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## Samia promises to appoint youths, stresses diligence

By Correspondent James Kandoya

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan (pictured) yesterday promised to appoint more young Tanzanians into public office but was quick to caution youths entrusted with such responsibilities to carry out their duties diligently.

Addressing a specially convened youth gathering during the last day of tour of Mwanza Region, the Head of State hinted that she will make new youth appointments in various positions.

"In the coming appointments of district commissioners, district executive directors and district administrative secretaries, expect a long list of youths," she told the jubilant crowd.

She said the government wishes to prepare youths to take up public offices and decision making bodies, since they were already over 21 million by the 2012 census, and thus a major component of the country's population.



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Youths are the future leaders of the nation and must therefore be nurtured to serve the nation and inculcate the culture of observing ethics, she said, noting that most youths appointed in public office have done a good job, she stated, noting also that some failed to deliver in accordance with work ethics.

President Samia urged youths to shun behavior that can distort their reputation and instead build trust in their leadership in the general community. Those blessed with public office appointments must work hard to serve the people and the entire government for the benefit of the majority, she emphasised.

She further urged youths in the country to utilize opportunities available including the digital economy, saying that online platforms via mobile phones can help youths to bring about their own development.

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# Scrap levies blocking investments, say MPs

By Henry Mwangonde, Dodoma

FURTHER reforms are needed on some taxes and levies which discourage entrepreneurship and hinder investments, a cross section of lawmakers declared yesterday.

Debating the fiscal plan for 2021/2022 on day two, several MPs said the proposed reforms on tax laws tabled in the budget were not enough for the stated purpose, as there are other areas which need to be reviewed.

Anthony Mavunde (Dodoma Urban) said the government should review fiscal policy by removing VAT on tourism, noting that East African countries competing with us for tourist arrivals do not charge VAT on tourism.

"If we are to adequately compete in the tourism sector, we need to ensure that we sort out all the issues that make tourists not return when they visit," he stated, noting that corporate tax was another area, where Tanzania needs to come down to at least 26-percent from the 30-percent charged by

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Natural Resources and Tourism minister Dr Damas Ndumbaro (L) has a quick word with World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) representative Olgo Nowak shortly after making a presentation on ways to empower African countries to promote tourist attractions through the social media, with Tanzania cited as one of ten countries to have promoted their tourism most for the last three years running. Looking on (2nd-R) is Tanzania National Parks deputy conservation commissioner Beatrice Kessy. UNWTO is the UN specialised agency entrusted with the promotion of responsible, sustainable and universally accessible tourism. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Samia sacks DC, DED due to militia excesses

By Guardian Reporter, Mwanza

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has sacked Morogoro District Commissioner Bakari Msulwa and the district's executive director Sheila Lukuba for allowing local government militia to destroy merchandise belonging to vendors.

The president gave the dismissal order yesterday in Mwanza where she met representatives of youths from Lake Zone regions, and upon hearing of the incident, the



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president instructed the Minister of State in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Government), Ummu Mwalimu to deal with the issue saying it was saddening.

"The incident in Morogoro was a humiliating one and I hereby announce the dismissal of the DC and DED," the president declared.

Addressing the vexing issue of employment, she said that strategic projects will assist in employing

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## Ministry, investor ticking out Liganga, Mchuchuma snags

By Henry Mwangonde, Dodoma

THE government's negotiation team is today scheduled to meet an investor in the Liganga iron ore and Mchuchuma coal mine projects, to which is tied a power generation component, to iron out pending issues for the project to start next year.

Industries and Trade minister



Prof Kitila Mkumbo (pictured) made this observation in the legislature yesterday when responding to a question by Special Seats MP Esther Matiko (Chadema).

In her question, the legislator said the project was taking too long to kick off and asked why the government was taking time to get another investor to take up the project. She

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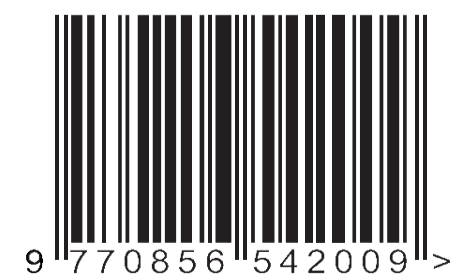
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Morogoro regional commissioner Martine Shigella (C) pictured in Morogoro municipality yesterday opening a five-day seminar for doctors and other health workers from Dar es Salaam, Coast, Lindi, Morogoro and Mtwara regions on how to assess work-related injuries and diseases. He is with Workers Compensation Fund director general Dr John Mduma (R) and director of assessment services Dr Abdulsalaam Omary. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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most African countries, to attract investors.

Mavunde said the government should also form a policy to involve the Diaspora which is potentially a source of large remittances with the right investment incentives, elaborating that Kenya earns large amounts in foreign exchange inflows from its Diaspora.

This source brings home about \$2bn per year in remittances as "there is a good environment for them to participate in local economic building." Observers noted that Kenyans abroad retain the right to remain Kenyan citizens in spite of accessing a foreign passport.

Mavunde similarly berated high interest rates charged by commercial banks as they were not friendly for startups, while Geita Urban MP Constantine Kanyasu said the Treasury imposition of withholding tax on industrial products would demoralize businesses as it increased operational costs.

"A fishing entrepreneur invests 20m/- by purchasing a boat and uses 30 litres of fuel daily to make it operate. In the end he gets 10 kg of fish which upon being taken to an industry is charged withholding tax, this does not make business sense," he said.

He said the new fiscal provisions were likely to lead to confiscating fishermen's gears while they are already victims of previous operations, underlining that illegal fishing operations affected genuine fishermen who ought to be able to access loans.

Esther Matiko (Special Seats, Chadema) hailed the government for removing the six percent of value detention fee paid by beneficiaries of loans from the Higher Education Students' Loans Board (HESLB).

The government has proposed a number of tax reforms aimed at attracting private sector investments, increasing employment opportunities and thus improve tax collection and administrative measures to widen the tax base.

## World Bank, AU join hands to deploy vaccines for 400 million Africans

ADDIS ABABA

THE World Bank (WB) and the African Union (AU)'s COVID-19 Africa Vaccine Acquisition Task Team (AVATT) on Monday announced a decision to work together to deploy vaccines for 400 million Africans.

This came after the president of the World Bank, David Malpass, met with the AVATT to discuss ways to accelerate vaccine deployment to Africa, according to a joint statement by the UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA).

The AVATT had previously secured up to 400 million doses of the Johnson & Johnson single-shot COVID-19 vaccine with the support of the African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank).

The WB and the AVATT stressed the importance that countries

get sufficient doses as quickly as possible and in an affordable way, according to the statement.

COVID-19 vaccines are critical for achieving the goal of vaccinating at least 60 percent of Africans, said John Nkengasong, the director of the African Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) and member of the AVATT.

Benedict Oramah, the president of Afreximbank, said his bank, by providing a 2-billion-U.S.-dollar guarantee on behalf of the AU member states, was able to help put Africa in a negotiating position with producers in negotiating vaccine procurement.

Under the AVATT structure, AU member states are allocated vaccines according to the size of their populations through a pooled procurement mechanism. Once vaccines arrive across

Africa, additional efforts will be required to support their deployment, which includes in-country distribution (logistics and storage in line with the cold-chain requirements), securing the required systems, capacities and capabilities for vaccination.

As of Monday evening, the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Africa had reached 5,049,036, with 134,818 deaths and 4,524,651 recoveries, according to the Africa CDC.

African countries have so far acquired around 54.9 million COVID-19 vaccines, which may cover about 2.1 percent of the population at the continental level, the Africa CDC said.

Some 35.9 million COVID-19 doses have been administered continent-wide, accounting for about 65 percent of the total supply available in Africa.

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the country's youth, noting that public sector employment goes in tandem with economic growth so that the government and public agencies can pay salaries for those employed.

Mega projects like the construction of the JPM Bridge (Kigongo-Busisi), the Julius Nyerere Hydropower Project (JNHPP) and the Uganda-Tanzania oil pipeline would push forward the creation of jobs in the country, she stated.

This year the government has set aside 500bn/- for financing higher learning institutions, while allocating resources in the budget for vocational training colleges, she further noted, admitting that youths face a challenge in accessing loans for commercial initiatives.

The government plans to establish a bank to provide loans to the youth as a solution to the problem, and at the same time

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allocate special areas for small traders and food vendors, she said, cautioning vendors that are given trade goods by big shop owners to sell on the roadside.

This practice denies the government much-needed revenue, she stated, urging small traders to change from vending to go up the ladder.

She similarly appealed for the formation of a National Youth Council to have a common platform to deliberate on youth issues without its being overshadowed by political parties. Such a council would help the youth to raise their voices and sensitize public authorities on what wasn't right, she affirmed.

Dr Angelina Mabula, the deputy minister for Lands, Housing and Human Settlements

Development, called on district councils in Mwanza Region to pay compensation to people whose lands were taken up to pave the way for various development projects.

Foe a long time local councils in the region have failed to pay appropriate compensation for the land taken from the people, she emphasised.

Referring to arts and entertainment, the president said that beginning next month, artistes will start being paid royalty for work played on radio, TV and other areas.

The government has removed tax on the importation of artificial soccer turf so CCM needs to grab the opportunity to improve municipal soccer grounds it operates, she added.

## Congo caps public gatherings as third COVID-19 wave builds

KINSHASA

THE Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) will limit public gatherings to 20 people and close nightclubs as the country grapples with a third wave of COVID-19, President Felix Tshisekedi said on Tuesday.

Congo has officially registered relatively few cases, but low vaccination rates have left the country vulnerable to more contagious strains, including the highly-infectious Delta variant.

"For several weeks we have seen a persistent rise in the number of

people infected," Tshisekedi said in a televised address. "We need to react with speed, and above all, methodically."

Last week, Tshisekedi told reporters that hospitals in the capital Kinshasa had been "overwhelmed" by the rising infections.

Congo has registered more than 35,000 infections and 834 deaths, according to figures from the Africa Centre for Disease Control. The World Health Organization said on June 2 that COVID-19 cases in Congo were rising exponentially.

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was under the impression that the project was taking too long because the investor had no capital to undertake it.

In his response, the minister said the project was indeed taking long but getting another investor was a problem as the current investor has a contract with the National Development Corporation (NDC) which must be sorted out first.

"If we rush we may get into problems. But let me assure the MP that as we are talking our negotiation team is set to meet the investor to finalize remaining issues," he said, underlining that the government intends to ensure the project starts in the next financial year.

Ludewa MP Joseph Kamonga had earlier wanted to know when people in the constituency who

were removed from villages to pave the way for the project will be compensated, also demanding to know when the project is set to start and contribute to Njombe region prosperity.

Deputy Minister Exaud Kigahe said that negotiations were ongoing and the project implementation process will start upon completion of consultations.

NDC has a 20per cent stake in the project, while the Sichuan Hongda Group Co. Ltd (SHGCL) has an 80per cent stake.

Issues that led to delays include a request for incentives requested by the company, but it was contrary to the Natural Wealth and Resources (Permanent Sovereignty) Act, 2017 along with the Natural Wealth and Resources (Contract Review and Renegotiation of Unconscionable Terms) Act of 2017, he added.



Rural Development Organisation coordinator Fidelis Filipatali (2nd-R) gestures when briefing Iringa regional administrative secretary Happiness Seneda (to his right) on Mbabulo water project, one of several she toured yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Francis Godwin

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fully utilised online platforms and instead waste time throwing barbs at one another for trivial issues," the president cautioned, citing that opportunities were available in tourism, agriculture, crop processing, transport, agro-inputs distribution or the fisheries sector.

She said the government has set

29m hectares of land being put under irrigation to maximize crop production, thus youths across the country can set themselves to exploit such opportunities to enhance household incomes.

Households and the nation at large will earn income from using plots of land being put under irrigation, she said, urging youths to also seek ways

to be part of East African and Commonwealth youth platforms to get more exposure. In bridging the skill gap the government has so far trained 65,598 youths in vocational training centres to build their skills in mechanical work, masonry, tourism, textile processing and others.

Jenista Mhagama, the Minister of State in the Prime Minister's

Office (Policy, Coordination and Parliamentary) said that the government was finalizing a national manpower survey to get the magnitude of employment country.

In their messages, youth leaders said that lack of capital and skills were big challenges facing youths seeking to initiate income gaining activities across the country.





Catherine Magige (L, in headscarf), Special Seats legislator for Arusha Region, exchanges notes with a colleague in the National Assembly in Dodoma city yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Govt: Future of children is in hands of many stakeholders

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government has acknowledged contributions of non-government organizations (NGOs) in helping develop children in the country, saying the future of children lies in the hands of many stakeholders.

Deputy minister for Health, Community Development, Gender, Elders and Children, Mwanaidi Ali Hamisi while launching the Junior Council of the United Republic of Tanzania (JCURT) commonly known as 'Baraza la Watoto'.

She noted that child participation in the council is fundamental in the development of a nation and in building the confidence of children, thanking NGOs that always support the event.

"The government is in support of what NGOs and other development partners are doing to help develop Tanzanian children through the council" she said.

The council provides opportunities for children to participate in meetings with decision-makers so that children can express their concerns, challenges and share ideas from the family to the national level.

Members of the council work closely together with the government, NGOs and development partners like World Vision to address the issues raised by children and to find solutions.

Organizers believe that this also helps to build the capacity of children to speak out about what is affecting them and their communities as a whole.

"This is a great job in promoting child participation in the country by bringing together children from all districts and regions to discuss progress and challenges on promoting and fulfilling child rights in their areas" said the deputy minister.

Mwanaidi noted that the council was born as a result of a democratic process that saw the mass mobilization of children that took place during the run-up to the 2002 UN Special Session on Children.

She added that thousands of children across the country contributed ideas and helped to set priorities that were articulated in Tanzania's presentation to the UN General Assembly.

Speaking at the same event, World Vision's Sponsorship and Programme Facilitator, Magreth Mpwaji, also echoed similar sentiments, saying the council offers opportunities for children to learn how to express themselves.

"We are glad that through this council most children have been able to express their feelings and challenges freely" she said, adding that her organization is happy to be part of this development.

Earlier, acting Permanent Secretary in the ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, Beatrice Mayao, termed the council as a special tool established by the government to bring children together and listen to their views.

Expressing children's views, the outgoing council chairperson, Joel Festo noted that despite successes, there are still challenges facing the Baraza. He said while some local Governments, District Councils and NGOs have supported the establishment of Children's Councils, overall national coverage is sparse and the quality of genuine participation, consultation and representation is extremely variable.

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## Private sector employers to pay 0.6 pct workers' contributions to WCF

By Guardian Reporter

EMPLOYERS in the private sector will now have to pay 0.6 per cent of their workers' contributions to the Workers Compensation Fund (WCF) instead of one per cent as from July 1 2021.

This was disclosed at the weekend by the Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Parliamentary Affairs, Coordination, Labour, Youth, Employment and People with Disabilities) Jenista Mhagama.

The Minister was addressing members of the Legal

and Constitutional Affairs Parliamentary Committee during her visit at WCF offices in Dar es Salaam aimed at monitoring the implementation of the Committee's various directives including investment in ICT systems and the improvement of claims verification, saying employers in the public sector will continue paying the original rate of 0.5 per cent.

"When President Samia Suluhu Hassan took up the helms she gave directions to every government institution to put in place good environment to woo investors and reduce the existing inconveniences," she said.

She also said the government, through WCF was thinking of to forgo all past debts on contributions.

She said the government's priority was to strengthen WCF to enable it pay compensation as such services were a constitutional right to the community, under Article II(I) of the 1977 Tanzania Constitution.

The Minister assured panel members that the actuarial report has shown that the WCF performance was satisfactory and called upon the management to continue working hard with patriotism.

"in the period of six years

since its establishment the Fund has achieved great success whereby in FY 2015/16 it paid compensation totaling 1,55bn/- and now the figure has reached 9.05bn/-.

For her part the Committee Vice chairman Najma Giga said the panel was satisfied by the various steps taken by the Fund in implementing the panel's directives, including the use of ICT in its operations.

Earlier, WCF Managing director Dr John Mduma mentioned various WCF achievements in regard to collection of contributions and payment of compensations.

## Govt launches LSF mobile app in Dar

By Correspondent

Theresia Victor

CONSTITUTIONAL and Legal Affairs minister Prof Palamagamba Kabudi yesterday challenged Tanzanians to ensure proper use of mobile phones by educating themselves on various issues including human rights and legal matters.

He was concerned that there are still some people who are not aware of their rights, thus, the use of the newly launched mobile app-'Haki Yangu App' by Legal Service Facility (LSF) will help them to understand their rights.

Speaking during the official launch of the LSF mobile app in Dar es Salaam, Prof Kabudi insisted on Tanzanians to use their mobile phones to educate themselves on legal matters, hence broadening their understandings and exposure on how to deal with such matters when faced with the situations.

According to him, there is a continued increase in gender based violence (GBV) cases with most of them linked to women and girl's poor understanding of their rights. He said with the Haki Yangu App they will now be able to learn different legal measures to take when dealing with such offences.

"This app came as a bridge between


citizens and legal service providers; paralegals will be providing assistance to citizens and respond to their queries through the mobile app," said Prof Kabudi. The Minister added: "This is an opportunity for us all to learn while at home or any place of your convenience, the new mobile app will help us to secure fast assistance whenever faced with such situations."

Prof Kabudi noted that the government is determined to ensure human rights to all Tanzanians as well as embracing good governance and

providing access to the judiciary and the Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance (CHRAGG).

LSF Chief Executive Officer, Lulu Ng'wanakilala said the mobile app they have launched will enable citizens to access legal education in a timely manner and that will aid them in their everyday lives.

The app is more focused on reaching women and girls as a targeted group because they are the major victims of GBV, inheritance issues, and land ownership matters, said Ng'wanakilala.



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Moreover, this step will be an important milestone for a port towards safety compliance to National regulatory bodies and International regulations and guidelines which regulate imports, exports, handling, storage and transport of dangerous goods in the ports and ships. In that regard, the Port Management envisages that, the implementation of these procedures will safeguard port from disasters, promote safety and health of its staff, port stakeholders, infrastructures, properties and environment.

In view of the above, the Port Management would like to inform the general public that, the implementation of this direct delivery procedures at Dar Es Salaam port effectively commence on 18th January, 2021.

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*"TUTUMIE MAWASILIANO KUJILETEA MAENDELEO"*





Former employees of Arusha city's Mount Meru Hotel gathered yesterday outside the hotel's premises with their termination letters. They were complaining about broken promises by their employer with respect to payment of "bonuses". Photo: Correspondent Woinde Shizza

## PS underscores utility of new inclusive water billing system

By Guardian Correspondent, Tabora

WATER ministry Permanent Secretary Anthony Sanga has called on ICT experts to make sure the inclusive system for the management of water billing by water supply and sanitation authorities in the country to be available 24 hours each day, all days.

He said the new system for water billing has shown to be of benefit to the water authorities that have started using it as it

has removed many challenges, including the cost and security in regard to consumers' information.

Sanga made the remarks here yesterday when closing a training that aimed to provide some understanding in the supervision of the billing system for water consumers.

He said the system was a secure one because it has been designed by government's own ICT experts and as for now satisfy the government's needs.

"Other billing systems in water

supply and sanitation authorities in the country in great part, are managed by foreign people and drew many complaints from water customers... this was dangerous as well as costly," he said.

In the circumstances, he added that the ministry, in collaboration with e-GA decided to create an inclusive system for water bills to sidestep various challenges that might arise from the insecure system.

Sanga said there have to be a plan to rescue the system during

disasters to avoid loss of revenue collected and affect water service to the people.

Earlier, the training seminar coordinator, Eng Masoud Almas said the training aimed to ensure all water authorities in the country to start using the new inclusive water billing system, and do away by systems run by private contractors. He said so far the new system was being used by 46 out of 95 water supply and sanitation authorities countrywide, equivalent to 48 per cent.

## All wards to get modern secondary schools - govt

By Guardian Reporter, Mwanza

THE government plans to build a modern ward secondary school for each in of the 214 constituencies in the country at a cost of more than 12099bn/- to boost the education sector.

The government has also said in 2020 more than 700 youth engaged in tricycle (bajaj) and motorcycle (bodaboda) transport were involved in accidents countrywide.

This was revealed here yesterday at the meeting called by President Samia Suluhu Hassan to speak to the youth from the Lake Zone regions, the Minister of State in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Government) Umyy Mwalimu.

She said every constituency will be provided with 600m/- towards the construction of the schools and teachers' quarters and that every elected Member of Parliament is supposed to submit recommendations indicating the site to build the school.

She said since President Samia came to power, she authorized funds for the development of the country's education sector.

Speaking at the meeting, Home Affairs minister George Simbachawene said last year, 320 youth - 'bajaj' and 'bodaboda' operators lost their lives in road accidents and 281 youth received injuries.

He added that the lowering of the fines on drivers of this means of transport from 30,000/- to 10,000/- per offence should not be the reason for them to infringe traffic laws.

Simbachawene said youths of between 18 and 30 years of age lead in being held in custody in the country's various remand prisons, and called for the community to assist the group from these woes.

He called upon the youth to engage in legitimate business and abandon criminal activities as the government will not tolerate such behavior.

For his part, speaking at the meeting, the Energy Minister,

Medard Kalemuni said every household will be connected to electricity, irrespective of the types of the houses.

He said even if one builds a house using grass, coconut leaves, iron sheets or other things will get electricity at lower cost.

For his part, the Information, Sports and Culture Minister, Innocent Bashungwa said the government plans to assist the youth by sending them to technical colleges to enhance their talents.

Speaking at the same meeting, Water Minister Jumaa Aweso said in order to avoid the practice of slapping water consumers with inflated bills, it will embark on the modern prepaid system.

He said if the power utility (TANESCO) was able to do that, there was no reason for the water authorities to do the same.

Thousands of youth from the Lake Zone Region convened at Mwanza's Nyamagana Stadium yesterday for a meeting with president Samia Suluhu Hassan.



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## Tanzania set to have fertiliser import hub

By Guardian Reporter

THE government is in strategy to ensure the country has a fertiliser import hub from which to distribute the farming input to countries in need.

The statement was given early this week by the Agriculture Minister, Prof Adolf Mkenda during his visit to the Dar es Salaam port to witness the unloading of imported fertiliser.

Prof Mkenda said one way to ensure the country comes into the country is to have centre to act as a hub for import and export of the fertiliser.

"Unfortunately, in the past Zambia was importing fertiliser through our port, but now they do so through other ports, we would like it to import their fertiliser through the port of Dar es Salaam.

"We like traders to import great quantities of the input into the country, we shall put in place a good system to simplify for its prompt removal for transport to Congo, Zambia and other countries," he said.

He said that was the initial step, others include boosting of fertiliser production to make it adequately available in the country. "There is a fertiliser factory being built at Dodoma, and we have told Minjingu investor to increase production as we will protect him," he added.

He said the strategy aims to increase competition in fertiliser import, adding that it was the reason behind extending the period of the tender, to attract many firms to compete in importing the farming input.

Regarding the price of the fertiliser, Prof Mkenda said as for now it has gone up worldwide, including Tanzania, and added that between June last year to June this year it has gone up by 50 per cent.

"The country's fertiliser needs is approximately 700,000 tonnes, while the production is barely 100,000 tonnes per year, hence we have begun talks with Qatar and Saudi Arabia embassies, among large fertiliser producing countries.



Experts with the Dodoma-based Institute of Rural Development Planning pictured at the Kibala Cold Room and Ice Flake Processing Industry in Mwanza city yesterday. The institute has installed the facility to help members of the fishing community in the Lake Victoria zone conduct their business more efficiently and productively. Photo: Correspondent Valentine Oforo

## Blood donation rate falls in Africa in wake of Covid-19 pandemic

By Special Correspondent, Brazzaville

BLOOD donation has fallen by 17 percent in the African region in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic that has caused widespread disruptions to key health services, lives and livelihoods.

World Blood Donor Day

is marked on 14th June. An analysis by the World Health Organisation (WHO) found that the frequency of blood drives in the African region has dropped by 25 per cent and demand for blood declined by 13 per cent, with the suspension of routine surgeries in some countries and fewer people seeking care in

health facilities. Around 7 million people need blood transfusion every year in the region.

This year's World Blood Donor Day is marked under the theme "Give blood and keep the world beating" to highlight the essential contribution blood donors make to save lives and improve

the health of others.

"Disruptions to the steady supply of safe blood can be life threatening. We deeply appreciate the selfless, lifesaving gesture of blood donors and urge countries to set up and reinforce systems to increase voluntary blood donations," said Dr Matshidiso

Moeti, WHO Regional Director for Africa.

WHO is collaborating with organizations such as the Coalition of Blood for Africa—launched in November 2020—the Organization of African First Ladies for Development and the private sector to improve access to quality blood supplies.

In partnership with Facebook, WHO has set up a Regional Blood Donations feature, which connects people with nearby blood banks. The tool is now live in 12 countries and over 3.8 million Facebook users have signed up to be notified of blood donation opportunities.





Constitutional and Legal Affairs minister Prof Palamagamba Kabudi (L) and Legal Services Facility CEO Lulu Ng'wanakilala pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday launching HAKI YANGU, a system designed by LSF primarily to enable the citizenry to access legal services through mobile phones. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## SFEM sensitises Kilimanjaro districts farmers on use of manure made in Tanzania

By Correspondent James Lanka, Rombo

AN International organisation—Slow Food Earth Markets Tanzania (SFEM-Tanzania) is conducting campaigns in Rombo, Moshi, Mwanza, Same and Hai districts in Kilimanjaro Region to sensitise farmers on the use of locally manufactured manure.

Through the campaign, residents are also educated on the importance of consuming organic foods. So far, more than 29 small scale farmers have been reached.

“Our pilot project has started with Rombo and three other districts; we are educating farmers on how to cultivate nutritious bananas known as ‘Kitarasa’ without using industrial fertilisers,” said SFEM Tanzania coordinator of youth network, Vienigan Kuoko.

He was speaking with The Guardian at the ongoing natural organic foods exhibition held at Mangulwa local market in Rombo district. According to him, most farmers have less knowledge on how to cultivate yams and bananas using locally produced manure.

He said: “The types of banana and yams we are dealing with are rich in nutrition and can be used to cure some of the diseases.”

Kuoko added that one of the core purposes of the organisation is to promote production as well as the use of natural organic foods including the ‘Kitarasa’ bananas.

“Through the project, we are making sure that peasants produce natural organic foods in their gardens, schools and farms by using manure. Consuming organic foods is good for health, and can enable them to earn some cash,” he added.

According to SFEM-Tanzania, a good number of residents have now changed their eating habits and are massively consuming organic foods. He said the campaign they are conducting has helped the residents to stop using industrial fertilisers and other hazardous chemicals for food production.

Representing farmers, Stefano Msuya from Convivia Network which operates under SFEM-Tanzania said they have established the Mangulwa earth market to revive production of organic foods whereas no industrial fertilisers are applied on crops.

Other products included in the project apart from the kitarasa banana variety are pumpkins, yams like climbing yams, aerial yams, vegetables like black night shade, amaranth, sweet potato leaves, cassava leaves, coffee green herbal teas from moringa leaves, avocado, lemongrass leaves, cinnamon and aloe vera powder.



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## Geographical conditions cited among the factors affecting communication services

By Henry Mwangonde, Dodoma

POOR geographical locations have been cited as one of the key reasons for the lack of communication services in some areas with telecommunication towers.

Deputy Minister for the Ministry of Communication and Information Technology, Adrea Kundo said this yesterday in the August House when

responding to a question from Urambo MP, Magreth Sitta who queried when the government will provide communication services to 16 wards in her constituency.

The MP also wanted to know why despite having towers in their localities, some areas were still facing communication challenges.

In response, Kundo said one of the reasons was poor geographical

locations including mountains which hinder the service.


The deputy minister said another reason that may lead to the challenges includes frequent blackouts and unreliable energy in the area.

The MP explained earlier that her constituency has 18 wards and all of them have communication services except for nine wards namely Kiloleni, Itundu, Imalamakoye, Ugalla, Vumilia,


Nsondo, and Uyogo.

He said wards of Utundu and Ukondaamoyo will be reached with communication services from Vodacom by October 2021 while Nsondo will be reached via Airtel by October this year.

He said Nsondo will be reached with the services through Halotel by September 2021 and Ugalla will be serviced by Tanzania Telecommunication Corporation Limited (TTCL).



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4. Interested eligible Tenderers may obtain further information from the **Tender Board Secretary, President's Office, Finance and Planning, P. O. Box 1154, Vuga Street, Zanzibar** from .8:00 am up to 3:00 pm on Monday to Friday except on public holidays.
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# 'Council did not spend TAWA funds for intended purposes'

By Guardian Correspondent, Itigi

A TOTAL of 33.49m/- provided by Tanzania Wildlife Authority (TAWA) to Itigi District Council in Singida Region in FY 2018/2019 from hunting activities in Rungwa-Muhsi-Kizigo Forest Reserve was not spent for the purposes intended by TAWA.

This was revealed by Itigi District Council Treasurer Neema Petro Limambo in a statement to the special Council meeting that discussed about the implementation of queries raised in the Report of the Controller and Auditor General (CAG) and his recommendations for 2019/2020.

The treasurer also said that in the same period the CAG discovered that the council received a total of 83.73m/- from TAWA being 40 per cent, and 33.49m/- which had not been spent for the activities intended by TAWA.

She said in FY 2020/2021, the council contributed 2.62m/- as supervision expenses, saying the management will continue abiding by the given guidelines.

Limambo mentioned some reasons for the CAG query as including not meeting revenue collection targets.

The council's Vice Chairman Jonathan Dule admitted the errors that contributed to the council getting a poor audit certificate, but there no issues of funds embezzlement.

For his part, the Singida Region Administrative Secretary Doroth Mwaluko reminded council's employees that due to high people's expectations on their management, she called upon them to work together with their councillors to ensure the people get what they expected.

However, she said a large number of officials in the education and health departments in rural areas have been believing that they are isolated, hence the only way for them is to seek transfer away from those areas to urban centres.

Speaking at the meeting, Singida Regional Commissioner, Dr Binilith Mahenge said the main reason for the CAG queries in the region's local councils was the heads of the departments performance.



Sironga Ngine (R), chairman of Maasai elders in Monduli District, has a word with the district's CCM chairman, Wilson Lengima, on the sidelines of a meeting called yesterday to discuss various issues. Photo: Correspondent Asraji MVungi

## Govt allocates over 27bn/- for building health centres, dispensaries, MPs told

By Henry Mwangonde, Dodoma

THE government has set aside 27.75bn/- in this financial year for construction of 121 health centres and finalizing 768 dispensaries across the country.

Deputy Minister of State in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Government), Dr Festo Dugange said this when responding to a question by Special Seats MP, Anatrophia Theonon who asked about the government's plan to have a dispensary in every ward countrywide.

The minister said in response that the government will continue

to set aside funds for construction of health centres across the country.

The deputy minister said the government will continue implementing the health policy which stipulates that the country should have a dispensary in every ward. "From 2015/16 to 2020/21 the government has constructed 488 health centres as well as 102 district hospitals," the deputy minister said.

According to the deputy minister, the programme has now enabled health centres in local authorities to offer emergency services from 115 in December 2015 to 352 in June 2021 a move

that has reduced the maternal deaths.

In the additional question the MP asked whether the construction of a dispensary in every ward was a government policy.

Dugange said the programme will go together with employing health workers saying that from 2017 to 2020, the government in collaboration with stakeholders has employed 12,868 workers who have been deployed to various stations in the country.

He said the government was finalising processes to employ 2,726 workers which were announced in May 2021.

By Correspondent Allan Ntana,

Tabora

## 22,000 children rescued from child labour in three regions

EFFORTS made by Prosper projects in five district councils of Tabora, Mbeya and Songwe regions on eliminate child labour from hazardous works have rescued more than 22,000 children from tobacco growing communities.

Speaking at the function to mark the World Day against Child Labour at Mtakuja village in Igagala Ward, Kaliua district in Tabora region Kaliua District Commissioner Abel Busalama applauded a good job done by the projects.

He said allowing communities to involve children in tobacco growing activities or any hazardous work is contrary to International Labour Organisation (ILO) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) conventions on child labour.

He added that children do not deserve to toil in harsh conditions that can pose a threat to their lives at such a tender age, hence ordered NGO's, stakeholders and governments across the world to raise awareness and voice against this.

He called upon local communities, stakeholders and

district councils to work together so as to raise awareness and share experiences on transforming the reforms put forth by ILO and the government toward combating child labour.

"Child labour deprives children from their childhood, potentials and dignity, it harms them mentally, physically, socially and morally and above all it restrains them from acquiring education and other basic rights," he said.

Busalama clarified that practicable strategies and good coordination of the reforms among the stakeholders, communities and district councils could pave the way to great success on the battle against child labour.

"We appreciate the work done by Prosper projects in the three regions, it has lessened the problem by more than 84.3 percent, but more efforts should be laid to combat the situation," he said.

Prosper Reset project Manager Fredrick Malaso said the 22,000 children were rescued from tobacco farming activities in Sikonge, Urambo and Kaliua districts in Tabora region, Chunya

district in Mbeya and Songwe district in Songwe region.

He added that apart from releasing them from the menace more than 400 parents and guardians who had not gone to school were taught how to read and write and 1600 youth were given vocational skills while more than 1500 households were empowered economically through small loans.

Speaking on behalf of Tabora NGO's, Dr Gerson Nyadzi noted that the ILO Convention No. 182 abstain children under 18 to be involved in hazardous works and has been signed by all ILO member states to evade the unending humiliation.

"It's time to accelerate the pace of progress, it's time to entuse legislative and practical actions to eliminate child labour for good, it's time to shift from commitments to action," he said.

The National Plan of Action -VAWC Regional Cordinator, Panin Kerika briefed that they have launched the committees in all district councils, villages and wards to hasten efforts on eradicating child labour at their localities.

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo,

Dodoma

## Lake Zone fishermen receive huge boost from IRDP, UNDP

THE Institute of Rural Development Planning (IRDP) has installed a modern cold room and ice flake production machines in Mwanza Region in a robust project aimed to improve business performance among fishermen in the lake zone.

Dubbed Kibala Cold Room and Ice Flake Processing Industry, the state-of-the-art plant which had received lucrative financial patronage from United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) targets to enable the fishermen executing their trade at advance levels and thus, fetching international markets.

Briefing The Guardian over the vital economic investment, Senior

Lecturer and Project Coordinator at the Institute, Bonamax Mbaso, detailed that the state-owned varsity had decided to venture into the project after realising that the fishermen in Lake Zone were failing to attract international markets due to poor technology.

"With the facility, the fishermen at the lake zone are currently able to professionally conserve their catches for at least three days before being exported to the far outside markets," he said.

He added: "With the so far installed factory, the fishes from the lake zone are now reaching the far markets at recommended fresh condition, the situation which was not the case before,"

He insisted that the vision of the Institute was to continue powering more youth to realise and venture into numerous economic opportunities that the country has been endowed with.

"Among out role is to also research over different challenges that upset the entrepreneur youth and women and thus, assisting them through implementation of relevant projects," he stated, added, "For instance, IRDP is the sole high learning institution which embrace Competence Based Education Training System (CBETS), the system which focuses to impart the students with knowledge and skills with an eye to change their altitude."



### INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR PROVISION OF SITEWIDE ANNUAL STATUTORY INSPECTIONS ON PRESSURE VESSELS FOR HME & LME STANDS BY GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

#### I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company") an AngloGold Ashanti's ("AGA") asset is located in north western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region, about 5km from Geita town.

The Company is in the process of procuring the service of Site Wide Annual Statutory Inspections on Pressure Vessels and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible service providers to submit Expression of Interest for the provision of the below service.

#### Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01204	PROVISION OF SITEWIDE ANNUAL STATUTORY INSPECTIONS ON PRESSURE VESSELS FOR HME & LME STANDS

#### 1. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	10%
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>	
Company Profile	1.25%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.25%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.25%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.25%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.25%
Company Shareholding Structure/Share structure of the company (ownership of shares in percentage (%))	1.25%
List of Directors	1.25%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.25%
<b>FINANCIAL POSITION &amp; TERMS OF TRADE</b>	5%
Audited & certified financial statements (2018-2019)	2.5%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
<b>SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS</b>	5%
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.7%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.7%
Safety and Environmental Policies	1.7%
<b>PAST EXPERIENCE</b>	5%
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered into with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.7%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
<b>TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01204)</b>	75%
Evidence on Registration by REB and CRB	10
Evidence of Registration, Certification and Licensing for key personnel to be involved on the Project	20
Profile and Profile of Key Technical skills set with their Professional Experience on Reliability Engineering (SNT – Certification on NDT technologies, MFL, MPI, LPI, Thermography etc)	10
Evidence on past experience in doing NDT inspection	10
Evidence on the experience of working with Pressure Vessel and steel structure evaluation/inspector	10
Knowledge and skills on Deterioration of Materials in service	5
List of Tools, instruments and Equipment (Including) Computer software and at least two sample report of the previous job related both Pressure Vessel and Stand/ structural inspection	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER of the service they intend to express interest on THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at [geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com](mailto:geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com) not later than 0830 A.M 25<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2021 (the "LOI" Submission Deadline). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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Residents of Ibumu in Kilolo District pictured yesterday gifting Iringa regional commissioner Queen Sendiga (R, foreground) a goat at the end of her inspection tour of education projects at the village. Photo: Correspondent Francis Godwin

# NGO facilitates donation of two wheelchairs to people with disabilities in Moshi

By Correspondent James Lanka, Moshi

A non-governmental organization which works to support people with disabilities—‘Songambe’ has donated two wheelchairs and a walker worth 1.5m/- to some physically challenged people in Moshi District.

The initiative has been championed by the Songambe organisation in collaboration with Kyaro Assistive Tech of Arusha and the Girls Livelihood and Mentorship Initiative (GLAMI).

Speaking during the handover event at TPC secondary school in Moshi, Kilimanjaro Region, one of the beneficiaries, Winfrida Julius (16), a Form Two student commended the role played by the club to the PWDs.

“On behalf of my fellows who are physically incapacitated, we are thankful to the organisations as we can now comfortably move to different places,” said Winfrida.

She said her father was spending a lot of money to hire a motorbike taxi to take her to school every day. She said donated wheelchairs will help her to move from one place to another, thus becoming autonomous.

“I was born with no physical disability; I got an accident in 2013; from that day, my life changed completely because I couldn’t walk anymore. Doctors said I sustained spinal cord injuries,” narrates Winfrida.

Songambe Managing Director, Faustina Urassa said that PwDs face a number of challenges including poor infrastructures and limited knowledge on menstrual hygiene and reproductive health.

“This special group is normally forgotten when it comes to provision of equipment such as walking gears and sanitary towels for women and girls. We will continue to support the group depending on our financial muscles.

# Airtel upgrading over 400 towns to Supa-4G network

By Guardian Reporter

AIRTEL Tanzania has started to upgrade its 4G network which will see over 400 towns countrywide switching to Airtel Supa-4G network.

With the Airtel Supa-4G network customers will now receive ‘a much higher quality’ service, faster downloads and 4G coverage across more than 400 towns countrywide.

Recently, Airtel Tanzania switched on its Supa-4G network by upgrading three major towns of Rufiji in Lindi Region, USA River in Arusha and Ilula in Iringa.

Speaking in Ilula, Iringa Region after launching the Supa-4G Network, Airtel Sales Manager for Ilula, Godfrey Maneno said the mobile phone company is in process of upgrading its network into 4G being one of the company’s longtime goals of delivering high quality communication services to its customers’ country wide.

“By upgrading our network into 4G is our longtime plan of improving our network infrastructure so that we can offer high quality of communication services to both our customers in urban and rural areas. We believe that communication is now

longer a luxury but rather a basic need. Our customers will be able to improve their living standards with proper communication services,” Maneno added.

He said that Airtel’s Supa-4G services will give a boost to the local community and enable local residents to enjoy digital services like quality video streaming, superfast downloads and uploads and high speed internet browsing. “We have invested significantly to meet our commitment to deliver a world class mobile data and voice

experience to our customers,” he said.

According to him, customers will need to upgrade their SIM cards to 4G SIM to enjoy the Supa-4G service. He said upgrading SIM cards can take just 5 minutes at any Airtel shop whereas they will get free 7GB.

He said: “The launch of Airtel ‘4G-Supa’ network and introduction of affordable 4G offers is part of Airtel initiatives of improving communication services and promoting use of Airtel Blazing fast 4G network as it comes with the latest technology aimed at easing communication services.”

Ilula Ward Executive Officer, Ernest Sanga commended Airtel saying it has done a good thing since its customers will have access to high quality communication services in the area.

“For now, residents of Ilula will be sure of quality communication services. We are sure of improving our social and economic activities and we really appreciate Airtel for this service.”

Airtel will this week continue switching on the by launching sites in Tazara Juu in Mbeya, Maswa in Simiyu Region and Sengerema in Mwanza Region.



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By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA yesterday joined African Countries and telecommunications stakeholders to launch the first set of ATU spectrum recommendations that focus on transforming Africa into a knowledge economy through the development of technologies that boost connectivity and innovation.

The spectrum recommendations are as a result of a Memorandum of Understanding signed between Ericsson and ATU to help fast-track the roll out of technology across the continent.

In Africa today, a limited amount of Spectrum is allocated to the mobile industry as well as other sectors of communication to facilitate the transmission of wireless signals. The launched spectrum recommendations outline the importance of awarding the radio spectrum in countries across Africa in a timely, predictable and cost-effective fashion so as to support affordable, high-quality delivery of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) services and spur smart technology initiatives. The recommendations also establish the idea that licensing should be technology-neutral and allow for service innovations.

The new spectrum recommendations further encourage African countries to enable spectrum sharing by giving licensees the right to share their spectrum voluntarily through various means such as trading and national roaming agreements. Additionally, African countries

# ATU and Ericsson due to expand Africa’s ICT Space

through the recommendations, are urged to adopt a licensing approach aimed at promoting the right mix of low, mid and high radio band spectrum to ensure that all communications service providers (CSPs) have access to spectrum amounts and type that allows for the development of a variety of use cases and caters to enterprise and customer demands.

ATU Secretary General John Omo reiterated the importance of the recommendations saying, “The launch of these recommendations is a joint effort aimed at expediting the rollout of ICT driven technologies for the development of digital economies in Africa.

John Omo’s sentiments were also shared by the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications of Cameroon, Libom Li Likeng born Mendo Awoumvele Minette who officiated the launch event where she affirmed that the new measures compliment African countries’ continued growth in mobile broadband.

The recommendations come at a time when Africa is looking to harness ICT driven innovation, with a rapid rise in usage of technology and smartphones. The November 2020 Ericsson Mobility Report projects that by 2026, mobile broadband subscriptions in Sub-Saharan Africa will increase to up to 76 percent.

Fadi Pharaon, President of Ericsson middle East Africa, said, “Fostering agility and innovation from next generation ICT infrastructure is important for Africa’s growth and sustainability.” He went ahead to reiterate the importance of spectrum management strategies highlighted in the recommendations saying that they can be considered as opportunities to accelerate Africa’s digitalization and set #AfricanMotion.

Following the launch of the recommendations, ATU will work with countries and all the stakeholders across the continent to support the implementation process. The aim is for African countries to release the recommended spectrum and license it to the national telecommunications operators in a cost-effective manner. This would enable the customer service providers (CSPs) to serve the demands of increasing communication needs and prepare them to deliver new technologies such as 5G, which look to revolutionize industries, enterprise, and consumers alike.

The harmonized and globally aligned frameworks as envisaged by ATU and Ericsson will assist African countries in spectrum management activities that will accelerate the cost-efficient rollout of ICT.



## INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR PROVISION OF VARIOUS SERVICES TO BE PROCURED BY GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GML), TANZANIA

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### Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01234	PROVISION OF ENGINEERING TRAINING SERVICES

### 1. INFORMATION REQUIRED

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<b>SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS</b>	
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<b>PAST EXPERIENCE</b>	
At least 3 names of the applicant’s clients, value and duration of the contracts entered into with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.25%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.25%
Acceptance certificates/completion certificates (proof of the above) where applicable	1.25%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.25%
<b>TECHNICAL CRITERIA</b>	
Registered by Local Educational Authorities (TCU, VETA, etc)	5%
Accredited by Local and/or International Technical accreditation Boards	15%
Evidence of experience in the relevant field of studies including both training facilities, Materials, references, and course brochures on the area of specialization.	20%
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## Petroleum tax rise: Why the Treasury is caught between a rock and a hard place

**L**ISTENING to reactions to the Budget plan delivered by Finance and Planning minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba on Thursday last week, after the general survey of a balanced character in soft and hard measures, the focus appears to have changed somewhat. The debate has now settled to rising taxes on petroleum products and what that implies for prices in general, as it is a sensitive cross cutting item. It is similar to raising the price of sugar by a significant margin, how it catches various sectors off the balance.

Most of those who move to give views appear apprehensive of what a rise in petrol prices portends, but as they say, the devil is in the numbers, as simple tax rise may touch off a marginal increase in prices and it is absorbed by the competition. Service providers absorb their costs and mitigate their expectations, for instance what a commuter bus driver must take back to the bus owner each day, where a minor fall may be accommodated to avoid hiking fares. But as that was done before, the tipping point may not be far.

In other words it isn't a foregone issue that hiking taxes by any percentage in petroleum prices leads to hiked bus fares, crop transportation costs and rises, etc. But again it doesn't follow that any tax increases will be absorbed by the competition, and this awaits a practical response when the parliamentary debate is over and the tax amendments start being applied.

The debate hasn't quite covered the various technical parameters but chances are that the Treasury may have sought a significant tax increase in a general use commodity to offset revenue implications of a whole series of tax reductions to boost business activities.

If as many contributors fear the tax changes on petroleum products touch off higher bus fares and other transportation costs, a measure of inflation is also likely though the projection so far and by implication, intention of the monetary and fiscal authorities, is to maintain it at around 3.5 per cent at present or below. When taxes are lowered all over, and plenty of additional financing is needed, monetary and fiscal bodies face a hard choice, since any petroleum products tax hike and inflation weakens the currency and disturbs the investment environment. Such a hike has to be carefully modulated to preclude steeper transport costs.

When setting out the low taxes and easy compliance tax format upon her inauguration and in her first meetings with the legislature and business bodies, apart from key appointments, President Samia Suluhu Hassan remarked somewhere that collections may decline for a short period, and then bounce back and increase with business expansion.

The cumulative effect of voluntary compliance and lower tax measures can't as yet be told, but monetary and fiscal authorities should start contemplating to place on the Dar es Salaam stock exchange public assets that can attract billions of dollars in investment opportunities.

In like manner, they would occasion a rapid expansion of business activity as practically each district, aside from region, could see a legion of companies offering services in office telephony, electricity connection, etc. The tedious business of hiking consumer taxes and letting public assets lie dormant is rather unhelpful, and that is why a further climb in reform efforts shouldn't be overruled just by reasons of sentimentality.

## Our industries rely on knowledge through creativity and innovation

**T**HE creative industries refers to a range of economic activities which are concerned with the generation or exploitation of knowledge and information. They may variously also be referred to as the cultural industries especially in Europe or the creative economy and most recently they have been denominated as the Orange Economy in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Creative economy comprises advertising, architecture, art, crafts, design, fashion, film, music, performing arts, publishing, R&D, software, toys and games, TV and radio, and video games. Some scholars consider that the education industry, including public and private services, are forming a part of the creative industries.

The creative industries have been seen to become increasingly important to economic well-being, proponents suggesting that human creativity is the ultimate economic resource and that the industries of the twenty-first century will depend increasingly on the generation of knowledge through creativity and innovation.

UNESCO, British Council and Make it Matter organised an event to celebrate the contribution of women in the creative sector which was held on 15 April 2021 on World Art Day. The event was a valuable occasion for over 70 creatives and cultural professionals to come together in the spirit of furthering the Tanzania's cultural and creative industries. "The creative sector have high potential to foster inclusive and

sustainable development." said Innocent Bashungwa, Minister for Information, Culture, Arts and Sports.

The panel discussion on how women as a collective play a catalytic role in transforming the creative sector shed a light on some of the achievements and challenges faced by women leading creative economy initiatives. Some of the challenges women in the creative sector encounter include, lack of business management skills necessary to run their enterprises sustainably; not adequate role models; lack of parental support compared to male counterparts; income and tax conditions; and transition to digital technology. UNESCO's 2005 Convention for the protection and promotion of the diversity of cultural expressions has recently published an Open roadmap with guidelines for supporting artists' transition to the digital environment.

There is therefore an urgent need to address issues of social protection, market access and exposure for artists and their works locally and globally. Professionalising the status of artists and defining their working conditions is essential to reaffirm freedom of artistic expression. UNESCO highlighted the need for promoting gender equality in the culture and creative sector. On the International Women's Day this year, UNESCO published special edition report on the state of gender equality in the cultural and creative sectors, in order to highlight the consequences of gender inequalities for the promotion of the diversity of cultural expressions.

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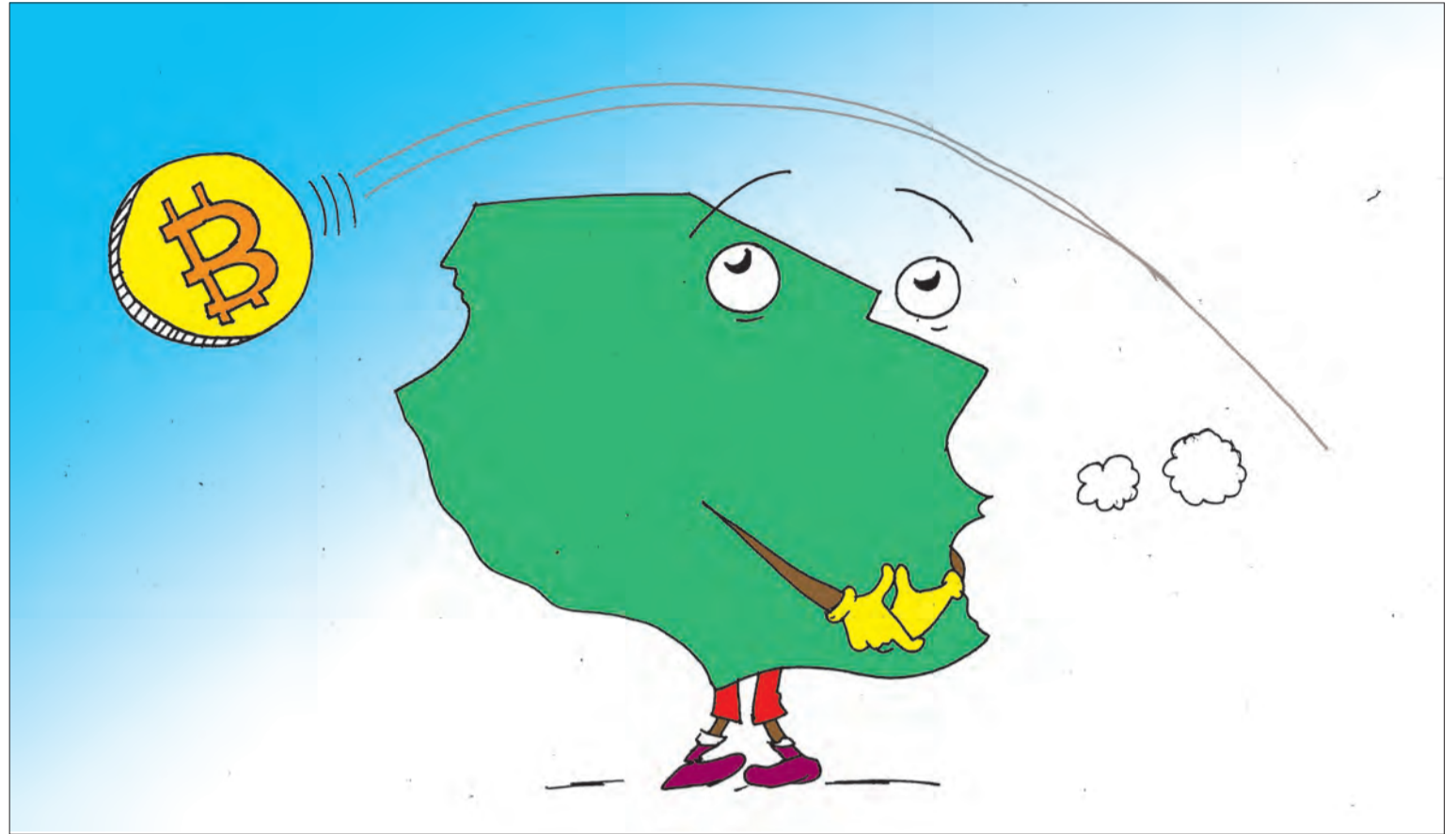
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**O**NCE again the government is having to take swift action to intensify the lockdown put in place to slow transmission of COVID-19 largely because many, possibly most, Zimbabweans have become complacent and are not adhering to the rules and guidelines required even when transmission rates are low.

With rising infection and death rates, just under 600 new confirmed cases in a week and 26 deaths, with probably at least that number of untested infections, obviously something had to be done, and done quickly, to stop a third wave blossoming.

In making the move, Vice President Constantino Chiwenga, who is the Minister of Health and Child Care decided to keep the economy functioning as much as possible and minimise the economic damage.

So almost all businesses, including those in the informal sector, can stay open, but with reduced hours. Half of office workers outside essential sectors now have to work from home and everyone in business has to follow the strict rules on temperature scanning, sanitising, masking and social distancing.

The Vice President did stress that enforcement would be tough, but one reason he was able to keep so much open was the general upgrade in the retail sector of safety precautions. Almost all shops now do follow the "new normal".

Even in the SME and informal sectors there has been a major, and long-desired, partial formalisation with more property owners developing or converting premises to proper markets and having security, mask and sanitisation checks at the entrances.

This growing movement from shacks and tents on roadsides to booths and stalls in decent-looking markets is something we needed anyway and the result is one of the gains, along with Zupco, that we have won from COVID-19.

Even the Avondale Flea Market, long an eyesore, is suddenly a well laid-out and well-proportioned semi open-air market and an example of what can be done with very modest investment and a lot of good and tight management.

As we continue with our efforts to stop people blocking roads, verges and pavements, these private-sector initiatives of building conversions and flea-market upgrades are the way

## Tighter lockdown needs everyone's cooperation



forward and entities like Harare City Council should either be copying them, or entering into public-private partnerships.

Many of those being moved at the moment complain they have nowhere else to go and yet it would not cost much to put in, for example, a properly managed market on the north-west corner of the intersection dominated by the Mbudzi roundabout.

That would ease congestion, give these tiny business a secure area in exchange for their small daily rents, which would include the small US\$1 a day tax, and ensure a general dramatic improvement in public health and public hygiene.

Shopkeepers and others in the retail trade are likely to take the enforcement warnings seriously since the last thing they want is a return to a full level four lockdown. Better to stay open and take the time and trouble to police customers than be closed again. And those whose business is done in offices already know what to do.

It costs a bit more in telecommunications charges to have staff working from home, and the staff will hardly be thrilled in trying to do this in the middle of the school holidays, but there is no need to reinvent the wheel, just implement again what has been done successfully.

Where Vice President Chiwenga has put in major new controls, using his public health powers as Health Minister, is on the less

essential side. He basically wants to bar gatherings and especially those where discipline can break down.

So he has banned them again. This affects the quality of life, but not the economy, so it is an irritating nuisance not something that stops people earning a living. We can survive without parties.

Restaurant owners are probably the hardest hit, retreating back to takeaways, and artistes will be saddened by the ending of public performances just after a very modest reopening.

Bottle store owners have limited hours and are now being tasked with not only stopping people drinking inside, but also outside their stores, but legally public drinking was a poorly enforced offence for decades before COVID-19.

The ban on church services was an obvious move. If everyone was as responsible as some of the long-established liturgical churches, a compromise might have been possible. But regrettably that was not the case.

Enforcement will also have to be done on those who have open air services, and perhaps the time has come for those whose religious practices are of this nature to lease and fence stands and start thinking about how architecture can be developed, perhaps open courtyards, when they are allowed to gather again.

One sign of the laxity that has crept in is the general ignoring of the 10pm curfew. While some on

the road at that time are essential workers, most appear to be socialising or on their way home from socialising.

The modest clampdown last week generated a lot of ill-considered resentment and people need to realise that these rules are there for the public good, not to make life difficult. The main reason for a curfew is to stop socialising and clamp down on social gatherings, since that is the reason they are broken, and enforcement appears to be required for that reason.

While the vaccination programme continues, and more supplies are imminent, we had 411 218 fully vaccinated people, those with both doses, by Saturday and this is a wonderful achievement, but still only 4.11 per cent of the way to our 10 million target.

So we have to keep the rest of the measures, and when we get slack we have to tighten.

Government has kept the human and economic damage low by reacting early and swiftly when infection rates rise, and this works when we all follow the rules and protocols.

It is when we relax that the trouble arises and that is why the health experts wanted a tightening now, rather than wait for something more extreme when a third wave was rampaging.

The only way we can avoid that more extreme tightening is to take today's more modest tightening seriously and for everyone to follow the rules in full.



# World's nuclear arms on high operational alert – and ready to strike

**UNITED NATIONS**

**T**HE world's nine nuclear armed states have downsized their military arsenals, but made up for their loss by increasing the number of weapons on high operational alert, according to a new report from the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI).

As a result, the world is increasingly within striking distance of nuclear weapons—either by accident or by design.

The most vulnerable region is Asia, which is home to four of the world's nine nuclear powers, namely, India, Pakistan, China and North Korea, the rest being the US, UK, France, Russia and Israel.

The study says the nine countries collectively possessed an estimated 13,080 nuclear weapons at the start of 2021.

This was a decrease from the 13,400 that SIPRI estimated these states possessed at the beginning of 2020, since some of these weapons have gone into "retirement".

But despite this overall decrease, the estimated number of nuclear weapons currently deployed with operational forces increased to 3,825, from 3,720 last year.

Around 2,000 of these—nearly all of which belonged to Russia or the US—were kept in a state of high operational alert ready for a strike.

While the US and Russia continued to reduce their overall nuclear weapon inventories by dismantling retired warheads in 2020, both are estimated to have had around 50 more nuclear warheads in operational deployment at the start of 2021 than a year earlier.

Russia also increased its overall military nuclear stockpile by around 180 warheads, mainly due to deployment of more multi-warhead land-based intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs) and sea-launched ballistic missiles (SLBMs).

The deployed strategic nuclear forces by both countries remained within the limits set by the 2010 Treaty on Measures for the Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms (New START), although the treaty does not limit total nuclear warhead inventories, according to SIPRI.

Meanwhile, a new report released last week by the Nobel Peace Prize-winning International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), warned that nuclear-armed states spent \$72.6 billion on their nuclear weapons—even as the pandemic spread in 2020, an increase of \$1.4 billion from 2019.

The report, *Complicity 2020 Global Nuclear Weapons Spending*, showcases how during the pandemic, which had devastating health and economic consequences last year, governments were increasingly channeling tax money to defence contractors, which in turn increased the amounts to lobbyists and think tanks to encourage a continued increase of spending.

Out of the \$72.6 billion that countries spent on nuclear weapons in 2020 globally, \$27.7 billion went to less than a dozen defence contractors to build nuclear weapons, which in turn spent \$117 million lobbying and upwards of \$10 million funding most major think tanks writing about nuclear weapons.

"The climate and Covid



Euratom inspectors conduct safeguards inspections at URENCO in the Netherlands. =

emergencies are showing us what we really need for our security and safety as human beings, and it's not nuclear weapons," said Dr Rebecca Johnson of the Acronym Institute for Disarmament Diplomacy (AIDD) and a UK-based member of ICAN's Steering Group.

"The UN system is struggling because its efforts to build co-operative peace and security are constantly undermined and strangled by aggressive nation states. Most people can see we need cooperation and sharing to solve global challenges, from vaccines to sustainable resources," she told IPS. But a minority of governments with nuclear dependencies and militaristic economies create the most dangers for everyone, said Dr Johnson.

"With their aggressive posturing, new types of weapons and corrupt selling practices they arm rivals, feed insecurity and wars, and undermine

international security, law and human rights, she warned.

"As the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) entered into force this year, it has come as little surprise to see some governments kick back with extra bells and whistles on their pointless and insecure nuclear weapons".

She said privileged governments with vested interests have engaged in similar angry retaliations when faced with other international treaties that bring much-needed legal constraints.

Professor M. V. Ramana, Simons Chair in Disarmament, Global and Human Security, and Director, Liu Institute for Global Issues, School of Public Policy and Global Affairs at the University of British Columbia, told IPS the ICAN report documents the power of the political control wielded by companies involved in nuclear weapons production and

maintenance is.

These companies profit enormously from their involvement in making these weapons of mass destruction and use a share of these profits to lobby for and shape the decision-making process in ways that further their profits, and loosen any semblance of democracy in this sphere, he said.

"To have such actions continue during a global pandemic is shocking, and reveals the completely misguided priorities of these nuclear weapon states and their allies," said Dr Ramana, a scholar at the Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies.

Dr Johnson said stigmatising and banning nuclear weapons not only affects the profits of military-industrial businesses, but the careers of many bureaucrats, academics and politicians who for decades have promoted spending taxpayer's money on these weapons

of mass destruction (WMDs) instead of investing more in their countries' health, education, peace-building relations and environment-saving technologies. "Like all peace and security objectives, nuclear disarmament is not a one-off project, but a transformative process that needs to be built and maintained throughout our lives."

She said the TPNW puts UN bodies and activists in a stronger position in terms of international norms and law, but as will be seen as States Parties hold their first meeting in 2022, we have a lot of work ahead of us to construct the vital institutional, humanitarian and verification infrastructures for the Treaty to become universally effective."

"Nuclear weapons still have the potential to cause great harm, so these dying kicks of nuclear colonialism need to be stopped. In Britain, many are now promoting the TPNW

while campaigning for 'Nurses not Nukes' and accusing Boris Johnson's government of violating Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) obligations with recent policies that increase the role and numbers of UK nuclear weapons," said Dr Johnson.

"ICAN's recent nuclear spending report 'Complicity' deals with another dimension where civil society can exert very effective pressure. Not only does ICAN expose the high financial costs to the nuclear armed governments (and therefore people), but also names some of the major military-industrial and bureaucratic-academic profiteers".

She said naming names is important, as civil society continues to lift the covers and expose the corrupt and dependent relations that have kept nuclear weapons in business since 1945.

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The GFG Programme is a technical assistance measure implemented by GIZ on behalf of BMZ and co-financing partners European Union and Switzerland. Its key objective is to strengthen Tanzania's public finance system in accordance with good financial governance principles of efficiency, transparency and accountability. This is expected to improve the financing of basic services for the programme's target group, the Tanzanian population. The programme has four components/Fields of Action (FoA), namely: external audit (FoA 1), internal audit (FoA 2), domestic resource mobilization (FoA 3) and social accountability (FoA 4).

**Duty station:** Dar es Salaam, with frequent travel to partner Local Government Authorities across Tanzania

**Fixed term contract**

**Responsibilities**  
 The Advisor is responsible for

- Contributing to the objectives of GIZ's Good Financial Governance (GFG) programme in the field of action on 'social accountability', with a particular focus on the local level.
- Managing support to various partner organisations (civil society organisations) in pilot Local Government Authorities (LGAs).
- Contributing to FoA4 innovation and knowledge management.

**Tasks**  
 The Advisor

- Facilitates capacity building measures for partner CSOs and LGAs.
- Provides technical advice on advocacy initiatives of partner organisations.
- Assists the head of FoA4 in the technical and administrative implementation of activities, as well as monitoring and reporting of achievements.
- Provides technical advice on the concept of accountability, citizens' participation and collaboration in developing instruments and mechanisms to promote local citizens' participation in public finances.
- Deals with the design, preparation and implementation of workshops, seminars and trainings on issues connected with the project/programme's area of activity

- Collaborates and assists with the design, planning and implementation of activities at the programme level and in other FoAs.
- Supports public relations and communication processes within the programme as needed.
- Supports cooperation, regular contact and dialogue with partners, assists with PR work and cooperates with local communities, relevant organisations, non-governmental agencies and individuals in the programme environment and with other projects to improve and maintain good working relationships
- Represents GFG/FoA4 in donor coordination meetings

**Required qualifications, competences and experience**

**Qualifications**

- Degree in Social Sciences (political sciences, public administration, economics or similar specialisations)

**Professional experience**

- At least 7 years of recent and relevant work experience in social accountability and good governance, preferably at the local level

**Other knowledge**

- Knowledge and experience in social accountability tools and processes, as well as citizens' participation are essential.
- Practical experience in working with civil society organisations is essential.
- Knowledge of good governance and experience in working with Tanzania government authorities and civil society organisations is highly desirable.
- Knowledge and experience of the Tanzanian reform agenda in the field of Public Financial Management (PFM) is desirable.
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- IT-skills in using MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint are expected.
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# China's Xinjiang helps keep BRI trade afloat despite Covid-19

URUMQI

**A**T a naan-making industrial park in Horgos in north-west China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, workers are busy making a popular staple food.

Unlike most of the naan made elsewhere in Xinjiang, most of the round pancake-shaped bread is made for consumers in Central Asian countries.

Horgos, which borders Kazakhstan, is China's closest port to Central Asia and Europe by land transport. It has managed to supply steady exports of naan bread, among others, to Central Asian countries and beyond belonging to the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) despite the COVID-19 pandemic.

**UNSEVERED BOND**

The naan bread crosses the border by expressway via a green channel developed to ensure efficient transport of farm and sideline products. The road remains open with strict anti-COVID-19 measures in place. About 2.6 million pieces of naan bread have been exported via the port to Uzbekistan since June 2020.

"It's a tough period for everyone, but our connection hasn't been severed by the pandemic," said Yu Chengzhong, chairman of Horgos Jinyi International Trade Corp., the largest naan and agricultural produce exporter in

Horgos.

Years of trade exchanges have built a reliable bond between Yu and his overseas business partners. "We trust in each other," Yu said. "Although we can't meet in person now, we can use WeChat to do business talks."

"Our local consumers enjoy Xinjiang-made naan very much. They offer a variety of tastes at reasonable prices," said Ismatullaev Bekzod, an importer in Uzbekistan.

**DRIVER RELAY**

In addition to agriculture produce and naan bread, made-in-China commercial vehicles such as excavators and cotton pickers are also popular exports in Central Asian countries. However, the COVID-19 outbreak put a halt on commercial vehicle export.

The international road management bureau in Horgos has found a solution: handing over the driver's seat.

With necessary anti-epidemic measures, a Chinese driver would stop the vehicle at the border area, and a Kazakh driver will take over the vehicle and drive it into their country. People-to-people contagion risks are minimized by such a driver relay.

Since its trial in May last year, over 15,000 vehicles had been exported in this way by the end of May 2021.

"The approach reduces the pandemic's impact on



Aerial photo taken on June 3, 2021 shows cross-border e-commerce packages being transported to Kazakhstan from Horgos, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region. (Xinhua)

our business, enabling delivery of vehicles to our overseas clients as soon as possible," said Ji Hu, head of the local commercial vehicle association.

**SHORTCUT IN THE AIR**

Wang Weihua, a Beijing-based businessman, has been a frequent visitor since May to the border

cooperation center in Horgos although the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted the once robust inflow of visitors seen before 2020.

The COVID-19 pandemic has complicated cross-border trade due to looming contagion risks, but not for Wang's cross-border e-commerce company Sunny Express, which is enjoying

a business boom thanks to a joint connectivity innovation: a 56-meter-long gantry crane.

Standing at the border area in the cooperation center, the gantry crane hoists and conveys a tailor-made container over the border wire netting, where trucks from Kazakhstan will pick up the container

and take it to specific warehouses for further delivery. It only takes about 13 days for the products to be delivered from south China's Shenzhen to Belgium's Liege.

"The gantry crane looks like nothing special, but it plays a unique role here," said Wang, adding that many cross-border e-commerce

platforms have fallen for this new channel. The total cross-border e-commerce orders are expected to top 70 million by the end of this year, according to Wang.

"In difficult times like the pandemic, small innovations matter beyond the border," said Wang.

Xinhua

NEW DELHI

**I**N 2015, When Rabina Khan was running as an independent candidate in the Tower Hamlets' mayoral elections in London, a male voter asked her what colour her hair was under her veil. Rabina (pictured) replied and said, it was pink. This small interaction is what got Rabina inspired to write her book, My Hair is Pink Under This Veil.

The book is about a Muslim woman living in the United Kingdom and how she reconciles her faith with British culture to construct a successful political career against the backdrop of blame, bias, ignorance and misogyny. Rabina Khan through her own personal experience of wearing a Hijab, also highlights the outdated views about Muslim women, challenges the notions of what a Muslim woman can or can't do and also questions the stereotypes.

"The reason why I responded in that manner was to question the notion that hijab wearing muslim women had no interest in hairstyles, vibrant colors, or fashion," says Rabina Khan in an interview to me.

"There has always been this narrative around Muslim women that we are seen to be oppressed, we do not have a life, we do not anticipate to become professionals in different

sectors or that we become politicians. Women like us, women of color, women of faith, do have a difficult time in mainstream society because we are seeing stereotypes, racism, and prejudice," Rabina says.

Over the last few years, the United Kingdom has seen Islamophobia rise at a very disturbing rate. In 2011, Lady Warsi claimed that Islamophobia was socially acceptable in Britain, and "passed the dinner-table test".

In 2015, the Muslim Council of Britain warned of increasing levels of Islamophobia in the UK after a few videos were posted online showing anti-Muslim abuse on public transport.

UN experts had warned of a 'stark increase' in hate crimes across the UK, post-Brexit vote in 2018. The UN Special Rapporteur on racism, xenophobia and intolerance, E. Tendayi Achiume said, "it was worrying that the anti-migrant, anti-foreigner rhetoric, developed around the campaign in favour of Brexit had become widespread in society, going as far as to add that a hateful and stigmatising discourse had become 'normalised' - even involving some high-ranking officials".

In 2019, a week after the Christchurch mosque attacks in New Zealand,

## Britain must fix its anti-Muslim sentiment problem



the number of reported hate crimes against Muslims in the UK. soared by 5.93%. Muslims in Oxford, Southampton and Colindale, North London had reported "gun gestures or firearms noises being directed at them".

Last year in 2020, a dossier of more than 300 allegations of Islamophobia against Prime Minister Boris Johnson and other members of the Conservative party had been submitted to the Equalities and Human Rights Commission to launch a formal investigation.

Another report by The Labour Muslim Network, which is the largest group of Muslim members and supporters of Labour in one its reports stated that, more than one in four Mus-

lim members and supporters of Labour part - 29 percent - have experienced Islamophobia within the ranks of Labour party, "stemming from ignorance and systemic racism, which may not be overt but does exist."

Just a few weeks ago, Prime Minister Boris Johnson issued a qualified apology for offence caused by his past remarks about Islam, including a 2018 newspaper column in which he referred to women wearing burqas as "going around looking like letterboxes" and likened their appearance to bank robbers. A report in 2019 found that Islamophobic incidents rose by 375 percent the week after Boris Johnson's article, with 42 percent of reported racist abuse in the streets of the UK directly referencing his language.

"His (Boris Johnson) comments had a profound effect, and a damaging effect on Muslim women, and specifically towards Muslim women in veil," says Rabina.

"It is really important for politicians to be careful the way they depict Muslim women, and people of faith, whether they are Hindus, Sikhs, Christians or Jews, they have got to be careful because by demonising people, you push people back and not with you.

"There are 3.3 million Muslims living in the UK today, making billions of contributions for the British economy, we are a huge population and we are a big voter sector that should be valued and respected. So whilst I welcome Prime Minister Boris Johnson apologising, I also give credit to the Conservative party, because they were the party in government who introduced Sharia law finance for Muslim communities, so if they have managed to do that, I am sure they can manage to address the Islamophobic behaviour," says Rabina.

For British Muslims and people of colour, hate crimes against minorities have become a new normal in the country. Many have chosen to leave the United Kingdom as it has become "too dangerous to stay". Hate crimes have now been extended to Britain's East and Southeast Asian communities as well, which has seen a 300-percent increase since the UK was placed under its first lockdown due to the coronavirus surge across the country.

These negative characterizations of minority groups in the United Kingdom perpetuates the view that minority groups embody the most extreme 'other' characteristic traits, or that they are a risk to national security due to dangers associated with inherent radicalisation or in the case of Islamophobia, that muslim

voices of resistance are untrustworthy.

Whether it is Islamophobia, Xenophobia, hate crime against different communities or normalization of Islamophobia by politicians in the United Kingdom, all of it raises multiple questions whether they are simply a manifestation of a deeply rooted anti-immigrant and anti-refugee sentiment in British politics.

If so, then it is high time Britain changes its political culture and discourse and moves towards becoming an inclusive society that it was, atleast until a few years ago.

Prejudices, biases and political underrepresentation of ethnic minorities have often been used as a political tool during elections, but a government's progress or a political leaders progress is determined not just based on apologies issued for 'past comments on Islam', but on the overarching actions taken to ensure equality, inclusivity and mechanisms put in place to protect against such attacks or statements in the future, which should be considered not just offensive, but also an offence.

Britain must fix its Anti-muslim sentiment problem and do it without othering the community and it's people.

As Rabina says, "double standard is a structural inequality that perpetuates bigotry, racism and Islamophobia."

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# CAPITAL RADIO

# RATIBA YA VIPINDI JUMATATU - JUMAPILI

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# Youth have role to ensure sustainable blood supply

By Pereruan Kenana

WORLD Blood Donor Day is a time when the world comes together to celebrate blood donors and create greater awareness on the need for safe sustainable blood and blood products for transfusion and on the critical contribution voluntary, unpaid blood donors make to national health systems.

This year, the day is being marked under the theme 'Give Blood and keep the world beating with a special focus on the youth and their role in ensuring sustainable blood supply globally and especially in developing countries in Africa. Safe blood products and their transfusion are a critical aspect of care and public health. They save millions of lives and improve the health and quality of life of many patients every day. The need for blood is universal, but access to blood for all those who need it is not.

In sub-Saharan Africa too many people, especially young children and mothers, continue to die each day due to the unavailability of blood. One of the biggest challenges is the accessibility of safe and adequate quantities of blood and blood products. Communities in Africa face several enduring challenges: chronic blood shortages, high prevalence of transfusion-transmissible infections (TTIs), recruitment and retention of voluntary nonremunerated donors, family replacement and commercial blood donation.

Additionally, the COVID-19 pandemic has seen blood donations affected. School closures have brought to the limelight that the overreliance of school-going children for blood donation is not sustainable and this has significantly affected blood supply. And, fear of infection has meant people have stayed away from health facilities. This means that most countries are already operating on a shortfall.

Addressing these challenges should be a central priority for most blood transfusion services, particularly in Sub-Saharan African countries, to ensure the uninterrupted supply of safe blood and blood products. These can only be addressed if people develop a culture of blood donation, especially while they are still young. There is a need to devise more sustainable solutions to encourage more young people to become regular non-remunerated blood donors on the continent.

Data from the United Nations' World Population Prospects 2019, is a stark reminder of Africa's youthful population. Almost 60% of Africa's population is under the age of 25, making Africa the world's youngest continent. And the numbers are set to grow. The creativity and innovation



networking and just speaking their language. There is also a need to bring the youth to the heart of policy discussions on matters of blood. They are the future of the continent and getting their buy-in now, can ensure that the challenge of blood can significantly be addressed/minimized in future.

The Coalition of Blood for Africa brings together a multitude of public, private and community organizations from across the world with the goal of saving lives by making blood accessible, sustainable and safe across Africa. In this context, it is of paramount importance to recruit and retain young voluntary non-remunerated blood donors, that provides the safest possible blood for use in health facilities wherever and whenever it is needed.

There has never been a better time than now to rethink and find more sustainable solutions to blood donation in the continent. The youth are full of enthusiasm, creativity and idealism and we need to tap into their potential and put them in the driver's seat in steering the culture of blood in Africa. Countries like Zimbabwe have been able to tap into the youth population through Pledge 25 and they are now able to collect more blood. More African countries have an opportunity to emulate these examples. Innovative ways to recruit and retain these young donors also need to be devised.

The future of Africa is our youth and the health and wealth of the continent is dependent on their involvement. Sustainable, safe and accessible blood supply will only be achievable when the youth are involved. This World Blood Donor Day young people are called to register and be regular blood donors and be ambassadors of blood wherever they are. You can save a mother, a child or just a relative or friend by a simple act of blood donation. Let us change the culture and Give Blood.

**Pereruan Kenana (pictured) is a communication expert and the Communication Lead for the Coalition of Blood for Africa Secretariat.**

of the continent's youthful population can play a key role in addressing some of the pressing challenges facing the continent, especially in the health sector such as access to blood.

Most blood and health campaigns are generic and tired, there is a need to develop campaigns and solutions that are targeted at young people. There is an opportunity to reach them through platforms they consume most, such as social media, music, peer to peer

# Sunflower farming: Boosting Geita town's economy via ESG initiatives

By Guardian

Correspondent, Geita

A SHORT drive north of Geita town takes you into the Kasota village and there lies the rural village of Bugurura, where for many years the majority of its residents have depended solely on incomes generated from agriculture. This community uses their smallholdings to mostly to cultivate maize, cassava, groundnuts and keep livestock.

All this changed in 2015 when there was a seismic shift in the crops grown, all brought by Geita Gold Mining Limited (GGML) following a special capacity building program as part of the mine's environmental social and governance (ESG) initiatives in the area to impart knowledge and best practices to small-scale farmers, leading to the introduction of sunflower farming under technical support by the Cholima Agriculture Institute—an agriculture research organization engaged by GGML.

The last six years have seen a positive change in fortunes for the farming communities around AngloGold Ashanti's Geita Mine. At an initial meeting held with villagers, Saakumi Makungu, a sunflower farmer at Kasota and chairman of the Nyabusakama cooperative society that incorporates smallholder farmers in rice and sunflower from the five villages namely Nyakabale, Bugurura, Saragulwa, Kasota and Manga.

Makungu reveals: "Sunflower crop had not yet been introduced in this area however, after meeting the GGML and Cholima officials, things completely changed as the

research showed that sunflower farming was favourable."

The findings shared at the meeting generated a lot of interest and led to the formation of Nyabusakama cooperative society, attracting over 100 members not only from Bugurura but also neighbouring Saragurwa, Kasota and Manga villages.

Makungu further explains that varieties of zebra and record seeds have yielded wonderful results, producing between 12 and 18 litres of sunflower oil per 100 kilogrammes of sunflower seeds. The results have been astounding, during the 2019/2020 season, the NYABUSAKAMA cooperative society cultivated 102 acres of sunflower producing 9,200 kilogrammes with 100 kilogrammes of sunflower seeds yielding 20 litres of sunflower oil, and one litre of sunflower oil being sold at 4,400/-.

With the demand for edible oil growing exponentially, the future for these

farmers supported by GGML is bright.

GGML has supported Nyabusakama with two oil producing factory machines with capacity to process sunflower seeds at a very high speed.

"One machine processes the sunflower plant to get the seed and the second machine processes the seed to get the sunflower oil as its end product. The process only takes 25 minutes for 600 kilogrammes of sunflower seeds," explains Makungu.

The group markets its oil products within the Geita community where they sell a five-litre container for 22,000/-.

"This has helped me and other members of the cooperative to earn more income. Personally, I have now increased my income such to the extent I have started a poultry project. Income from the sunflower and the poultry projects helps me a lot. I am able to send my children to good schools, thanks to our neighbour GGML," he testifies.

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)**  
**DEVELOPMENT OF MONITORING AND EVALUATION PLATFORM**  
**RFP NO. [TAHA/CONS/012/2021]**  
**ISSUE DATE: 16.06.2021**  
**CLOSING DATE: 28.06.2021 AT 05.00 P.M EAT**

**Section A: About TAHA**

The Tanzania Horticultural Association (TAHA) is an apex private sector member-based organization that advocates for the growth and competitiveness of the horticultural industry in Tanzania. Since its inception in 2004, TAHA has been an effective voicing platform for producers, traders, exporters and processors of horticultural products mainly; flowers, fruits, vegetables, horticultural seeds, spices and tubers.

**Overview of the assignment**

TAHA has set aside funds to develop a MEAL platform with an android app that will facilitate TAHA MEAL's projects activities and meet all stakeholder's demand. The platform intends to monitor, evaluate all MEAL project activities from which will improve the accountability and learnings. The MEAL platform will also be required to include respective strategic plan pillars.

**SECTION B: Bidders Instructions**

Interested eligible bidders are invited to confirm their intention to bid and request for a detailed Request for Proposal (RFP) containing "all necessary instruction". Interested bidders can send their intent to [procurement@taha.or.tz](mailto:procurement@taha.or.tz). Please identify the name of the company, phone number and email address of the person who will serve as the key contact for all correspondence.



## REQUEST FOR SQUOTATION

**RFQ Title: Supply of Business Startup Kits to Caregivers**

**RFQ Number: 2021-K06/01**

**Date of Solicitation: 16th June 2021**

**Closing Date: Monday, 29th June 2021, 11:00am (Dar es Salaam, Tanzania)**

**Submission Date and Time: 29th June 2021**

**Questions and Clarifications: Due by 18th June 2021**

**Estimated Delivery/ Performance Date: 31st July 2021**

Pact Inc. is an international non-profit organization with its headquarters in Washington, D.C. Pact serves communities challenged by poverty and marginalization because we envision a world where everyone owns their future. To do this, we build systemic solutions in partnership with local organizations, businesses, and government. Our goal is thriving and resilient communities where those we serve are heard, capable, and vibrant.

USAID Kizazi Kipya Project collaborates with the Government of Tanzania and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to implement Economic Strengthening (ES) interventions. These interventions aim to ensure that parents and caregivers have financial resources to meet needs of vulnerable children and adolescents. This is through increasing Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) households' capacity to cope with effects of various risks that they face and thereby improve their resiliency to future shocks. Kizazi Kipya's ES interventions include linkage to provisional support for destitute households, establishment and management of savings and lending groups for OVC caregivers (currently, we have 9476 WORTH Yetu groups with 167,109 members), linkage to technical and business skills trainings, provision of business startup kits to most needy households and linkage of producers with markets for their products. In 2021, Pact Tanzania will provide business startup kits to 1,432 individual caregivers of under five Children Living with HIV (CLHIV) and 2 WORTH Yetu groups.

Pact Tanzania now invites quotes from eligible vendors to supply business startup kits for caregivers in targeted councils. Below is the list of lots to be supplied and distributed: -

**Lot1. Food Vending Kits.**

Spoons, cups, bowls, charcoal stoves, sauce pans, plastic tables, plastic chairs, gas cookers, marble plates, food vacuum flasks (hot pots), blenders, water glasses, freezers, beam balance, knives, tea can, vacuum flask (thermos), jaba, hammered iron frying bowl, iron sieve (oil drain rack), frying skimmer, fire shovel, spaghetti making machine, buckets, cool box, jug, gritter, frying pan, plastic drum, basin, chopping board, juice machine, bids curtain, plastic dish shelf (dish draining rack), plastic square plate, steel barrel, patio umbrella, wooden spoon, legume grinder, saving spoons, and refrigerator.

**Lot2. Agriculture/ Horticulture Items**

Flour processing machine, water pump, hoe, lake, water can, gumboot, sprayer pump, matches, axe, plough, chicken cage, incubator, chicken feeder, egg tray, spade, and solar panel.

**Lot3. Handcraft, Metal works, and Petty Trade Kit**

Welding machine, bicycle, soap making materials, shoe brush, shoe rack, bar soap mould, metal drum, liquid soap making machine, shoe polish, manila thread, and shoe glue.

Interested vendors should request for the full Terms of Reference (ToR) through email to [ProcurementTZ@pactworld.org](mailto:ProcurementTZ@pactworld.org) before **Tuesday 22nd June 2021**.

Interested and eligible vendor should deliver their quotation to:

**The Tender Committee**  
**Pact Tanzania**  
**74 Uporoto Street, Victoria**  
**P. O. Box 6348, Dar es salaam, Tanzania**

All quotes must be in Tanzanian Shillings and enclosed in a plain sealed envelope. The deadline is 11am EAT **Tuesday 29th June 2021**. Pact will open all bids on **Monday 29th June 2021 at 11.30am** in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend. The Bidders' representatives who are present shall sign a register evidencing their attendance.

**Please note:**

1. Late or incomplete bids will not be accepted.
2. The quote that complies with all the specifications/requirements and offers value for money, as well as all other evaluation criteria indicated in the ToR shall be selected.
3. Pact may cancel solicitation and not award.
4. Pact may reject any or all responses received.
5. Issuance of request for quotes does not constitute a contract commitment by Pact.
6. Pact reserves the right to disqualify any offer based on offeror failure to follow the solicitation instructions.
7. Pact reserves the right to waive minor proposal deficiencies that can be corrected prior to award determination to promote competition.
8. Pact will be contacting all offerors to confirm contact person, address and that the proposal was submitted for this solicitation.



# Terrorism, violence in Côte d'Ivoire spark fears of home-grown extremism

By William Assanvo

SEVERAL attacks in Côte d'Ivoire along the border with Burkina Faso claimed the lives of six Ivorian soldiers in the past three months. Five others were injured. These incidents have heightened fears of violent extremism spreading in the country.

Ivorian authorities attribute the assaults to a group linked to Katiba Macina, affiliated with the Jam'ah Nusrat al-Islam wal-Muslimin (Group for the Support of Islam and Muslims).

On the night of 7 June, armed fighters attacked the town of Tougbo (see map). A month earlier, Bolé was stormed, with attackers accusing residents of being informants for the Ivorian security forces. In March, armed forces in Kafolo and a gendarmerie post in Kolobougou were targeted.

On 1 April, a vehicle struck an improvised explosive device on the road between Nassian and Kafolo. This is the first time such an incident has been reported in the country. On 12 April, a liaison vehicle of the national gendarmerie was similarly attacked on the same road.

These incidents aren't exhaustive and probably reflect the worst manifestations of the threat. And although the number of attacks to date is relatively small, it shows extremist groups' intention and ability to target Côte d'Ivoire.

The country needs to prepare for sporadic attacks on its defence and security forces and reprisals against civilians suspected of collaborating with them. Communities who resist extremist groups' efforts to embed among the locals will likely also be targeted.

The threat of violent extremism in Côte d'Ivoire is perceived mainly as external. Attacks are believed to be perpetrated by individuals from Burkina Faso, who take advantage of the border's porosity. However, several incidents have occurred far from the border, suggesting that individuals linked to extremist groups are present in Ivorian territory.

Although people from neighbouring countries are suspected of providing the groups with information, logistics and financial resources, they are well integrated into the socio-economic fabric of Ivorian communities.

The government of Côte d'Ivoire should avoid the mistake made by other countries in the region of seeing the threat only as an external problem. Violent extremism is usually a result of both external and domestic dynamics. Extremists exploit vulnerabilities such as local conflicts, governance deficits, security gaps and illicit activities to become integrated into communities, recruit members and raise funds.

Northern Côte d'Ivoire is not exempt from such weaknesses. Extremists take advantage of recurring conflicts between herders and farmers over access to grazing land and water, and tensions over crop destruction by livestock. The resentment felt by ex-fighters who believe they never benefited from reintegration programmes is also exploited.

Extremists take advantage of the difficult conditions under which border communities live. They recruit with promises of financial and material reward, and promote illegal hunting or gold mining with the offer of protection services in return for support.

To stop extremists from deepening their roots in Côte d'Ivoire, cohesion within and between communities needs to be strengthened. Conflict resolution mechanisms should be reinforced, whether through local chiefs, the gendarmerie or the justice system. And relations between communities and government officials must improve.

Attacks shouldn't be the sole measure of the violent extremist threat. Côte d'Ivoire could, for example, become a supply source for extremists – in terms of financing, operations and members. Strategies would then be needed that disrupt the group's supply chain

and deprive them of these resources.

Already illegal artisanal gold mining, cattle rustling, smuggling stolen motorcycles and rural banditry (highway robbery) in the country's north deserve special government attention. Success here would stifle extremist groups' ability to further their aims.

Ivorian authorities acknowledge the terror threat, and several measures have been taken over the past six years, particularly from a security perspective. More soldiers were deployed in the north after the first attack recorded in Kafolo in June 2020. In April, 'cross-border terrorism' was one of the priorities discussed as part of the government's 2021 work plan. It remains to be seen how this will translate in practice.

Côte d'Ivoire's ability to contain the spread of violent extremism will depend on Burkina Faso and Mali's actions in their respective border areas. Better cooperation on security and border management with these countries and with Ghana will be instrumental in containing the threat.

Ivorian authorities also need to earn the trust and respect of their border communities, many of whom feel neglected. People in



A map of northeast Côte d'Ivoire, showing towns close to the border with Burkina Faso.

these borderlands endure poor living conditions and lack health and education services, economic opportunities and security. Improving living conditions will reaffirm the state's relevance and authority.

Locals must also be involved in finding ways to contain the threat of violent extremism. The government needs to appreciate the risk communities face of being caught between the actions of security forces on the

one hand and extremists on the other. It is not inevitable that Côte d'Ivoire will follow the same trajectory as other countries in the region such as Burkina Faso, but the risk shouldn't be underestimated. DM



Several incidents have occurred within Côte d'Ivoire, far from the border of Burkina Faso, suggesting that individuals linked to extremist groups are present in Ivorian territory. In Benin and Togo terrorism is widely perceived as an external threat.

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## INVITATION

# NMB chief lures contractors with affordable, easily available loans

By Guardian Reporter, Mwanza

CONTRACTORS implementing medium and long term state infrastructure projects have been invited to apply for loans so that they can finish their assignment on schedule.

NMB Bank Plc's CEO, Ruth Zaipuna told journalists yesterday soon after President Samia Suluhu Hassan laid

a foundation stone for the Mwanza to Shinyanga standard gauge railway, that such loans are readily available because the bank has an agreement with the government.

"As NMB Bank, we are proud to be part of the government's major achievements in economic and social development goals; we will continue to working with the government to



NMB Bank Plc CEO Ruth Zaipuna (2nd-L) inspects an SGR construction site at Fella in Misungwi District, Mwanza Region, after President Samia Suluhu Hassan laid the foundation stone there on Monday. Left is NMB's chief of retail banking, Filbert Mponzi. Photo courtesy of NMB

continue delivering on the economic goals by providing quality and effective products and services," Zaipuna said adding that the SGR line's 341 kilometres from Fella in Mwanza to Isaka in Sinyanga has benefited from the arrangement.

She said the loans and other forms of credit facilities such as bond guarantees and letters of credit are aimed to ensure that the contractors don't delay such projects because of funding bottlenecks. "We have also partnered with foreign companies

to coordinate major projects such as road construction, as well as water infrastructure..., so far we have secured more 200bn/- loan for the SGR line," she added.

The NMB chief revealed that, so far the bank has backed more than 500 local contractors currently undertaking projects at district and regional levels. According to Zaipuna, the NMB has already supported projects by Tanesco, Tanzania Ports Authority and Medical Store Department (MSD) in foreign procurement by issuing letters of credit worth more than 120bn/-.

NMB has also provided 48bn/- in guarantee to many local companies implementing rural electrification projects through Rural Energy Agency. In addition to financial services, NMB is also partnering with the government through Tanzania Railways Corporation to pay compensation to those whose property is included in ongoing railways projects.

The country's most profitable bank with a network of more than 226 branches in more than 95 percent of all administrative districts of the country, is serving more than four million customers.

The Dar es Salaam based which has won several global awards, is listed on Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange since 2008.

## INCENTIVE

# Prof Mkenda urges private sector to invest in fertiliser production

By Correspondent Beatrice Philemon

THE private sector has been invited to invest in artificial fertilizer manufacturing so that the country should stop relying on imports.

Minister for Agriculture, Professor Adolf Mkenda said in Dar es Salaam yesterday after inspecting a fertilizer of-flooding area at Dar es Salaam Port that construction of the fertilizer factory will help boost local production to meet growing demand.

"We invite both local and foreign investors to come and invest in fertilizer factory in Tanzania because as government, we want to increase the use of fertilizer among smallholder farmers," Prof Mkenda said saying the government through Tanzania Investment Centre is offering incentives to the investors.

Prof Mkenda who was accompanied by Tanzania



Agriculture minister Prof Adolf Mkenda.

Fertilizer Regulatory Authority's Executive Director, Dr Stephan Ngailo, commended DSM Corridor Group Limited for investing in fertilizer importing facilities.

"The ministry is currently encouraging investment but also importation to meet current demand because consumption is much higher at over 700,000 metric tons per annum" he noted.

He promised speedy issuance of permits project documents for investors seeking to build the fertilizer factory but also for imports. "We want to help farmers reduce costs of buying fertilizer by ensuring that more

players are in the market to boost competition," the Minister for Agriculture added.

Briefing Prof Mkenda, TFRA's Executive Director, Dr Ngailo said currently the regulatory body has introduced an online system to issue import permits so that more players should join the business.

"Right now it will be easy for importers or suppliers to obtain permits because it only takes 30 minutes online instead of seven days previously," Dr Ngailo noted while adding that manual processing of permits slowed down the process. He said last year, a total of 580,738 tons of fer-

tilizer were imported for domestic use while demand was 586,604 tons.

TPAs Dar Port Director, Elihuruma Lema said because of logistical challenges, fertilizer importers are requesting the government to increase the number of days when consignments can stay in warehouses at the port without storage charges from 21 days to 120 days.

"Currently, after 21 days in TPA warehouse, the fertilizer consignments attract storage charge which contributes to increased prices to farmers," Lema said saying the ports landlord has no legal powers to address the matter.

## IMPRESSIVE

# Nigeria's Paga seeks to become Africa's next tech unicorn

LAGOS

NIGERIA'S biggest mobile payments company is vying to become Africa's next unicorn, and its ambitions now stretch beyond the continent.

Paga, whose backers include US billionaire investor Tim Draper and former Goldman Sachs Group economist Jim O'Neill, boasts 17 million unique users including tech entrepreneurs, businesses, and individuals in Africa's most populous nation.

Modelled after PayPal, it processed \$2.3 billion worth of transactions in 2020 and \$8bn during the past four years, according to Tayo Oviosu, the company's chief executive officer who founded it in 2009. Paga could reach a valuation of at least \$1bn "in the next year or two," Mr Oviosu said in an interview.

Tech unicorns -- startups with a valuation of \$1bn or more -- are less of a rarity in Nigeria as

companies catering to a large unbanked population revolutionise the way people transfer money and pay for goods and services. A crop of firms from Flutterwave to Interswitch has achieved that status. Mr Oviosu, who returned to Nigeria from the US more than a decade ago with a Stanford MBA and experience at companies like Cisco Systems, wouldn't disclose the company's current valuation. But he's already setting his sights outside his home country by looking to expand to Ethiopia and Mexico, where it could similarly facilitate payments for the millions who lack access to banking services. Paga's foray into Ethiopia, Africa's second-most populous nation, is planned for next year.

To expand Paga's reach, the company is counting on what it considers a game-changer of a deal with Visa. The agreement will provide merchant solutions in Nigeria from this month, allow-



Songs managing director Anael Samuel (R) has a word with the Norwegian Ambassador to Tanzania, Elisabeth Jacobsen, during the launch of a '50 Years of Energy Cooperation' report by the embassy in Dar es Salaam recently. Norfund, through Globeleq, is a shareholder in Songs alongside the Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation and state-owned power company Tanesco. Photo courtesy of Songs

ing payments by money transfer and a QR code among others. "It has significant potential to grow our revenue," Mr Oviosu said.

Central to Paga's business is a network of agents who effectively

perform the functions of a bank teller.

Deployed across Nigeria, the company's 27,000 agents are registering new customers for Paga accounts and helping them process payments or put cash into a bank deposit. Paga is also making its programming interface available to tech entrepreneurs for payments while expanding its consumer business through the partnership with Visa.

The West African nation, where 60 million people are among the unbanked, is embracing the boom in fintech that is promoting inclusion through mobile payments. Many startups are concentrated in Yaba, a district in the commercial hub of Lagos that's also attracted the likes of Facebook and Google.

The technology industry is also increasingly in favour with lenders in the economy of Africa's biggest oil producer. The government has similarly taken notice, spending more on tech infrastructure to boost innovation and create jobs.

Given Paga's growing business footprint and the prospects for additional fundraising, Mr Oviosu thinks becoming a unicorn is only a matter of time. "We are focused on making it simple for people to pay, get paid, shop, and sell," he said. "I know the runway to where we are projecting to be from where we are today."

## INTEGRATION

# Intra-Africa trade: Rwandan minister roots for standards harmonisation

KIGALI

MANDATORY national regulations on health, safety, and the environment, as well as market-driven standards might undermine free movement of goods and services on the continent, Rwanda's Minister for Trade and Industry has warned.

Béata Habyarimana was speaking in Kigali during the

opening of a two-day meeting of the Council for the African Organisation for Standardisation (ARSO) on Monday, June 14. The meeting is part of a four-day series of physical and hybrid ARSO General Assembly events, running under theme, "The Beginning of Trade Among the African Countries under the AfCFTA Agreement: Boosting Intra-African Trade Within the Af-

rican Single Market through 'One Standard - One Test - One Certificate - Accepted Everywhere.'

The AfCFTA, or the African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement, is a pan-African trading framework signed in Kigali in 2018. So far, ratified by 27 countries and signed by 54 nations, the AfCFTA is the world's largest free trade zone with a promise to transform

the economic fortunes of a continent of 1.2 billion people and a combined GDP of US\$3.5 trillion.

Habyarimana called on African governments to "strengthen cooperation to achieve the goals of AfCFTA, especially the creation of a single continental market for goods and services, with free movement of business persons and investments."

She said this would pave the way for the acceleration of the establishment of a continental Customs Union. "Harmonisation of the African standards, conformity assessment procedures and technical regulations...leveraging on the benefits of Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRMs) whereby African countries will recognise one another's testing and certification re-

quirements as acceptable, without undertaking further testing or customs inspections will inevitably reduce technical barriers to trade," she said.

The minister said this would help accelerate the benefits of AfCFTA. "Africa stands in a unique position to reap the benefits of economic growth as a dynamic, diversified and competitive economic zone,

a new economic frontier, and an important growth pole," she noted.

The trade minister added: "This requires transformation of African countries into locations of competitive industrial production and prioritisation of sectors with high potential for industrial growth and meaningfully make Africa leapfrog in its industrial development."



## PROMOTION

## Tigo subscribers set to browse internet free for three hours daily for 3 months

By Guardian Reporter

SUBSCRIBERS of Tigo Tanzania services will effectively yesterday browse the internet free of charge between 6-9am daily for the next three months.

The 90 days campaign dubbed, 'Cha asubuhi,' is available to customers who purchase daily, weekly or monthly package. In addition to free megabytes Tigo customers will also get free minutes to call other Tigo clients.

"We are always looking out for innovative ways to reward our active customers and put smiles on their faces, this campaign offers us a good opportunity to connect with new and existing subscribers," said Tigo Tanzania's Chief Commercial Officer, David Umoh.

Umoh said for a daily package, customers will get a bonus of 10 minutes and up to 100 megabytes while weekly package customer, receive 70 minutes and up to 700Mbs and the monthly package customer gets 300 minutes and up to three gigabytes surfing time.

"We believe that most plans are made early in the morning, and since we are keen on meeting the needs of our diverse customer base across the country, this campaign gives early risers and those who prefer to plan their day-to-day undertakings in the morning a boost to jump-start their day," he added.

Seconding Umoh's observation, Tigo Tanzania's Head of Marketing Services, William Mpinga said over the years, the telecommunications company has pioneered many innovations in the market including free Facebook in Kiswahili, smartphones in Kiswahili, among many others.

"Now, with 'Cha asubuhi,' over 12 million Tigo customers will be able to wake up and make free calls, browse the internet, without the worry of having airtime on their phones. This further demonstrates our efforts in being the telco that gives value to customers," Mpinga said.

The campaign will run for 90 days and is open to all new and existing Tigo customers. All the customer needs to do is to subscribe to the package of their choice through Tigo's menu, Tipso Pesa Applications or Tigo's website.



Tigo Tanzania's head of marketing services, William Mpinga (R), speaks in Dar es Salaam yesterday during the launch of 'Cha asubuhi' campaign which will reward subscribers with free airtime and megabytes to browse internet between 6 and 9 am daily. He is with acting chief commercial officer David Umoh. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## PROTECTION

## Kenya shields tourism with restored UK flights

NAIROBI

KENYA has moved to safeguard its tourism sector from further hits by lifting a ban on passenger flights between Nairobi and London ahead of the peak summer season.

In a surprise move, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Wednesday announced the resumption of flights to the UK after nearly a three-month hiatus. This came barely a week after the Kenya Civil Aviation Authority (KCAA) extended the ban for a second time to August 24.

"The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kenya presents its compliments to the British High Commission and has the honour to convey the decision ... to lift all flights restrictions between Kenya and the United Kingdom," read the letter. The arrivals from the UK to Kenya, will, however, be required to self-isolate for seven days and must have a valid Covid-19 negative certificate conducted within 96 hours before travel.

"All passengers irrespective of nationality and residency status coming to Kenya from the United Kingdom, irrespective of their route of travel to Kenya, shall be required to self-isolate upon arrival and take a subsequent test for four days after arrival," the letter added. Kenya banned flights from the UK, effective April 9 in retaliation to a move by the UK to add the country to its travel 'Red List.' The initial freeze on flights on the route was to expire on May 5 but was extended to June 6.



Tourists arrive at Moi International Airport in Mombasa.

The decision by Kenya to restore these flights comes as a boost to Kenya Airways and the hospitality ahead of the main tourism season. Kenya's tourism season traditionally peaks from July to September, coinciding with the country's dry season and the world-renowned migration of wildebeest and zebra through Maasai Mara Game Reserve.

The UK has been a top tourism

source market for Kenya. In 2019, the UK emerged fourth in ranking, tourists who visited having hit 181,484. The tourism sector in Kenya is thirsty for revival after suffering the worst hits by the economic fallout of Covid-19 that curtailed movement.

Data from the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) showed that international arrivals dropped from 1.54 million in 2019 to 439,447

in 2020 after the government banned all local and international flights in March, resulting in low tourist traffic at hotels and animal parks.

The Ministry of Tourism announced that Kenya would lose up to Sh80 billion from tourism last year after an impressive performance in 2019 where the sector earned Sh163.6 billion, a 3.9 percent rise from Sh157.4 billion in

2018.

The Treasury has marked tourism among its priority sectors to drive the revival of the economy—a position that may have informed the decision to restore flights between London and Nairobi. In his 2021/2022 budget, Treasury Cabinet Secretary Ukur Yatani handed Sh2.3 billion to the tourism sector to help it recover from an economic fallout caused by the coronavirus.

He allocated Sh1.7 billion to the Tourism Fund and Sh643 million to the Tourism Promotion Fund to help lift the sector battered by the effects of the pandemic. Apart from hitting tourism and air travel, the travel blockades had raised concerns over negative effects on trade and bilateral ties such as military co-operation between the two countries.

Kenya is engaged in talks for a critical new bilateral trade deal with the UK post-Brexit, hoping to cushion its economy after partner States of the East African Community (EAC) failed to conclude an Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) with the EU. Only Kenya signed and ratified the deal.

Until the end of the Brexit transition period, Kenya enjoyed duty-free and quota-free access to the UK's markets through the EU's Market Access Regulation (MAR). As the UK did not replicate the MAR at the end of the transition period, Kenya would have faced an increase in tariffs without a trade agreement or other measures in place.

## CONCERN

## Cobalt 'bubble' will burst, says Ivanhoe Mines exec in the DR Congo - Watum

KINSHANSA

THE demand for cobalt is a bubble that will burst as new battery technology reduces the need for the metal, according to the head of the chamber of mines in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Congo holds more than half the world's cobalt reserves, but the market's negative perception of the central African nation's business climate means companies will soon find alternative ways to create the power needed for the green energy revolution, Louis Watum of the Federation des Entreprises du Congo told a virtual conference on Monday.

"I'm not a fan of cobalt," said Watum, who is also an executive at Ivanhoe Mines Ltd. and previously ran their Congo operations. "Cobalt is a bubble that is going to burst." Watum suggested investors focus instead on Congo's copper, which he said has stronger fundamentals because of upcoming infrastructure expansion around the globe. Ivanhoe just started its Kamoakakula copper project, which could become one of the world's largest. Unlike many other copper mines in Congo, it won't produce cobalt.

Watum urged Congo's government to guarantee investors more stability and to invest in energy and transportation infrastructure that will lower production costs for miners. Copper production in Congo currently costs about the same as in places like Chile or Peru, where mineral grades are a small fraction of those in the central African country, Watum said.

Fastmarkets quoted cobalt prices at \$20.33 per pound on Friday, about \$1.10 below its five-year average and well below the \$44 it fetched in April 2018, though up 30% in the year-to-date. Copper is trading near an all-time high on the London Metal Exchange.

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## FALLOUT

## Nigeria's Twitter ban leaves some businesses in the lurch

LAGOS

LAGOS-BASED entrepreneur Ogechi Egemonu was selling more than 500,000 Nairas worth of watches, shoes and handbags on Twitter per week. Now, with the site suspended by the Nigerian government, Egemonu does not know how she will cope.

"Social media is where I eat," she told Reuters. "I depend on social media for my livelihood." Scores of small and medium-sized businesses across Africa's most populous nation - and largest economy - are reeling from the indefinite suspension of the social media site.

Nigeria announced the suspension on 4 June, days after the platform removed a post from President Muhammadu Buhari that threatened to punish regional separatists. Most telecommuni-

cations sites have since blocked access.

NOI Polls estimates that 39.6 million Nigerians use Twitter - 20% of them for business advertisement and 18% to look for employment.

Experts warn its lack of ready availability - it is accessible using Virtual Private Networks that mask location - could ripple across the economy.

"The ban has significant collateral damage," said Muda Yusuf, director-general of the Lagos Chamber of Commerce, who said that a "sizeable number of citizens" use Twitter to make a living. Parliament's minority caucus warned the suspension was costing Nigerians "billions of naira on a daily basis."

Dumebi Iyeke, a research analyst with the Financial Derivatives Company, said it would hit



Lagos-based entrepreneur Ogechi Egemonu opens the Twitter app on a smartphone at her office in Nigeria's commercial capital this June 10.

young Nigerians - among whom there is a 45% unemployment rate - the hardest. "We are looking at a potential loss in their revenue," Iyeke said, adding that it

could further lower living standards amid high inflation.

Information Minister Lai Mohammed last week said that all social media sites must register

a local entity and get a license to operate. He cited complaints about lost money as proof that the ban was effective, but said other sites are still available.



CENSURE

# India to speed up Amazon and Flipkart antitrust probe amid rising tensions with Big Tech

NEW DELHI

INDIA'S antitrust watchdog plans to expedite a restarted probe into allegations of anti-competitive behaviour at Amazon and Walmart's Flipkart, as it intensifies scrutiny of Big Tech firms, two sources said.

The comments come as major US technology firms including Twitter and Facebook are at loggerheads with the government over issues such as data privacy bills and policies that some industry executives have termed protectionist.

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) initiated a probe in January last year on the basis of a complaint alleging Amazon and Flipkart promoted select sellers on their e-commerce platforms and that deep discounts stifled competition.

The companies have denied wrongdoing. Near-immediate legal challenges from the pair stalled the probe for over a year until a court last week allowed it to resume, having dismissed arguments that the CCI lacked evidence.

INNOVATION

## Google overhauls Workspace to better compete with Microsoft

NEW YORK

GOOGLE has revealed a raft of updates to its Workspace productivity suite, including new features for free users, a paid plan for entrepreneurs and fresh capabilities for its Meet videoconferencing system, in an effort to better compete with Microsoft's products.

One of the moves, dubbed Workspace for Everyone, will extend the collaboration tools that corporate users receive to non-paying consumers, the company said on Monday in a series of blog posts. Google will also offer a tier called Workspace Individual designed for entrepreneurs, which extends premium features of the software to small businesses, and it has upgraded Meet for a hybrid work future, in which some employees attend meetings in the office and others from home.

The effort helps "make the location of work less relevant, assists in the idea that people should be able to work and do what they need to do regardless of where they are and the device they're using," Javier Soltero, vice president and GM of Google Workspace, said in an interview.

Workspace, which includes the popular e-mail service Gmail, is now used by more than three billion users, Google said. Still, not all of its component applications are equally popular. For more than a year, the Internet giant has loaded Meet with more features to catch up to video-conferencing leader Zoom Video Communications. Google also lags behind in workplace collaboration and chat tools, a space where Microsoft Teams and Slack Technologies have excelled. Google's announcements demonstrate an ambition to be dominant in these markets among workers, students and consumers.

Subscriptions

Google has long sought ways to diversify its revenue, 80% of which came from advertising in 2020. The lion's share of sales are generated by its popular online services, including search, Maps and YouTube. The company is trying to translate its popularity among free Workspace users into more subscription revenue from small businesses and large enterprises.

Google will let everyone use Chat, its alternative to Teams and Slack, which had been available only for paying customers. While the app is currently subdivided into "Rooms" where individuals message one another, they will be replaced by "Spaces" later this winter. Spaces will become a communications hub, where groups of users can e-mail, instant message, begin a Meet call, and collaborate on documents and spreadsheets.

Workspace Individual is an attempt to further monetise the productivity suite that competes against Microsoft's 365 software line-up. At a cost of US\$9.99/month, users will receive personalised e-mail marketing, smart booking services and other features previously available only to large companies.

Meet will offer a "Companion Mode" starting in September, which lets workers attending a meeting in an office log into the video conference through a second device, so they can take part in polls, chats and question-and-answer sessions. The idea is to create parity between those in the physical conference room and their colleagues who are logged in remotely.

In an effort to bolster digital security, Google will offer customers client-side encryption. They'll be able to shield their data with encryption keys they possess, making the information indecipherable to Google and others.



Competition Commission of India chairman Ashok Kumar Gupta.

Though Amazon and Flipkart are likely to appeal, the CCI plans to demand information from them related to the allegations "as quickly as possible", a source said. The investigation "will be expedited," the source said. Such investigations in India typically

take months to complete. Amazon declined to comment. Flipkart and the CCI did not respond to requests for comment.

The CCI is speeding up all cases involving big technology firms, including assigning additional officers for some cases and work-

ing to more stringent internal deadlines, sources familiar with the watchdog's thinking said. "Cases involving digital firms are getting a priority at CCI as they can have significant impact on the economy and Indian start-ups," a source said.

Last year, the CCI began reviewing allegations of Google abusing the position of its Android operating system in the smart TV market, and is likely to soon order a comprehensive anti-trust investigation, according to the sources. Google declined to comment.

Such a probe would be the third against Google, with the Alphabet unit already battling cases relating to Android as well as its payments app. The CCI is also investigating practices at MakeMyTrip and privacy policy changes at Facebook's WhatsApp.

The probe into Amazon and Flipkart is restarting at a time when both are battling accusations from offline retailers that their complex business structures allow them to circumvent foreign investment rules for e-commerce. In February, a Reuters investigation based on Amazon documents showed the e-retailer for years gave preferential treatment to a small group of sellers on its Indian platform. While arguing to restart the probe, the CCI told a court in Karnataka state that the Reuters report corroborated evidence. Amazon, which has said it "does not give preferential treatment to any seller," told the court it disagreed with the report.

The antitrust body will examine the report and could use it as part of its investigation, a source said. "The CCI's plan to move faster on such cases is in line with other antitrust regulators globally that are investigating digital markets like e-commerce and online search, which are dynamic and evolving fast," said an Indian antitrust lawyer who represents tech firms.

ITV PGM SCHEDULE			
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8:00	Al Jazeera	17:00	The Base
9:00	Watoto wetu	18:10	Abuu yiko rpt
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10:30	Mjuzi Zaidi rpt	18:45	Kipindi Maalum: TPDC
11:15	Chetu ni chetu rpt	19:00	Alya ya jami
12:00	Hawavumi lakini wamo	19:30	Soap: Uzalo
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21:30	Art and lifestyle	6:40	Kumekucha
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# Kremlin: Deals at Putin-Biden summit unlikely but talks useful



This combo photo shows US President Joe Biden (left) and Russian President Vladimir Putin. (PHOTOS / XINHUA)

nothing has changed. Biden will arrive, everything is OK," he said.

As planned, the first meeting between President Vladimir Putin and President Joe Biden will start at 1:00 pm local time (2 pm Moscow time) on June 16, Ushakov said, adding that irrespective of whether the sides will manage to agree on a final statement, "the meeting will obviously be useful anyway."

Putin spoke over the phone with Biden twice in 2021 – on January 26 and April 13, the aide said. Previously the Russian president met Biden when the latter was vice president of the United States in 2011.

"That was their first and last – by Wednesday (June 16) – meet-

ing," he said, noting that another meeting was held in a video format when both presidents participated in an online summit on climate in April 2021.

"The Geneva meeting was initiated by the Americans, particularly, during the telephone talk on April 13," Kremlin aide said. "Biden put forward the idea, then we started developing it," he said, adding that the American side initially offered a meeting in one of the European countries, considering that Biden was going to Britain, and later – to Brussels.

"They wanted to embrace the opportunity of this Biden's trip to hold the first summit with us, and we welcomed that," Ushakov said.

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## MOSCOW

THE issue of the possible signing of final documents at the Russia-US summit has not been solved yet, Russian Presidential Aide Yuri Ushakov told reporters, adding that the US Department of State is still holding consultations on the matter.

"What is most important, and it was not easy either, the agenda of the summit has been agreed on, we even discussed the order of issues that the leaders will focus on beforehand. Currently, only one issue remains unagreed, it concerns final documents and the

final document of the summit. In this respect, our colleagues from the Foreign Ministry are holding negotiations," he said.

There is still some time left, though not much, "the documents issue will be finally solved by the end of the day" on Tuesday, Ushakov noted.

On Monday, ahead of the summit, Presidential Aide had a telephone conversation with US National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan. "All agreements reached on the format, the agenda, we negotiated them in the past ten days, those agreements remain in force,

## Achievements of CPC-led China show advantages of socialism, Russian communist leader says

### MOSCOW

THE Communist Party of China (CPC) has led the country to tremendous successes, demonstrating to the world the great advantages of the socialist path of development, the leader of Russia's communist party Genady Zyuganov has said.

Zyuganov (pictured), chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation (CPRF), congratulated the CPC on its upcoming 100th founding anniversary on July 1, in a recent written interview with Xinhua.

"The CPC is celebrating its 100th anniversary after a glorious journey," Zyuganov said, adding that the CPC understands the deepest aspirations of the people, protects their interests and has paved the way to the nation's great rejuvenation.

"Owing to the selfless efforts of the CPC members and the working people, China has become a dynamically developing country, a model for the rest of the world," said the Russian politician.

Modern China masters scientific knowledge and new technologies, Zyuganov noted. And



more importantly, China has set an example on how to combine economic and social progress.

"The entire population benefits from the outcome of this development rather than a small group of people," he said.

Zyuganov said that China has

effectively controlled the COVID-19 pandemic "in a record time," and meanwhile, has maintained the vitality of economic development and completed the important task of eradicating absolute poverty.

"We are happy with China's remarkable achievements," he said.

Having put forward the idea of building a community with a shared future for mankind, China is becoming "a center of gravity" for all people worldwide that are striving for social progress, Zyuganov said.

In his view, countries partici-

pating in cooperation under the China-proposed Belt and Road Initiative have boosted their economic development and fostered deeper ties with China.

Zyuganov also noted that the relations between the CPRF and the CPC have reached a very high level.

"Our parties are focusing on building a just socialist society and see communism as the ultimate goal," which lays a solid foundation for cooperation between the two parties and for the fulfillment of tasks facing China and Russia, he said.

Xinhua

## 33,000 children in Tigray facing imminent death - UNICEF

### UNITED NATIONS

AT least 33,000 severely malnourished children in Ethiopia's battle-scarred Tigray region face imminent death without immediate help, the head of the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) warned on Monday.

Henrietta Fore, UNICEF executive director, said the fund estimates 56,000 children under the age of 5 need treatment for severe acute malnutrition, and in parts of Ethiopia's northernmost Tigray region inaccessible to humanitarian workers, the 33,000 children without aid will die.

"These children are among more than 2.2 million in northern Ethiopia who are acutely food insecure, including at least 140,000 in Tigray who are already facing famine-like conditions," she said in a statement.

"In the last month alone, we have seen a four-fold increase in weekly admissions of children for treatment of severe acute malnutrition."

The region has reached

the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification of Level 5: "Catastrophe/Famine" after seven months of conflict between government troops and Tigray forces. Humanitarian workers complained for months of the lack of access to help the needy.

"These developments could lead to outbreaks of disease, putting malnourished children at even greater risk of death," Fore said. "Sites hosting displaced children and families are especially vulnerable to disease transmission because of overcrowded and unsanitary conditions."

While already a catastrophe, she said the situation could deteriorate further as food insecurity worsens over the coming months and crops cannot be planted.

Last week it was reported some harvests in Tigray were being looted and even set on fire.

"Our aim is to reach every child across the region with critical health, nutrition, water, sanitation, education, and pro-



A displaced woman and child from Western Tigray speak as they collect water from a tank at the school where they are sheltering in Tigray's capital Mekele on Feb 24, 2021. (AFP)

tection services," the UNICEF chief said. "This includes working with our partners so that all severely malnourished chil-

dren get lifesaving treatment before it is too late." "But, we urgently need strengthened funding support from donors

as we expand our critical programs for children over the coming months to reach all those in need," Fore said.

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## World Bank, AU join hands to deploy vaccines for 400 million Africans

### ADDIS ABABA

THE World Bank (WB) and the African Union (AU)'s COVID-19 Africa Vaccine Acquisition Task Team (AVATT) have announced a decision to work together to deploy vaccines for 400 million Africans.

This comes after the president of the World Bank, David Malpass, met with the AVATT to discuss ways to accelerate vaccine deployment to Africa, according to a joint statement by the UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA). The AVATT had previously secured up to 400 million doses of the Johnson & Johnson single-shot COVID-19 vaccine with the support of the African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank).

The WB and the AVATT stressed the importance that countries get sufficient doses as quickly as possible and in an affordable way, according to the statement. COVID-19 vaccines are critical for achieving the goal of vaccinating at least 60 percent of Africans, said John Nkengasong, the director of the African Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) and member of the AVATT.

Benedict Oramah, the president of Afreximbank, said his bank, by providing a 2-billion-U.S.-dollar guarantee on behalf of the AU member states, was able to help put Africa in a negotiating position with producers in negotiating vaccine procurement. Under the AVATT structure, AU member states are allocated vaccines according to the size of their populations through a pooled procurement mechanism.

Once vaccines arrive across Africa, additional efforts will be required to support their deployment, which includes in-country distribution (logistics and storage in line with the cold-chain requirements), securing the required systems, capacities and capabilities for vaccination. As of Monday evening, the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Africa had reached 5,049,036, with 134,818 deaths and 4,524,651 recoveries, according to the Africa CDC.

African countries have so far acquired around 54.9 million COVID-19 vaccines, which may cover about 2.1 percent of the population at the continental level, the Africa CDC said. Some 35.9 million COVID-19 doses have been administered continent-wide, accounting for about 65 percent of the total supply available in Africa. With minimal access to COVID-19 vaccines across the continent, latest figures show that only around 0.6 percent of Africa's population have received a full vaccine regimen.

## EU, US agree to five-year truce in Boeing-Airbus trade dispute

### BY BLOOMBERG

THE US and the European Union agreed to extend a tariff truce for five years, parking a dispute over aircraft subsidies given to Airbus SE and Boeing Co. that saw the allies impose duties on US\$11.5 billion of each other's exports.

US Trade Representative Katherine Tai, speaking to reporters in Brussels on Tuesday, said the tariffs would remain suspended as long as the terms of the agreement are upheld and while they work on addressing issues including outstanding subsidies already paid.

The accord turns the page on a key conflict in former US President Donald Trump's trade war and sets the stage for a new era of transatlantic cooperation over state aid.

"Today's announcement resolves a long standing trade irritant in the US-EU relationship," Tai said. "We have also with the EU agreed to clear statements on acceptable support for large civil aircraft producers and a cooperative process to address that support between our two parties."

The European Commission spent Monday night discussing the accord with member states to get the deal over the line before an EU-US summit in Brussels with US President Joe Biden, according to EU officials familiar with the deliberations. The allies will also vow to end a separate dispute over steel and aluminum, in a sign of progress in resetting the relationship.

Under the Airbus-Boeing deal, all future passenger aircraft will be required to be developed without subsidies, the officials said.

"This really opens a new chapter in our relationship because we move from litigation to cooperation on aircraft," European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said in a statement. "Today we have delivered."

Shares of Airbus, based in Toulouse, France, advanced 0.9 percent as of 12:43 pm in Paris, bringing this year's gain to 27 percent. Chicago-based Boeing shares were up 0.7 percent ahead of regular US trading. They have risen 15 percent year-to-date.

The feud dates back to 2004, when the US lodged a legal case at the World Trade Organization against the EU over member-state support to Airbus for commercial aircraft development.

A parallel case opened by the bloc argued that Boeing benefited from US subsidies as well as space and military contracts, which defrayed the cost of civilian aircraft development.

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## China's successful development experience inspiring for other countries - former Greek Foreign Minister

CHINA'S successful development experience is inspiring for other countries as it has made absolute poverty a thing in the past, said former Greek Foreign Affairs Minister George Katrougalos in a recent interview with People's Daily.

Katrougalos, who's also the Shadow Minister of Foreign Affairs from the main opposition SYRIZA Party, said he read news about China almost every day, and learned that Chinese President Xi Jinping announced China's eradica-

tion of absolute poverty on a grand gathering to mark the country's poverty alleviation accomplishments and honor model poverty fighters in February this year.

The Communist Party of China (CPC) adheres to a people-centered philosophy, and strives to deliver reform and development outcomes to all Chinese people in a fair way, the Greek politician said, adding that's what he calls real development.

"When I visited China for the first time in the 1990s, I

found it full of hope and energy, nothing like what was depicted by the Western media," Katrougalos told People's Daily.

Both the SYRIZA Party and the Greek politician himself have been paying close attention to China's progress, and are exhilarated by the country's huge achievements, according to him.

After Katrougalos took office as the Greek Foreign Affairs Minister, he chose China as the first country to visit in March 2019.

On that trip, he noted that both Greece and China boast ancient civilizations, and Greece cherishes its friendship with China. He expressed his gratitude to China for giving a helping hand when Greece suffered its financial crisis, saying Greece always takes China as a trustworthy strategic partner and a sincere friend.

Despite a hectic schedule of the trip, he managed to attend the opening ceremony of the second session of the 13th National People's Congress

of China. "The report on the work of the Chinese government delivered at the session had a rich content and included a huge amount of information. I studied it thoroughly when I returned home," he said. A month after the trip, Katrougalos came to China again for the second Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation held in Beijing.

In August 2018, China and Greece signed a memorandum of understanding to further promote cooperation within the framework of the

Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), making the Mediterranean country the first developed country in Europe to ink such a deal with China.

Greece actively supports the joint construction of the Belt and Road, and is willing to further deepen cooperation with China under the framework to build Greece into a bridge connecting China, Europe and Africa, and better benefit the people in the two countries and even the rest of the world, Katrougalos said. The Port of Piraeus,

Greece's largest port, has become one of the fastest growing container terminals in the world under the operation of China COSCO Shipping Corporation Limited. In 2019, its global ranking of throughput jumped to the 25th place, from the 93rd place in 2010.

China's investment in the Port of Piraeus has significantly increased its scale and throughput, Katrougalos pointed out, who considers the investment a huge success and a win-win opportunity.

People's Daily



# Israel turns page with Netanyahu's ouster

JERUSALEM

MIDDLE East Israel's parliament on Sunday narrowly approved a new coalition government, ending Benjamin Netanyahu's historic 12-year rule as prime minister and sending the polarizing leader into the opposition.

Naftali Bennett, a former ally of Netanyahu turned rival, became the new prime minister after the 60-59 vote. Promising to try to heal a divided nation, Bennett will preside over a diverse and fragile coalition comprising eight parties with deep ideological differences.

At the same time, the 27 ministers of the new governing coalition were also sworn in.

But Netanyahu, 71, made clear he has no intention of exiting the political stage. "If it is destined for us to be in the opposition, we will do it with our backs straight until we topple this dangerous government and return to lead the country," he said.

The vote, capping a stormy parliamentary session, ended a two-year cycle of political crisis in which the country held four deadlocked elections. Those votes focused largely on Netanyahu's divisive rule and his fitness to remain in office while on trial for corruption charges.

To his supporters, Netanyahu is a global statesman uniquely capable of leading the country through its many security challenges.

But to his critics, he has become a leader who used divide-and-rule tactics to aggravate the rifts in Israeli society.

Those include tensions between Jews and Arabs, and within the Jewish majority between his religious and

nationalist base and his more secular and dovish opponents.

Outside the parliament, or Knesset, hundreds of protesters watching the vote on a large screen erupted into applause when the new government was approved. Thousands of people, many waving Israeli flags, celebrated in central Tel Aviv's Rabin Square.

## A tough test

US President Joe Biden quickly congratulated the new government. Bennett's office said he later spoke by phone with Biden, thanking him for his warm wishes and longstanding commitment to Israel's security.

Several others, including Russian President Vladimir Putin, German Chancellor Angela Merkel and European Council President Charles Michel, also congratulated Bennett.

Bennett, 49, now faces a tough test maintaining a coalition from the political right, left and center.

The razor-thin 60-59 vote of confidence in an eight-party coalition of left-wing, centrist, right-wing and Arab parties with little in common except a desire to unseat Netanyahu only underscored its likely fragility, Reuters commented.

The coalition, including a small Islamist faction that is making history as the first Arab party to sit in a coalition, agrees on little beyond its opposition to Netanyahu.

The parties within it are likely to pursue a modest agenda that seeks to reduce tensions with the Palestinians and maintain good relations with the US without launching any major initiatives.

"We will forge forward on that which we agree and there is much we agree



Israel's former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu addresses lawmakers during a special session to vote on a new government at the Knesset in Jerusalem, on June Sunday. (AFP)

on, transport, education and so on, and what separates us we will leave to the side," Bennett said. He also promised a "new page" in relations with Israel's Arab sector.

But Bennett, like Netanyahu, opposes the establishment of a Palestinian state. He also vowed, like his predecessor, to oppose US-led efforts to restore an international nuclear accord with

Iran. In opposition, Netanyahu remains head of the largest party in parliament.

The new coalition is a patchwork of small and midsize parties that could collapse if any of its members decide to bolt. Bennett's party, for instance, holds just six seats in the 120-seat parliament.

Yohanan Plesner, president of the Israel Democracy Institute, a nonpartisan think tank, said the

new government will likely be more stable than it appears. Each party in the coalition will want to prove that it can deliver. For that, they need "time and achievements", he said. Still, Netanyahu "will continue to cast a shadow", he said.

The driving force behind the coalition is Yair Lapid, a political centrist who will become prime minister in two years in a rotation agreement with Bennett.

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## In NBC interview Putin dismissed delusion of 'political intolerance' in Russia

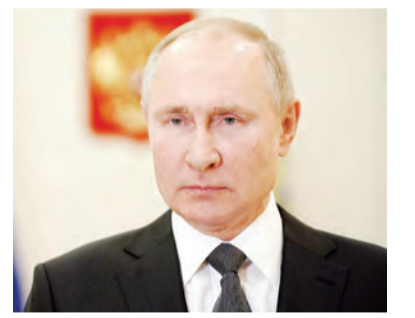
NEW YORK

IN an interview to the US television network NBC Russian President Vladimir Putin dismissed the delusion the Russian authorities were persecuting citizens for political reasons and invited the interviewer to pay closer attention to the situation in this field in the United States.

"You are presenting it as dissent and intolerance towards dissent in Russia. We view it completely differently," Putin told the interviewer, who described the decision to list the Anti-Corruption Foundation (recognized as an NGO with the status of a foreign agent) as an extremist organization was evidence of intolerance towards dissent.

Putin recalled that in the United States, after the Capitol was stormed in January this year hundreds of people were detained.

"We have a saying: 'Don't be mad at the mirror if you are ugly.' It has nothing to do with you personally. But if somebody blames us for something, what I say is, 'Why don't you look at yourselves?' You will see yourselves in the mirror, not us. There is nothing unusual about it," Putin said.



## No-confidence motion against PM Suga's Cabinet voted down

TOKYO

JAPAN'S lower house of parliament yesterday voted down a no-confidence motion against Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga's Cabinet jointly filed by the main opposition Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan (CDPJ) and three other opposition parties.

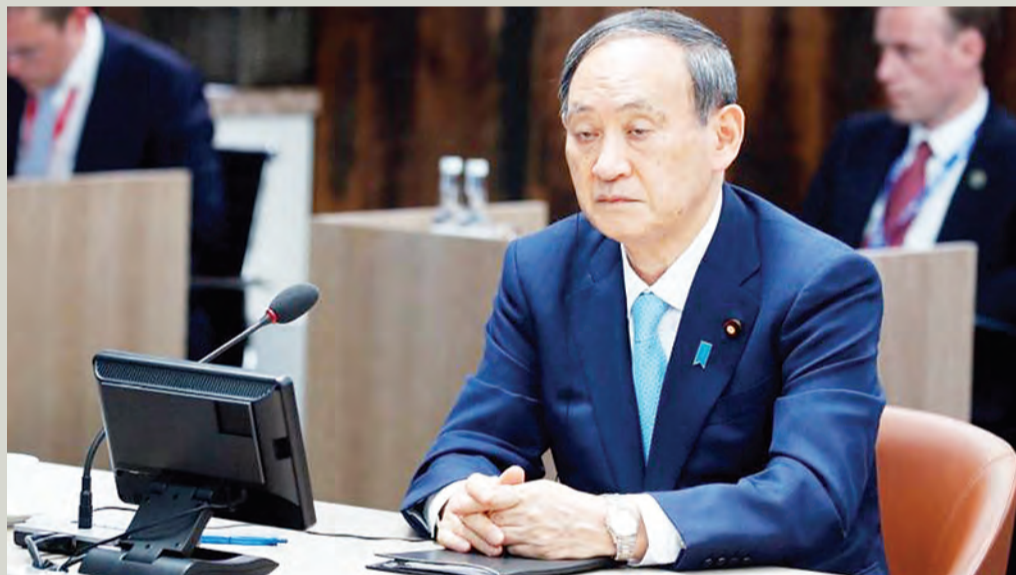
The motion was filed after the ruling coalition turned down the opposition camp's request for the end of the current parliamentary session, scheduled to end on Wednesday, to be pushed back by three months to allow for more debate on matters related to the COVID-19 pandemic and the Tokyo Olympics.

The request for the extension came as the CDPJ and other opposition parties have been critical of the government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, believing that its efforts to curb the spread of the virus have been inadequate, particularly the slow pace of its vaccination campaign.

They have also taken issue with Suga's pledge that holding the Olympics this summer in Tokyo from July 23 will be "safe and secure" as the COVID-19 pandemic has yet to be brought under control.

The parties believe more time is needed in the parliament to debate these highly pressing topics.

CDPJ leader Yukio Edano has accused Suga of being an unfit leader for not allowing the current parliament session



Japan's Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga attends a plenary session during G7 summit in Carbis Bay, Cornwall on Sunday. (AFP)

to be extended during a national crisis.

Edano lambasted the Japanese leader for "stopping the highest institution of the state from functioning for an extended period during the worst crisis since the end of the (Second World) War."

"On that point alone, he is unfit to be a leader during an emergency," Edano said before the vote on the no-confidence motion was held in a lower house plenary session in the afternoon.

Including the three other parties - the Japanese Communist Party, the Democratic Party for the People and the Social Democratic Party - jointly filing the motion, the opposition camp is also concerned the

capital is currently under the third COVID-19 state of emergency, along with nine other prefectures, due to the spread of the virus and its highly contagious variants, as the entire nation continues to grapple with the fourth wave of infections.

Suga has said that bringing the COVID-19 situation under control remained his top priority but he could dissolve the lower house of parliament and call a snap election at any time.

The general election must be held before the current four-year term of lower house members ends on Oct. 21.

Ruling Liberal Democratic Party Secretary General Toshihiro Nikai said, however, he did not think Suga would dissolve

the lower house and call a snap election during the current parliamentary session.

"We need to stay on our guard and make sure the remaining bills are enacted," Suga himself said in a meeting between the government and the ruling coalition.

The request for the parliamentary session to be extended was initially made by the CDPJ's head of Diet affairs Jun Azumi to his LDP counterpart Hiroshi Moriama during a meeting between the pair on Friday.

As for the upcoming general election, Azumi told reporters, "The opposition won't be constrained or threatened and stands ready to fight in the event of a general election."

Xinhua

## China dismisses NATO's claim as continuation of Cold War mentality and bloc politics

BRUSSELS

THE Chinese Mission to the European Union (EU) on Monday rejected NATO's claim of presenting "systemic challenges," saying it is a slander on China's peaceful development and represents "a continuation of the Cold War mentality and bloc politics."

In a statement, a spokesperson for the Chinese mission said China is committed to a defense policy "that is defensive in nature," and its pursuit of defense and military modernization is "justified, reasonable, open and transparent."

China's defense budget in 2021, said the spokesperson, is about 209 billion U.S. dollars, or only 1.3 percent of its GDP, even less than NATO's minimum 2 percent criteria.

Meanwhile, the total military expense of 30 NATO members is expected to reach 1.17 trillion dollars this year, more than half of the total global military expenditure and 5.6 times that of China.

"The people of the world can see clearly who has military bases all over the world and who is flexing muscles by sending aircraft carriers all over the world," the spokesperson said.

When it comes to nuclear power, the number of Chinese nuclear weapons is "by



File photo shows NATO soldiers inspecting the site of a suicide attack in Kabul, Afghanistan, Sept. 24, 2017. (Xinhua)

no means in the same league" with NATO member states such as the United States, the spokesperson noted, citing reports from Swedish and U.S. think tanks.

China always follows the principle of no-first-use of nuclear weapons at any time and under any circumstance, and is committed itself unconditionally not to use or threaten to use nuclear weapons against non-nuclear-weapon states or nuclear-weapon-free zones.

"I would like to ask whether NATO and its member states, which are striving for 'peace, security and stability,' can make the same commitment as China?" asked the spokesperson.

China will always pursue peaceful development, but it will never give up the right to uphold peace and defend its sovereignty, security and development interests. "China will not present 'systemic challenges' to anyone, but we will not sit by and do nothing if 'systemic challenges' come closer to us," the spokesperson said.

The spokesperson urged the military alliance to view China's development in a rational manner, stop hyping up in any form the so-called "China threat", and make earnest efforts in promoting cooperation and maintaining global and regional peace and stability.

Xinhua

## China makes huge contribution to global poverty reduction - President of EU Chamber in China

SINCE childhood, Joerg Wuttke, President of EU Chamber of Commerce in China, has been deeply fascinated by China for its profound cultural background. He is still impressed today by the streets of Beijing swamped by crowds of bicycles when he first visited China in 1982.

In the following 39 years, Wuttke (pictured) has been living in China and witnessed the huge changes. The livelihood of the Chinese people has taken a giant leap forward over the past decades, he told People's Daily in a recent interview, adding that people are dressing more fashionably today and automobiles have become a primary tool of transportation.

In the past 100 years, the Communist Party of China (CPC) led the

Chinese People to establish a new China, and has created a better life through ceaseless efforts, he said.

The remarkable progress China has achieved in infrastructure construction over the past years left a deep impression on Wuttke.

He told People's Daily that in 1990s, it cost him 24 hours to get to a primary school at an altitude of 4,000 meters in Qinghai province from Yinchuan, capital of Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region. When he visited this destination again in 2006, rugged roads were gone and what he saw was wide and flat expressways. It only took him five

hours to get there.

In just decades, China has achieved what would be impossible in many countries regarding infrastructure, he noted.

After eight years of constant efforts, China has completed its poverty alleviation tasks on schedule by the end of the last year. In fact, China is about 15 to 20 percent of global population, and to solve the poverty problem is already a huge endeavor and a huge contribution, Wuttke told People's Daily.

In the past, many rural residents would choose to work in cities, he said, adding that a large proportion



of them have started to go back to their hometowns today as the rural environment and development are

improved, he said.

China's poverty alleviation not only profoundly changed the underdevelopment in rural regions, but also strongly promoted the integrated development of all social sectors, Wuttke said.

The EU Chamber of Commerce in China was established in 2000, and now has around 1,700 members, including European transnational corporations and medium-sized enterprises.

China's measures, such as lowering threshold for foreign investors, shortening negative lists and the implementation of foreign investment law, have mir-

rored the country's firm resolution to continuously deepen reform and expand opening up, Wuttke remarked.

Last year, the outbreak of COVID-19 epidemic traumatized global economy, and impacted many of the members of the EU Chamber of Commerce in China. Wuttke said that China not only is an important consumption market for European enterprises, but also drives their innovation, adding that the member enterprises of the EU Chamber of Commerce in China will embrace more opportunities.

Wuttke holds that the

care for the Chinese people is the secret to the CPC's success. He said the international society is having an increasingly deeper understanding of China, and is urgently hoping to know more about the CPC's philosophy of and innovation in national governance.

"This is not very common that a party lasts that long, and on top of it, in power," he said, adding that he witnessed the economic miracle achieved by China under the leadership of the CPC and it was an honor for him to be a part of the process. Wuttke said he hopes the CPC can make more glorious achievements in the future, and wished a better life for the Chinese people.

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Annadil Burhani Cricket Club's official, Muslim Hassuji (R), congratulates the squad's all-rounder, Abbas Adamji, for registering a century in this season's Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Kazim Nasser Memorial League (KNML) Division B duel pitting the outfit against Aces B squad in the city. PHOTO: DARES SALAAM CRICKET

## Adamji nails ton as Annadil Burhani trounce Aces B outfit

By Guardian Reporter

AFTER the culmination of the 2021 Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Kazim Nasser Memorial League (KNML) Division A, members of the domestic cricket fraternity's eyes now focus on KNML T20 Division B which has 12 teams playing in groups A and B.

Both groups A and B are made up of teams with formidable players and reputations out of which Union SC, Aga Khan SC, and Annadil Burhani are three prominent community-based teams contesting.

Annadil Burhani cricketers have been showing their class and especially with their team under coach, Khutbu Dossajee, the former senior national cricket team player.

Dossajee was known for showcasing big-hitting virtuosity during his heyday.

He took over as Annadil Burhani's coach in the past two years and what he has done is he has instilled discipline and responsibility in the up-and-coming cricketers.

The attribute was on show when Annadil Burhani notched an emphatic nine-wicket victory over Alaf Aces B outfit in the city recently.

After Aces B cricketers were sent in to bat they were going at the rate of knots but the wickets were also falling similarly, with Acrey Paschal, Raza Vakil, Raza Baloch, and Hasnain Hyderi, back in the hut.

Then in came an experienced cricketer, Azim Thakur, given the Aces B team needed a responsible hand.

He did try rotating the game but regular wickets were falling, with Baloch, Imtiaz Yusuf, and Muaaz Abdulkarim exiting the crease, leaving Aces B outfit with 83 runs for six wickets after 12 overs.

Annadil Burhani's Murtaza Kaderbhai was the top wicket-taker, registering three wickets, giving away 21 runs in four overs.

Thakur had walked in with Aces B outfit's score reaching 34 runs in 4.1 overs and by 11.5 overs the score was 83 runs for six wickets.

Thakur had to put some bat on the ball with sensible placement to take the team's score to a respectable 144 runs with himself going back not out on 46 runs not out off 48 balls.

It was a dependable innings that tested his temperament and character.

He had acknowledged the way Annadil Burhani bowlers were spot on, there were no freebies, given every ball bowled was part of a plan by the squad's bowlers.

The pitch was coming on well but Annadil Burhani bowlers were hardly giving either any room or half volleys.

When Aces B outfit came into bowl, the

clash hardly went their way as Annadil Burhani's Abbas Adamji was at his best.

Adamji gave two chances in the whole innings which was not latched onto by the Aces B team at 37 runs twice.

After that he never let the Aces B squad pay for the missed chances and he kept hitting balls all over the park, out of which the most expensive one came from the Aces B team's bowler Moaz, which took the whole game away from the team, 23 runs over.

Adamji eventually won the game in a quite funny way. He needed five runs and Thakur bowled against the batsman.

Thakur was not giving any freebies, an approach which also brought about Muffadal's run out, as he sacrificed his wicket for Adamji's century.

A comedy of errors by Aces B had Adamji registering four runs, taking his team to victory, and notching a maiden century of this season.

Adamji's innings, which ended with the cricketer recording 100 runs not out, was packed with 15 fours and a six.

Adamji and GP Pak Stars' batsman Sheraz Khan are two players who have scored centuries in the KNML Division B and the two performers are also going to play against each other this weekend.

The GP Pak Stars' Khan has notched 198 runs, Adamji has recorded 194 runs fighting for the top spot in the showpiece's top run getters' list. Kishore Pindoria sits third after posting 193 runs.

The following weekend is going to be the penultimate week of the league stage, where the games left promise to be crackers.

A game pitting GP Pak Stars against Annadil Burhani will determine the Group B winners, as is the case with Group A which is more open, given any of the top three clubs, Estim A, Lions Cricket Club, and Dar Cricket Club (DCC) A, can book a place in the knockout stage.

In Group B, it is already clear Annadil Burhani and GP Pak Stars have sailed through to the next stage.

Thakur, the DC Chairman, disclosed he is looking forward to witnessing entertaining matches this week.

Meanwhile, Thakur disclosed the 2021 KNML Division A 50 overs League is expected to start at Leaders Club the same weekend.

The showdown's player of the match award has been proudly sponsored by Unimomi, a reputed company across the world supporting cricket.

Thakur disclosed the firm has sponsored cricket tournaments across East Africa and Asia Cup.

The Unimomi Company's head, Riyaz, has promised this is just a start of a relationship between his firm and DC, noting he is looking forward to backing the showdown with bigger prizes in the future.

## Taswa SC set to play Bunge SC in friendly

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA Sports Writers Association (Taswa) Sports Club will on Saturday take on Members of Parliament (Bunge) SC in a friendly game at the Jamhuri Stadium in Dodoma.

The match has been scheduled to start at 4 pm and both clubs are prepared and in top shape.

Taswa SC, sponsored by Stanbic Bank Tanzania is expected to leave for Dodoma on Friday morning ahead of the encounter.

The Taswa SC will comprise football and netball players according to the chairman, Majuto Omary.

Omary said they are looking forward to shining in all matches to honour their

sponsors Stanbic Bank Tanzania who have donated 9.2m/- to facilitate the trip.

The Stanbic Bank Tanzania's Head of Marketing, Desideria Mwegelo, wished the two teams a good match as they seek to strengthen their relationship.

Desideria Mwegelo said they have decided to support Taswa SC as part of the institution's efforts to support a healthy community of sportswriters.

She noted: "Sports is essential in building a healthy body. I wish the teams all the best as they prepare for the match."

She explained that Stanbic Bank Tanzania is very proud to be part and parcel of sports development in Tanzania.

This is the second time that Stanbic Bank Tanzania is supporting sports journalists.

## SPORTS

## D. Hewitt to become the next chairperson of the English F.A - Africa, take note

By Correspondent Lloyd Ellipoke

IN what was an uncommon, seismic, and indisputably radical decision that left English football astir, the English Football Association (FA) recently announced that one Debbie Hewitt is slated to become the next chairperson of that venerable association, the first woman in history to achieve that admirable feat and break that particular glass ceiling in not only English but global football in one fell swoop.

Indeed, the dramatic announcement sent shock waves rippling through English football, and quite naturally, the bold and barrier-shattering move has been greeted with laudatory remarks aplenty and unrestrained praise.

With the drive to ensure that women can more easily ascend to upper echelons of power being very much the norm in all facets of human endeavor worldwide, the English FA's outstandingly plucky move patently demonstrates that it is putting its money where its mouth is in stark contrast to other prestigious organizations, power-wielding businesses included, who are quite fond of talking a good game but rarely back up their fine-sounding words with concrete actions.

One hopes, though, that football associations on the continent, CAF included, can draw vital lessons from the English FA's historic move which has undoubtedly toppled the erstwhile established order of football administration in Europe and by dint of that, arguably the whole world as well.

Hats off then to you, Debbie Hewitt, and this writer certainly extends the best of good fortune to your strivings to take English football forward.

Let us, then, still maintain our theme of women in football but this time, fix



Morning Star soccer squad's players take part in a recent training in Dar es Salaam. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

our gaze on our excitingly promising women's game here in the country.

Indeed, it appears that this week at least, women have been assuredly overcoming hitherto forbiddingly daunting obstacles in the 'people's game' not just in England but here on our home patch too.

The unprecedented development in domestic women's football to which I'm alluding was the morale-boosting fact that our very own football heroine, Aisha Masaka, has now joined the internationally renowned LTA Football Management Agency, which clearly illustrates that her stock is doubtlessly on the rise in the global women's game.

Under joining this household name in women's football management, whose high-profile clients include PSG attacker Signe Bruun and AC Milan's Salvatore Rinaldi among others, Masaka is clearly showing that her ascension towards heady heights

in women's football is continuing apace.

Despite being merely 17 years old, Masaka has already distinguished herself as being a precociously talented football gem.

Long may her ascension continue and going further, this writer has the sneaking suspicion that we could have a real special talent on our hands here, who is capable of evolving into a football player par excellence.

## Firm all out to back tennis promotion



Dar es Salaam female wheelchair tennis players participate in drills in the city recently.

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

A domestic firm, CPS, has stated it is geared to take tennis to all parts of the country by hosting events.

Sebastian Dietzold, CPS Chief Executive Director, said his company is aimed at giving children an opportunity to showcase their talent.

He said the country has many tennis players but they stay idle.

He said they need the private sector support so that the players can play many games.

Dietzold said his company is committed to seeing that the country has a tennis league that will see local players being ranked on International

Tennis Federation (ITF) and eventually competes at the Davis Cup.

"We are committed to seeing that tennis is played in many parts of the country, we want to have a strong tennis league which can help our players earn ITF ranking and soon play at the Davis Cup, but that can be done if the private sector help," he said.

He said this year CPS plans to sponsor tennis tournaments in Zanzibar and Arusha.

He disclosed that this is the first step in the firm's efforts to taking tennis to greater heights.

The CPS boss stated at the end of the Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC) Social Mix Doubles tennis tournament,

which took place at the club on Sunday.

Rajab Borry, DGC Tennis Section Captain, thanked CPS for supporting the sport at the facility, and the official called upon other companies to emulate the firm's gesture.

He pointed out: "It is a privilege for us here at DGC. We are grateful to CPS for recognizing the value in supporting this cause."

"Our ultimate goal is to raise the level of tennis players at this club and the country in general," he said.

The social event attracted 64 players and had Hans Lemma losing 2-0 to Ibrahim Kessy in the final. The winner was awarded a cash prize.



## Eriksen: 'I'm fine under the circumstances'

COPENHAGEN

DENMARK midfielder Christian Eriksen has said he feels "fine – under the circumstances" in his first message to fans since he suffered a cardiac arrest on Saturday.

Eriksen, 29, collapsed in the 43rd minute of Denmark's Euro 2020 opener against Finland in Copenhagen. He was administered CPR on the field and then taken to hospital. Just over an hour after he collapsed, the Danish FA said his condition had stabilised.

Eriksen is still in hospital awaiting further tests as they seek to determine what caused his cardiac arrest. But in his first official communication since collapsing, Eriksen said: "Hello everyone, Big thanks for your sweet and amazing greetings and messages from all around the world. It means a lot to me and my family."

"I'm fine – under the circumstances. I still have to go through some examinations at the hospital, but I feel OK. Now, I will cheer on the boys on the Denmark team in the next matches. Play for all of Denmark. Best, Christian."

Eriksen had already been in touch with his Denmark teammates, who finished the match against Finland, losing 1-0. The decision by UEFA to play the match on Saturday evening, restarting just over an hour and a half after Eriksen collapsed, has received widespread criticism.

UEFA offered the players, who gathered in the dressing room after they witnessed Eriksen being treated on the pitch following a cardiac arrest, the choice of resuming the match on Saturday or beginning again on Sunday at noon local time (6 a.m. ET).

"We were put in a position which I personally don't think we should have been put in," Denmark goalkeeper Kasper Schmeichel told reporters on Monday. "It probably required that someone above us had said that it was not the time to make a decision and maybe should wait for the next day."

Midfielder Pierre-Emile Hojbjerg also said Eriksen delivered a message via video link from the hospital to say that he is doing OK and that Denmark should try to focus on playing their next game, against Belgium on Thursday in Copenhagen.

"We had two options. None of the options were good. We took the least bad one. There were a lot of players that weren't able to play the match. They were elsewhere [mentally]," Danish striker Martin Braithwaite said Monday.

"You could have wished for a third option in this situation," he added.

UEFA said it had dealt with the matter as carefully as it could at the time, however.

"UEFA is sure it treated the matter with utmost respect for the sensitive situation and for the players," a statement said. "It was decided to restart the match only after the two teams requested to finish the game on the same evening."

"The players' need for 48 hours' rest between matches eliminated other options."

Denmark coach Kasper Hjulmand also said on Sunday that he did not think the players should have been back on the pitch.

Denmark's next Euro 2020 match is against Belgium on Thursday in Copenhagen.

(Agencies)

## N'Golo Kante: Soccer's anti-superstar could be its best player

By Shahan Ahmed, Yahoo Sport

ON the pitch in Moscow back in 2018, N'Golo Kanté famously waited to hold the World Cup trophy until France teammate Steven Nzonzi finally grabbed it and thrust it into his hands. Kanté, as the story went, was too shy to ask for the trophy he played a central role in winning.

"I was waiting my turn," the Chelsea midfielder confirmed later that year.

Three years later, it may be Kanté's turn to have yet another trophy thrust in his arms.

If his tireless legs can continue to do the job of three midfielders and help France (+450 with BetMGM) to the Euro 2020 title, another prize will likely follow for Kanté.

The Ballon d'Or as world player of the year.

Typically reserved for superstars with big egos and larger-than-life personalities, Kanté would arrive at the award ceremony as the anti-superstar. The multi-millionaire was once filmed leaving Stamford Bridge in a Mini Cooper. Another time, he missed his train from London to visit family in Paris following a match, so he decided to go to a nearby mosque. There, he was approached by someone who invited him over for dinner, where Kanté casually spent a couple hours beating a local group of friends at FIFA, watching highlights and eating chicken curry after having played 90 minutes earlier in the day.

For club and country, he acts as a ball-winning midfielder – a role that offers little glamor and rarely features in highlight packages. Standing 5 feet, 6 inches tall and weighing 154 pounds, he profiles more as a scrawny high school sophomore than a world-class central midfielder.

He doesn't score often, either. In



N'Golo Kanté can put one hand on the Ballon d'Or with continued excellence for France at Euro 2020. (Agencies)

fact, he didn't tally a single goal in nearly 50 appearances during the 2020-21 campaign. That didn't stop him from winning man of the match honors in both Champions League semifinal legs against Real Madrid and Toni Kroos, Luka Modrić and Casemiro, arguably the greatest midfield setup in the competition's history.

To follow up those showcases, Kanté bossed a Manchester City team built on a bottomless budget and took home man of the match honors in the Champions League final. That came a month after helping Chelsea knock quadruple-chasing City out of the FA Cup semi-finals, too.

Now with France entering Euro 2020 as the favorite and opening a difficult Group F against Germany on Tuesday, Kanté is legitimately in line to win the Ballon d'Or.

At 30, Kanté's ubiquity in the middle of the park and his determina-

tion to win the ball are being valued far more now than when he won the Premier League with Leicester City in 2016, or with Chelsea the following year. And so, the Paris-born son of Malian immigrants could be well on his way to putting together a calendar year like few before him.

France has won the World Cup and European Championship consecutively before, back in 1998 and 2000 with Zinedine Zidane leading the midfield. Zidane is also the last Frenchman to win the Ballon d'Or, having done so in 1998, and his scoring, dribbling, first touch and passing are all superior to Kanté's.

But in terms of disrupting the opposition's midfield and instantly transforming sides into title-winners, Kanté is one of the greatest the game has ever seen. His late-blooming journey has also disrupted the trajectory of the sport over the past half-dozen years.

Were it not for Kanté, Arsenal

likely would have won the Premier League in 2016, while Tottenham was in line to win it in 2017. Leicester City and Chelsea both benefited from Kanté leading the league with 302 total tackles over that two-year span. The next closest player had more than 10 percent fewer tackles.

Without Kanté, France probably doesn't win the World Cup in 2018, because Paul Pogba never fits into his role without the Energizer bunny doing the work of three men around him. Kanté makes everyone else's life easier, provided you're on his team. The opposite is true if you're not – exponentially so if you're in the midfield.

He's the least intimidating player to look at but the most intimidating player to face. He may not clutter his opponents and collect red cards like they're Pokemon, but he intimidates by cleanly taking the ball off the best players in the world, repeatedly, for 90 minutes at a time. He intercepts passes to such a degree that even teams that pride themselves on possession football are forced to run back and defend constantly.

When one player can entirely disrupt, dominate and beat the best sides money can buy without scoring a goal or providing the assist, the sport has to take pause and reevaluate what is valuable.

If France continues to win this summer, Karim Benzema, Kylian Mbappé and Pogba will feature on the post-match highlight packages and prominently in the newspapers. But the not-so-well-kept secret is that France will only go as far as Kanté's legs take them.

If he runs France to Wembley Stadium in London in July, Kanté will be in line to become the unlikely Ballon d'Or winner in history. Then, he won't need to wait his turn to hold the trophy, because it'll belong to him and him alone.

## Messi frustrated after Argentina draw with Chile at Copa America

RIO DE JANEIRO

ARGENTINA superstar Lionel Messi scored a stunning freekick but Chile hit back to earn a 1-1 draw in the Copa America on Monday.

Messi's magical left foot gave dominant Argentina a deserved first half lead but Eduardo Vargas equalized in the second half after Argentina goalkeeper Emiliano Martínez saved veteran midfielder Arturo Vidal's penalty.

Despite Argentina's dominance, Messi lamented that "we weren't calm, we didn't have control of the ball."

His coach Lionel Scaloni saw things differently, though.

"We deserved to win but in the end we drew. In any case, it's only the start of a very tough tournament," said Scaloni.

Before the Group A game started in the Nelson Santos stadium in Rio de Janeiro, there was a light and effects tribute to Argentina legend Diego Maradona, who died in November aged 60, although the ground was empty due to coronavirus restrictions.

The first chance fell to Messi on eight minutes as Leandro Paredes picked out Nicolas Tagliafico on the left and the fullback nodded the ball down for his captain, who sent a volley wide. Minutes later, Giovanni Lo Celso crossed from the left but a sliding Lautaro Martínez could only spoon the ball over the bar from inside the six-yard box.

Argentina were in total command and Lo Celso picked out Nicolas Gonzalez to shoot from 20 yards but goalkeeper Claudio Bravo got down well to his right to tip the ball around the post.

From Messi's corner Gonzalez headed over the bar and moments later he was released by Lo Celso but shot straight at Bravo.

It would be a frustrating night for Gonzalez.

Argentina got the goal their domination deserved on 33 minutes, and inevitably it was Messi who scored, curling a free-kick from 25 yards out just beyond Bravo's dive.

They should have had a second soon afterwards but teed up by Gonzalo Montiel 10 yards out, Martínez

screwed his shot horribly wide.

"I would be worried if the team wasn't creating chances. The important thing is we are, we're getting lots of players in the box. And it will go in," said Scaloni.

- 'Defiant' Chileans -

Chile started the second half with more intent and Erick Pulgar played Vargas into the area but his shot on the stretch was saved by Martínez.

However, Vidal stormed in to try to fire home the rebound and was caught by Tagliafico as he shot.

Referee Wilmar Roldan consulted VAR and then awarded a penalty.

Martínez tipped Vidal's effort onto the crossbar but Vargas was quickest to the ball to head home the equalizer.

Argentina were soon back on the attack but Chile centre-back Gary Medel blocked a volley from Gonzalez, who later headed over from a Messi free-kick.

Twenty minutes from time, Messi created space in the box but Bravo was down well to save his low shot.

Gonzalez's night to forget would get worse 10 minutes from time when he ran onto a perfect chipped pass from Messi but headed over from just seven yards out when it looked easier to score.

It was his last involvement as he was substituted before Bravo took the goalkick.

Argentina kept pushing but Messi headed over the bar in injury time as Chile held on for a point.

"This team didn't want to be beaten, even though they didn't play well. This group of players are defiant," said Chile coach Martin Lasarte.

Angel Romero scored twice as Paraguay bounced back to beat 10-man Bolivia 3-1 in Goiania and top Group A.

Erwin Saavedra gave Bolivia the lead from the penalty spot on 10 minutes after a long VAR review.

Paraguay dominated throughout but the game changed de ep into first half stoppage time when Bolivia's Jaume Cuellar was sent off for a second booking.

Alejandro Romero Gamarra restored parity just past the hour mark and Romero put Paraguay in front three minutes later. **AFP**

ROME

LONG overlooked in the national team set-up, Lorenzo Insigne served notice of his intentions at Euro 2020 with a sublime goal in Italy's impressive opening win against Turkey.

Under Roberto Mancini, the 30-year-old Napoli captain has finally been given his chance to shine on the international scene as a starter, a position he hopes to keep today in Italy's second Group A game against Switzerland.

"Do I feel like a leader? No, only older," said Insigne, who made his international debut nine years ago and has scored nine times in 42 appearances, with five goals coming during Mancini's spell in charge.

It was nearly four years ago that Azzurri manager Gian Piero Ventura's refusal to utilise Insigne from the bench in a goalless draw against Sweden condemned the four-time World Cup winners to miss out on the finals for the first time since 1958.

On that November night at the San Siro, former World Cup winner Daniele De Rossi, when told to warm-up, pointed to Insigne, angrily asking: "Why should I go on? We don't need a draw, we need a win."

At the time, Insigne was on top form for Napoli, having scored 20 goals in all competitions the previous season.

But the winger did not fit Ventura's rigid tactics, and he never made it onto the pitch that night, after a brief appearance in the first leg.

Called up to the national side under Cesare Prandelli in 2012, Insigne has been in all the Italy coaches' squads since, but never regarded as a key player.

During the 2014 World Cup he had a mere spectator's role during a group-stage exit, and again at Euro 2016 under Antonio Conte, when Italy lost on penalties to Germany in the quarter-finals.

On Friday, he got his big chance, his first as a starter in a major international tournament.

"Insigne is fundamental for us," said Mancini. "For the role of linking things together. He's an important player for our game."

And Insigne repaid Mancini's trust with a relentless performance, powering up and down the wing



Napoli captain Lorenzo Insigne has scored nine goals in 42 games for Italy (AFP)

for 80 minutes before curling in the third goal of the night.

- 'Right frame of mind' -

At Napoli, where he has scored 109 goals in almost 400 games since 2010, it was a mixed 2020-21 season for Insigne.

He hit a personal best 19 league goals in Serie A, but missed a penalty in the Italian Super Cup defeat by Juventus and saw Napoli miss out on the Champions League.

But he has found his place in an Italy side alongside long-time friend Ciro Immobile of Lazio, who also scored against Turkey to bring his tally to 14 international goals.

"The coach has got us in the right frame of mind to express ourselves

as best we can and have fun," said Insigne, who played alongside Immobile and Domenico Berardi on Friday.

Rivals for a forward position include Torino's Andrea Belotti, Juve pair Federico Bernardeschi and Federico Chiesa, and Sassuolo youngster Giacomo Raspadori, who has been included in the squad for the first time.

"The strength of this Italy? It's the group. The coach has created a great group," added Insigne.

"No one is assured of a place, whoever plays knows what we have to do, to put ourselves at the service of each other."

Mancini could decide to rotate

**Gwiji** by David Chikoko





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Miss East Africa organizing committee's vice-president, Jolly Mutesi. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT SABATO KASIKA

## Dar es Salaam hoops association election now set for next month

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

BASKETBALL Dar es Salaam (BD) will conduct an election on July 10 this year, the association's electoral committee has announced.

An official from the electoral committee Gosbert Boniface said that preparations for election are in top gear.

Boniface said: "We are glad to announce that BD is set to conduct the election on July 10 this year, preparations are going on well ready to start the process."

He said that nomination forms for those wishing to contest for different positions were issued from June 4, this year, while Monday was the deadline for the contestants to submit filled forms.

Boniface said that nomination forms will be available at the temporary electoral committee office at Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

He mentioned the leadership positions to be vied for following the association constitution as that of chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary general.

Boniface added that there will also be nine commission posts which include a financial commission, planning, and development, technical, and competitions.

Women's development, players with disabilities and special needs, referees development, sports medicine, teacher/coach development as well as children and school sports development commission are the other posts.

According to Boniface, the fee for the three top positions is 100,000/-, while for those who will vie for commissions positions fee is pegged at 50,000/-.

He noted that the screening for the contestants will be held on June 26, this year at the Uhuru Stadium.

The official was adamant that all candidates will be required to arrive without fail with actual professional certificates.

Boniface added that on July 1st this year, the committee will announce the cleared names to run for different positions while appeals and objections will be decided between July 2-5 this year.

"All members and clubs that are eligible to cast vote will be required to complete all required formalities that include registering on the voter club membership form, which will be posted outside the polling station," he added.

## JKT Tanzania, Ihefu SC in crunch relegation six-pointer



Ihefu SC's head coach, Zubeir Katwila.

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

THE Vodacom Premier League resumed yesterday with one game after a long 13-day break since the last game was played on Thursday, June 2, 2021.

Today, JKT Tanzania and Ihefu SC will meet for a crunch 2020/21 Vodacom Premier League clash at the Jamhuri Stadium in Dodoma.

Both teams know victory is like a six-pointer and would bring the winners much closer to survival.

Mohamed Abdallah, JKT Tanzania's head coach, believes their match against a rejuvenated Ihefu SC will test the character of both teams ahead of the final stretch.

They suffered a deflating 2-0 defeat to Yanga in their backyard that has left them perilously engulfed in an almighty relegation battle, as a host of teams scramble for survival in a fight for their

top-flight status.

Against Ihefu SC, JKT Tanzania will hope forward Danny Lyanga, who has scored nine of their 28 goals, is in fine form to score the desired goals.

The side will also hope the defense marshalled by David Mwantika, Joseph Ilunda, and Michael Aidan keeps things tight at the back.

Ihefu SC stretched their unbeaten run to six games and kept their hopes of guaranteed survival alive with a 1-0 home win over Dodoma Jiji FC on May 20.

They are 12th and just a point clear of 15th-placed JKT Tanzania.

When the teams met earlier this season, they settled for a one-all draw after a late goal by Hassan Wahabi cancelled Joseph Kinyozi's opener at Soiko Stadium, Mbeya in De-

ember last year.

At Kaitaba Stadium, Bukoba, Kagera Sugar will hope to steer away from the relegation monster but must win against Prisons.

Kagera Sugar picked up back-to-back crucial victories against Mwadui FC and Ruvu Shooting in their last two games, but they have plenty of work to do as they look to scramble to safety with only four games to play.

Prisons are eight points above safety and coach Salum Mayanga's side is not safe either but they have destiny in their own hands, unlike their hosts who must win and also hope other relegation candidates falter.

When the teams met earlier this season, Kagera Sugar claimed a 1-0 away win at Nelson Mandela Stadium thanks to a second-half strike from Hassan Mwaterema.

## Tanzania to host Miss East Africa in November

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA will host this year's edition of Miss East Africa in November, organizers disclosed yesterday.

Miss East Africa is organized by Rena Events Limited and the event's organizing committee vice-president, Jolly Mutesi, who is on a two-week tour in Tanzania, said the event benefits the country.

Jolly noted the pageant, which is the biggest in East Africa, will promote tourism as it will be beamed live on international television stations.

She said 16 nations have confirmed to compete at the event, namely Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Djibouti, Somalia, Madagascar, Malawi, Seychelles, South Sudan, Comoros, Reunion, and Mauritius.

Jolly said this is the opportunity for local companies to use Miss East Africa as the platform to promote their products and services.

The Miss East Africa was last held at Dar es Salaam's Mlimani City in 2012 and later went into oblivion.

She said starting from this year the event will be held annually.

She disclosed: "After many years of absence, we are now back and this year the event will be held in November at a date and place to be announced later."

"We ask companies and organizations to use this as a platform to promote their products and services," she said.

Miss East Africa was established in 1996 by Tanzanian, Rena Callist.

The first edition took place at Dar es Salaam's Sheraton Hotel (now Serena) and the other edition was held in Burundi under the sponsorship of the late Burundi President, Pierre Nkurunziza.

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She said 16 nations have confirmed to compete at the event, namely Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Djibouti, Somalia, Madagascar, Malawi, Seychelles, South Sudan, Comoros, Reunion, and Mauritius

**EATV FRIDAY**

**TONIGHT @ 9:00**

11:00 DADAZ LIVE  
12:00 Mid Week Movie (r)  
13:30 Kali Za Wana  
14:00 Bongo Hits  
15:00 Funguka  
15:30 Wakilisha (r)  
16:00 Ujenzi (r)  
16:30 #HASHTAG  
17:00 S5ELEKT  
17:55 Kurasa  
18:00 eNewz  
18:30 Skonga  
19:30 EATV SAA !  
19:45 MJADALA  
20:00 DADAZ (r)  
21:00 Friday Night Live  
23:00 Kurasa (r)

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13:00 Planet Bongo  
16:00 EA Drive  
20:00 Kipenga  
21:00 Friday Night Live

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