe.

Tokyo Olympics: Spectators also barred from outlying venues

TOKYO

TWO more prefectures outside the immediate Tokyo area have decided to bar fans from attending Olympic events because of rising coronavirus infections, Tokyo Olympic organizers confirmed on Saturday with the pandemic-delayed games opening in just under two weeks.

Tokyo organizers and the IOC earlier in the week barred all fans from venues in Tokyo and three neighboring prefectures. They make up the overwhelming majority of Olympic venues, although a smattering of outlying areas were allowed initially to have limited attendance.

All fans from abroad were banned months ago.

Now, two prefectures that were permitted to have fans have backed out of those plans.

Fukushima prefecture in northeastern Japan has decided to hold its baseball and softball events without spectators. It has been joined by the northern prefecture of Hokkaido, which will hold soccer games without fans at the Sapporo Dome. AP

"Many people including children have been looking forward to the games, and I'm very sorry to take away their chance of watching baseball and softball at the stadium," Fukushima Governor Masao Uchibori said Saturday. "It was a very tough decision to make."

Fukushima was the early focus of the Olympics, trying to shine a light on recovery efforts in an area devastated in 2011 by an earthquake, tsunami, and the subsequent meltdown of three nuclear reactors.

Uchibori said the move by Hokkaido on Friday encouraged him to follow suit. He said it was important to have consistency among prefectures.

A few other events being held in the outlying prefectures of Miyagi, Shizuoka and Ibaraki will go ahead with limited spectators, organizers said Saturday.

IOC President Thomas Bach probably didn't notice, but on Saturday about 40 people staged a small anti-Olympic protest outside the five-star hotel where he is self-isolating after arriving in Tokyo on Thursday.

Aces cricketers stretch winning run in 2021 DC Kazim Nasser 50-over tourney

By Guardian Reporter

ACES Cricket Club has stretched the squad's winning run in 2021 Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Kazim Nasser Memorial League (KNML) Division A 50 overs, notching a hard-fought two-wicket victory over Aga Khan SC in a tie held in the city last week.

Aga Khan SC won the toss, elected to bat and they were bundled out for 202 runs in 49 overs, courtesy of a four-wicket haul by the in-form Aces Cricket Club's all-rounder, Mohammed Ali.

Jasani was the batsman with most runs, given he scored 43 runs, whereas the cricketer's younger brother, Aahil, scored 39 runs, and Vishal Patel notched 36 runs.

Opener Jasani helped Aga Khan SC reach 102 runs in the 27th over, his presence at the crease was ended by Aces Cricket Club's Ankit Baghel.

In the opener's spell, the batsman notched four fours and a six. Patel helped to push Aga Khan SC's score to 160 runs, he was then sent back to the pavilion in the 42nd over.

In reply, Aces Cricket Club had a bit of spark in the first few overs, with Baghel and Ali seeing to it the team has a good start.

The openers were sent back to the pavilion with 50 runs on the board in nine overs.

There was then brief partnership of 35 runs between Jumanne Mohamed and senior cricketer, Azim Thakur, in the next 10 overs.

After Thakur's dismissal, Aces Cricket Club sent in one of their key players, Jaffary Kanyita, who cleared the boundary on three occasions, cracking two fours and a six in his brief stay and he got out to a shot too many.



Aces Cricket Club's Mohammed Ali (L), gets man of the match award from Caravans Cricket Club's senior player, Sreejith Kumar, shortly after the former's side locked horns with Aga Khan SC in the 2021 Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Kazim Nasser Memorial League (KNML) Division A 50 overs' clash, which took place recently. PHOTO: COURTESY OF DAR ES SALAAM CRICKET

Mohamed notched 36 runs he exited the crease in the 23rd over, having seen his team's score reach 110 runs.

Ejaz Aziz had a very short stay, notching two runs, his dismissal led to a middle order collapse.

Skipper, Salum Jumbe, and assistant skipper, Ali Mpeka, got their hands on the bat and they put a solid 76-run partnership.

Jumbe was dismissed having notched 38 runs, with 13 runs needed to win.

That added a bit of drama, with Kibwana Salum getting out in the next over, and there were still 12 runs to win but Mpeka kept his nerves intact, finishing the game well and bosting of not out showing.

He ended with 41 runs not

out, with youthful player, Acrey Paschal, also boasting of not out stint and five runs.

Aces Cricket Club's chase was done in 44th over with a beautiful hit for four runs off Aga Khan SC's Abhik Patwa.

The man of the match prize, which is sponsored by Unimoni Bureau de Change Company, went to Aces Cricket Club's Ali for his four wickets.

The cash, which is presented along with the prize, was shared by Ali and Mohamed that recorded 36 runs.

The stellar batting displays put to show by Mohamed happened to be a positive.

Ali was in good form with the ball, going on rampage as he took crucial wickets of Aga Khan SC's Aahil Jasani, Riziki Kisetu, Alhaj Sadick and Vipin

Abraham.

Aces Cricket Club's medium pacer, Jumbe, and pacer, Salum, were equally impressive considering they ended with two wickets apiece.

The eventual winners' cricketer, Ankit Baghel, took one wicket with a very economical spell and the wicket turned out to be the prized wicket of Aga Khan SC's promising batsman, Arshaan Jasani.

This is the second time in the last six years Aces Cricket Club has defeated Aga Khan SC in regional competitions.

Aga Khan SC is, in the Twenty20 format, deemed as the best in the business, as veteran skipper Ayzaz Jasani happens to be the master of the game.

Aces Cricket Club is once again expected to make it to the knockout stage of the top tier of the KNML.

The rest of the KNML Division A 50 overs showdown's participating outfits, Strikers Cricket Club, Caravans Cricket Club, Gymkhana Cricket Club, and Shree Kutchi Leva Patel Sports Centre (SKLPSC), though are, undoubtedly formidable opponents as well.

Aga Khan SC has already brought their round robin stint to an end, given they have played three matches.

The outfit is waiting for other teams in the group to finish their league fixtures.

Aces Cricket Club was next expected to play Pak Stars, who are now more than a decent side, last weekend.

With Pak Stars having shown improvement in the showdown, some fireworks were expected to be on show in the tie, which was set to take place at University of Dar es Salaam venue.

Miss East Africa 2021 preparations in top gear

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

THE Miss East Africa beauty pageant's president, Rena Callist, has said that preparations for this year's pageant are going on well.

The competition will involve 16 countries, namely hosts Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Ethiopia, Eritrea, and Djibouti.

Somalia, Madagascar, Malawi, Seychelles, South Sudan, Comoros, Reunion, and Mauritius are also in the list.

For the first time the competition was started by Tanzanian Callist in 1996 with great success at the Sheraton Hotel (now Serena).

The pageant has also been held in Burundi under the sponsorship of the late Burundi President, Pierre Nkurunziza, and the last time the contest was held in 2012 at Mlimani City hall in Dar es Salaam.

Speaking during a visit to the 45th Tantrade International Trade Fair last week, Miss East Africa's vice-president, Jolly Mutesi, said preliminary preparations have already been made and now they are continuing with other preparations to ensure the competition takes place smoothly. The Miss East Africa vice-president was accompanied by various ambassadors of the competition, including the winner of the annual competition in Rwanda,



Miss East Africa's vice-president, Jolly Mutesi. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT SABATO KASIKA

in the last week visit. She said the visit aimed at looking at various opportunities which can be promoted through the Miss East Africa pageant

which is shown all over the world.

This year's competition is expected to be watched by many people around the world through live Television broadcasts so it will provide a good opportunity to promote Tanzania's tourism as well as show the various investment opportunities available in the country.

Jolly disclosed: "This is an opportunity for various companies that need to advertise their businesses inside and outside the borders of Tanzania through this great beauty contest and preliminary preparations have already been made."

Callist said: "We will ensure this competition is done with the highest quality of all years but also it will be a great opportunity for the country to advertise tourist attractions and showcase the investment opportunities available."

Jolly further said that from now on, the competition will be held every year, aiming at help to maintain East Africa unity, promote tourism, advertise various investment opportunities especially in the host country and also

According to her, the competition will more-over aim at providing education and helping in tackling various challenges especially the ones facing women and children in East Africa.

Messi's Argentina trophy odyssey ends in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO

WHEN Lionel Messi, already a regular starter for the mighty Barcelona, made his international bow in 2005 as an 18-year-old for a powerful Argentina side he surely never imagined it would take him 16 years to finally claim a trophy with his country.

But the six-time Ballon d'Or winner had to suffer numerous disappointments, including losing four finals, before leading his country to a 1-0 victory over "eternal rivals" Brazil in the Copa America final at Rio de Janeiro's iconic Maracana stadium on Saturday.

Despite a glittering career that has seen him help Barcelona to win the Champions League four times, La Liga 10 times and the Copa Del Rey seven times, Messi's hopes of matching that with international success were repeatedly frustrated.

In truth he wasn't as inspired in the final as throughout the tournament, even slipping over when clean through two minutes from time and facing Brazil's goalkeeper Ederson with a chance to finish the match.

But the way his teammates threw him into the air after the final whistle showed how important and appreciated he is within the Argentina camp.

"It was my dream. It was what I wanted most in the world," said Argentina goalkeeper Emiliano Martinez following the triumph.

"We gave it to Messi, who deserved it the most."

Three times previously -- in 2007, 2015 and 2016 -- his Argentina lost in the final at the Copa while the South Americans were also defeated 1-0 by Germany in the 2014 World Cup final at the Maracana.

History would not repeat itself this time around as Messi not only inspired his side but also finished the tournament as top goalscorer and with the most assists.

He was named player of the tournament, during which Messi equalled and then broke Javier Mascherano's record of 147 caps for Argentina, setting a new mark of 151 on Saturday.

His four goals during the competition took him to 76 for his country, just one off all-time South American mark set by Pele for Brazil.

Winning this tournament was no simple feat for an Argentina that was outclassed by Brazil in the semi-finals two years ago.

They had gone 28 years without a major trophy and hadn't won on Brazilian soil since 1998 -- in a friendly -- while the hosts hadn't lost at home in 2,553 days.

Neymar, who missed Brazil's victory two years ago through injury, was also seeking his first major title with the Selecao.

His wait goes on but at 29, he's five years younger than Messi, who was playing in his sixth Copa.

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While he had been unable to replicate his club success at country level, Messi's never stopped trying and has always led Argentina by example.

In this tournament Messi shed blood -- from his ankle in a bruising semi-final win over Colombia -- and sweat to drag his side into the title match.

Argentina coach Lionel Scaloni even revealed Messi had played the final with a tight hamstring.

"If Argentines knew him like we (the players and staff) do, they would love him even more than they already do," said Scaloni.

AFP

Raja survive battering with 10 men to win CAF Confederation Cup

COTONOU

MOROCCAN club Raja Casablanca survived a second-half battering from Algerian rivals JS Kabylie with 10 men to win the CAF Confederation Cup final 2-1 in Benin's economic capital Cotonou on Saturday.

In a tale of two halves at the Stade de l'Amitie the Casablanca outfit raced into a two-goal lead within 14 minutes through goals from star attackers Soufiane Rahimi and Ben Malango.

But Kabylie pulled one goal in the first minute of the second half through Zakaria Boulahia and took control when Omar Arjounne was shown a straight red card on 63 minutes.

A Kabylie side that had been disorganised during the opening half began to string together passes and some of the football drew warm applause from a limited crowd in the 20,000-seater due to coronavirus.

But an equaliser evaded the club from the north-eastern city of Tizi Ouzou and Algeria remain without a winner since the African equivalent of the UEFA Europa League kicked off 17 years ago.

Rahimi, voted the outstanding player at the African Nations Championship in Cameroon last February, dribbled past goalkeeper Oussama Benbot to score on five minutes.

Kabylie protested that the Moroccan was offside, but South African referee Victor Gomes awarded the goal after a VAR check.

Rahimi turned creator as Raja doubled their advantage on 14 minutes thanks to a close-range shot from physically imposing Congolese Malango.

Boulahia scored his third goal of the Confederation Cup campaign by slamming a rebound past goalkeeper Anas Zniti and into the bottom left corner of the net. **AFP**

Messi pays his debt to Argentina with Copa America title

BUENOS AIRES

ARGENTINA finally made Lionel Messi cry with joy.

After losing four times in finals, early exits in major tournaments and even a decision to retire from the national team, the superstar celebrated a much-awaited title with Argentina at Saturday's 1-0 win against Brazil in the Maracana Stadium.

The title ended Argentina's 28-year drought of major trophies, with Messi as the best player with four goals and five assists. The captain also broke the team's record for international appearances with 151 matches.

"I needed to remove from myself the thorn of achieving something with the national team," Messi said after celebrating with his teammates.

When Uruguayan referee Esteban Ostojich blew the final whistle, Messi knelt down on the pitch and covered his face with his hands.

After he lifted the Copa America trophy, Messi said on the pitch and spoke to his family on the phone. He flicked the golden medal around his neck and shouted "I won, I won!"

The next challenge is to win the World Cup in Qatar next year, which would be the first since Maradona took the team to the title in 1986.

Until Saturday, Messi's titles with Argen-



Argentina's Lionel Messi kisses the trophy after winning the Copa America for the first time following a 1-0 win over Brazil. (Agencies)

tina were only the U-20 World Cup title in 2005 and a gold medal at the Beijing Olympics in 2008.

His first frustration at the senior-team level started at age 19 in the World Cup quarterfinals elimination against Germany in 2006. One year later, he saw Brazil beat Argentina 3-0 in the Copa America final.

His next major shot at winning with Argentina came in the 2014 World Cup final against Germany. The 1-0 defeat at the Maracana Stadium in Rio frustrated the star, who was voted the best player of the tournament, though his form was not as impressive as it was at his club.

Chile would crush Messi's hopes in two

Copa America finals, in 2015 and 2016, both on penalties.

After the second defeat to Chile, Messi told journalists that the national team was over for him.

"It is not for me. I tried, I think that is it," he said.

But he returned for South American World Cup qualifiers in which Argentina struggled. He took the team to Russia, but the round-of-16 defeat against France came at a turbulent time for the team.

Messi became more aggressive in the 2019 Copa America, much to the pleasure of Argentinian fans who considered him to be too cold, too European. Under a coach with little experience, Lionel Scaloni,

he was surrounded by young players who got the best of him.

On Saturday Messi kissed the Copa America trophy and lifted it at age 34. The biggest gap in his decorated career is now closed.

His first public words after the title showed how thrilled and relieved he felt.

"What a beautiful madness!" Messi said in an Instagram post showing him shirtless holding the Copa America trophy at the Maracana's dressing room. "This is unbelievable! Thank you, God! We are the champions!"

Goalkeeper Emiliano Martinez, one of Argentina's key players in the tournament, said

Messi "is the one who most deserved" to win the South American title.

Later at a news conference Messi said his happiness was "unexplainable."

"I was sad before, but I knew that at some point it was going to happen," he said. "I feel that God was saving this moment for me, against Brazil in a final and in their country."

Meanwhile, Ángel Di María once admitted that he sought out a psychologist to help him deal with the trauma of his performance in finals. He overcame that stigma on Saturday with the goal that gave Argentina a 1-0 victory over Brazil in the final of the Copa America at the Maracana Stadium.

"I can't cry, I can't fall, we dreamed so much of achieving this. So many people said I shouldn't come back, I kept banging my head against the wall and today it happened," the veteran winger said after the match in Rio de Janeiro. His goal gave Argentina its first major title in 28 years.

Argentina's winner came in the 22nd minute after Rodrigo de Paul made a long pass to Di María. The 33-year-old striker counted on poor defending by Brazil left-back Renan Lodi to take control and lob it past goalkeeper Ederson.

Di María, captain Lionel Messi and striker

Sergio Agüero are the sole survivors of the squad that lost the 2014 World Cup final in Brazil. They also experienced defeat against Chile in the deciders of Copa America in 2015 and 2016.

The winger had several setbacks due to injury.

"(Messi) said 'thank you' and I said 'thank you' to him. He told me it was going to be my final," an emotional Di María said. "Soccer is like this, comebacks are like this and it had to be today."

Di María didn't play in the 2014 World Cup final due to an injury in the quarterfinals against Belgium. One year later, another muscle injury forced him out during the Copa America final against Chile. He was also unfit during the Copa America Centenario decider in 2016.

That is when Di María started seeing a psychiatrist. Argentina fans wanted him out of the squad, but he turned the tables on them on Saturday, despite the fact he started the tournament as a substitute.

Di María promised more joy for Argentina fans after the Copa title Saturday.

"This is enough to continue here. The World Cup is coming soon, and this is a great push," he said.

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Argentina's team effort over Brazil leads Messi to Copa America glory

By Tim Vickery, South America correspondent

IN the end, Brazil's dependence on Neymar was greater than Argentina's on Lionel Messi. Argentina's 12th goal of the tournament was the first and only one not to involve Messi -- and it was enough to bring Messi the first senior title of his international career, as well as Argentina's first since 1993.

The 1-0 victory in the Copa America final on Saturday was the fruit of Argentina coach Lionel Scaloni's willingness to change a winning team -- or at least one that had come through a semifinal after a penalty shootout. He changed five of the side -- half of the outfield contingent -- from the lineup of Tuesday's game against Colombia. One was routine, with centre-back Cristian Romero returning after injury. Both full-backs were changed; Scaloni clearly wanting fresh legs down the flanks.

And the other two altered the structure of the side. The most defensive midfielder, Guido Rodriguez, gave way to Leandro Paredes. This might have seemed strange. But Scaloni decided he did not need to start with Rodriguez because he strengthened the sector. Instead of the normal 4-3-3, Argentina lined up in a 4-4-2. Nicolas Gonzalez on the left wing gave way to Angel Di María.

It was a match winner, a title-winning switch.

There was a price to pay. Giovanni Lo Celso was pushed wider to the left, further from Messi. This was the partnership that had consistently



Argentina's team throw Lionel Messi up in the air as they celebrate after beating 1-0 Brazil in the Copa America final soccer match at the Maracana stadium in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Saturday, July 10, 2021. (AP Photo)

got the team off to a fast start throughout the tournament. There was no fast start this time. But there was something to celebrate at the end, because the thinking behind the inclusion of Di María proved correct. His role was to cut inside, behind left back Renan Lodi, attacking the space of Thiago Silva. It was where the game was won.

Rodrigo De Paul, a strong candidate for man of the match, gave a long diagonal ball for Di María to chase. Renan Lodi could not control, and Di María was there to beat Ederson with a cute lob. Scaloni was rewarded for making changes to his team.

Brazil coach Tite might regret not doing likewise. He sent out the same lineup that had beaten Peru on Monday. Some of their problems were predictable. A key flaw in the goal was the lack of pressure placed on De Paul in the middle of the field. Brazil have been pressing better

when Eder Militao has featured at centre-back. But Tite stuck with Thiago Silva, who has inevitably lost some of his pace. He tends to stay deeper, and the team breaks up into separate units as a result. In attack, Tite gained little from winger Everton Soares, who was the breakout star and Golden Boot winner at the 2019 Copa but has not been in top form recently. Brazil's coach worked overtime try-

ing to rebuild his attack during the course of the game. Roberto Firmino came on at the interval, pushing back the Argentina centre-backs and giving Neymar space to bring Richarlison into the game, cutting in from the right. It was the closest Brazil came to a goal, with Richarlison having one strike ruled out for a narrow offside and another well-saved by Emiliano Martinez.

On came Vinicius Ju-

nior to provide some thrust down the left. On came striker Gabriel Barbosa, who forced another smart save from Martinez. Argentina withdrew. Messi was left all alone up front, though he did have a chance to clinch things toward the end after a superb one-two with De Paul, only to lose control at the vital moment. De Paul burst through to be stopped by Ederson, but the action by then was

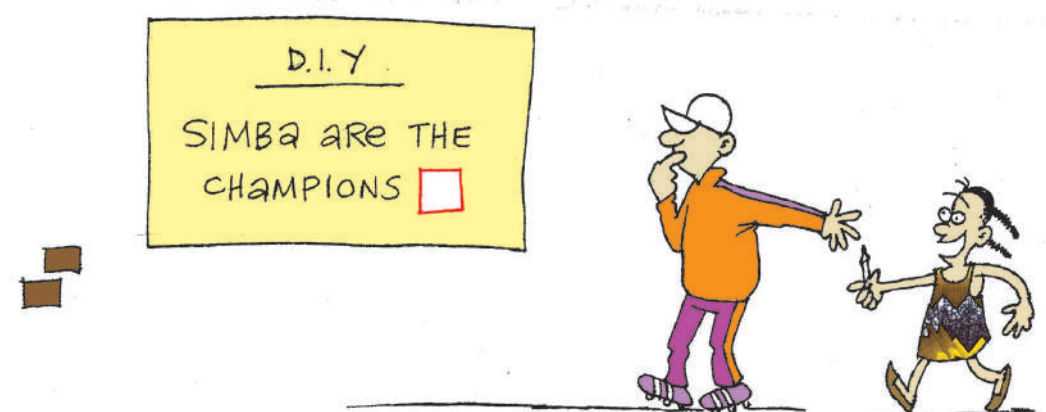
happening at the other end.

Argentina set out to stop Neymar any way they could, fair means and foul, even queuing up to try to rugby tackle him in desperation. It was a time for cool heads, and Brazil struggled to stay calm. The fouls, the constant interruptions, the yellow cards -- all worked in Argentina's favour.

It was not pretty; it was no classic. But it will live long in the Argentine memory, especially in the memories of those fans -- 10% of the stadium capacity -- who were controversially and chaotically allowed to enter Rio de Janeiro's Maracana stadium.

A long wait has come to an end. At the final whistle, the entire Argentina team ran toward Messi -- a graphic illustration of how well he is integrated into the squad. Few will begrudge him his moment -- and the long embrace between him and Neymar a few minutes after the whistle was as memorable as anything that happened on the field.

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Simba SC's players jubilate shortly after they had notched a goal against Al Merreikh of Sudan in this season's CAF Champions League's group stage tie, which took place in Dar es Salaam in March. Simba SC won 3-0. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBASFC

Mangungu: Simba SC delighted by involvement in African Super League

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

SIMBA SC has confirmed it is supporting the new initiative by the Confederation of African Football to start an African Super League.

As the project aiming at creating an African Super League is on track, Simba SC Chairman Murtaza Mangungu said it is a pride for his club to be part of this launch process.

Simba made it to the quarterfinals of CAF Champions League two times in three seasons.

The Tanzania football giants have for that matter proved to be an African football force after making yet another statement by topping their group this season with 13 points ahead of the season's Champions League finalists, Egypt's Al Ahly.

In a press release made public on the CAF website on June 20, CAF president Patrice Motsepe returned to the African Super League project.

For him, it will be effective, but the European model should inspire them so that Africa does not fall apart.

"We have followed the attempt of some big European clubs to set up such a competition and will try to learn from their failure," he said.

Thus, without a doubt, the creation of the African Super League will see the light of day.

But if either the start date or the names of the clubs that will play in the championship have not filtered, Mangungu has affirmed with certainty that his club will participate in this launch. Better still, he is proud of it.

"Regardless of the Super League, it is difficult to talk about anything at the moment as we are in the early stages of negotiating on it," Mangungu disclosed.

He revealed: "At the moment we can't say what stage we have reached because as I said we are in the early stages, and we will provide more information when the process is complete, but we are proud to be part of this process, this certainly shows the size we as a team have."

Motsepe said in a previous interview: "We are assessing and in preliminary discussions to start an inclusive and broadly supported and beneficial CAF African Super League."

It should be noted the project of the African Super League emanates from an idea presented by world soccer governing body (FIFA) president, Gianni Infantino.

Infantino said that this project would include 20 clubs which will be grouped into a closed league and which would generate nearly 5.1bn/- Euros as

Tanzania's athletes eager to win medals in Olympic Games



Marathoner, Failuna Abdi, is one of Tanzania's three athletes heading for Olympics in Japan.

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIA's athletes have continued to train in Arusha for the Tokyo Olympics, which will take place in from July 23 to August 8 this year in Tokyo, Japan.

The national side's camp is made up of various athletes, including Alphonse Simbu, Gabriel Geay and Failuna Abdi Matanga, who qualified to participate in the Games, along with other runners who practice with the former.

Athletics Tanzania (AT) president, Silas Isangi, noted so far the runners are doing well in their training.

According to Isangi, the runners' enthusiasm gives the association great confidence that they will be able to return home with medals.

He said at present, the runners' morale is very high compared to when they first entered the camp.

Isangi added the aspect has been brought about because

of the runners' participation in various local athletics competitions, noting they emerged victorious in the events.

Tanzanians, the AT president disclosed, also need to rely heavily on the runners

as, for the remaining time of preparations, they are confident they will be better and they will not let them down as they are going to compete.

"The morale shown by our athletes gives us great

confidence that they will be able to do well and come home with medals because even now what they are saying is that they are going to this big competition to fly the national flag so they will make sure they do not go

for mere participation but fight for medals," Isangi disclosed.

He said that, towards the tournament, the national team will leave on August 3 as there will be race on August 8, which will have them taking part in it.

He also said that they had originally planned for the squad to leave on June 29 for the final camp, which they planned to set up in the city of Nagai in Japan, but, after getting information on the city's weather, they decided it was best for them to make the change.

The AT official noted: "Initially we planned to set our last camp in Nagai but we had to change due to the city's weather so they would go on the 29th of this month."

"With the runners being expected to feature in a race on n August 8, camping in Nagai would have affected them, so, they will continue with their camp here in the country until they leave," he disclosed.

The national team's captain, Simbu, said so far their preparations are going on well and they believe they are going to perform tremendously in the Olympics.

He said their intention is to go and fly the national flag well so they are serious in the preparation as all they need is to fulfill the promise they made to Tanzanians, making their way back with medals.

Mchanganyiko Girls outplay Zanaki Girls in TCA Dar es Salaam U-18 Girls League

By Guardian Reporter

MCHANGANYIKO Girls cricket team has opened its account in 2021 Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA) Dar es Salaam U-18 Girls League on a good note, cruising to seven-wicket victory over Zanaki Girls at University of Dar es Salaam venue last weekend.

The clash's eventual winners put spirited bowling displays to limit Zanaki Girls to 67 runs for six wickets in the allotted 20 overs once the latter had chance to bat first.

Sharifa Rashid deployed at the top of Zanaki Girls' batting unit, was so far the batter with notable performance at the crease.

She registered 23 runs, contributing immensely to Zanaki Girls' acquisition of the total.

The batting squad also banked on extra runs given away by Mchanganyiko Girls' bowlers, given the players ended up giving



Junior female cricket players take part in training, which operates under Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA) junior development program, in Dodoma recently. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TCA

away 30 extras.

Sharifa's batting exploit to a great helped Zanaki Girls being in control, she moreover spared fellow top order batters' blushes.

They had experienced a shaky start, given their first three members of the batting unit, openers Anifa Athuman and Ramla

Aziz, and Swaumu Aziz, that came on at number three, were all dismissed in quick succession.

The impressive Sharifa had her squad's score past 60-run mark once she exited in the 19th over.

She edged a deliver by Mchanganyiko Girls' Esther Franck to Zuhura

Masoud, who went for a catch.

Angelina Kefa, deployed as low order batter, fell three runs short of two-digit figure whilst recording an unbeaten spell.

Bowlers Zuhura and Lightness Eliud were impressive for Mchanganyiko Girls, given they took two wickets

apiece.

Needing 68 runs to come out with victory, Mchanganyiko Girls got down to smooth chase, recording 68 runs for the loss of three wickets in 14.2 overs.

Opener, Amne Nasri, led the onslaught, given she registered 22 runs not out.

The batter solidly

kept Zanaki Girls at bay, frustrating the latter's effort to turn tables on the former.

Much as the opener was the only batter with two-digit figure, Mchanganyiko Girls fought gallantly in the chase, with Zuhura, Mwajuma chipping in with four runs apiece, and Lightness finishing two runs short of two-digit figure.

Zuhura's efforts to end with a bigger figure were snapped by Zanaki Girls bowler, Swaumu, in the fourth over.

With Zanaki Girls' bowling unit giving away 30 extras, Mchanganyiko Girls' efforts to get down to successful chase was mad much easier.

Mchanganyiko Girls' Zuhura was voted as the best player of the match.

The national cricket governing body-organized Dar es Salaam U-18 Girls League is yet another move by the association to boost cricket promotion domestically.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

