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# Outpouring of grief for Chief Secretary

By Guardian Reporter

MOURNERS, among them senior government officials, yesterday described departed Chief Secretary John Kijazi as a humble and hardworking civil servant who mentored and helped many rise through the ranks.

Education, Science and Technology minister Prof Joyce Ndalichako, who spoke at a remembrance service in Dodoma city yesterday, said Kijazi was a meek and diligent leader.

"We have lost a man who has mentored various young leaders in the civil service where his instructions and mentorship were very fruitful," she said.

Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Mwinyi said he received news of Kijazi's demise with profound shock, noting that the late Chief Secretary was a hardworking and friendly person.

"I have known Kijazi as a hardworking leader who was friendly to everybody," he said in a statement issued by the State House in Zanzibar.

During the ceremony, Dodoma regional commissioner Dr Binilith Mahenge said Kijazi was close to the people of Dodoma, humble and was down to earth and a man



Members of the University of Dodoma community move the casket bearing the body of Chief Secretary John Kijazi after paying their last respects yesterday. President John Magufuli appointed Ambassador Kijazi the university's Chancellor in late August last year in the place of former President Benjamin Mkapa, who died a month earlier. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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Members of Tanzania People's Defence Forces carry the casket bearing the body of Zanzibar's First Vice President, Maalim Seif Sharif Hamad, after prayers at Dar es Salaam's Mamoor Mosque yesterday. It was soon later flown to Zanzibar for subsequent burial at his home village on Pemba Island. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

## Hamad died on the job, serving all of Zanzibar

By Salim Said Salim

ZANZIBAR First Vice President, Seif Sharif Hamad, who died on Wednesday at the age

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## 'Maalim Seif was a giant, treasured harmony, unity'

- Zitto Kabwe relives last meeting with Maalim Hamad
- US ambassador salutes his memory, praises his bravery

By Guardian Reporter

ZANZIBAR President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi yesterday led other mourners in the burial service for the Isles First Vice President, Seif Sharif Hamad at his home village of Mtambwe in Pemba.

Earlier, top government officials and leaders of political parties joined large crowds of people to pay their last respects to the late Hamad at an event held at Mnazi Mmoja grounds in Unguja. The funeral service was led by Zanzibar Chief Sheikh Saleh Kabi.

The late Hamad who was also ACT-

Wazalendo national chairman, died on Wednesday at the Muhimbili National Hospital where he was admitted.

In his speech read after Hamad was laid to rest, ACT-Wazalendo leader Zitto Kabwe disclosed what he discussed with the late Hamad before he fell ill. The day before Hamad fell ill; they met in his office and discussed various issues.

"Among others, he stressed to me that it was now time for the party to be at the frontline to cement the peace accord.

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Haruna Taratibu, a service manager with the Dar es Salaam Water and Sanitation Authority (Dawasa), briefs Mabwepande suburb residents yesterday on how to have access to piped water particularly upon the completion of the implementation of the Bagamoyo-University of Dar es Salaam project meant to benefit 5 million people. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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who interacted with everyone.

In mourning his Chancellor, University of Dodoma (UDOM) Vice Chancellor Prof Faustine Bee said the university community received the news with profound shock as Kijazi just oversaw the first graduation as the second chancellor since the institution's establishment

"He has conducted three tours of the university. In the short time that we have been with him, we learned a lot, he was a great listener and was a man who wished to see UDOM excel to become a centre of excellence in the sub-region," the VC said.

The Permanent Secretary in the President's Office, Dr Moses Kusiluka said Kijazi's body will be taken to Dar es Salaam, where a state funeral will take place today and will be followed by burial of the head of the public service in Korogwe district, Tanga region

tomorrow.

Kijazi 65, is survived by a widow and three sons, on the basis of an observation in a statement by the State House yesterday. He was Tanzania's representative in foreign countries at one time, grouping India, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Nepal and based in New Delhi, from 2007-2013

Prior to becoming a high commissioner, Kijazi was Permanent Secretary Ministry of Works and later in the Ministry of Infrastructure Development (2002 to 2006), moved to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and subsequently assigned the New Delhi mission.

He received a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering in 1982 from the University of Dar es Salaam, and later a Master's Degree in Highway Engineering from the University of Birmingham, England in 1992.

## Information officers advised to come up with better ways of reaching out to the public

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

GOVERNMENT information officers yesterday were urged to initiate regular arrangements of providing and releasing information and ensure that the public is always informed of crucial developments and information in their areas.

Advocate Jebra Kambole made the call here when speaking at the consultative workshop on the Access to Information Act 2016, which was organised by the Media Council of Tanzania (MCT).

Most of the participants to the workshop were drawn from the District Councils in the four regions—Dodoma, Arusha, Manyara and Kilimanjaro.

Advocate Kambole who was the facilitator of the workshop, said it was high time for information officers to come up with better ways of dispensing information to the people on key issues of public interest in their respective areas.

Kambole who has specialized in Human Rights, broadly elucidated on the Access to Information Act and its Regulations.

Among the benefits of the Access to Information Act 2016, Kambole said include ensuring prevalence of accountability and uprooting corruption.

Opening the workshop in Arusha yesterday the Executive Secretary of MCT, Kajubi Mukajanga said the council had planned to run the workshop for a long time.

## 'Maalim Seif was a giant, treasured harmony, unity'

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remember that on that day he met two Zanzibar cabinet ministers, but I was not there during their discussions," the ACT-Wazalendo leader reflected.

For sure Hamad's departure from this world is not the end of what he stood for, but the start in implementing his visions on the type of Zanzibar he wanted to build with all other Zanzibaris, he declared, elaborating that the party hopes that his view of making Zanzibar a vital trade hub like Singapore will be realized not too far from now.

"The national unity accord will continue to be honoured with justice to every Zanzibari without discrimination. ACT-Wazalendo will continue to provide its contribution to ensure Maalim Seif's dream for Zanzibar's prosperity, justice and unity is not extinguished," he asserted.

He said the tragedy was not only heavy for Zanzibar, but also for the party and other fighters for democracy within and outside the country.

"Maalim Seif was a pillar of the onset of multiparty democracy in the country, guardian of the upcoming youth in multiparty politics, a great believer in people-oriented development and a fighter of the rights of all Zanzibaris irrespective of party affiliation," he observed.

He said the party had lost a crucial political guardian and highly respected counselor, arbitrator in party sittings who gave members the audacity to move ahead when they were about to give up due to the difficult political environment in recent years.

"As we were about to give up, or to be forced to give up, we reminded ourselves of the difficult path Maalim Seif had been through in the fight for justice, respect and prosperity for the people of Zanzibar and Tanzania generally," he remarked.

"Everytime we reminded ourselves of the ordeals of Maalim Seif. We see ourselves that we still have great strength moving forward in the fight for justice and prosperity for all Zanzibaris."

In addition to various political accidents he went through during his many years in leadership, he never gave up or being

swayed in issues he believed in, he emphasised.

Zitto said: "Maalim Seif lived by the words he said in December 1987 at Tibirinzi grounds in Pemba, 34 years ago. He told the people of Zanzibar: 'I am with you now; I promise you that I will be with you while in the government or outside it. I will be with you while I am in the party or outside it,' as during that time he was a member of top organs of the ruling party.

Meanwhile, US Ambassador to Tanzania Dr Donald Wright has issued a statement that described Hamad as one of Tanzania's political giants.

"Maalim Seif never wanted to be a politician, yet he spent over 40 years in politics. He was chosen by others to lead because of his immense gifts: his compassion, his wisdom, and his strength of character. The story goes that he was drafted into government out of high school, after being asked to fill a vacancy in the civil service by the new Zanzibar Revolutionary Government. This pattern repeated throughout his decades of service to the people of Zanzibar, including his career's final chapter, when President Mwinyi asked him to join in a Government of National Unity as Zanzibar's First Vice President.

In my meetings with Maalim Seif I was struck by his quiet and calm demeanor, and by his great reservoir of strength and courage just below the surface. He repeatedly showed that courage throughout his career, sometimes working with the government, and sometimes opposing it at great personal cost.

In his final days he committed two last acts of great bravery. First, he threw his support behind Zanzibar's Government of National Unity, joining with President Mwinyi in an effort to heal past wounds and be a leader for all Zanzibaris. Second, when he became sick with Covid-19, he informed the world of his diagnosis, demonstrating again his devotion to the health and safety of all Tanzanians.

In honor of his courage, in tribute to his memory, let us all continue on the path that he started and do our best to live up to his legacy."

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of 77, was a charismatic and tolerant leader who was at the centre of the Isles' political arena for almost half a century.

Throughout his political career in which he was popularly known as Maalim (Teacher) Seif he emerged as a true servant of the people and a politician who always advocated unity, progress and freedom.

Maalim's willingness to join President Hussein Mwinyi after he won the controversial last October elections to form a Government of National Unity (GNU) for the second time was another testimony of his patriotism and spirit of forgiveness. He was seen by many as polite, one who was close to the people and when the situation was normal he was polite, but when it was rough he was tough and courageous to speak up his mind no matter what were the costs.

We all make an impact on those around us and far away in our lifetime. Every life is worth remembering, but there are people whose work is outstanding and their names ought to be included in reserved lists.

No doubt, the name of Seif Sharif Hamad will enter that distinguished list in the history of Zanzibar, as well as that of the United Republic.

Maalim Seif was born in a peasant family at Mtambwe village, a few kilometres from Wete town, north of Pemba.

After receiving his primary education in Pemba he moved to Zanzibar to join King George (now Lumumba Secondary) School.

After his higher education he was compelled to work as a secondary school teacher as many teachers, most of them British, left Zanzibar after the 1964 Revolution.

He was posted to teach in

## Hamad died on the job, serving all of Zanzibar

secondary schools before joining the University of Dar es Salaam in 1972-1975, and graduated with B.A. (Honors) in Political Science, Public Administration and International Relations.

His leadership style of always being close to the people and his simple way of life was a role model of good governance, respect to the rule of law, moral and social values, customs and traditions of the people of Zanzibar.

Maalim Seif was an undisputed power house in the opposition movement since multi-party politics was introduced in 1992 and despite facing many hurdles, including detention and twice being charged with treason he stood firm in his principles.

One of his demands was more autonomy for Zanzibar in the union under a federal government.

He was also a familiar and respected figure in the world liberal movement and won the respect of many world leaders.

Maalim was the brains behind several reforms, such as having a new Zanzibar constitution, trade liberalization and the rule of law when he became Chief Minister in 1984 with Sheikh Ali Hassan Mwinyi as President.

Maalim Seif made history by working with the senior Mwinyi in 1984-85 and until recently with his son, Dr Hussein Mwinyi.

He served as a member of the Zanzibar Revolutionary Council and Minister of Education (1977-1980), founding member of the Zanzibar House of Representatives (1980-1989) and member of the union legislature (1977).

He was also a member of the CCM Central Committee and the National Executive Committee (1977-1987), head of the Economic and Planning Department of CCM Secretariat (1982-1987) and from 6th February 1984 to 22th January 1988 he was Chief Minister of Zanzibar.

Soon after his dismissal as chief minister after he was expelled along with other Zanzibari leaders for "disrupting the Isles political climate" he was placed in preventive detention.

Maalim Seif repeatedly said he had forgiven those who mistreated him in one way or another and called on fellow Zanzibaris to do the same and work together to build a better Zanzibar.

His famous quotation, "We can differ on everything, but not on the welfare of Zanzibar and its people," still reverberates in the islands, with followers of ACT-Wazalendo and even in CCM ranks.

Now Maalim Seif is no more, but he has left a legacy that closed a chapter of politics of hatred and animosity and paved the way for building a peaceful Zanzibar.

The best way to remember him is to continue with the policies of peace, love and unity he has always advocated when he was a teacher and later a politician of tremendous energy and charisma.

Farewell Maalim Seif, a committed Zanzibari and true leader and servant of the people; may his soul rest in peace.

*(The writer is a seasoned journalist based in Zanzibar who once worked as press secretary for then Chief Minister Seif Sharif Hamad.)*



Dr Angeline Mabula (3rd-L), Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development deputy minister, pictured in Bukoba trying 34m/- worth of land surveying equipment bought by the Bukoba Municipal Council. Photo: Correspondent Munir Shemweta

## Maalim's death not the end of what he stood for - Zitto

By Guardian Reporter

ZANZIBAR First Vice President Maalim Seif Sharif Hamad was yesterday laid to rest at Mtambwe in Pemba, while the ACT-Wazalendo leader Zitto Kabwe disclosed what he discussed with the late Hamad before he fell ill.

The late Maalim Seif who was also ACT-Wazalendo National Chairman, died on Wednesday at Muhimbili National Hospital where he was admitted for treatment.

In his speech read after Hamad was laid to rest, Zitto said one day before Seif fell ill, they met and discussed various issues.

"Among others, he stressed upon me that it was now time for the party to be at the front line to cement the accord.

"I did not know that he was actually saying farewell. I also remember that on the same day he met with two Zanzibar cabinet ministers, but I do not know what they discussed," said Zitto.

He said for sure Maalim's departure from this world is not the end of what he stood for, but is the start in

implementing his visions on the type of Zanzibar he wanted to build with all other Zanzibaris.

He said they have great hopes that his views in making Zanzibar Africa's Singapore will be realized not long time from now.

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"Maalim Seif was the father of multiparty democracy in the country, guardian of the upcoming youth in multiparty politics, a great believer of people's oriented development and fighter of the rights for all Zanzibaris irrespective of party affiliation.

He said they have lost a very important person in political guardianship and a

very sprightly counselor, arbitrator in party sittings who gave members the audacity to move ahead when they were about to give up due to difficult political environment in recent days.

"As we were about to give up, or to be forced to give up, we reminded ourselves of the difficult path Maalim Seif went in the fight for justice, respect and prosperity for all the people of Zanzibar and Tanzania in general.

"Every time we reminded ourselves Maalim' Seif ordeals, we see ourselves that we still have great strength moving forward in the fight against justice and prosperity for all Zanzibaris.

He said in addition to various 'political accidents' he accosted during his life, he never gave up, sway or being swayed in the issue he believed in.

Zitto said: "Maalim Seif lived by his words he said in December 1987 at Tibirinzi Grounds in Pemba, 34 years before his demise. He told the people of Zanzibar: 'I am with you now, I promise you that I will be with you while in the government or outside it. I will be with you while I am in the party or outside it.'





Natural Resources and Tourism minister Dr Damas Ndumbaro brandishes a copy of the CCM Election Manifesto soon after landing at the just-rehabilitated Songea airport yesterday aboard an ATCL flight. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# 6 pupils killed after being hit by lightning in Rukwa

By Guardian Correspondent, Nkasi

SIX pupils from different primary schools in Nkasi District, Rukwa Region have been killed by lightning in separate incidents.

Three of the pupils who belong to the same family were killed while playing with their fellows near their parent's house.

Nkasi District Commissioner, Said Mtanda said the incident occurred on Wednesday evening at Nkana village.

Mtanda said that shortly after the incident in Nkana village he received information on another similar incident at Nchenje village where three other pupils were also killed by lightning. All the incidents happened on

Wednesday, he said.

"Let us not link these incidents with superstitious beliefs, the events are just like other accidents," said the district commissioner.

Nkasi District Education Officer, Agnes Martin mentioned the deceased as Macrida Mtepa (7), Rita Chivalala (5), and Eksavery Chipamba. Others are Bonifas Sapi (8) and Debora Chalula (12).

On January 1, three people in the village of Kitahana in Kibondo District, Kigoma Region died after being hit by lightning strikes following heavy rains in the area.

Kibondo District Administrative Secretary Ayoub Sebabili said one of the deceased has been identified

and buried but the remaining two were yet to be identified with their bodies being kept at the Kibondo District Hospital.

He also said that the heavy rains have also left 33 families homeless in the district's Kibingo village, Rusohoko Ward after their houses were destroyed by the heavy rains that were accompanied by strong winds.

Kibondo's DAS said three people were injured in the incident saying that the district is currently needing immediate support of both shelter and food assistance so as to help the victims.

According to him, the district's disaster committee had already started receiving assistance from various stakeholders.

## Tanzania to receive enough long rains - TMA

By Henry Mwangonde

MOST parts of the country are expected to receive normal and above normal rains in the long season of 'masika' beginning next month until May this year, the weatherman says.

The climate outlook released yesterday by the Tanzania Meteorological Authority (TMA) shows that rains are likely to be normal to above normal over most areas of Arusha, Manyara, Kilimanjaro, Kagera, Geita, Mwanza, Shinyanga, Simiyu, Mara and northern part of Kigoma region (Kakonko and Kibondo districts).

The outlook also shows normal to below normal rains are likely in northern part of Morogoro region, Coast (including Mafia Island), Dar es Salaam and Tanga regions, Unguja and Pemba isles.

"The Masika rains are likely to start early in the fourth week of February particularly over

the northeastern highlands and northern coast areas and significant dry spells are likely to occur particularly during the month of May, 2021," reads the statement in part.

According to the statement signed by acting Director General for TMA Dr Hamza Kabelwa during the period sufficient soil moisture levels are likely to favour crop production including paddy as adequate pasture and water availability for livestock and wildlife may reduce human and animal conflicts.

It is also expected that during the period outbreaks of diseases and pests are expected due to moist conditions and stagnant waters.

"Excessive water in the soil may trigger landslides and cave-ins especially in small-scale mining activities, short periods of heavy rains may be associated with flooding leading to destruction of infrastructures, disruption of

socio-economic activities, loss of lives and properties," the outlook said.

TMA also warned of likely destruction of transport infrastructure especially over the areas expected to receive normal to above normal rainfall.

The weatherman advised relevant authorities to improve transport infrastructure and take precautions on the expected weather condition during construction of transport infrastructure including railways, roads, ports and airports.

TMA said reduced availability and access to clean and safe water for community utilization may occur in areas where normal to below normal rains are expected and advised relevant authorities responsible for public health and individual's on necessary health precautions needed to minimize the expected negative impacts on health such as destroying mosquito breeding sites.



### INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR PROVISION OF VARIOUS SERVICES TO BE PROCURED 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 various Service and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible service providers to submit Expression of Interest for the provision of various services for any of the below listed services.

#### Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01128	Provision of Labour, Materials and Equipment for Panel Beating and Wheel Balancing and Alignment
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#### II. 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>	<b>5%</b>
Audited & certified financial statements (2018-2019)	2.5%
At least 2 references from the applicant's bankers regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
<b>SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS</b>	<b>5%</b>
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Environment Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Safety and Environmental Policies	1.25%
<b>PAST EXPERIENCE</b>	<b>5%</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 (GGME01128)</b>	<b>75%</b>
Proof of being in possession of Wheel alignment machine	15%
Proof of being in possession of Wheel balancing machine	15%
Proof of being in possession of Hoist	15%
Toolbox	15%
Other special tools also must have technical capability.	15%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01129)</b>	<b>75%</b>
Technical Capability	15%
Proof of being in possession of Radiator testing tools and colour paint	15%
Proof of being in possession of Sewing machine	15%
Quality of materials seat covers and canvases	15%
Proof of being in possession of Special tools e.g. Body jack, chain block, welding machine, grinder and toolbox.	15%
<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 03 March 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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**Hon. John William Kijazi**  
Chief Secretary

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The Board of Directors, Management and The Staff of TPB Bank has received with great sadness the death of Chief Secretary, **Hon. John William Kijazi**.

We offer our condolences to the President of the United of Tanzania **Dr. John Pombe Joseph Magufuli** Family, relatives, Friends, and all Tanzanians in general.

**May God rest the soul of the departed in peace, in paradise. AMEN**

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# Final farewell for Maalim Seif Sharif Hamad in Dar, Zanzibar



It's grief and disbelief all over moments after the body of Zanzibar's First Vice President, Maalim Seif Sharif Hamad, arrived at Unguja Island's Mnazi Mmoja grounds yesterday for the paying of last respects - pending burial at his home village on Pemba Island later in the day. All photos: Zanzibar State House



Mourners in meditation and silent prayers after they had paid their last respects to the late long-serving leader in Unguja.



And all break into prayers for Maalim Seif Sharif Hamad at Unguja's Mnazi Mmoja grounds during the paying of final respects.



Members of the Tanzania People's Defence Forces carry the casket bearing Maalim Seif Sharif Hamad's body upon its arrival at Zanzibar's Abeid Amani Karume International Airport Zanzibar from Dar es Salaam, where he died while undergoing treatment.



Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi joins other mourners during the paying of last respects at Unguja's Mnazi Mmoja grounds.



Mourners take memorial photos at Unguja's Mnazi Mmoja grounds - and for a reason.



Unguja's Mnazi Mmoja grounds filled to capacity during yesterday's solemn ceremony.



Zanzibar President Dr Mwinyi (2nd-L, foreground) leads mourners in receiving Maalim Seif Sharif Hamad's body as it arrived at Zanzibar's Abeid Amani Karume International Airport from Dar es Salaam.





NMB Bank Plc's Dar es Salaam Zone manager, Donatus Richard (2nd-R), pictured earlier this week symbolically presenting to Zanzibar's Agriculture, Irrigation, Natural Resources and Livestock minister, Dr Soud Nahoda Hassan, building materials for Zanzibar's Jambiani Secondary School. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## One-and-half months remains for all customers who paid to be connected to power - Dr Kalemani

By Guardian Correspondent, Chato

ENERGY Minister Dr Medard Kalemani has cautioned TANESCO officials that they have only one and half months remaining for them to make sure to connect power to all customers in the country who paid for the service.

Dr Kalemani gave the caution here on Wednesday this week during his inspection visit of electricity infrastructures in Chato district, Geita Region that included lighting power at Mwatome and Mkombozi areas in the district.

"I gave you a three-month period to connect electricity to all customers nationwide who had paid for the service and already we are half-way into the period hence you are called upon to connect power to them," said Dr Kalemani.

In regard to customers who are waiting for their premises to be surveyed for power connection, he said he had already issued

instructions for the surveyors to be provided with motor cycles to enable them finish survey work and that by the end of February they should already have motor cycles.

On rural electrification drive, he said so far a total of 10,263 villages have been connected to electricity while 2,005 villages were yet to be connected to power.

Speaking to residents of Mwatome and Mkombozi areas, the minister stressed on the use of "Umeme Tayari" (UMETA) gadgets that enable villagers to get power without incurring wiring costs in their homes.

He also stressed that power connection cost into homes should be only 27,000/- and that every home is entitled to get power.

Chato district Commissioner Charles Kabeho said lighting up power in Mwatome and Mkombozi areas in the district will enable residents to engage

in various businesses including establishment of small factories.

December last year, Dr Kalemani said REA contractors have been dispatched across the country to start executing power projects which see all the villages countrywide connected to the main grid.

He said the move is geared to stimulate income generating activities and to reduce poverty levels amongst the rural communities

"We will make sure all the remaining 2,270 villages are connected to the main grid by December 2022," said the minister.

Inaugurating the 12th Parliament in the country's capital in November last year, President John Magufuli boasted to have facilitated power connection to some 9,570 villages in the past five years, saying only 2,018 out of 12,228 total villages had access to electricity when he took over the presidency.

## Minister urges councillors to work with small miners to solve conflicts

By Guardian Correspondent, Geita

MINERALS Minister Doto Biteko has instructed ministry's workers to ensure they work together with Councillors to finalize small miners' conflicts in various areas of the country by meting out justice.

The minister issued the instructions yesterday when opening a one-day workshop of councillors of Geita Rural area organized by Tanzania Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (TEITI).

He said he likes to see councillors becoming first arbitrators of conflicts of small miners and called on them to abide by justice in their decisions.

"Discard idle talk that these were mere politicians, but

politicians do not come by themselves, they were trusted by the people and got elected, and after this workshop, TEITI should make sure you visit all mining companies to find out those who do not pay service levy," he said.

Biteko stressed that amendment to the mining law has spurred the country's development through money from Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), service levy and tax imposed by TRA.

He said last year, the oil, minerals and natural gas sector contributed 33.76 per cent of TRA's revenues including 16.7 per cent from oil and gas and 17.06 per cent from the minerals sector.

TEITI Chairman Ludovic Uttoh said TEITI's 2015 law has

helped revenue collection from mining companies in the past 10 years to reach 8.03tr/- and that the workshops conducted aim to inform its responsibilities and increase people's participation in CSR.

Minerals Ministry's Permanent Secretary Prof Simon Msanjila said workshops conducted by TEITI in the country are among projects conducted by the ministry under sponsorship of the World Bank at a cost of 1.7tr/-.

Geita Regional Commissioner Eng Robert Gabriel said amendments to the mining law and the establishment of minerals markets have helped the region to collect 4bn/- from August to December last year and increased government income to 63.8bn in 2020.



### INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR SUPPLY OF SITE WIDE INDUSTRIAL KITCHEN EQUIPMENT TO BE PROCURED 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 Industrial Kitchen Equipment and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible service providers to submit Expression of Interest for the below listed service.

#### Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01055	SUPPLY OF SITE WIDE INDUSTRIAL KITCHEN EQUIPMENT

#### II. 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>	
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>	
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Environment Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Safety and Environmental Policies	1.25%
<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>	
Proof of Dealership Agreements with either Fargo Group, Pimak Group or Zanus Australia/UK	20%
Proof of supply of Similar Industrial Kitchen Equipment Supplied with > \$ 75,000.00	20%
Proof of availability of Warranty and After Sale Services	20%
Proof of availability of Catalogue for Industrial Kitchen Equipment	15%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER (GGME01055) 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 03 March 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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### INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR PROVISION OF VARIOUS SERVICES TO BE PROCURED BY GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

#### I. INTRODUCTION

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The Company is in the process of procuring various services and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible service providers to submit Expression of Interest for the below listed services.

#### Scope of work:

REF NO.	SERVICES TO BE PROCURED
GGME01066A	Provision of Online Internship Recruitment System
GGME01067A	Provision of Fatigue Management Train the Trainer Program
GGME01068A	Provision of Supervisory Development Program

#### II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	10%
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>	
Company Profile	1.25%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.25%
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OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Environment Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Safety and Environmental Policies	1.25%
<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 (GGME01066A)</b>	
Must provide a certificate of registration as an online recruitment service provider	5%
Proof of the ability of the system being able to be used for Online recruitment process	5%
Proof of technical competence of personnel to be involved in the recruitment process	10%
Proof of the ability of the system to manage large number of applicants at once i.e. 100-3000 applicants and to be able to rank the applicants based on the assessment criteria and generate both individualized and group report of all applicants	15%
Proof of the ability to provide aptitude, language and personality assessments for Geita Gold Mining Limited internship applicants	20%
Proof of ability to provide online visual support to the end user / Geita Gold Mining Limited when required	10%
Proof of ability to provide access to the system for Training Managers and Head of department	10%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01067A)</b>	
Proof of certificate of registration as the fatigue management training service provider	15%
Proof of technical competence of personnel involved in the Fatigue management training/CV and credentials of personnel to be involved in the Fatigue management training	10%
Proof of models /approach to be used in assessing and managing fatigue	15%
Proof of the ability to develop and supply training material in both Swahili and English languages	20%
Proof of the ability to provide training both online and/or classroom bases training on site	15%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01068A)</b>	
Proof of certificate of registration as the Supervisory management training service provider	5%
Proof of technical competence of personnel involved in the Supervisory management training	25%
Proof of ability to develop and supply training material in both Swahili and English languages	30%
Proof of ability to provide training both online and/or classroom bases training on site	15%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

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Dar es Salaam Mzizima Lions Club medical convener Muzaffer Kaderbhai (R) presents a dummy cheque for 8,850,000/- in the city yesterday towards medical costs at the Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute for young heart patient Baltazar Nicholas Tawete, who is cared for at an orphanage in the city. Photo courtesy of Mzizima Lions Club

## TPC all set to involve itself more in electronic business - Dr Ndugulile

By Guardian Reporter

COMMUNICATIONS and Information Technology minister Dr Faustine Ndugulile has said Tanzania Posts Corporation (TPC) is in strategy to involve itself more in the electronic business.

He said that was because it has the advantage of having a wide network in the country connected to its post office branches that are connected to other post office branches in other countries.

Dr Ndugulile gave the remarks when he was visited in his office by the Secretary General of Pan African Postal Union (PAPU) Younouss Djibrine for familiarization and exchange of views on postal services in the African continent.

He said there are big changes in

regard to the provision of postal services in the country whereas as for now the Corporation has involved itself in courier services, and electronic money transactions. "We want to involve ourselves more in the electronic business because we have the advantage in having a wide network of many post office branches in the country that are connected to others in foreign countries, and this service has begun to operate," he said.

He said they have vowed to improve postal services starting from its buildings' appearances, application of ICT systems, to change its staff's appearance to make customers get better services.

For his part, PAPU Secretary General Younouss Djibrine said

postal services are recognized in the entire world as important services, especially during the Covid-19 pandemic when the corporation has been delivering parcels to the doorsteps and provision of monetary transactions.

He said the Corporation has more than 650,000 branches worldwide connected together hence it is easy for it to do electronic business.

He also used the occasion to thank Tanzania government for its huge cooperation accorded to PAPU during this period.

PAPU headquarters building is currently being constructed in Arusha City, and it will be the tallest building in the city and is expected to be completed in March 2022.



### REQUEST FOR TENDER CATERING AND CLEANING SERVICES

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

#### Pre-qualification criteria

- (1) At least one active catering contract serving more than 200 people per day
- (2) Qualify as an Indigenous Tanzanian Company as per Local Content Regulations
- (3) Active relevant catering certification
- (4) More than 3 years catering and cleaning experience
- (5) Experienced key personnel to be assigned to the project
- (6) Adequate policies & procedures

#### Expression of interest

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

Applicants must quote reference "Catering and Cleaning Services HR01/2021" in the subject line of your email.

#### Key Dates

- Last date to submit EOI

25 February 2021

North Mara Gold Mine Limited





Mabula Kikuli (2nd-R), Stanbic Bank's Industrial Branch manager, presents equipment and supplies worth 4.7m/- to Ocean Road Cancer Institute executive director Dr Julius Mwaeselage in Dar es Salaam on Saturday. The was meant as a gesture of the bank's support to the improvement of care for cancer patients. Looking on are matron Glory Mziho and Dr Kandali Kapie, both from the institute. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Kigoma-Ujiji fishermen complain of abduction, looting in Lake Tanganyika

By Guardian Correspondent, Kigoma

FISHERMEN in Kigoma Ujiji municipality have complained about the abduction and looting of their fishing gear on Lake Tanganyika by the alleged armed robbers, urging the government to tighten maritime security.

In an interview one of the fishermen who were affected by the challenge, Rajab Haji revealed that the incident occurred on the eve of February 16, this year at around 8 pm.

He said that on the fateful day they were attacked by people with firearms and traditional weapons who wanted them to hand over their fishing gear including nets, engines, petrol, batteries, and telephones.

Haji called on the security forces in the region to ensure their safety while on the lake, including promptly handling reports of crimes when they occur.

He said: "Most of the time when we call them about crime in the lake, they say they have no fuel and when we report robbery

incidents, we also don't get help. That's why we're calling the security organs to chip in and support when need arises."

Chairman of fishermen association in Kigoma Region Francis John said that crime incidents in the lake have affected four people who were robbed properties worth 19m/-, asking the security organs to make close-follow-ups on the matter.

"This is a serious challenge that affects the development of the fisheries sector in Lake Tanganyika and people's income and the nation at large," he said.

Confirming the incident, Acting Kigoma Regional Police Alchelaus Mutalemwa said that they received information about a 32-year-old man with clubs who looted various items worth 4,735,000/-.

The regional police chief called on fishermen to conduct their activities on the Tanzanian side, claiming that there were reports of some of them entering the other parts of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Burundi and other parts of the lake.

## WB dishes out US\$293 million soft loan to support eastern African vocational trainings

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

WORLD Bank (WB) has dished out a US\$293 million soft loan to support Eastern African countries strengthen their capacity to improve vocational training in various fields such as energy production, industrial, technology as well as air and water transport. In the pursuit of the goal, countries of Tanzania, Kenya and Ethiopia have been given the US\$293 ready to commence the implementation of the projects.

Speaking during the meeting which brought on board representatives from the projects sectors, Dr Cosam Joseph from the Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA), the coordinator of the projects said every country has highlighted projects as per priorities.

Dr Cosam said Ethiopia has given priority on developing projects in the leather and rail transport sector; Tanzania has

given priority to the sectors of energy production, leather production, technology and aviation, while Kenya has given priority to the textile sector, water transport and infrastructures.

He said the project also supports the development of highly specialized technical and vocational education and training programmes as well as industry-recognised short term certificate level training targeting regional priority sectors in transport, energy, manufacturing and ICT.

He said the implementation of the projects is taking place in some selected colleges in each country whereby a total of 16 colleges have launched various programmes. Tanzania has four colleges, Kenya has five and Ethiopia has seven colleges.

"All projects are expected to take five years of implementation, a move which will produce more skilled experts to work and bring changes in various sectors in the

region," he said.

By the end of the five-year project, the 16 institutes will have at least doubled their capacity on enrolment of students on an annual basis in both long-term and short-term training programmes in the targeted disciplines. He added; "Among others, all these projects are aimed at highlighting the contribution of technical colleges in boosting the economic growth of the EA region while also dispelling the misconception that technical colleges are dumpsites of failed students,"

He said that there was a time when some countries began to be influenced by this concept and began to see vocational colleges as nothing when it comes to transforming economies, which is not true.

Sitholi Mwakatege from Arusha Technical College said they have started offering targeted technical courses so as to produce competent graduates.

## Culture of visiting Tanzania's tourism attractions will boost national income, states GEL director

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

GLOBAL Education Link (GEL) through its educational tourism programme has continued with its mission to send secondary school and college students to various tourism attractions and historical sites to build the culture of visiting the places as a move to increase the national income.

This was revealed yesterday by the GEL Director, Abdulmalik Mollel, when speaking to students who expect to travel abroad for their studies under the agency.

GEL is an agency of overseas education which connect Tanzanian students who wish to study abroad and those from abroad who wish to study in Tanzania.

Mollel said instead of depending on tourists from abroad it is important to prepare locals to visit their historical and tourism sites since their childhood because the nation is blessed with a lot of tourism attractions.

He said GEL through its education tourism programme have already succeeded to send over 3,000 students from secondary level and university to various tourism attraction inside the country so that they can be aware of the abundance of their natural resources available in their country.

Mollel said it is true that Tanzania is not a poor country as president John Magufuli insist because it has a lot of tourism and historical attractions of which if Tanzanians are sensitized and pay little amount to visit them

the nation will collect billions of money and increase the nation income.

"We have many tourism attractions and historical sites whereby many Tanzanians are not familiar with, that's why GEL through Educational Tourism want to tell our fellow Tanzanians that we have very attractive areas you can visit and enjoy a lot, in some countries such places are good source of income generation so we must do the same," said Mollel.

"Our president have insisted on the importance of teaching Tanzania children history subject, it is relevant because we have a lot of potentials that many Tanzanians are not aware of for example we have elephants but we are not familiar with their lifestyle, people must know how

elephant get pregnancy, give birth and other behaviors at large instead of watching them from TV," said Mollel.

He said if large number of Tanzanians are sensitized and visit the tourist attractions and historical sites which are available everywhere in the country the national income will increase adding that GEL through education tourism will do its best to make sure that many people are aware of the nation natural resources.

"If we get only ten million Tanzanians who visit tourism and historical sites we will get billions of money, we must teach our people that instead of visiting beach every holidays there are another attractive areas they can visit and enjoy their holidays," he said.

Mollel said for many years, GEL have been striving to build that culture to Tanzania youth because before they travel abroad for their studies the agency organize educational tourism trip for them to learn various things including in their areas of professionals.

He said education tourism aims to foster a career nesting and nurturing encounter especially to students in lower learning and higher learning institutions by exposing them to various areas of professionals where they get opportunity to meet and discuss with professionals from that disciplines.

Mollel said from that the students get broad perspective in pursuing their careers in diverse fields of business, arts, engineering, health and allied sciences.



### INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR PROVISION OF INLAND AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES OF BULLION TO BE PROCURED 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 Inland Air Transport Services of Bullion and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible service providers to submit Expression of Interest for the below service.

#### Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01113	Provision of Inland Air Transport Services of Bullion

#### II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	10%
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>	
Company Profile	1.25%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.25%
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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>	<b>5%</b>
Audited & certified financial statements (2018-2019)	2.5%
At least 2 references from the applicant's bankers regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
<b>SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS</b>	<b>5%</b>
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Environment Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Safety and Environmental Policies	1.25%
<b>PAST EXPERIENCE</b>	<b>5%</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>	<b>75%</b>
Proof of compliance with ICAO requirements, standards and recommended practices	21.6 %
Supporting technical documentation describing the equipment e.g. aircraft	21.6 %
Proof of availability of a fully-fledged maintenance facility and qualification of maintenance Engineers. Company Financial information	21.6 %
Proof of ability to maintain confidentiality on the special shipment schedule	5%
Ready to cooperate with other stakeholders for security purpose	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

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## Taking over idle industries needful, but success requires ready formulas

**P**RESIDENT John Magufuli has expressed concern on a stretch of idle industries around the country, pledging government efforts to retake them, as in many cases they were sold to individuals who then failed to develop them.

The government has been trying to have the supposed owners work with technology and finance organisations in kick-starting those productive units, but with limited success. Now, the only option left appears to be to repossess those firms, but doubts remain as to whether that will do.

One such organisation that has been helping industries facing technological challenges as well as revamping their business models is the state-run Tanzania Industrial Research and Development Organisation (TIRDO).

But, in that it only offers advice without assuming managerial responsibilities, TIRDO falls into the proverbial situation of taking a cow to the stream but falling short of ensuring the cow actually drink waters.

It is thus unclear how far management and technological advice on revamping such firms is being followed, and indeed if other organisations that would have to chip in are ready to offer credit for industrial rehabilitation or revamping.

True, a repossession by the government could work, but the question remains whether the industrial units are merely dormant or are technological scrap heaps that only need to be pulled out so that the land is used for other - better - purposes.

Thus far, there is an impression that they can be "resurrected" and that is why the government is contemplating repossession. But it is unclear if in each such case there is a workable business plan which would make the takeover a success.

And if the repossession is a last resort, is it possible for specific credit lines for revamping to be initiated, distinct from routine loans?

Looking at it from a business model viewpoint, the government would likely be carrying considerable risks in repossessing a few of those firms. And, in a typical bureaucratic work schedule, it is unclear what safeguards it can devise and deploy in pruning unnecessary risks.

The government can participate differently manner, like lining up credit for revamping such industries but while tasking accounting officials to ensure that the cash is well used.

That way, investors would be responsible at least for capital input as an expression of personal confidence in the business models or plans they would present to TIRDO or the ministry to obtain such credit.

There is also a way in which such a method can be justified, as partnership between the public and the private sector, where the government actually needs entrepreneurial skills and navigating a business model that is interesting to an investor and is deemed practicable by ministerial agencies.

It is as if the government uses an investor for its own purposes, that is, a virtual take-over of such industry owing to its non-performance.

However, with the government as the overseer and actual guarantor in the loan arrangement, a bank or whatever other financial institution could accommodate such application.

It looks workable from the outside, and largely reduces inherent threats to success in repossession and revamping aged-old industries, given the limitations of technological adaptation or employment margins, amidst low pricing in markets.

## Tanzania-Burundi pact will cut costs, foster integration

**T**ANZANIA and Burundi are scaling new heights in cooperation and picking up speed in economic integration.

The two countries are engaged in talks to formulate detailed protocols on how to improve exploitation and joint processing of mineral resources found in the two countries.

Technically, Burundi is linked to rock formation in the mineral-rich northwestern zone of Tanzania and boasts similarly considerable riches as this zone. And, with sustainable peace, it is in for a more promising future. The recent talks reflect political positions already decided, and now there are technical and administrative procedures to straighten out.

At least, this is the impression one gets from the level of the recent discussions in Kigoma and the degree to which the respective government officials were assured of the outcome of the discussions.

Tanzania's representative noted that the two countries are rich in a range of similar mineral resources, intimating that cooperating in the processing and exportation of minerals was a continuation of other spheres of cooperation.

Tanzania has been closely involved in the maintenance of peace in Burundi and there is a lot of empathy between the governments of the two countries, chiefly for cultural reasons.

The Tanzanian representative further noted that the two countries had decided that it was an ideal time for cooperation in the mining and value addition of natural resources found in the two countries.

While he explained that the talks

would dwell on joint processing and exportation of minerals so as to reduce the costs that would have been borne for duplication of these processes, it appears the groundwork has already been laid.

For starters, there is the political intention to foster intense cooperation between the two countries and a track record especially in relation to what Tanzania has been doing since 2019, as a usable format for joint projects.

The Burundi envoy meanwhile expressed the radiant hope that resolutions reached will see the two countries reaping the benefits of living and working together in peace and harmony, or rather putting into action the vision of joint economic activity on the basis of the prevailing peace and cordial links.

When costs of producing, processing and exporting mineral products are diminished, and the modality is transparent as different from the Great Lakes situation of rampant smuggling and purchase of minerals in militia-controlled and therefore lawless areas, the benefits to both countries will be enhanced. The model could be applied elsewhere.

The Democratic Republic of Congo, just next door, is busy fighting to set up a new Cabinet and revamped party alliances in the national legislature.

The authorities there have stated that their uppermost goal is restoring law and order in the Kivu region to the north east. When that is done with, the Tanzania-Burundi model of cooperation in the minerals sector might come in handy for the development-minded reformist authorities. And that is something to wish for.

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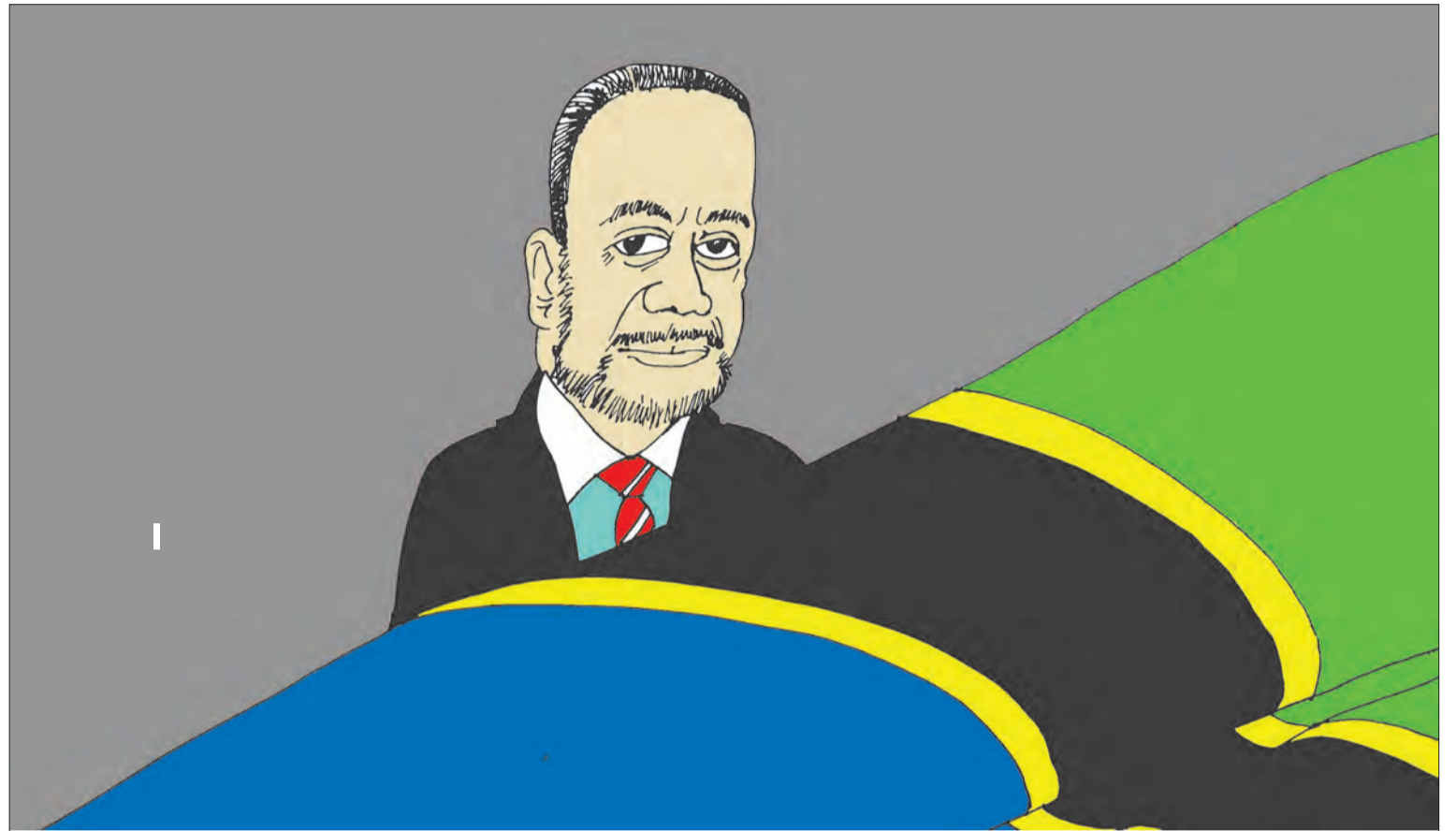
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By Martin Kropff and Nteranya

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**A**FRICAN smallholder farmers have no choice but to adapt to climate change: 2020 was the second hottest year on record, while prolonged droughts and explosive floods are directly threatening the livelihoods of millions.

By the 2030s, lack of rainfall and rising temperatures could render 40 per cent of the continent's maize-growing area unsuitable for climate-vulnerable varieties grown by farmers. Meanwhile, maize remains the preferred and most affordable staple food for millions of Africans who survive on less than a few dollars of income a day.

Farmers across the continent understand that the climate crisis is affecting their harvests and their "daily bread". In sub-Saharan Africa, swelling numbers of people are chronically undernourished, with over 21 per cent of the population suffering from severe food insecurity.

The global battle against climate change and all its interconnected impacts requires a multi-sectoral approach to formulate comprehensive responses.

For farmers in sub-Saharan Africa, especially smallholders, this involves producing improved crop varieties that are not only high-yielding but also tolerant to drought and heat, resistant to diseases and insect pests, and able to contribute to minimising the risk of farming under rain-fed conditions.

CGIAR, a global partnership involving numerous organisations engaged in the transformation of food systems, has for many decades been at the forefront of technological innovation and deployment.

The International Maize and Wheat Improvement Centre (CIMMYT) and the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) are the two CGIAR research centres undertaking innovative maize research and development work in the stress-prone environments of Africa.

Successful development of improved climate-adaptive maize varieties for sub-Saharan Africa has been spearheaded by these two CGIAR centres. These have been implementing joint projects such as the Drought Tolerant Maize for Africa (DTMA) and Stress Tolerant Maize for Africa (STMA).

They have been doing so in partnership with an array of national and private sector partners in the major maize-producing countries in eastern,

## Successful crop innovation mitigates the impact of climate crisis in Africa

southern and western Africa. Under the ten-year DTMA initiative, some 160 affordable and scalable maize varieties were released.

High-yielding, multiple stress-tolerant, maize varieties using CIMMYT/IITA maize germ-plasm released after 2007 - the year the DTMA project was started - were estimated to be grown on 5 million hectares in 2020 in sub-Saharan Africa.

The adoption of drought-tolerant (DT) maize varieties helped lift millions of people above the poverty line across the continent. For example, in drought-prone southern Zimbabwe, farmers using the varieties in dry years were able to harvest up to 600 kilogrammes more maize per hectare - enough for nine months for an average family of six - than those who sowed conventional varieties.

The STMA project that followed DTMA also operated in sub-Saharan Africa, where 176 million people depend on maize for nutrition and economic well-being. The project, which ended last year and was followed by one called Accelerating Genetic Gains for Maize and Wheat Improvement (AGG), developed new maize varieties that can be successfully grown under drought, sub-optimal soil fertility and heat stress as well as diseases and pests.

Last year saw CGIAR-related stress-tolerant maize varieties grown on at least 5 million hectares, benefiting over 8.6 million smallholder farmers in 13 countries across sub-Saharan Africa.

In Kenya, farmers with the new maize varieties are harvesting 20 to 30 per cent more grain than those without drought-tolerant seeds.

Prasanna Boddupalli, Director of CIMMYT's Global Maize Programme and the CGIAR Research Programme on maize, says this has a cascading effect on livelihoods - improving the nutritional intake of the community, helping children return to school, and reducing poverty.

Kenyan farmer Veronica Nduku, who has been growing CIMMYT's drought-tolerant maize for 10 years, said in a recent interview with Gates Notes that she always harvests even when there is no rainfall.

In Zambia, a study by CIMMYT and the Centre for Development Research has shown that adopting drought-tolerant maize can

increase yields by 38 per cent and reduce the risks of crop failure by 36 per cent - even though three-quarters of the farmers in the study had experienced drought during the survey.

Besides climate-adaptive improved maize varieties, both CIMMYT and IITA have developed maize varieties biofortified with provitamin A. Vitamin A deficiency is highly prevalent in populations across sub-Saharan Africa.

These biofortified maize varieties, developed in partnership with HarvestPlus, are being deployed in targeted countries in sub-Saharan Africa in partnership with national programmes and seed company partners.

Celebrating the 50th anniversary of its founding earlier this year, CGIAR unveiled its roadmap for a new ten-year strategy at the online 2021 Climate Adaptation Summit, hosted by the Netherlands in January.

The new sustainable research strategy puts climate change at the heart of its mission, with an emphasis on the realignment of food systems worldwide, targeting five impact areas: nutrition, poverty, inclusivity, climate adaptation and mitigation, and environmental health.

CGIAR's ambition, through food system transformation, resilient agri-food systems and genetic innovations, is to meet and go beyond the 17 global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres has called for a concerted global effort to radically realign food systems to achieve the goals by 2030.

CGIAR warns that without more science-based interventions to align agriculture with climate targets, the number of undernourished people around the world could exceed 840 million by 2030.

To shift its focus and investment into agricultural research that responds to the climate crisis, CGIAR is undergoing an institutional reform - and it is named "One CGIAR". The dynamic reformulation of its partnerships, knowledge, assets and global presence is primarily meant to ensure greater integration and impact in the face of the interdependent challenges facing today's world.

Scientific innovations in food, land and water systems will be deployed faster, at a larger scale and at reduced cost, having greater impact where they are

needed the most.

Admittedly, though, the groundbreaking progress made thus far would not have been possible without the generous funding from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Yet Bill Gates, who recognizes the essential role of CGIAR in "feeding our future", also acknowledges that current levels of investment do not amount to even half of what is needed.

Investments in maize breeding and seed system innovations must expand to keep up with the capacity to withstand climate variability in sub-Saharan Africa, the world's most chronically undernourished region. That would provide food and nutritional security to millions of maize-dependent and resource-constrained smallholders and consumers.

CIMMYT and IITA have invested on long-term breeding to increase genetic gains using many new tools and technologies. However, these efforts need to be further intensified.

More funding is also needed to reach out to smallholders with quality seed of climate-resilient maize varieties. While 77 per cent of Zambian households interviewed said they experienced drought in 2015, only 44 per cent said they knew about drought-tolerant maize.

Mindful that adopting new technologies and practices can be risky for resource-poor farmers who do not enjoy the protection of social welfare safety nets in rich countries, CIMMYT encourages farmers, seed companies and other end-users to be involved in the development process.

It is not enough to lower carbon emissions. African farmers need to adapt quickly to rising temperatures, drawn-out droughts and sharp, devastating floods.

With higher-yielding, multiple stress tolerant maize varieties, smallholder farmers have the opportunity to combat climatic variabilities, diseases and pests as well as effectively diversify their farms. In turn, this will enable them to have better adaptation to the changing climates and access to well-balanced and affordable diets.

As climate change intensifies so should agricultural innovations. It is time for a "business unusual" approach.

**• Martin Kropff is CIMMYT Director General and Nteranya Sangina is his IITA counterpart.**



# Communications service providers need to meet customers' ever-changing needs

By Pikie Monaheng in Johannesburg

IT'S no secret that communications service providers (CSPs) need to transform their businesses to compete in the continent's highly competitive communications landscape and deliver the experiences that customers are demanding today.

But digital transformation is a journey that, as should be expected, takes time. And there are many tasks to undertake on the way.

So, how do CSPs go about achieving true digital transformation? What are the main challenges they must address?

Modernisation of information technology is a key enabler of any digital transformation - and adoption of cloud technologies is central to that.

In addition to cost savings, the cloud provides the ability to swiftly evolve, react to market dynamics and launch new offerings. It enables elasticity on demand, creating an always-on environment where the flexibility to do things as a service is much greater and the organisation is not confined to own-premise computing power and IT.

CSPs will necessarily adopt a hybrid approach to cloud adoption with some systems remaining on-premise and others migrating to private cloud, public cloud and even multiple public clouds like AWS, Azure and GCP to benefit from the latest technologies and cost efficiencies.

This complex IT environment creates challenges around managing the hybrid co-existence of the current and the new platforms, and this requires careful management.

Moreover, adoption of cloud brings new concerns such as the need for continuous optimisation, financial and economic management, regulatory compliance and data and security management.

Data are key for anticipating cus-

tomers' needs. Savvy CSPs will need to start leveraging data more effectively to make more astute business decisions. Here, AI (artificial intelligence) plays a key role, helping CSPs to quickly create new offerings based on what customers are demanding.

Injecting AI into everything the organisation does will help it make critical business decisions and keep pace with an ever-changing, connectivity-first society. CSPs will also need to inject intelligence into their own operations.

To remain ahead of technology's rapid evolution, organisations will be compelled to introduce AI-driven operations, while making continuous improvements to their IT environments. This is the only way to ensure flexibility and a fleet-footed response to change.

Ultimately, the success of any digital transformation depends on the people and the processes executing the transformation. This requires getting employees to buy into digital adoption, embrace new technologies, new processes and new ways of working.

CSPs need to adapt their organisational culture to break down barriers and automate and expedite processes. They must instill a continuous learning and innovation mindset in their employees.

Steps such as these will allow CSPs to be more agile and ensure that their employees have the inherent ability to quickly adapt to the next big disruption.

With the focus on reskilling and repurposing, as well as the automation of manual tasks, employees will no longer have to do repetitive or onerous tasks. Rather, they will be freed up to concentrate more on business innovation and customer service.

One successful digital transformation story is that of a South East Asian media conglomerate, which recently underwent a digital trans-

formation programme and migrated its business support systems (BSS) to cloud.

The aim was to improve the user experience and increase self-service adoption, personalise recommendations and improve usability.

In 14 months - and negotiating Covid-19 challenges - the transformation journey resulted in upfront operational and capital expenditure savings as well as 10 per cent cost optimisation. In addition, the business was able to decommission data centres and enable updates to individual apps without impacting its overall digital architecture.

In another instance, Philippines-based telecommunications company Globe modernised a fragmented and inefficient call centre to deliver an enhanced digital experience for customers.

To deliver better customer interactions and reduce waiting time as well as increase call resolution rates and enrich their customers' digital lifestyles, the company's legacy system was migrated to the cloud - Amazon Connect - and an Amdocs solution was adopted to convert 31 screens to a single, unified agent desktop.

This led to a 40 per cent reduction in operating expenditure (OPEX) and overall improvement in net promoter score (NPS). Digital transformation journeys may come with some challenges, but the rewards are worth the effort.

CSPs that have already embarked on accelerated journeys to transform their businesses are positioning themselves to deliver digital customer services that leverage new opportunities and technologies alongside elevating their customers' satisfaction and happiness rates.

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## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)/ REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI): SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF VARIOUS GOODS FOR 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 purpose of the EOI/ RFI is to explore the supply market for competent Suppliers with the requisite skills, knowledge and financial capacity to Supply and Deliver of various Goods to Geita Gold Mining Limited (GGML) in accordance with the RFI documents.

The responses to this EOI/RFI will be used to shortlist capable Suppliers that will be invited to respond to the Main Tender for the Supply and Delivery of Various Goods for Geita Gold Mining Ltd. The details and dates for the issue of the Main Tender will be communicated to shortlisted Companies only. It is necessary to respond to this EOI/ RFI in order to be pre-qualified to be considered for the Main Tender.

### Scope of work:

#### Supply and Delivery of Various Goods

Reference Number	Goods Description
GGME01114	Supply & Delivery of Remote Control Parts for Wheel Loader/Bogger
GGME01115	Supply & Delivery of Hydraulic Transmission & Engine for Volvo Equipment
GGME01116	Supply & Delivery of Inverter Booster
GGME01117	Supply & Delivery of Transmission & Torque Converter for Wheel Loader

### II. SPECIAL INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF VARIOUS GOODS

The below information forms the minimum requirements in order to conclude the prequalification evaluation set out:

- Approved dealership (where applicable)
- Capability
- Warranty (where applicable)
- Previous supply records of at least three (3) Clients on similar goods

### III. GENERAL INFORMATION REQUIRED

The below information is required in order to conclude the prequalification evaluation set out below:

1. Details of business presence in Tanzania
2. Details on Compliance of the Mining Act (Local Content) Regulations 2018, including:
  - Approved Local Content Plan by Mining Commission
  - Ownership: Please provide the following information about your organisation's ownership/partners/members:
    - 2.1 For privately owned companies, a list of all the owners, their nationality and respective percentage ownership of your organisation.
    - 2.2 For publicly traded companies, a list of all shareholders holding more than 5% with details of their nationality and percentage ownership.
3. Quality assurance & Quality control plan/ procedures in place for the execution of similar type of work, Copy of ISO or any other certification as applicable.
4. Service provider's financial performance documents (Audited Balance sheets, Profit and Loss Account & cash flow statement, Auditors Report and Notes to Accounts etc.) for the last 3 (three) years.

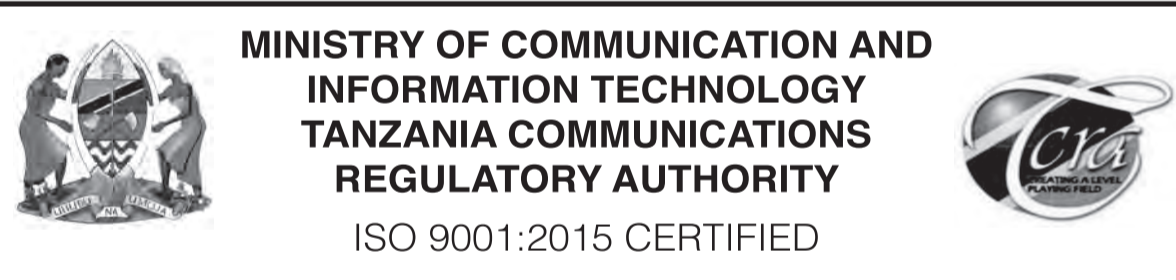
### IV. PREQUALIFICATION EVALUATION CONSIDERATIONS

In evaluating the interested bidder, GGML will consider the following:

1. Supply Reliability – Prospective Bidders to indicate the approach they will adopt to ensure Quality of the goods supplied, particularly in the Mining Sector.
2. Capability – Prospective Bidders to give details of their capability regarding the provision of goods to similar size of clients as GGML. (At least 3 reference letters from existing customers are required)
3. Permits and Certifications – Prospective Bidders to provide details and evidence of permits and registrations issued by the relevant Government authorities, and any other statutory bodies regulating the related goods.
4. Local Content – Prospective Bidders to demonstrate their compliance with the requirements as set out in the Tanzania Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018, as amended by having an approved Local Content Plan.

Interested bidders must submit expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the **DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER** of the goods 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. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the **GGML** Office via e-mail at **geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com** not later than **0830 A.M 25 February 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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# Pushing for better, faster oil and gas project implementation in Africa (1)

By Andres Vega in Johannesburg

ONE of the world's biggest oil and gas (O&G) producers, Mexico has had a sweet and sour relationship with the upstream industry.

In my experience working in the Mexican O&G industry, I witnessed the transition of a nationalised industry, once described by Juan Pardin, former director of the Mexican Institute on Competitiveness, as "hermetically sealed" and on par with that of North Korea, to an industry allowing the participation of foreign investment.

It has been quite an experience to witness such a rapid movement in an industry where nothing occurred - from a regulatory standpoint - for more than 70 years.

After so many years of stagnancy, the 2013 Mexican Administration pushed for a quick reform and a faster implementation to catch up with the global industry and call upon international investors.

In a relatively short period, these efforts resulted in the awarding and performance of III exploration and exploitation contracts.

While the framework is not perfect, perhaps some of the experience could serve as an example for African countries struggling with implementing reforms or successfully structuring and launching licensing rounds.

Countries like Algeria, Nigeria, Ghana, Gabon, Somalia, and Cameroon, where the most recent licensing rounds have not yielded the expected results, could maybe benefit from this experience. At least this is according to NJ Ayuk, Executive Chairman of the African Energy Chamber.

Considering how Mexico's upstream sector evolved to allow foreign investment, I will be presenting certain experiences that might serve as an example in some African jurisdictions with cultural, regulatory, legislative and even colonial similarities, where oil & gas projects need to keep growing not only to recover from Covid-19 but also to serve as pillars of the economy.

## Mexico's need to reform

The nationalisation of subsoil resources by the revolutionaries who drafted the Mexican Constitution of 1917 marked the beginning of private investment restrictions in the oil & gas industry.

With such a move, Mexico had "recaptured oil but could not develop or market it without foreign capital", so foreign involvement in the country continued to be essential for several years.

However, nationalistic sentiment, labour disputes and political unrest, among other matters, lead to judicial, political and social turmoil, which eventually resulted in the 1938 privatisation of an industry formerly dominated by foreign majors.

Under the premise of "The Oil is Ours" sustained by Lázaro Cárdenas, President of Mexico from 1934 to 1940, Mexican citizens of every class donated money and valuables to the government, including jewelry and livestock, to pay off foreign owners' debt.

With the privatisation, the NOC (national oil company) Petroleos Mexicanos ("Pemex") was incorporated as a vertically integrated company and granted exclusive rights over exploration, extraction, refining and commercialisation of oil & gas.

Since then, and up to the late 2000s, nothing had changed in Pemex's monopolistic grasp of the industry except for allowing foreign participation through risk-services agreements with private companies in 1949.

There was also the modification of Pemex's corporate structure that included its spinning off in four subsidiaries - each focused on a stage of the oil exploitation process - in 1992, being Pemex-Exploration and Production in charge of upstream.

By 2004, supported by the output of the super-giant Cantarell basin (discovered in 1976), Pemex had become one of the world's biggest oil producers, with an output of 3.4 million bbl/d (barrels per day). Cantarell accounted for 63 per cent of Mexico's total production, with



peak production in 2004 of 2.1 million bbl/d.

In Mexico, Pemex had become a beacon for nationalistic principles throughout the years. Its success gave compelling arguments in support of a model of a government-led industry.

At the time, a modification to the industry's legal framework or Pemex's monopoly came with a high political cost. However, with a steady, unstoppable decline, by 2014, Pemex was averaging around 2.5 million bbl/d, thus indicating that it alone could not stop the fall.

Pemex is now the most indebted NOC globally, standing at about \$110 billion USD in debt and production averaging 1.6 million bbl/d. Due to several reasons, including a tax regime standing at roughly 60 per cent, Pemex has not turned a profit since 2006.

The decline of production demanded reform to the industry. The first attempt came in 2008 when President Felipe Calderon's Administration reformed specific laws creating the National Hydrocarbons Commission ("CNH"), a much-needed regulator in the industry, and giving Pemex greater budgetary authority and a different corporate structure.

Also, Pemex was allowed to tender and execute a form of long-term risk-services agreements with private companies, where it would make payments to the contractors according to performance.

Such services agreements known as Integrated Exploration and Production Contracts ("CIEPs") included cost recovery of Capex and payment of a fee per barrel to contractors, contingent on Pemex's available cash flow, which resulted in problems.

CIEPs were awarded in three different tenders, mainly to service companies, as the contractual-profit scheme did not draw operators.

Finally, in 2013, under President Enrique Peña Nieto's Administration, a constitutional reform was approved by Mexican Congress, enabling international companies to participate in the O&G sector through service contracts, profit, and licence contracts, thereby ending the nationalisation of the industry - though not of the ownership of subsoil resources.

The constitutional reform was swift, and it counted with the support of the major political parties in the country, following the "Pacto por Mexico" (Pact for Mexico), negotiated right after the election, and signed the day after Nieto was sworn into office.

The Pacto por Mexico set the administration's immediate strategic goals for every primary sector of the economy. While currently being accused of corruption, the Pacto por Mexico serves as an excellent example of working together with the political players to get things done, especially in industries as controversial as oil and gas.

The following year, President Nieto signed into law secondary legislation to the Constitutional Reform, incorporating a new regulatory regime for the energy industry.

The reform would become the first - and, hopefully, not the last - attempt by the country to involve

private companies in the development and modernisation of the sector after more than 70 years of a nationalised industry.

Involvement of foreign investment was made in a multi-stage process, beginning by allocating to the NOC most of the country's oil reserves, followed by the launching of rapid, attractive and successful bidding rounds.

## Takeaways

One: Mexico reformed the framework, incorporated regulators and adopted international standards in a relatively short period. This strategy was procured carefully by the different governmental bodies and diligently planned at a political level - and it was well-received, with investors showing much interest in participating in the new market.

African countries looking to exploit their resources should act even more rapidly and diligently to draw international companies' appetite, especially on the post-Covid-19 recovery road.

Having a planned strategy for rapid reform is an effective way to attract new capital. Companies do not want to wait for years for opportunities to open. Investors would lose interest and would probably move to other markets that moved swiftly.

Such reforms must not only be aligned with political or private interests but they must also connect to the public, who must be able to feel the benefits that the reforms will bring and not only see it as a political campaign or a ruse by politicians to give money - or, even worse, oil reserves - to foreign investors.

One of the most compelling "counter-reform" arguments of the current Administration in Mexico is that the energy reform did not reach its expected results.

It is convincing, as Nieto's Administration might have oversold the short-term benefits of the reform by promising lower electricity and natural gas tariffs - creating several million jobs and increasing the oil rent, among others, most of which were not met.

In fact, since the enactment of the reform, oil output has decreased from 2.5 to 1.6 million bbl/d, making the current government's argument quite convincing for society at large.

This cannot be allowed to happen while pushing for reform in African countries. Countries should consider implementing adequate communication channels with the public about the industry's benefits to avoid an issue similar to Mexico's.

Having a fluid connection and communication between the people, the regulators and the companies is vital. Oil & gas projects' benefits should not be delivered only in an official address but, instead, they should be fully comprehended and felt.

Society must know where the money committed for investment goes, how it replicates in employment and the lowering of diesel, petrol, gas and electric tariffs, how the profits are spent (or saved) and, in particular, the certainty that the money does not just go to the elites or foreign companies.

Two: Prioritising transparency in the licensing rounds, the resulting contracts' performance and the allocation of the revenue from

the extracted resources as well as adopting anti-bribery laws and regulations are primordial to create an optimal investing environment.

Especially in countries like Mexico, where inequality, poverty, social difficulties, political turmoil and corruption scandals are an everyday thing, these matters are of the utmost importance to keep a strong upstream sector.

African countries should strive to connect with the public and avoid approving and implementing "secret" projects or under-the-table deals.

The push for transparency needs to be grand. African countries should seek to join and comply in full with the EITI or a similar mechanism to push for transparency, which will also help build a hospitable environment for foreign investors.

EITI, the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative, is a global standard for the good governance of oil, gas and mineral resources. It seeks to address the key governance issues in the extractive sectors.

Efficient communication of the results of licensing rounds, the status of the executed contracts and the benefits resulting therefrom is necessary. This connection to society will also give investors certainty, as a change in public policy would be harder to achieve by incoming administrations if the voters are content with the industry's status.

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standards to attract foreign investment.

Not even the perception of corruption should be welcomed in Africa, as it would - like in Mexico - take the industry several steps back. It is an excellent opportunity for some African countries to implement or improve anticorruption systems in the industry, thus serving as examples to other sectors of the economies.

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## INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF MCHAURU HOUSE FURNITURE TO BE PROCURED 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 House Furniture and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible Suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the below scope of Supply.

### Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01131	Supply and Delivery of Mchauru House Furniture (Mchauru Village Revitalization 2021)

### II. 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>	<b>5%</b>
Audited & certified financial statements (2018-2019)	2.5%
At least 1 references from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
<b>SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS</b>	<b>5%</b>
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Environment Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Safety and Environmental Policies	1.25%
<b>PAST EXPERIENCE</b>	<b>5%</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 (GGME01131)</b>	<b>75%</b>
Proof of ability to Supply House Furnitures	75%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the service DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER (GGME01131) 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 03 March 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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# Humanitarian agencies seek \$222 million to support Burundian refugees



By Guardian Correspondent

**T**HE United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) together with 33 partners, is appealing for \$222.6 million to provide much needed humanitarian assistance for over 315,000 Burundian refugees during 2021.

For nearly seven years, Tanzania, Rwanda, Uganda, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo have been generously hosting refugees from Burundi.

While last year's political transition has brought hope that more refugees may be able to return home, the majority of Burundians will continue to be in need of international protection throughout 2021.

This year's funding appeal - the 2021 Burundi Regional Refugee Response Plan - seeks critical support for the provision of food, shelter and education, as well as access to healthcare and water, which are particularly needed to ensure prevention and response measures related to the coronavirus pandemic.

"Increased international support is crucial to ensure Burundian refugees receive meaningful protection and care in neighbouring countries," said Clementine Nkweta-Salami, UNHCR's Regional Director for the East, Horn of Africa and Great Lakes region. "Committing resources is an important signal that the world has not forgotten Burundian refugees and their host communities."

The appeal includes funding requirements to step up voluntary, safe and dignified return for those who choose to repatriate, and is complemented by a Joint Refugee Return and Reintegration Plan, which covers reception and monitoring of returnees, and support to help them reintegrate in Burundi.

In 2020, the response to the Burundian refugee situation was among the most underfunded globally with last year's US\$293 million appeal just 40 per cent funded.

The consequences for the lives of refugees and their host communities were acute. They included cuts to food rations, inadequate shelters, shortages of medicines, and insufficient livelihood activities.

## Experts explain Lake Victoria fish deaths

By Fatinato Dollarman

THE East African Community ordinary heads of state meeting has been scheduled for February 27.

This will be preceded by the 40th ordinary meeting of the Council of Ministers from February 22-25 in Arusha, Tanzania.

In a letter addressed to all permanent secretaries and ministers for EAC Affairs from Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and South Sudan, EAC secretary-general Liberat Mfumukeko said apart from the appointment of his successor, infrastructure development for 2021-24 is top on the agenda for the Summit.

The chairperson of the Council of Ministers, Nshuti Manasseh, added that the EAC partner states are looking into ways of dealing with the effects of COVID-19 on the region's economy.

This comes at a time when countries across the world are rolling out COVID-19 vaccine campaigns with renewed hope of returning to normalcy. While governments in the region have made efforts to strengthen various aspects of the health system to cope with the pandemic, the significant impact of the virus on the health systems is evident. Certainly, the impact varies from country to country.

While substantive studies are

yet to be conducted, it can be argued that countries that have strong health systems in the region endured the impact of the virus as compared to countries that have relatively weak health systems.

Countries such as Rwanda with strong and well-coordinated public health systems responded quickly and effectively to the pandemic, saving lives and preventing further spread. This reality calls for collective efforts both at national and regional levels to support countries with weak health infrastructure.

The EAC has heavily invested in regional infrastructure and trade towards the attainment of the region's vision 2050 of becoming a globally competitive upper-middle-income region with a high quality of life for its population based on the principles of inclusiveness and accountability.

However, the pandemic emphasised the need and importance of investing in the health sector as a critical element in the development of the region. There is overwhelming evidence that investments in strong health-care systems don't just improve population health but also boost the economy.

A healthy population has a positive return on investment impacting disparate sectors of the economy ranging from agriculture and education to tourism and

transportation. It was more evident during the pandemic, some of the EAC partner countries were overstretched with limited human resources, poor programming that saw poor/no prioritisation of other essential health services, including sexual reproductive health.

World Health Organization reports that investment in healthcare triples dividends for health, economic growth, and gender equality. Therefore, this moment of building back from the crisis presents an opportunity for EAC stewards to have a deeper evaluation of health systems in the region, illuminating on opportunities and challenges such as the scarcity of sustainable health financing.

The council of ministers meeting in Arusha should prioritise discussions on innovative health financing models that can be leveraged to marshal domestic resources to bridge the gap and meet the priority healthcare needs of their populations. This will be in line with the Abuja Declaration of 2001 that provided a rallying call for governments in Africa to allocate 15 per cent of public expenditure to the health sector, and build strong and resilient healthcare systems.

Fatinato Dollarman is a reproductive health advocate at Centre for the Study of Adolescence



## Zambia 36th country to ratify AfCFTA agreement

LUSAKA

ZAMBIA recently submitted the instruments of its ratification of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) agreement to the African Union Commission, according to African Union Commission (AUC) chairperson Moussa Faki Mahamat, who recently said in Addis Ababa that Zambia has become the 36th AU member to fully accede to the agreement.

With Zambia's ratification, only 18 member states are left to comply with the requirement. They are Benin, Botswana, Burundi, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Morocco, Mozambique, Seychelles, Somalia,

South Sudan, Sudan and Tanzania, according to African media reports.

The AfCFTA agreement entered into force on May 30, 2019, after the treaty was ratified by 22 countries, the minimum number required. Only Eritrea out of the continent's 55 countries is yet to sign the agreement.

It provides the opportunity for Africa to create the world's largest free trade area with the potential to unite more than 1.2 billion people in a \$2.5 trillion economic bloc and usher in a new era of development. It has the potential to generate a range of benefits through supporting trade creation, structural transformation, productive employment and poverty reduction. Trading started officially on January 1.

Zambia's ratification comes as

the country finalises its national AfCFTA strategy, which will guide its implementation of the agreement.

Through its African Trade Policy Centre (ATPC), the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) has been working with AUC and member states to deepen Africa's trade integration and effectively implement the agreement through policy advocacy and national strategy development.

The ECA also works with the International Trade Centre (ITC), United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), and independent trade experts with the financial support of the European Union to assist with the implementation of the agreement.



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GGME01140	SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF DEWATERING ELECTRICAL PUMPING COMPONENTS
GGME01139	SUPPLY AND COMMISSIONING OF VOC185 415V COMPRESSORS ADEQUATE TO SUPPLY GEITA HILL WITH ENOUGH AIR CFM IN LINE WITH THE MINE PLAN
GGME01155	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF IT EQUIPMENTS REPLACEMENT AND SPARES 2021

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## LONDON

SIXTEEN talented entrepreneurs from Tanzania, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Ghana, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa and The Gambia have been shortlisted to compete for this year's edition of the £25,000 Africa Prize for Engineering Innovation.

This year's shortlist includes the creators of a low-cost ventilator powered by water instead of electricity, a digital financial services solution that audits users based on their online social profiles, and sustainable packaging developed from banana stems to help battle plastic pollution and deforestation.

The Africa Prize, run every year by the UK's Royal Academy of Engineering, awards crucial commercialisation support to ambitious African innovators engaged in transforming their communities through scalable engineering solu-

# Tanzanian shortlisted for Africa Prize for Engineering Innovation

tions.

The 2021 shortlist represents nine countries including, for the first time, Côte d'Ivoire, Senegal, Ethiopia and the Gambia. Six of the 16-strong shortlist are female innovators.

The programme has a track record of identifying engineering entrepreneurs with significant potential, many of whom have gone on to achieve greater commercial success and social impact.

A unique package of support - running from December 2020 to July 2021 - is being provided to the shortlisted innovators to help them accelerate their businesses.

The benefits of selection include

comprehensive and tailored business training, personalised mentoring, media and communications training as well as funding.

Also on offer are access to the academy's network of high-profile, experienced engineers and business experts based in the UK and across Africa, as well as access to the alumni network after the programme concludes.

This year marks the first fully digital programme, providing intensive expert guidance and community support through a mixture of online group and one-on-one sessions.

Following this period of support, four finalists will be selected and invited to pitch their improved in-

novation and business plan to the judges and a live audience. A winner will be selected to receive £25,000, while three runners up will receive £10,000 each.

Emma Wade Smith OBE, Her Majesty's Trade Commissioner for Africa at the UK Department for International Trade, said: "It makes me very proud to be part of this initiative that demonstrates so clearly and practically the power of partnerships between Africa and the UK.

"The range of innovations and innovators in this year's shortlist offer an insight into Africa's extraordinary diversity and talent and illustrate the importance we all place on nurturing and supporting Africa's self-starters to create and scale sustainable and inclusive products and services that will help us rebuild our economies to be greener, cleaner and more resilient.

"The Africa Prize helps to accelerate entrepreneurial capacity and ecosystems. I am excited to follow the progress of this year's cohort,

and am certain we will see many of these inventions go on to create and sustain jobs and benefit our societies, as so many of the previous participants in the Africa Prize have done."

Alumni of the Prize are projected to impact over three million lives in the next five years and have already created over 1500 jobs and raised more than \$14 million in grants and equity.

Africa Prize alumni have also played an important role in supporting the continent's Covid-19 pandemic response, with the programme's training and additional Academy funding helping them pivot their businesses and address community needs.

Together, they reached over 220,000 people with innovations including affordable hand sanitiser, remote education, 3D-printed PPE (personal protection equipment), access to finance for smallholder farmers and a track and trace platform allowing worshippers to attend religious services.

The 2021 shortlist includes innovations that provide exciting solutions for key challenges addressing most of the 17 global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) - among them reducing waste, improving healthcare efficiency, and a range of digital solutions to improve business productivity.

The companies range from transforming banana and plantain stems to biodegradable paper packaging products, a low-cost biowaste processing machine for farmers to manage biowaste, a high efficiency machine used to process garri, and bioplastic made from biomass which dissolves in water.

In West Africa, Garri is the powdery food material flour made from the tuberous roots of the cassava plant, which in the process of its manufacture is changed into dry edible granules.

The entrepreneurs have also developed a cost-effective 3D printed prosthetic hand for people with upper limb amputations, 3D-printed orthopaedic equipment for patients and healthcare workers, and a low-cost non-electric and non-invasive ventilator for patients with respiratory difficulties.

Others include a device that uses artificial intelligence (AI) to simplify intravenous therapy and a digital healthcare platform which manages the medical data of patients to ensure continuity of care.

Other innovations selected are meant to improve business productivity and upskill students and job seekers. They include a cloud-based application to help increase the productivity of waste management and other service-based businesses as well as a tech recruitment platform for companies to hire software engineers.

Yet others are a smartphone application that uses AI to teach coding and a digital workspace which connects brands in the media industry with local content creators.

There is also a digital financial services solution that uses a social reputation score to provide formal financial services to those without access to a smartphone or bank account.

The academy also runs other complementary innovation programmes in Africa. The Africa Innovation Fellowship, in partnership with WomEng, seeks to increase female participation in engineering innovation and entrepreneurship across the continent.

Meanwhile, the Leaders in Innovation Fellowships programme, supports innovators in 16 countries including Egypt, Kenya and South Africa.

The complete list of selected technologies and candidates includes: Mkono-I, Dr Atish Shah from Tanzania - a locally 3D-printed prosthetic hand which provides an affordable solution for people living with upper limb amputations; Aevhas, Jacob Azundah from Nigeria - a high-efficiency machine used to process cassava roots into the West African diet staple, garri; Biopackaging, Armelle Sidje from Cameroon - a sustainable manufacturing process which transforms banana and plantain stems to biodegradable paper packaging products; and BlueAvo, Indira Tsengiwe from South Africa - a digital platform which connects creative brands and people in the media industry with local content creators and provides a digital workspace for collaboration and project development.

Among the others are: CodeLn, Elohor Thomas from Nigeria - an automated tech recruitment platform that connects software engineering recruitment by connecting companies with talented people in the field and helps test their coding abilities; Dissolv Bioplastic, Tshepo Magoole from South Africa - a bioplastic made from plant waste material which is compostable and dissolves in water at pre-determined rates; I3S, Marie Ndieguene from Senegal - a sustainably-made and affordable storage space solution made from diverted landfill waste designed to solve the problem of post-harvest loss in agriculture; and Jumeni Field Service Software, Eyram Amedzor from Ghana - software which assists service-based businesses by providing a three-part cloud-based application to help increase the productivity of their field teams.

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21:00-23:00HRS	KIPIMA JOTO
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# TARURA TO SPEND 32.6BN/- FOR ROAD PROJECTS IN TABORA REGION IN 2021/2022 FINANCIAL YEAR

By Guardian Correspondent, Tabora

**T**HE Tanzania Rural and Urban Roads Agency (TARURA) in Tabora Region is set to spend 32.6bn/- in the coming financial year for development projects including construction and maintenance of roads.

This was revealed here yesterday by Tabora Region's TARURA Coordinator Filbert Mpalasinge when submitting the Agency's development budget for FY 2021/22 at the first meeting of Roads Board. He said out of that sum, 24.8bn/- was for development projects and 7.8bn/- for ordinary road repairs, in stubborn

road sections and the construction of culverts. Mpalasinge said in regard to development projects in Igunga District, they have proposed 2.5bn/-; Kaliua District (6.5bn/-); Sikonge District 2.5bn/-; Uyui District (8bn/-), Tabora Municipality (2.3bn) and Urambo District (2.8bn/-). They have also proposed Igunga District

to be provided with 1bn/-; Kaliua District 795.2m/-; Nzega 681.3m/- and Sikonge 829.8m/-.

He said other districts were Uyui (1.3bn/-; Tabora Municipality (1.5bn/-) and Urambo district 814.6m/-.

Mpalasinge said from the proposals, 157.8m/- has been allocated to the Office of the Coordinator. He said TARURA will continue with its various

efforts in improving road infrastructures for Tabora Region's economic growth in both urban and rural areas. Debating President John Magufuli's 12th Parliament inaugural

speech, Members of parliament raised concerns that most of the road networks in both rural and urban areas are in bad condition. They also complained over limited budget

for TARURA which is mandated to facilitate improvements of urban and rural roads. The lawmakers suggested for the government to beef up funding for TARURA

which is currently receiving a ration of 30 percent against 70 percent given to the Tanzania National Roads Agency (TANROADS) disbursed by the Road Fund Board (RFB).



A section of rural Kaliua residents mobilised to rehabilitate a road destroyed by heavy rains. File photo.

## Dr Mabula urges local councils to purchase land survey equipment

By Guardian Correspondent, Bukoba

DEPUTY Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Minister Dr Angeline Mabulahas called upon local councils in the country to purchase land survey equipment in order to increase surveying pace in their areas.

She praised Bukoba District Council for the decision to use its internal revenues to purchase land survey equipment costing 32m/-.

Speaking here on Wednesday at the event to hand over the equipment during her inspection visit of the land sector and mobilization for land rent collection in Kagera Region, Dr Mabula said lack of survey equipment in local councils is a big challenge contributing to sluggish land surveying in various areas of

the country.

She advised councils that buy survey equipment to ensure they take care of the equipment due to their high cost.

"34m/- is no mean sum and those concerned for their upkeep should ensure they take care of them, and call on other councils to see the importance of such equipment in their areas," she said.

During the visit, the Deputy Minister also handed over title deeds to land owners in Bukoba District and called on them to ensure they pay land rent in time to avoid rent accumulation.

She also called land sector officials in Kagera region's districts to adhere by the law by taking steps against land rent defaulters.

Early this week, while in Geita Region, Dr Mabula has underscored

the need to form a 'task force' that will oversee the ongoing land surveying exercise across the country.

According to her, the special committees to be formed in collaboration with district land departments would help to fast track surveying of land plots at district level as well as encouraging people to pay property tax.

"Land surveying could be made easier with the use of 'task force'. Surveying land plots would reduce if not to end land disputes in most parts of the country," said the Deputy Minister adding the task force would be capacitated by district executive directors.

She added that the special committees should start with districts that are prepared for the exercise and have all the needed equipment fixed.

## Badi moves to reclaim grabbed schools land

NAIROBI

PLAS are at advanced stage to issue title deeds to all public primary and secondary schools in the capital, Nairobi Metropolitan Services (NMS) said as it rushes to secure the property.

This follows complaints over increased cases of land grabbing by influential individuals.

NMS Director-General Major General Mohamed Badi said his administration will soon issue eviction notices to land grabbers.

Nairobi has 286 public schools, out of which 205 are primary institutions and the remaining 81 are secondary schools.

"Despite land being a thorny issue in the county, we will act swiftly to ensure all schools have genuine title deeds, but also provide security to these schools," said Maj-Gen Badi.

The NMS boss said that despite warnings to the land grabbers, the practice has continued unabated.

He added that NMS will collaborate with the Nairobi County government, the county assembly as well as the National Lands Commission (NLC) to ensure all schools get title deeds for the land they occupy.

"We have already commenced deliberations with Nairobi County Assembly Speaker Benson Mutura to bring in the assembly to help implement the process of title issuance,

a process that will also rope in NLC," he said.

Royambu MP Waihenya Ndirangu and Kibra MP Imran Okoth last week called on the Ministry of Education to intervene complaining that most land set aside for expansion of schools is in the hands of grabbers.

The lawmakers said that they were forced to make use of existing space in primary schools to build secondary schools.

"Land is a problem here as expansion of schools cannot take place with land set aside for the same having been grabbed. All the schools in Kibra are mostly being built within the existing primary schools due to this problem," said Mr Okoth.



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GGME01156	PROVISION OF REPLACEMENT OF MAIN MCC MEDIUM VOLTAGE CIRCUIT BREAKERS
GGME01132	SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF ALL LIGHTNING PROTECTION SYSTEM COMPONENTS

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# INNOVATOR CHANGING THE FACE OF HOTEL OPERATIONS

NAIROBI

**A**FTER graduating with a diploma in computer science in 2004, Dennis Omito became passionate about software development.

Immediately after completing his studies he worked for CMC Motors Group Ltd as a computer programmer for two years before joining Toyota East Africa Ltd.

While under employment, he was offering software consultancy services as a side hustle.

"I got the opportunity to consult for Verve KO Ltd, where I was privileged to develop My 1963 Matatu Cashless platform that was launched by President Uhuru Kenyatta in November 2014 at KICC," he says. When he realised his potential as a techpreneur, he set out on his own.

"In 2016, I decided to call it quits in employment and started the firm, e-Ofisi Technology Ltd together with my wife Martha Omito," he says.

From then on, Mr Omito has been coming up with a number of applications, the latest of which is BizWiz POS and ERP System, a mobile and web-based Point of Sale (POS), used by major hotels and restaurants to rub all their operations.

The platform boasts a number of features including integrated procurement inventory management, recipes with their prices, as well as accounts receivables and payables. It also comes with general ledger, human resource and payroll, front office and accommodation modules all connected to each other and with



Dennis Omito, software developer. File photo

payment integrations including M-Pesa and online card checkouts.

Some of the restaurants, hotels and clubs that are already using the application include The Tunnel at Pili Trade Centre on Mombasa Road, The Curve, overlooking the Nairobi National Park, Ziwa Beach Resort in Bamburi, Mombasa, as well as Dari Restaurant and Brew Bistro Tap Room, both on Ngong Road, Nairobi. Mr Omito says he came up with the invention after realising that most of the high-end hotels and restaurants in the country were using systems developed by foreigners.

"I developed the application

in June 2017 after I met a customer who wanted a solution that would integrate his POS, inventory, finance and accommodation into one solution as opposed to running four different solutions," he says, noting that he develops his systems from scratch and doesn't adapt the foreign systems.

"Most foreign systems are off the shelf, which means you use them as they are with minimal or no customisations at all. Their setup costs are also very high and their support is also limited," he says.

With BizWiz POS and ERP System, the waiters use tablets, iPads or smartphones to post orders while customers

can also download the app and make prepaid orders whilst earning loyalty points and accessing other features within the hotel or restaurant.

The backend has "very tight approval controls" and the business owner can monitor the business online.

BizWiz ERP also powers other businesses and provides them with an end to end customised online accounting platform.

Mr Omito says the main advantage of BizWiz over foreign apps is that it is tailor-made for the local market while using the latest mobile and web technologies.

"It gives business owners an instant, scalable and cost effective

solution," he says.

The cost of the application depends on the modules needed by the client when installing the app. This therefore makes the cost vary between Sh800,000 and Sh2 million.

He works with 12 employees who are divided into teams which include development, implementation and support and the business development.

Mr Omito adds that the market reception has been impressive and more customers are seeking their services.

"In most cases we replace existing solutions with BizWiz" he says.

## NBAA learning centre due to offer support on CPA candidates' exams

By Correspondent Theresia Victor

A learning centre at the National Board of Accountants and Auditors bankrolled by Unique Academy of Dar es Salaam was inaugurated earlier this week by Deputy Minister for Finance and Economic Planning, Mwanai Khamis.

Speaking during the inauguration of the center, Managing Partner of Balakrishna Sreekumar and Company, Dr Balakrishna Sreekumar said the investment will provide a conducive environment for students who are preparing for Certified Public Accountants (CPA) exams conducted by NBAA.

Dr Sreekumar, who is also a CPA holder dealing with accountants and auditing professionals on a regular basis, said the centre will motivate the students to spend extra time in reading and practising their skills in a peaceful environment.

"We are happy and obliged to give back to the community a little bit of what we have through financing this facility so that our next generation comes out with more and more skilled CPAs thus directing the profession in the right way with help the country," he said.

He further revealed that he hatched the idea way back in 2018 but had to wait till 2021 to turn it into reality. Dr Sreekumar noted while stating that he was very happy to work with NBAA and commended the support that the board extended during construction work of the center.

Dr Sreekumar also thanked his wife, Manju for all the support accorded and dedicated the NBAA learning center to his late father-in-law, Sivasankara Pillai. "Am extending my sincere gratitude to the government for providing us with an opportunity to assist in every way possible for



improvement of the community where we work and live," he noted.

In a key note speech to inaugurate the lobby, Deputy Minister for Finance and Planning, Mwanai Khamis commended Dr Sreekumar and his family for giving back to the community saying the place is much better and provides motivation for CPA candidates to do better in their learning.

"We are very grateful for the donation and we would like to call upon other stakeholders emulate this good corporate citizenship by Dr Sreekumar and

his family," Khamis said while noting that the government is investing heavily in training more CPA holders to meet demands of the middle income economy.

NBAA's Governing Board Vice Chairperson, CPA Neema Msusa also thanked the donor while describing the move as representing a true development partner. Msusa revealed that the study lobby which has capacity of 260 people at a time, will provide a better place to study, discuss issues of professional interest and facilitate group studies by the CPA students.



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Reference Number	Project Description
GGME01137	SUPPLY AND COMMISSIONING OF PDP POST WATER SEPERATOR, SUPPLY CYCLONIC WATER SEPERATOR
GGME01136	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF RECEIVER TANKS 9M3 IN SIZE WITH CERTIFICATE OF PRESSURE TESTING

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## CONSTRUCTION

# FACEBOOK 'UNFRIENDS' AUSTRALIA AS NEWS PAGES GO DARK IN TEST FOR GLOBAL PUBLISHING

SYDNEY

**A**USTRALIANS woke to empty Facebook news feeds on Thursday, after the social media giant blocked all media content in a surprise escalation of a dispute with the government, which could be a test for the future of online publishing worldwide.

The move was swiftly criticised by news producers, politicians and human rights advocates, particularly as it became clear that official health pages, emergency safety warnings and welfare networks had all been scrubbed from the site along with news.

"Facebook's actions to unfriend Australia today, cutting off essential information services on health and emergency services, were as arrogant as they were disappointing," Prime Minister Scott Morrison wrote on his own Facebook page, using the vernacular for cutting ties with another person on the site.

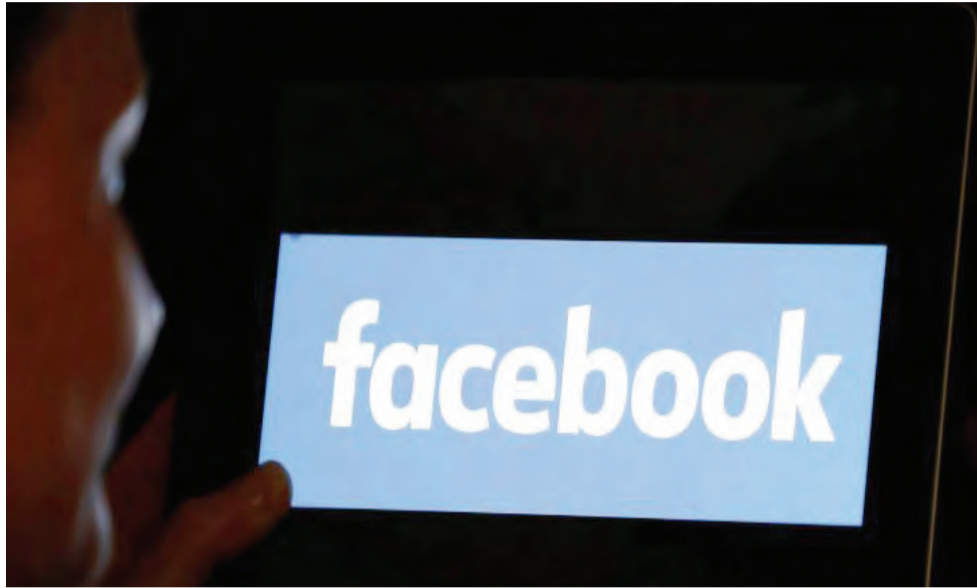
"These actions will only confirm the concerns that an increasing number of countries are expressing about the behaviour of Big Tech companies who think they are bigger than governments and that the rules should not apply to them."

A planned Australian law would require Facebook and Google to reach commercial deals with news outlets whose links drive traffic to their platforms, or be subjected to forced arbitration to agree a price.

Although Australia is a small market, the law is being closely watched around the world by regulators, and could be a test case for bigger global push to force internet giants to share some of their revenue with content providers.

Publishers say platforms such as Google and Facebook have been hoarding the vast bulk of new revenue as media shift online, even as newspapers, magazines, TV and radio stations and websites are forced to shut newsrooms around the world.

Facebook said it had blocked media content in Australia because the draft law did not provide clear guidance on the definition of news con-



tent and said its commitment to combat misinformation had not changed.

"The actions we're taking are focused on restricting publishers and people in Australia from sharing or viewing Australian and international news content," a company spokesman said.

"As the law does not provide clear guidance on the definition of news content, we have taken a broad definition in order to respect the law as drafted. However, we will reverse any Pages that are inadvertently impacted," the spokesman said.

Facebook's dramatic move represents a split from Alphabet Inc-owned Google, after they joined together for years to campaign against the laws. Both had threatened to cancel services in Australia, but Google has instead sealed preemptive deals with several outlets in recent days.

Rupert Murdoch's News Corp was the latest to announce a deal in which it will receive "significant payments" from Google in return for providing content for the search engine's News Showcase account. Google declined to comment on the Facebook decision on Thursday.

Facebook said in its statement that the law, which is expected to be passed by parliament

within days, "fundamentally misunderstands" the relationship between itself and publishers and it faced a stark choice of complying or banning news.

The tech giant has said news makes up just 4% of what people view on its website. But for Australians, Facebook's role in news delivery is growing. A 2020 University of Canberra study found 21% of Australians use social media as their primary news source, up 3% from the previous year, while 39% of the population uses Facebook to receive news. The same study said 29% of Australian news video content is consumed on Facebook.

The changes made by Facebook wiped clean pages operated by news outlets and removed posts by individual users sharing Australian news, three days before the country begins a nationwide vaccination program to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Lisa Davies, editor of daily The Sydney Morning Herald newspaper, owned by Nine Entertainment Co Ltd, tweeted: "Facebook has exponentially increased the opportunity for misinformation, dangerous radicalism and conspiracy theories to abound on its

platform."

The Facebook pages of Nine and News Corp, which together dominate the country's metro newspaper market, and the government-funded Australian Broadcasting Corp, which acts as a central information source during natural disasters, were blank.

Also affected were several major state government accounts, including those providing advice on the coronavirus pandemic and bushfire threats at the height of the summer sea-

son, and scores of charity and non-governmental organisation accounts.

"Demand for food relief has never been higher than during this pandemic, and one of our primary comms tools to help connect people with #foodrelief info & advice is now unavailable," tweeted Brianna Casey, chief executive of hunger relief charity Foodbank.

A News Corp spokesman did not respond to a request for comment. An advertisement on News Corp's main Australian news site said, "You don't

need Facebook to get your news", alongside a link to the company's smartphone app.

By mid-afternoon, many government-backed Facebook pages were restored but several charity pages and all media sites remained dark, including those of international outlets like the New York Times, the BBC, News Corp's Wall Street Journal and Reuters.

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GGME01144	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY PARTS FOR PRIMARY CRUSHER
GGME01134	SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF EKATO GEARBOX COMPLETE WITH AGITATOR SHAFT TYPE HWL 2240

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## Apple lobbies for Indian govt incentives for iPad assembly

NEW DELHI

**A**PPL Inc is angling to participate in a new scheme to boost India's exports of computer products, part of what government and industry sources say are plans to bring iPad tablet manufacturing to the South Asian country.

India launched a \$6.7 billion plan to boost smartphone exports last year, as Prime Minister Narendra Modi stepped up efforts to promote electronics manufacturing and create jobs.

Apple, which has steadily raised production of iPhones in India to lessen its dependence on Chinese manufacturing, took part in that scheme via its contract manufacturers.

Now the government is preparing to unveil another incentive to drive local manufacturing of IT products including tablets, laptops and servers, three sources closely involved in the drafting of the plan told Reuters.

The new performance-linked incentive (PLI) scheme, which offers cash-back to manufacturers for exports, will have a budget of up to 70 billion rupees (\$964.5 million) over five years, the sources said. It's expected to be launched by the end of February.

Apple, along with others, is lobbying for a bigger budgetary outlay of 200 billion rupees before that plan is finalised, as India doesn't yet have the scale or the supply chain for making

IT products and competes with duty-free imports of tech products, two of the sources said.

Apple's push comes at a time its iPhone supplier Wistron is just restarting operations at a southern Indian plant after angry workers went on a rampage last year. Apple is yet to take the Taiwan manufacturer off of probation. Apple declined to comment for this story.

New Delhi is also planning another PLI, at a budget of roughly 50 billion rupees over five years, to boost domestic manufacturing of wearable devices such as smartwatches, the sources said, adding the plan could be announced within two months. All the sources declined to be named as the plans are not public.



## WORLD

## Ebola outbreaks in Guinea, DRC stoke new fears in Africa

NAIROBI

NEW outbreaks of the deadly Ebola virus disease in the two African countries of Guinea and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) are sending new jitters to Africa as the continent is grappling with the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the West African country Guinea, bordering the Atlantic Ocean to the west, health authorities have confirmed more than a dozen Ebola cases in the N'Zerekore administrative region, Southeast Guinea.

Adama Kaba, director of the N'Zerekore Provincial Hospital said on Monday that Ebola cases in the country had climbed to 15, including five deaths. The National Agency for Health Security (ANSS) has linked these cases to a nurse from N'Zerekore, who fell ill with symptoms of Ebola and died on Feb. 7. A few days after the burial of the patient, some relatives started to show symptoms of diarrhea, vomiting and high fever.

In Central Africa's DRC where outbreaks of Ebola are not fresh in recent years, the health ministry again confirmed a new positive case on Feb. 7 in the eastern North Kivu Province. Only three months have passed since the country announced on Nov. 18, 2020 the end of the 11th Ebola epidemic that hit the northwestern Equateur Province.

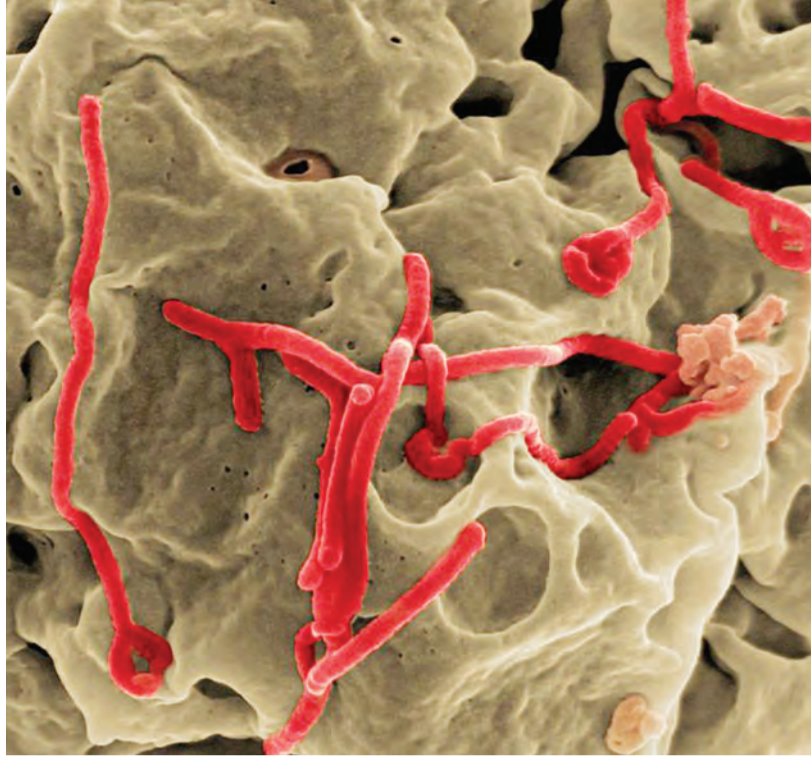
The country's Minister of Public Health Eteni Longondo said the new confirmed case was found in a woman farmer and wife of a survivor of the re-

cent Ebola virus disease in the Butembo health zone in North Kivu. She began to show symptoms on Feb. 1. As of Tuesday, the North Kivu Province reported four confirmed Ebola cases in total, including one medical staff member.

Response measures have been put in place to cope with the new outbreaks. In Guinea, more than 150 people have been traced and identified as close contacts of the confirmed cases with 115 of them in N'Zerekore and 10 in the capital Conakry. The close contacts have been put under medical observation. The N'Zerekore provincial government has suspended the local weekly market and prohibited large gatherings of people such as funerals.

The health ministry will reopen multiple Ebola diagnosis and treatment centers in N'Zerekore, and dispatch two medical expert teams to isolate the affected areas and trace the source of the virus. ANSS Director Sakoba Keita meanwhile urged the public to refrain from panic, take preventive measures such as frequent hand washing and avoid contact with suspected cases, and promptly consult local health agencies if relevant symptoms appear.

In the DRC, nearly 300 close contacts of the confirmed cases have been traced. In response to the new round of Ebola risk, the Ebola Center in Butembo in North Kivu has been reopened. The country currently has in stock 10,000 doses of Ebola vaccines, and arrangements have been made for vaccination



Ebola virus

in Butembo in North Kivu Province, local media reported, citing data from the country's Ebola response task force.

African countries, particularly those neighboring Guinea and the DRC, have been on guard following the new Ebola outbreaks. Uganda's Ministry of Health has strengthened monitoring along its border with the DRC since last week. Health Minister Ruth Aceng said the country has heightened surveillance and preparedness and taken measures to prevent the inflow of Ebola, including intensifying risk communication, re-activation of Ebola Virus Disease district task forces, and dispatch of the rapid response to Kasese district neighboring the DRC.

The government of Sierra Leone on Sunday also activated its Health Emergency Response System following confirmed Ebola cases in neighboring Guinea, and intensified surveillance at the already closed border with Guinea. In Cote d'Ivoire, the Ministry of Health has urged the public to be alert to Ebola in Guinea and take sanitary measures. The government also said it will further limit the movement of people.

The World Health Organization (WHO) on Monday expressed concern over the resurgence of Ebola in two African countries. WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus told a press conference in Geneva that the outbreaks in Guinea and the DRC are completely unrelated. He told reporters that the WHO is working closely with health authorities in both countries and that vaccination already started on Monday in the DRC.

The Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) of the African Union (AU) announced Sunday that it will deploy an emergency response support team of experts in Guinea to help the country fight a new Ebola outbreak.

The Africa CDC will call for an emergency meeting of experts to better coordinate emergency responses in Guinea and in neighboring countries across the region, in collaboration with the West African Health Organization. Ebola is a highly contagious hemorrhagic fever that causes a range of symptoms including fever, vomiting, diarrhea, generalized pain or malaise and in many cases internal and external bleeding.

## US to consider new ways of enhancing strategic stability with Russia, says secretary of state

WASHINGTON



THE United States and Russia managed to quickly agree on extending the New START treaty on the reduction of strategic offensive weapons, and Washington will look into other possible ways of improving strategic stability, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said in an interview with NPR.

In his words, although the two states had disagreements in the past, and the United States has concerns about "Russia's behavior and Russia's actions," Moscow and Washington can still cooperate in areas of mutual interest.

"We were able very quickly, because it's in our interest, to extend the new START agreement by five years, the arms control reduction agreement," Blinken said. "And we'll look at other ways to advance strategic stability with Russia, even as we're very clear about the actions that they're taking <...> that are a challenge to our interests and values."

"But we have to be able to work on both fronts," he added.

## New START

The Treaty between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Measures for the Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms (the New START Treaty) was signed in 2010 and entered into force on February 5, 2011.

The document stipulates that seven years after its entry into effect each party should have no more than a total of 700 deployed intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBM), submarine-launched ballistic missiles (SLBM) and strategic bombers, as well as no more than 1,550 warheads on deployed ICBMs, deployed SLBMs and strategic bombers, and a total of 800 deployed and non-deployed ICBM launchers, SLBM launchers and strategic bombers.

The New START Treaty was to remain in force for 10 years, until 2021, unless replaced before that date by a subsequent agreement on the reduction and limitation of strategic offensive arms. It had the possibility of extension for no longer than 5 years (that is, until 2026) upon the parties' mutual consent.

Moscow and Washington exchanged diplomatic notes on an agreement to extend New START on January 26. On February 3 the Russian foreign ministry and the US embassy exchanged notes on the completion of domestic procedures to enforce the New START extension agreement.

Agencies

## Facebook blocks news in Australia

CANBERRA



SOCIAL media giant Facebook has blocked Australians from sharing or accessing news on the platform.

As of yesterday the Facebook accounts of Australian publishers ranging from the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) to the Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) and some local health authorities have been wiped clean. Australians have been blocked from sharing news from local sources or accessing news from around the world on the platform.

In a statement, the social media giant said it made the move "with a heavy heart" in response to the federal government's proposed media bargaining laws, which would force technology companies such as Google and Facebook to pay Australian news outlets for their content.

"The proposed law fundamentally misunderstands the relationship between our platform and publishers who use it to share news content," Will Easton, Facebook's Australia and New Zealand managing director, said.

"It has left us facing a stark choice: attempt to comply with a law that ignores the realities of this relationship, or stop allowing news content on our services in Australia."

Paul Fletcher, the Minister for Communications, said that the decision should raise questions about whether Australians could trust what they see on Facebook and vowed to move ahead with legislating the media bargaining code.

"Facebook needs to think very carefully about what this means for its reputation and standing," he said. "At a time when there are already questions about the credibility of information on Facebook, that is something that they will obviously need to think about."

Earlier Treasurer Josh Frydenberg said he had spoken to Mark Zuckerberg, the founder and chief executive of Facebook, about the decision.

"This morning, I had a constructive discussion with Mark Zuckerberg from Facebook," he said on Twitter. "He raised a few remaining issues with the Government's news media bargaining code and we agreed to continue our conversation to try to find a pathway forward."

Xinhua

## Chinese embassy rejects UK claim that virus origins 'obvious'

LONDON

THE Chinese embassy in the United Kingdom has reacted with disappointment to comments from British Prime Minister Boris Johnson on the origins of the novel coronavirus pandemic, and to claims that World Health Organization investigators may have been impeded.

After Johnson (pictured) told the Reuters news agency on Monday that he thought "it's fairly obvious that most of the evidence seems to point to the disease having originated in Wuhan", the Chinese embassy said on Wednesday that it believes it is more important to allow official investigations to conclude than to speculate about possibilities.

It said energy would be better directed toward fighting the virus that causes the COVID-19 disease than apportioning blame.

The embassy also questioned the accuracy of comments from Dominic Raab, the UK's foreign secretary, who had claimed a WHO team may have been denied access to some sites in China.

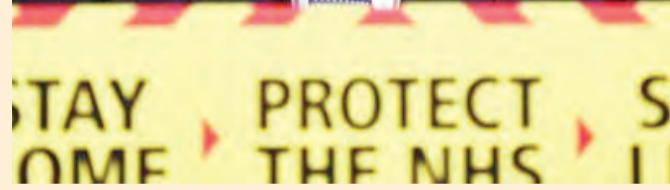
An embassy spokesperson said: "Since the outbreak of COVID-19, China has maintained close communication and cooperation with the WHO on the global origin-tracing of the virus in an open and transparent manner."

The spokesperson said China's government has consistently "provided strong support and assistance" to WHO experts visiting China and to the work they are doing. And the spokesperson said the WHO has acknowledged that support.

"(The research) should be carried out by global scientists through collaborated efforts," the spokesperson said. "Such study should be science-based and evidence-based. We should not allow politics to override science, or replace scientific study with unwarranted speculation and deliberate distortion."

## 'Necessity, urgency'

The spokesperson noted that there have been "a number of clues, reports, and studies" suggesting there were novel coronavirus outbreaks in multiple locations globally



in the second half of 2019.

"This reflects the necessity and urgency to send study teams to the relevant countries and regions," the spokesperson said. "The global origin-tracing work may be extended to more places as factual evidence accumulates and science-based hypotheses evolve."

While pointing out that China "strongly opposes" what appears to be attempts by some countries "to politicize the pandemic, play the blame game, and stigmatize China", the spokesperson said the international community should "come together and bring the pandemic under control".

"We sincerely hope that countries of the world will adopt a fair, objective and responsible attitude, take concrete actions to support the work of the WHO, and make due contribution to international cooperation on fighting the pandemic and to the building of a global community of health for all," the spokesperson added.

The WHO has also responded to claims about the level of support it has enjoyed in China.

Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, the organization's director-general, said during a news briefing on Friday that the WHO team has, in fact, made very good progress in China and learned a lot about the pandemic but, as yet, does not know when and where it began.

"Having spoken with some members of the team, I wish to confirm that all hypotheses remain open and require further analysis and studies," he said, while noting that the probe will continue and that investigators have "identified areas for further analysis and research". Xinhua

## China sees notable achievements in protection and utilization of cultural relics over past five years

CHINA witnessed rich fruits of its endeavors to protect and make better use of cultural relics during its 13th Five-Year Plan period (2016-2020).

During the period, the country completed its first national survey of movable cultural relics, achieved notable results in cracking down on cultural relic-related crimes, saw important archaeological discoveries constantly, helped more people get better knowledge about China's history and culture through cultural relics, and retrieved thousands of lost cultural relics from foreign lands.

Although China has carried out three nationwide surveys of im-

movable cultural relics, the census on movable cultural relics, which is described by some as "a systematic program that never ends", represents a new endeavor of the country to protect its cultural artifacts.

China has assigned 107,000 enumerators and allocated funds totaling nearly 1.25 billion yuan (about \$193 million) to its first national survey of moveable cultural artifacts, during which 1.02 million state-owned units were investigated and 108.15 million items or sets of cultural artifacts owned by the state were registered.

The survey has basically formed a clear picture of the country's state-owned movable cultural ar-

tifacts, said Guan Qiang, deputy head of China's National Cultural Heritage Administration (NCHA).

So far, the country has as many as 5,058 key historical and cultural sites protected at the national level, more than 20,000 such sites under provincial-level protection, and over 110,000 sites protected at the municipal or county level.

During the past five years, China made great efforts to ensure the safety of cultural relics. The central government and provincial governments provided an average of more than 1 billion yuan per year for cultural relics protection projects.

A total of 23 provincial-level re-

gions in China have included the safety of cultural relics into the performance assessment system of local governments.

In addition, the NCHA have teamed up with China's Ministry of Public Security to constantly carry out special campaigns to combat cultural relic-related crimes.

They have issued five batches of class-A arrest warrants for fugitives involved in cultural relic-related crimes, dismantled more than 700 cultural relics criminal gangs, arrested over 6,000 suspects and seized more than 60,000 pieces of cultural relics involved in relevant crimes.

In recent years, a total of 4,260

archaeological excavation projects have been carried out in China in an orderly manner, with important archaeological discoveries being made constantly in a batch of major historical sites, including the Archaeological Ruins of Liangzhu City in Hangzhou, east China's Zhejiang province, and the Shimao ruins in northwest China's Shaanxi province.

Efforts to protect and excavate the tomb of the "Marquis of Haihun" in east China's Jiangxi province have attracted wide attention.

At the same time, museums across the country have seen a fast-growing number of visitors. According to reliable data, as of the

end of 2019, the number of registered museums in China reached 5,535.

In 2019, museums in the country received a total of nearly 1.23 billion person-times of visitors.

Besides museums, cultural and historical sites and facilities in the country have also seen more and more visitors.

During the 13th Five-year Plan period, 36 national archaeological parks in China received 34.6 million person-times of visitors, and various world cultural heritage sites in the country were visited by more than 300 million people.

People's Daily



## Russian radars capable of spotting future attack weapons, chief designer says

MOSCOW

THE potential integrated into radars of Russia's missile attack early warning system will suffice to track future attack weapons currently under development, Chief Designer of the Research Institute for Long-Range Radio Communications (part of RTI Group) Sergei Saprykin told TASS on Monday.

"The locators' characteristics ensure their successful operation against both current and future attack weapons.

The modular design and the open architecture of Voronezh radars, the programmable control of operation modes allow building up their capabilities as and when the characteristics of the target situation change," the chief designer said.

Today the ground-based echelon

of Russia's missile attack early warning system is fully located on the national territory and represents a closed (continuous) two-range radar field. The system tracks ballistic missiles, spacecraft and air targets. The continuous coverage is provided by new-generation Voronezh meter and decimeter wavelength radar stations, Saprykin said.

Today the Russian missile attack early warning system consists of two echelons: the space segment that currently comprises four Tundra satellites and the ground-based component that consists of Voronezh-type radar stations that cover all missile-dangerous directions.

The system is designated to detect within the shortest time possible and track ballistic missiles launched towards the territory of Russia or its allies.

Agencies

## US launches 'smear campaign' against China with Xinjiang-related fabrications

CAIRO

THE United States is fabricating false claims regarding China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region in a smear campaign, and using it as a tool to hamper China's development, said a prominent Egyptian politician in a recent interview with Xinhua.

"The United States sees China as a strong barrier in the way of its dream to continue unilaterally leading the world, and therefore it tries to disrupt China's progress with such false allegations," said Ahmed Bahaa El-Din Shaaban, secretary-general of the Egyptian Socialist Party.

"They never look for facts, but they would rather fake issues about the situation in Xinjiang," Shaaban said, referring to the U.S. claims as "lies that we have become accustomed to in our region."

"It is surprising that Washington launches such accusations while it is the United States that exercises racism against African Americans, committed crimes against humanity during its invasion of Iraq, and earlier in history committed genocide against the Native Americans," he said.

The Egyptian politician, who is currently writing a book on China's development experience, noted that he has visited China in recent years, and learned and read a lot about the de-



Bahe Dana (R) of a local school's ice hockey team poses with his coach Zhou Xiaofeng (C) and his teammate during a training session in Fuyun County, in Altay, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on Dec. 25, 2020. (Xinhua/Sadat)

velopment and the improvement of life in Xinjiang.

Shaaban said that the Communist Party of China (CPC) would take necessary procedures in its battle against terrorism and secession attempts, to preserve the stability, security and unity of China, regardless of whether such at-

tempts happen in Xinjiang or elsewhere in the country, regardless of religion or ethnicity.

"China has the right to defend its territorial integrity," the Egyptian party chief stressed, noting that Egypt has experienced similar Western false claims of human rights violations during its own

anti-terrorism campaign.

"This unjust Western campaign will continue even if Xinjiang has become an earthly paradise. If there was no Xinjiang, they would create one to target China," he said.

## English lockdown reducing COVID-19 infections but prevalence still high, study finds

LONDON

ENGLAND'S third national COVID-19 lockdown is helping to reduce infections, a study found yesterday, but the prevalence of cases remains high as Prime Minister Boris Johnson eyes a cautious route to re-opening the economy.

Johnson is due to set out a roadmap out of the lockdown, which began on January 5, on Monday, and has said that it will be a cautious and prudent approach.

The study, known as REACT-1 and led by researchers at Imperial College London, found that national prevalence was two thirds lower between Feb 4 and 13 than it had been in the previous survey that covered Jan 6-22.

"It's really encouraging news. We do think that lockdown is having an effect. We've seen this quite rapid decline now between January and this month," Paul Elliott, director of the programme at Imperial, told reporters.

"But... the actual prevalence is still very high. We're only back where we were in September."

The latest figures showed that 51 per 10,000 people were infected, down from 157 per 10,000 in the January survey, and that it is taking 15 days for infections to halve.

Prevalence fell across all age groups, dropping from 0.93% to 0.30% among the over 65s, although the researchers said they did not have evidence that this was being driven by the vaccine rollout, which has been targeted at older groups.

REACT-1 is one of England's largest and most closely watched prevalence surveys, and the researchers issued the interim results in a pre-print that had not been peer-reviewed.

Health minister Matt Hancock said that the findings were an encouraging sign that lockdown was working.

"While the trends we've observed are good news, we need to all work to keep infections down by sticking to the measures," he said.

Agencies

## Libyans mark 10th anniversary of 2011 anti-Gaddafi revolution

TRIPOLI

THOUSANDS of Libyans on Wednesday celebrated the 10th anniversary of the revolution that overthrew the regime of the late leader Muammar Gaddafi in 2011.

Amid tight security measures, many Libyans, including children, have started to flock to the Martyrs' Square in the center of the capital Tripoli since the early morning for celebration.

"Today, we celebrate the revolution in an enthusiastic atmosphere. We are optimistic about the political stability that prevails in the country now. We hope that this atmosphere will translate into real stability and address the economic and security conditions that the Libyan people are suffering from," Kholoud Mazugi, a Libyan citizen, told Xinhua.

"Some people think the celebration is a waste of time, but it is necessary to be well aware that the revolution is what made the people express their opinion without fear and made them exercise their democratic right without pressure from anyone," she said.

Khalifa Al-Darhoubi, who also came to the Square with his family for celebration, said the anniversary should be an incentive for politicians to resolve issues and achieve consen-



sus on the road map leading to the elections.

"We came with hope that the Libyans still have the opportunity to move on and forget the past, take advantage of the current opportunities, rebuild the country, improve their conditions, and reach the elections at the end of this year," Al-Darhoubi told Xinhua.

In February 2011, many Libyans demonstrated against the regime of Gaddafi, demanding justice, equality and improved living conditions. Soon afterward, the demonstrations turned into an armed conflict between Gaddafi's forces and West-backed rebels, before Gaddafi's regime was overthrown in October 2011. Since then, Libya has been plagued by escalating violence, political division and economic instability.

Xinhua

## Trial of 'Hotel Rwanda hero' begins amid wrangles over jurisdiction

KIGALI

PAUL Rusesabagina, the hotelier depicted as a hero in a Hollywood film about Rwanda's 1994 genocide, was charged with terrorism-related offences in a Kigali court on Wednesday at the start of a trial that has drawn international scrutiny.

His family say Rusesabagina, a critic of President Paul Kagame, is in poor health and his trial is a sham. Rwanda's government says he has fomented violence and directed deadly attacks on its territory from exile. Rusesabagina, dressed in a prison-issue pink shirt and matching face mask for his court appearance, faces nine charges, including forming an illegal armed group, being a member of a terrorist group and sponsoring terrorism.

He was not required to enter a plea.

During pre-trial hearings, Rusesabagina said he had been abducted while on a visit to Dubai last year and forcibly returned to Rwanda. Rwandan officials have suggested he was tricked into boarding the plane.

Rusesabagina's lawyer, Gatera Gashabana, said the court lacked jurisdiction to try Rusesabagina since he was no longer a Rwandan citizen after acquiring Belgian citizenship.

Judge Antoine Muhima said he would rule on the court's jurisdiction on Feb 26.

Rusesabagina's case has attracted international attention partly because the Oscar-nominated 2004 film Hotel Rwanda was based on his life. The movie shows how Rusesabagina, played by Don Cheadle, used his connections as a hotel manager to save ethnic minority Tutsis fleeing slaughter by majority Hutus.

An estimated 800,000 Tutsis and moderate Hutus were killed during the 100-day genocide. Rusesabagina's father was a Hutu; his mother and wife were Tutsi.

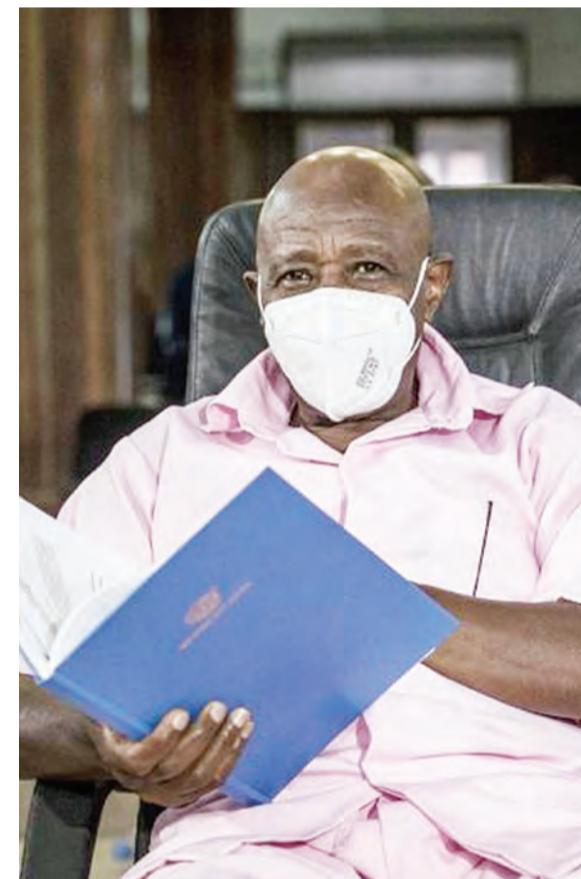
Rusesabagina, who is in his late 60s, subsequently obtained Belgian citizenship and moved to the United States. He received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, America's highest civilian honour, in 2005.

Critic of Kagame

Rusesabagina later became a vocal critic of the increasingly authoritarian Kagame, who led rebel forces that fought their way into the capital Kigali and ended the genocide in 1994.

Kagame has enjoyed widespread support from Western donors for restoring Rwanda to stability, cracking down on corruption and boosting economic growth in the nation of 12 million.

But he is accused by rights groups of using autocratic means to quash political opposition and extend his



21-year presidency.

Several high profile political dissidents have been murdered abroad; the government has denied any involvement and Kagame denies accusations of abuses.

In a YouTube video in December 2018, Rusesabagina called for armed resistance to Kagame's government, saying that democratic change was impossible. The year before, Kagame won a national election with 99% of the vote.

In a September pre-trial hearing, Rusesabagina told the court that he had contributed 20,000 euros (US\$24,000) to the National Liberation Front (FLN), the military wing of the Movement for Democratic Change, a political party which he co-chaired from exile. But he denied any wrongdoing.

The European Parliament last week called on Rwanda to give Rusesabagina a fair trial and condemned what it called his enforced disappearance, illegal rendition to Rwanda and incommunicado detention.

Rwanda's parliament late on Tuesday rejected accusations that Rusesabagina will not receive a fair trial.

He is being tried alongside 20 other Rwandans whom prosecutors describe as FLN fighters.

## Innate immunity protects children from severe COVID-19 symptoms - research

SYDNEY

A new study has found children tend to develop mild COVID-19 symptoms because their innate immune system is quick to attack the virus.

In a research paper published in Nature Communications, researchers led by the Murdoch Children's Research Institute (MCRI) in Australia, revealed the immune mechanisms that protect children from severe COVID-19 illness. "Children are less likely to become infected with the virus and up to a third are asymptomatic, which is strikingly different to the higher prevalence and severity observed in children for most other respiratory viruses," said Dr. Melanie Neeland from MCRI.

"Understanding the underlying age-related differences in the severity of COVID-19 will provide important insights and opportunities for prevention and treatment, both for COVID-19 and possible future pandemics."

In doing so, the research team analysed blood samples from 48 children and 70 adults across 28 Melbourne households infected with or exposed to COVID-19 and monitored their immune responses during the acute phase of infection and up to two months afterwards.

The pandemic will eventually be defeated.

The remarkable epidemic control and scientific research results of China showcased the institutional advantages of the socialism with Chinese characteristics, as well as the strong innovation capability of the country's biotechnology.

China will keep enhancing its efforts to tackle major topics of life science, so as to contribute its wisdom and strength to improving the availability and affordability of the COVID-19 vaccines in developing countries and building a community with a shared future for mankind.

People's Daily

## Chinese vaccines build solid wall of defence against COVID-19

THE inactivated COVID-19 vaccine produced by China National Biotec Group (CNBG), an affiliated company of Sino-pharm, was approved by China's National Medical Products Administration on Dec. 30 last year.

As the first Chinese COVID-19 vaccine hitting the market, it has laid a solid foundation for the final victory over the virus, the most severe pandemic the world has ever seen in a century, with its sufficient production capacity, safety, efficacy, availability and affordability.

The CNBG vaccine was developed in strict accordance with China's national vaccine development regulations and

standards, including the drug administration law and vaccine administration law. Its phase-3 clinical trial involved over 60,000 volunteers of 125 nationalities. Both numbers ranked the first in the world.

According to a press conference by the State Council joint prevention and control mechanism against COVID-19 held on Jan. 1, China has administered over 24 million doses of inactivated COVID-19 vaccines, which indicated the safety of the Chinese vaccine. Besides, the vaccine shows 79.34 percent efficacy against COVID-19, higher

than the 50-percent threshold of the World Health Organization. China's COVID-19 vaccines are standing out with its remarkable performance, as the efficacy of general respiratory disease vaccines is relatively low.

Facing the rampant spread of COVID-19, the CNBG did its best to gear up and race against the virus. It chose inactivated vaccine as its major development direction, and launched R&D at both its Beijing and Wuhan institutes to ensure the safety and efficacy of the vaccine.

On the one hand, inactivated vaccine has a stronger protec-

tion against virus variation. It contains virus particles, bacteria, or other pathogens that have been killed to destroy disease producing capacity, so it has more complete antigenic component and features a wider protection against strains from different parts of the world. On the other hand, after decades of practices, the long-term safety and efficacy of inactivated vaccines have been well proved.

China's COVID-19 vaccines, positioned as a global public health product, have prominent advantages, such as mass production and wide adaptability.

The CNBG has established high-level vaccine production workshops at its Beijing and Wuhan institutes.

After the inspection and verification by relevant departments, they have started mass production of the inactivated COVID-19 vaccines.

The Beijing institute has a designed annual production capacity of 120 million doses, and the number is expected to hit 1 billion in 2021 after workshop expansion. The CNBG is now planning to further expand its capacity to better meet demands.





Tanzania Kabaddi Association's Chairman, Abdallah Nyoni.

## National Kabaddi team's camp now suspended

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THE Tanzania Kabaddi Association's officials have stated they have suspended national side's camp which was taking place in Dar es Salaam.

Abdallah Nyoni, Kabaddi Association's Chairman, pointed out the non-residential camp was suspended early this month and it is set to resume next month when Indian Kabaddi coaches arrive in Tanzania.

Thirty six players were in camp to prepare for the Africa Kabaddi Championships which the country is to host from April 6-10 in Dar es Salaam.

He explained that out of the 36 players in the squad, 12 male and as many female players will make the national team which will compete at the Africa Kabaddi Championships (National style) while the remaining 12 will only compete in 'Circles' style competition against Kenya team.

"There are two formats of Kabaddi, 'National' which is also called 'Standard' and 'Circles', so, we will have a team made of 24 players competing in the African Championships while the other 12 will compete in a Circle style against Kenya team," he said.

Nyoni said that suspending the camp will not affect the team's preparations for the championships. He disclosed the players are training at their respective clubs.

"We suspended the camp mid this year, there are many things which have led us to suspend it, high among them was that it could have been difficult for us to pay the players' allowances, now they will regroup the time the Indian

coaches arrive," he said.

According to Nyoni, Chief Executive Officer of Demeter Insurance Company Adarsh Sharma, who also serves as the Tanzania Kabaddi Association's patron, is financing the camp.

Before pushing the Championships forward, it was initially scheduled to take place from March 9-14.

In the previous interview with this paper, Nyoni disclosed that the decision to postpone the continental tournament was announced by Africa Kabaddi Confederation in consultation with competing nations.

He said this was reached after evaluation of the second phase of coronavirus which has hit some of the countries which will compete at the championship.

"We had a video meeting with leaders of Africa Kabaddi Confederation and nations which will compete at the Championships, some nations complained that it will be difficult for them to compete at the Championships as they have been locked up due to the second phase of coronavirus, so it was agreed that the best way is to push it back to April," he was quoted.

Hosting the Championships will be historical for the country. Countries which are expected to compete include Kenya, Cameroon, Nigeria, Ghana, Egypt, Mauritius, Zimbabwe, Uganda and hosts Tanzania.

He said the country accepted a request from Africa Kabaddi Confederation and World Kabaddi Federation to host the Championship as it will one of means for promoting and developing the sport in the country.

## ZFF suspends all league matches in Zanzibar to mourn Seif Sharif Hamad

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

THE Zanzibar Football Federation (ZFF) has suspended all football matches in the Isles due to the death of the Isles' First Vice-President, Maalim Seif Sharif Hamad.

Speaking to The Guardian, ZFF League Board member, Muhammed Masoud, said the leagues will be suspended until the federation receive instructions from the government.

Masoud said the leagues that were currently in progress at the national level are the First Division League as well as the Federation Cup.

With immediate effect, games that were to be played on Thursday did not take place, according to the schedule, two First Division League matches were to be played at Mao Tse



Tung Stadium.

The first was expected to pit Mchangani against Idumu and the second, which had been set to take place at Amaan Stadium, was set to involve Jang'ombe Boys and Mwembe Makumbi.

"We have been forced to suspend our leagues as President, Hussein Ali Mwynyi, announced and

we will issue a statement on the progress of the league until we receive information from the sports ministry," he said.

He said currently two leagues were affected, but the Premier League would also be affected, should the federation be told to wait until the end of the seven days of mourning, as it was ex-

pected to start the second round on February 20.

However, he appealed to the Isles' football stakeholders to have a healthy heart in this difficult time.

In another development, the ZFF and the federation's president Seif Kombo Pandu have signed an agreement for the Africa Cup of Nations finals for the Confederation of Independent Football Associations (CONIFA) which will be staged in the Isles in May this year.

Zanzibar has been honoured to host CONIFA showpiece, a tournament special for countries which are not members of the continental and global football bodies.

The CONIFA is a football body for countries which are neither members of CAF nor the world football governing body, FIFA.

Pandu said only African countries which are not members of CAF are eligible to participate in the event.

He said through the tournament Africa will be able to find its envoys in the CONIFA World Cup to be staged in 2022.

He said there are 10 countries coming to Zanzibar for the event. The countries are Barotseland (Zambia), Matebeleland (Zimbabwe), Western Sahara, Kabylie (Algeria), Yoruba Land (Nigeria), Biafra (Nigeria), Barawa (Somalia), Somali land, Chagos Island (Mauritius) and Lesotho.

Pandu pointed out that while in Zanzibar the teams' players and officials will be invited to visit various tourist attractions in the Isles.

Zanzibar took part in the CONIFA Championship in Kurdistan, Iraq in 2012.



Tukuyu Sound Band's artistes showcase their skills at the troupe's show, which took place in Dar es Salaam during Valentine's Day. PHOTO: SABATO KASIKA

## Musicians form new dance music troupe

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

PROMINENT local musicians, Kalala Junior na Papii Nguza, have formed a dance music band, known as 'Tukuyu Sound Band', which will be based at the Mawasiliano Park in Dar es Salaam.

Kalala, one of the troupe's officials, disclosed it was formed in January this year and the troupe has already come up with three songs.

"We have recorded two songs, 'Pesa' and 'Watu Bwa-

na', which will introduce the troupe's arrival in the local entertainment scene, the troupe consists of 14 musicians, we are keeping on putting the troupe in good shape," he noted.

He stated they have yet to name the third song. According to the vocalist, they are continuing to stage shows at their home venue, Mawasiliano Park.

"We want to inform dance music enthusiasts they should prepare for new tracks from Kalala Junior and Papii Nguza, in cooperation with the rest of

Tukuyu Sound Band's artistes," he said.

The artiste noted the troupe has gifted and hard working artistes, insisting he believes they will fulfil their objectives, which entail giving their fans much needed entertainment.

Kalala and Nguza are coming from families gifted with skilful musicians and, according to the former, the duo's experience will help the troupe scale great heights in the entertainment scene. "My father, Hamza Kalala, is a renowned artiste and

Nguza's father, Nguza Viking, is also a famous artiste, therefore we are both hailing from dance musicians' families and we are eager to continue boosting this profession," he noted.

He clarified they are lately staging shows on Sunday, whilst they are seeking to see to it the troupe operates efficiently.

He pointed out the troupe will later stage more shows.

The vocalist noted they will make all of the troupe's artistes public once everything is in place.

## SportPesa Tanzania extends contract with Namungo FC



Director of Administration and Compliance at SportPesa Tanzania, Tarimba Abbas (L), hands over a dummy cheque to Namungo FC's player, Stephen Sey (C), and Chairman, Hassan Zidadu, shortly after the two parties had signed a new one-year contract in Dar es Salaam on Thursday. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

By Guardian Reporter

SPORTS betting firm, SportPesa Tanzania, has extended its contract with Vodacom Premier League (VPL) squad, Namungo FC, for one year.

The firm will be sponsoring the outfit from Lindi for the second year in a row.

Namungo FC's Chairman, Hassan Zidadu, noted: "I would like to appreciate SportPesa for accepting us and extend the contract for another year."

He disclosed: "This is a sure sign they appreciate us and are backing our efforts to bolster the side's man-

agement."

"We promise to boost this cooperation by performing well given you are keen on seeing to it the club operates efficiently and live up to expectations."

"We have made it to the CAF Confederation Cup's play offs. This achievement motivates us to continue excelling and I can dare to state we wouldn't have reached this stage, had the company not backed us," he disclosed.

Director of Administration and Compliance at SportPesa Tanzania, Tarimba Abbas, congratulated Namungo FC for observing good management and seeing to it the outfit

excels in the CAF Confederation Cup and promote Tanzania and the firm.

He said: "This made us keep on backing the side. If you look at the side, you can witness how the side works hard and ensure it scales great heights."

"We wish you all the best in your fixtures, in this contract the club is expected to be honoured if it makes it to the continental tournament's quarterfinals, semi-finals and, in the end, lift the top honour."

SportPesa are main sponsors for domestic outfits, Simba and Yanga, and they have lately extended their contract with Namungo FC.





## Pirlo says lacklustre Juventus handed Porto victory 'on silver platter'

LISBON

CRISTIANO Ronaldo's first game for Juventus in his native Portugal ended in 2-1 defeat as FC Porto out-ported the Italians for much of Wednesday's Champions League last-16, first leg tie.

Such was Juve's lacklustre performance that coach Andrea Pirlo claimed his team handed victory to their hosts on "a silver platter".

Iranian striker Mehdi Taremi put Porto ahead after just a minute at Estadio do Dragao following a Rodrigo Bentancur error.

And Mali striker Moussa Marega added a second straight after the break.

But Federico Chiesa pulled a goal back with eight minutes to go to keep Juventus afloat with the second leg in Turin on March 9.

"The approach was wrong from the first minute," said Pirlo.

"When you concede a goal like this it's normal that fear sets in, you lack a bit of certainty.

"Porto are good at closing down and after that goal it was much more difficult. We served them the match they wanted on a silver platter.

"Fortunately we scored an important goal through Chiesa and now we will focus on the return leg."

It was a below-par performance by Juventus, chasing their third Champions League title and first in 25 years.

Record Champions League goal scorer Ronaldo, 36, drew a blank against a side captained by his Portuguese international teammate Pepe, as the visitors struggled to recover from their early blunder.

"We studied Juventus well," said defender Pepe who won three Champions League titles with Ronaldo at Real Madrid.

"We knew that we had to press hard to keep Juventus from playing. In these type of games it's difficult to concede goals at home, but we played a great game."

It was a shocking start for Juventus, with Wojciech Szczesny sending the ball out to Bentancur, who passed back to the Polish goalkeeper despite Taremi being just on front of goal.

The Iranian quickly pounced to prod past Szczesny for his first Champions League goal.

Porto pressed forward with Juventus almost conceding a second on 23 minutes as Szczesny cleared straight to Sergio Oliveira whose shot was deflected away from goal.

To add to Andrea Pirlo's woes captain Giorgio Chiellini limped off 10 minutes later with defender Merih Demiral coming off the bench.

Pirlo had juggled Juve's defence with Leonardo Bonucci out injured with Alex Sandro returning, playing alongside veteran Chiellini, Matthijs de Ligt and Danilo.

Juve had to wait until four minutes before the break for their first shot on goal with an Adrien Rabiot overhead kick cleared by Porto 'keeper Agustin Marchesin, but the offside flag had already been raised.

The Italians suffered another terrible start to the second half with Marega picking up a Wilson Manafa cross to finish low past Szczsny.

Ronaldo had to wait until five minutes after the break to have a shot on goal. Weston McKennie nodded the ball into the path of the Portuguese star, whose weak effort was blocked.

However, Chiesa pulled Juventus back into the tie following a Rabiot run down the right with a pull back for the Italian to finish off into the corner of the net.

"The goal will give us strength for the second leg, and it will certainly be another game," said Chiesa.

It was the first goal conceded by Porto in the competition at home this season for the former two-time winners.

Ronaldo had penalty appeals waved away after going down under a Sanusi Zaidu challenge late as the hosts held on for their first win over Juventus in five meetings.

AFP

# How the Premier League title race swung for Man City

By Mark Ogden Senior Writer, ESPN FC

IT has been one of the most open and unpredictable seasons in Premier League history. Nine different teams have been top at various points in the campaign, all of the big clubs have suffered unexpected defeats, and every side in the top 10 still has a chance of qualifying for the Champions League. But as the season heads into its final third, Manchester City have emerged from the pack to take control and establish a vice-like grip on top spot.

Uncertainty seems to have been banished at the Etihad Stadium, with Pep Guardiola's team becoming the first English side to win 17 consecutive games in all competitions, out-scoring opponents 46-6 over that span. They also broke Man United's Premier League record of nine consecutive wins to open the calendar year, beating Everton 3-1 on Wednesday night for their 10th victory in 2021.

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"He has done immensely well. That position, just thinking about myself in that sort of role and seeing how very much you need to prepare, how hard you need to run, you're almost the engine of the team and unfortunately, a lot of it goes unnoticed but obviously seen by very good football people.

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blocked a pass, allowed or disallowed a pass from going through. A lot of people don't get to see that.

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Gwiji by David Chikoko





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Ahead of the tie, Mexime said he is not intimidated by the fact that his opponents have a squad packed with foreign professionals and he assured that his players will be well prepared for the challenge ahead.

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Kagera Sugar have a poor head-to-head away record against this rivals over the years, losing eight of the recent nine away games but the club would be inspired by last season's memorable 3-0 victory over Yanga at the same venue.

In other matches of the day, an early kick off at 2pm will witness newly promoted Dodoma Jiji FC host Coastal Union at the Jamhuri Stadium in Dodoma.

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The green and yellow have been excellent this season and they head into this match unbeaten after 19 matches.

However they failed to open an eight-point gap on top of

the table after settling for a 1-1 draw with their hosts Mbeya City FC at Sokoine Stadium on Saturday.

Yanga's head coach Cedric Kaze will once again have to do without the service of the experienced

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Meanwhile Kagera Sugar will be desperate to end

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## Biashara United plot Simba SC downfall in VPL

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

MARA's Biashara United say they are ready for their Vodacom Premier League (VPL)'s encounter with in-form Simba SC at the former's backyard, Karume Stadium, in Musoma tomorrow.

Lying fourth on the VPL table with 32 points from 19 games, Biashara United won 2-1 in their last game away to Mwadui FC.

Biashara United's head coach Francis Baraza who was voted as the VPL's Best Coach of the Month for January said he was aware that it will be a huge task for his club to beat Simba.

He said his side is doing final preparations before hosting the top flight defending champions, as the aim is to see to it his side collects the desired points.

"The game will be difficult but we are aiming high. We believe that we have all it takes to beat them. We just want to play our football," he said.

In the first phase encounter, Simba beat Biashara 4-0 in a match played at Dar es Salaam's Benjamin Mkapa Stadium.

Baraza however noted this time around morale in his camp is very high.

"In our first game, we lost 4-0 to them but this time around morale in the camp is very high. You must remember that we are coming from winning our game against Mwadui FC," he said.

Simba's head coach, Didier Gomes, whose side is coming from 1-0 victory against DR Congo's AS Vita Club in CAF Champions League's Group A, is reported to have said his charges are looking forward to the fixture against Biashara United.

He said the aim is to see to it his side close its points' gap with league leaders Yanga.

"After our match against AS Vita Club we are now looking forward to our game against Biashara United, our aim is to collect maximum points, we want to close the gap with the league leaders," he said.

He, however, urged his boys not to get too excited and belittle Biashara United since the latter may surprise them with a killer punch during the game.

"We beat Biashara in the first round, they may look underdogs in this game because we beat them last time we met but I have told my boys not to get complacent, they should take this game and every other game seriously as the aim is to collect maximum points," the French tactician noted.

Simba have been positioned second in the competition's standing with 39 points from 17 games and they are expected to feature many players who did not travel with the team to DR Congo.

Notable player is Zimbabwean Perfect Chikwende who is not taking part in CAF competition games, having played for his former club Platinum FC.

Other notable games, slated for today, will see league leaders Yanga host Kagera Sugar at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium.

Kagera Sugar are placed 10th with 23 points from 19 games. Both teams will be coming into the fixture with similar experience as they both settled for draw in their respective last matches.

In the league's match penned for Thursday, which is too a match to watch, third-placed Azam FC will confront Mbeya City FC which is second from the bottom with 15 points from 19 matches.

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By Guardian Reporter

AGA Khan Youths cricket team have clinched this season's Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA) Dar es Salaam Elite U-15 League's trophy after notching 26-run victory over Lions Youths outfit in the final, held in the city last weekend.

Opener Aadiya Bhattbhatt showcased solid showing at the crease as Aga Khan Youths were skittled for 79 runs in 16.5 overs of the 20-over clash after they were presented with the opportunity to start batting.

He posted 18 runs, which included three fours, and he was among the players with double digit figures during the side's turn with the bat.

The side's efforts to get off to an impressive start in the innings faced a blow, as Aadiya's fellow opening batsman, Sayan Vijay Jobanputra, faced an early dismissal, having registered two runs.

Brijesh Hitesh Kakkad, slotted in at number three, showcased resoluteness for a couple of overs and notched 11 runs.

Sayan's younger brother, Sanay Vijay Jobanputra, coming in as middle order batsman, made his presence felt as he scored 12 runs.

Lions Youths' Rehaan Atif, who took three wickets for 15 runs in four overs, had most wickets during his club's turn with the ball.

Atif's efficiency moreover was crucial in his team's quest to see to it their opponents end with a manageable total.

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Dar es Salaam's Aga Khan Youths cricket team's players and coach, Khalil Rehemtulla (back row, R), in a group photo once they had cruised to victory over Lions Youths team in this season's Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA) Dar es Salaam Elite U-15 League's final in the city last weekend. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TCA

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Despite chasing a modest total, Lions Youths were below par given they were, in response, skittled for 53 runs in 17.1 overs.

Ashfaq Imtiyaz, who had opened the innings, was by far the only batsman with significant contribution in the fruitless chase, given he scored 18 runs.

Yunus Osman ended one run short of double figure in his vain attempt to see to it his club gets down to successful chase.

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Youths' batsmen, as he ended with a four-wicket haul and gave away 13 runs in four overs. Laksh Snehal was equally impressive, ending with three wickets and leaking six runs in 3.1 overs.

Aga Khan Youths went on to dominate individual awards, with Laksh Snehal lifting the competition's best all-rounder prize, Ayaan Ashik Shariff was voted the best bowler, the best batsman prize was won Brijesh Hitesh Kakkad.

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Four teams competed in the league, organized by TCA with a view to stepping up efforts to develop the sport at the domestic level.

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## Flexibles by David Chikoko







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LISBON

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It was a below-par performance by Juventus, chasing their third Champions League title and first in 25 years.

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It was a shocking start for Juventus, with Wojciech Szczesny sending the ball out to Bentancur, who passed back to the Polish goalkeeper despite Taremi being just on front of goal.

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Porto pressed forward with Juventus almost conceding a second on 23 minutes as Szczesny cleared straight to Sergio Oliveira whose shot was deflected away from goal.

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Ndidi's stats against Liverpool: 68 touches, 21 duels contested, 19 ball recoveries, 12 duels won, 6 aerials won, 5 tackles, 5 clearances, 3 interceptions, 3 blocks, 2 chances created, 1 assist. (Agencies)

now than there used to be, with Ndidi getting the accolades both at club and international level that eluded Olofinjana himself and the likes of Garba Lawal before him.

Since joining Leicester from Genk in 2017, Ndidi has not only slotted in seamlessly, but has become an integral part of the first team squad when he is fit and avail-

able.

Olofinjana added: "The best league in the world, as far as I'm concerned, is the Premier League and for someone like Ndidi to have come from Belgium and taken England by storm since 2017, to make the number of appearances he has till date under different managers, that tells you all you need to know.

"He has done immensely well. That position, just thinking about myself in that sort of role and seeing how very much you need to prepare, how hard you need to run, you're almost the engine of the team and unfortunately, a lot of it goes unnoticed but obviously seen by very good football people.

"They see that the run you made has actually

blocked a pass, allowed or disallowed a pass from going through. A lot of people don't get to see that.

"For him to have done what he has done, he is phenomenal I must say and not just for Leicester but also for Nigeria as well. All of a sudden, he is becoming a main figure in the team and from what I can, he has taken on the mantle immensely well and he is doing a very good job."

And he has no doubt about Ndidi being the best holding midfielder on the continent: "Without a shadow of a doubt. Who are the guys out there... maybe Thomas Parthey who plays in that position at the moment, who has been in Europe longer than him? I think Ndidi is top 10, if not top five in the world."

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Tanzanian assistant referee Frank Komba was selected by CAF to oversee this year's Africa U-20 Cup of Nations tournament, hosted by Mauritania.

## CAF ignores Tanzanian referees for 2021 U-17 Africa Cup of Nations

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

AHEAD of the upcoming U-17 Africa Cup of Nations, scheduled to take place in Morocco next month, the continental football governing body has released the names of the center referees and assistant referees billed to officiate at the tournament.

The team of match officials selected has 18 centre referees and 18 assistants, three of whom are women.

The three female officials include centre referee Bouchra Karboubi from Morocco and two assistants, Fatiha Jermoumi and Fanta Idrisa Kone, from Morocco and Mali respectively.

Countries in the likes of Burundi, Djibouti, Uganda and Eritrea are presented on the list, but no Tanzanian referee was selected for the big occasion.

In 2019, Tanzanian Jonesia Kabakama made history by becoming the first ever female referee to officiate at a CAF men's tournament.

She was in the middle of the pitch during the U-17 Africa Cup of Nations' Group B Day Three clash between Cameroon and Senegal in Dar es Salaam, which ended in a barren stalemate.

This will be the first edition in the Africa U-17 Cup of Nations to have expanded to 12 teams instead of eight.

The top four teams of the tournament would have normally qualified for the 2021 FIFA U-17 World Cup in Peru as the CAF representatives.

However, FIFA decided on December 24, 2020 to cancel the tournament due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Tanzania's Serengeti Boys will join 11 other nations at the final tournament. This is the third consecutive appearance for the Serengeti Boys with the first coming in 2017 in Gabon.

### Centre Referees:

Martin Lebalung Mokele (Lesotho), Patrice Milazara (Mauritius), Tewodros Mitiku (Ethiopia), William Oloya (Uganda), Raphou Adissa Abdoul Ligali (Benin), Mohamed Athoumani (Comoros), Jayed Jalel (Morocco), Sy El Hadji Amadou (Senegal), Franck Jeannot Bito (Cameroon), Gnama Aklesso (Togo), Eldrick Adelaide (Seychelles), Arab Abderazek (Algeria), Yannick Malala Kabanga (DR Congo), Hassen Corneh (Liberia), Mohammed Diraneh Guedi (Djibouti), Quadri Adebimpe (Nigeria), Tsegay Mogos Teklu (Eritrea), Bouchra Karboubi (Morocco)

### Assistant Referees:

Ngila Bonge Guylain (DR Congo), Ngoh Adou Herman (Côte d'Ivoire), Andriatianarivelo Dimbiniana (Madagascar), De O Saches Lopes Ivanildo Meir (Angola), Helio Correia Semedo (Cape Verde), Mohammed Bakri (Tunisia), Omar Hamid Mohamed Ahmed (Sudan), Youssouf Mohammed Mahmoud (Mauritania), Abdoul Aziz Yacouba (Niger), Dos Reis Montenegro Ablmiro (Sao Tome and Principe), Naciri Hamza (Morocco), Mutuyimana Dieudonne (Rwanda), Mohamed Nour Abdi (Somalia), Emery Niyongabo (Burundi), Ndong Ayecaba Juan Carlos (Equatorial Guinea), Tawfik Teleb Ali Ahmed (Egypt), Fatiha Jermoumi (Morocco), Fanta Idrisa Kone (Mali).

## Ngorongoro Heroes squad look for redemption against Gambia



National U-20 football squad, Ngorongoro Heroes.

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TANZANIA's national U-20 football team, Ngorongoro Heroes, will go into tonight's U-20 Africa Cup of Nations clash with Gambia knowing that defeat will see them all but guarantee that they will not be making the competition's knockout stages.

Having lost 4-0 to Ghana's U-20 squad in their opening game of the tournament, coach Jamhuri Kihwelo's men now need to bounce back in at the Olympic Stadium in Nouakchott, Mauritania, tonight at 7pm against the Gambians.

A brace from Precious Boah, a sensational strike by 16-year old Abdul Fatawu and Joseph Barnes' goal left Ngorongoro Heroes bottom in their Group C, courtesy of a poor goal difference.

A loss against Gambia would mean Ngorongoro Heroes will have to win their last match against Morocco on Monday

and rely on results from other groups if the former are to progress as one of the two best losers.

Coach Kihwelo admitted that they committed enough silly mistakes to be punished by Ghana as they played their first ever match at the continental stage, but he remains confident they have learnt lessons and will improve in their second outing.

Having looked overawed at times against Ghana, this time Ngorongoro Heroes will be tasked with keeping Gambia quiet for 90 minutes to avoid worsening their goal difference, which could jeopardize their mathematical

calculation in case they are to qualify as one of the best losers.

They will once again heavily depend on skipper, Kelvin John, England's Leicester City FC forward who needs to show his brilliance in front of goal if the team is to get anything out of this encounter.

In midfield, South Africa-based Ally Msengi, Israel-based Novatus Dismas and Hassan Kapalata will be expected to be more compact than they did against Ghana on Tuesday.

Like Ngorongoro Heroes, Gambia also lost their first game of the competition, suffering 1-0 loss to Morocco on

Tuesday.

They are playing to keep their hopes of making into the next round of fixtures alive. They have to win to ensure fate remains in their hands for a place in the quarterfinals.

Ngorongoro Heroes' final group stage game will pit the squad against Morocco on Monday, while Gambia will take on all-time champions Ghana in their final encounter.

Due to the restrictions imposed to curb the spread of the coronavirus, fans are not allowed in any of the three venues during the two-week tournament.

## Tanzania unmoved in latest FIFA ranking

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TANZANIA's senior national football team, Taifa Stars, remain unmoved in February's ranking released by the world football governing body, FIFA, yesterday.

In the first FIFA/Coca-Cola World Ranking of 2021, a total of 43 full internationals (including one played in December 2020) were taken into account.

The standout tournament in recent weeks has been the African Nations

Championship (CHAN), which took place in Cameroon, where a total of 32 games took place.

These fixtures as well as the other 11 games played have been classified as friendlies, because only players competing in the national championships of the participating countries are eligible to take part in the CHAN.

Taifa Stars did not impress in the CHAN tournament after finishing third in Group D behind Guinea and Zambia. They lost 2-0 in the opening

match against Zambia before recovering with a 1-0 victory over Namibia in the second game. However they were held to a 2-2 draw by Guinea.

Taifa Stars garnered a total of 1087 points to stay as the 39th team on the continent behind Equatorial Guinea, Rwanda and Comoros.

Tanzania who are currently third in the 2021 AFCON qualifiers Group J, having managed only four points from as many games, will hope to do better in the upcoming matches and improve their position

when the next rankings are published on April 8, 2021.

In the standings, CHAN winners, Morocco (33rd, +2), and runners-up Mali (54th, +3) have made the most progress.

Third-placed Guinea (72nd, +1) and quarterfinalists DR Congo (90th, +1) have also advanced.

Other teams moving in the right direction include Costa Rica (50th, +1), currently back in the top 50 after an absence of several months, Cape Verde (80th, +1), Oman (81st, +1), Benin (82nd, +1),

Azerbaijan (108th, +1), Estonia (108th, +1), Thailand (110th, +1), Guinea-Bissau (119th, +1), Tajikistan (120th, +1) and Guatemala (130th, +1).

Those teams aside, no other country has enhanced its position since December, and the top 32 places in the standings remain unchanged since the end of 2020.

Belgium, France, Brazil, England and Portugal continue to occupy the top spots, with the leading trio of Belgium, France and Brazil only separated by 37 points.

## KMC FC ready for Kagera Sugar test in Premier League

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

VODACOM Premier League outfit, Dar es Salaam's KMC FC, in a bid to break into the top four, will tread cautiously when facing Kagera Sugar tomorrow at Uhuru Stadium in the city.

The city side is placed sixth in the top flight's table with 28 points from 20 games and the side's information officer Christina Mwagala, speaking after her team beat Mwadui FC 2-1 at the same venue said their aim is to win the game against Kagera Sugar

so as to break into the top four of the Premier League.

"We beat Mwadui FC today (Tuesday). Our aim is to reach the top four, we will do our best to beat Kagera Sugar in our next game, preparations have been going on well and we hope for the best. We need to be positive for us to win," she said.

During the game against Mwadui FC, KMC FC scored their goals through Emmanuel Mvuyekure (penalty) and Charles Infanya while the visitors' goal was scored by Richard Dennis.

Kagera Sugar head coach Mecky Mexime fired warning shots, saying KMC FC should expect fireworks as he wanted to have his squad moving to the fifth spot. The Bukoba-based side are placed ninth with 24 points from 20 games played so far.

Speaking after his team's 3-3 draw with the top flight leaders, Yanga, on Wednesday, Mexime said they are looking forward to the game.

He noted his side is seeking to notch maximum points.

"KMC are doing well in the league

and we respect them, we drew in our last game, this time around, we are ready for them," he said.

The Dar es Salaam team will not have an easy ride in the fixture as the visitors have been outstanding recently.

They were, in particular, impressive on Wednesday, showcasing entertaining game against Yanga.

Kagera Sugar scored their goals through Peter Mwalyanzi, Hassan Mwaterema and Yusuf Mhilu in the draw with Yanga.

## Flexibles by David Chikoko

