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"Gold worth 136.7bn/-

(USD 60 million) has

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fees"

By Guardian Reporter

smelter and two gold refineries.

has collected 7.7bn/- in royalty and clearance

MINERALS minister Dotto Biteko yesterday

declined to divulge information on Chinese

companies the government has awarded

licences for the construction of a mineral

Speaking in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday at

a ceremony where a Kenyan delegation handed

over 35kg of gold and cash seized by authorities

in Nairobi to President John Magufuli, the

minister said two mining licences would soon be

awarded to the companies, required to put up

But contacted by The Guardian yesterday

to shed light on the companies by giving their names and general profiles, the minister said he

could not discuss the matter because there was no prior consultation with the companies.

"I do not know if they will be comfortable if I

Unveiling the move that two companies have

been awarded such licences at the State House, Biteko did not name the firms nor give details

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do so without their consent," he said.

about their current operations.

the new mineral centres

### JPM donation to Morogoro residents could change lives

### **By Guardian Reporter**

RESIDENTS of Kisaki commercial centre in Morogoro Region will take a long time to forget President John Magufuli's brief stopover there yesterday on his way to launch the Rufiji hydropower project, as he left them with a donation that may soon change their lives for the better.

The president who travelled by the Tanzania Zambia Railway (TAZARA) stopped at the famous station and pledged a donation of 400mn/- for the construction of a hospital and led an impromptu fundraising event for a police post.

"I will donate at least Sh400 million for the construction of the hospital, especially taking into consideration that we are implementing a huge project, the Stieglers Gorge around the area," he said.

Following the start of the project, there was need to accelerate social facilities including

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a good hospital and if possible a hotel to accommodate visitors touring the area, he

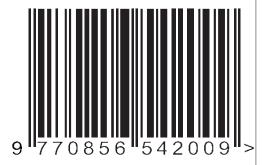
Dr Magufuli said he decided to come by train in order to observe the area in a clear eyed manner and so far he was of the view that there was need to develop the area by bringing in social services vital for the community.

He also led a fundraising effort for the construction of a police post at the area, where a number of government officials and residents of the area contributed to the tune of Sh39 million.

With the construction of a police post pastoralists who have been allowing their cattle to feed on farm crops in the area will be punished according to the law, the president

He said that it has come to the government's attention that pastoralists allow their animals

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## Govt silent on Chinese venture

in gold smelting, refinery plant



 apparently honey-based - brew known as wanzuki. When The Guardian caught up with them at the weekend, they said that they found the
business the best option through which they could fend for their families and fight poverty. But they complained that, while access to loans
would have helped them operate in much more hygienic conditions and make a bigger profit margin, credit facilities were hard to come by given the tough eligibility conditions. They gave the going price as 200/- per bottle. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msa

### **UNIDO** ready to help Tanzania in SADC meeting, boost industrialisation drive

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) has said it is ready to support Tanzania in hosting the 4th Southern African Development Community (SADC) industrialisation week next month.

Speaking here yesterday, Representative to Tanzania, Mauritius and East Africa Stephen Kargbo said the organisation is ready to offer any kind of support for the event as well as Tanzania's own industrialization aspirations.

"The government of Tanzania is on the right track as far as industrialization and development is concerned, thus UNIDO is ready to work with all stakeholders to achieve these aspirations," he said, noting that it rallies behind the government in hosting the

As the industrial arm of the United Nations, UNIDO promotes inclusive and sustainable industrial development as captured in the Sustainable Development Goal number nine and in several other documents

Tanzania through the Ministry of Industry and Trade will on 5-9 August host the 4th SADC Industrialisation Week under the theme " A Conducive Business Environment for Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development."

The SADC Council of Ministers endorsed the convening of the annual SADC Industrialization Week to intensify engagement with various partners, including the private sector in order to accelerate the implementation of the SADC Industrialisation Strategy and Roadmap 2015-2063.

The SADC Industrialisation Week is a publicprivate engagement platform that helps to foster new opportunities for intra-African trade and investment in the region. Last year,

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### mining contracts He said however that the licences have been awarded to the firms as part of government efforts to generate more revenues from the mining industry.

President Magufuli banned the export of mineral sand in March 2017, a massive concentrate that contains silver, copper, gold and other minerals, a key component in a USD190 billion tax dispute with Acacia Mining, the country's leading gold mining firm.

The government then invited bids from mining firms to build smelters and refineries and according to the minister, 37 Chinese companies had expressed interest.

"After carefully assessing the financial capability and profiles of those companies, we have issued licences for the construction of two gold refineries and a smelter," he said.

The government has set up 28 mineral trading centres since March to improve revenue collection from small-scale miners.

"Gold worth 136.7bn/- (USD 60 million) has been traded through the new mineral centres and the government has collected 7.7bn/- in royalty and clearance fees," the minister said.

Small-scale miners produce around 20 tonnes of gold a year but 90 per cent is illegally exported, a parliamentary report said earlier.

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### PM touts Ruvuma as next investment hub its rains are predictable, so there are large

still alive, he stated.

### By Aisia Rweyemamu

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa (pictured) yesterday declared that Ruvuma region has massive untapped investment potentials that if unlocked, they can lift the region to become among the richest areas countrywide.

Speaking at the launch of the Ruvuma Investment Guide and Ruvuma Investment Forum at the Maji Maji grounds in Songea town, the premier named listed some of the opportunities that make Ruvuma stand out.

The climate of the region is conducive and



the region is among the top seven regions in food production, he said. The region is currently having enough electricity and its price is low, providing

irrigated areas and their water sources are

Another factor that makes the region

unique for investment is fertile land, where

investors with good opportunities to invest and enhance production without problems. Majaliwa told the forum that the

President Magufuli said revenue collection from mining had increased over the past two

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**NEWS** 



George Simbachawene (2nd-L), who was appointed Minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Union and Environment) at the weekend, shares a light moment with his deputy minister Mussa Sima (R) when they visited the National Environment Management Council offices in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Looking on is NEMC director general Dr Samuel Gwamaka Mafwenga. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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the SADC Industrialisation Week was held in Windhoek under the theme:  $Promoting \, In frastructure \, Development$ and Youth Empowerment for Foundation. Sustainable Development.

The event is being co-organised by the SADC Secretariat, the Ministry of Industry and Trade and the SADC Business Council through its interim secretariat, the NEPAD Business

## UNIDO ready to help Tanzania in SADC meeting, boost industrialisation drive

Sectors earmarked to participate in the 2019 Industrialization Week include mineral beneficiation, agro processing, pharmaceuticals, fast moving consumer goods, infrastructure and logistics to support trade and

investment, light manufacturing, as well as the automotive and financial

Kargbo UNIDO's reiterated commitment to help Tanzania achieve development aspirations under the leadership of the relevant government

"As the industrial arm of the United Nations, UNIDO promotes inclusive and sustainable industrial development as captured in the Sustainable Development Goal number nine and in several other documents," he added.

### PM touts Ruvuma as next investment hub

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transportation and communication infrastructure in the region is in good shape as the communication network is adequate in practically every location.

The region has enough raw materials and labour force at various educational levels, he further noted.

The regional investment guide launched is meant to cater for the needs for sorts of productive activities in the region, broadening information on the region to local investors and potential investors from abroad, he pointed out.

Individuals and companies underlined. 

within and outside the country need to effectively exploit existing opportunities by making decisions to invest in the region.

Similarly, the premier used that opportunity to raise the matter of participation in local government elections slated for October.

Equally vital is registering on the Permanent Voters Register for the youth who have turned 18 after October 2015 and up to October next year.

They should come out in large numbers to register to ensure that at the time of the polls they be able to use their right of voting, the premier

## Govt silent on Chinese venture in gold smelting, refinery plant

years after the government tightened

The government collected 301bn/- in mining revenue in the 2017/2018 fiscal year, rising to 310bn/- in 2018/2019 and expected to reach 470bn/- in fiscal 2019/2020.

"African countries have not been benefiting from natural resource wealth, including minerals. Our minerals have been stolen through smuggling or through exploitative

Gold exports are a key source of foreign exchange for Tanzania, which exported gold worth \$1.549 billion last year, up from \$1.541 billion in 2017, central bank data shows.

The gold that was seized at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in February 2018 was handed over by Foreign Affairs Cabinet Secretary minister Monica Juma alongside 170mn/-, Ksh176, 100, USD77, 000, which was stolen at NBC Mwanga branch in 2004.

## JPM donation to Morogoro residents could change lives

would no longer be tolerated, the food," he added...

president asserted.

"I urge you pastoralists and farmers to feed on farm crops and get away with to live in harmony because you depend it when the cases are handled by village on one another. I believe that farmers government officials due to corruption. need meat, milk and other animal With the new police post their actions products while pastoralists also need

## Kalemani orders Tanesco, REA to provide power to more people in Mufindi District

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya, Mufindi

ENERGY minister Dr Medard Kalemani has instructed the Tanzania Electric Supply Company Limited (Tanesco) and Rural Energy Agency (REA) to ensure availability of electricity poles and connect to the national grid all the customers who have paid for the service.

Minister Kalemani issued the directive on Wednesday when he visited a local firm–Sheda General Supplies in Mafinga which have been contracted to manufacture and supply the electricity poles. Dr Kalemani inspected the ongoing rural electrification projects in Mufindi district, Iringa region.

He noted that the government had resolved to contract a local firm to manufacture and supply the poles to ensure reliable availability of the equipment as well as reduce cost. He said the company is expected to produce a good number of poles to meet the demand. "It is disappointing that customers who have paid for the service are not connected, Tanesco and REA should make sure they have quality poles and connect all the customers", said Dr Kalemani.

The Minister asserted that Tanzania has the capacity to produce 2000 electricity poles but the demand is 1,450,000 poles per year. He said the decision to ban importation of poles was meant to protect local manufacturers as well as job creation. He said currently the local industry has expanded providing 38,000 direct and indirect jobs.

Previously, the company was employing 2,000 people only, he said. Meanwhile, the Minister switched on electricity at Ikweha primary schoo, Mtambula and Mgalo secondary schools and surrounding villages. He called upon other residents who have yet paid for connections to do so now since power services are available at their areas.

Sheda General Supplies Managing Director said the company produces enough poles consumption and exports. He said Tanesco should not blame the company on the shortage of poles since they manufacture enough poles that are also sold to Kenya.

The director informed Minister Kalemani that the factory can now produce 50,000 poles per year.



Mzee Mkongea Ali (bending), the Uhuru Torch Race leader for this year, checks a water source at Kulungu in Mkuranga District, Coast Region, from where the Dar es Salaam Water and Sewage Authority taps water for supplying to customers in the district. Photo: Guard

### **ACCRA**

A PANEL of eminent persons from Africa and around the globe has pledged to champion key policy issues critical to Africa's future, particularly gender equality, youth and leadership as drivers of economic transformation, with a focus on constructing a gender and transformation index.

Inaugurated on 16 July in Accra, the Transformation Leadership Panel (TLP) will work with regional bodies such as the African Union and the African Development Bank, as well as with global development organisations.

The TLP is an initiative of the African Center for Economic Transformation (ACET), whose founder, K.Y. Amoako, is a former executive secretary of the UN Economic Commission for Africa. H.E. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, former Liberian

### President, is Chair of the panel.

Ghana's Finance Minister, Hon. Ken Ofori-Atta, attended the meeting and emphasised the importance of jobs, particularly for Africa's youth.

The TLP has been established to advocate on critical challenges facing the continent, notably climate change, demographics, innovation and regional integration. These are seen as areas where Africa's leaders must take bold action to either avoid negative impacts, for example on climate change or the demographic bulge in many countries. Likewise, action on innovation and regional integration can take advantage of opportunities for transformative change.

Members of the TLP were selected based on their significant expertise

leadership or commitment to African transformation strategies. Together, they form an influential group of advocate for Africa on the global stage.

New leadership panel pledges push on equality

Speaking after the inaugural meeting, ACET Founder and President, Dr. K.Y. Amoako lauded the "sense of urgency" expressed by Panel members "individually and collectively to promote this agenda at the international level and most importantly at regional level in Africa and to actively engage with leaders and key stakeholders to move that agenda forward."

In addition to H.E. Ellen Johnson Partnership for Africa's Development.

in the focus areas, as well as proven Sirleaf and Dr. K.Y. Amoako, panel members include Masood Ahmed, President of the Center for Global Development; Dolika Banda, nonchange-makers who can galvanise executive Director of the CDC Group action among African leaders and and CEO of African Risk Capacity; Charles Boamah, Senior Vice President of the African Development Bank; and Ann Cotton, OBE, Founder and Trustee of Camfed International.

Other members are Bineta Diop, a prominent women's rights activist; Rebecca Enonchong, Founder & CEO of AppsTech & I/O Spaces; Hafez Ghanem, World Bank Vice President for Africa; Acha Leke, McKinsey and Company's Africa Region Chair; and Ibrahim Hassane Mayaki, former prime minister of Niger & CEO, New



Singida regional commissioner Dr Rehema Nchimbi (L) pictured yesterday swearing in former Dodoma district administrative secretary Edward Mpogolo, recently appointed by President John Magufuli as Ikungi district commissioner. Ikungi is one of the districts in the region. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

### By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

THE Tanzania Revenue Authority has finally been compelled to open a special taxpayer centre in the Ngaramtoni township of Arumeru District, with the aim of extending services to grassroots locations.

"People of Ngaramtoni, used to be forced to travel all the way to Usa-River area to undertake their tax and revenue requirements," said the executive officer at the TRA centre of Ngaramtoni, Amour Kishoka, adding that the authority decided to take services closer, at least thrice a week.

He said the Township of Ngaramtoni serves seven wards of Arumeru West, and these used to travel nearly 40 kilometres to Usa-River area where the District office for TRA are located.

Apparently there are no direct buses connecting the two locations, therefore people of Ngaramtoni without personal means of transport, were 

### TRA launches taxpayers' centre in Arusha to improve service delivery

compelled to first travel to Arusha City, then catch a bus from there, in order to get to Usa-River for their tax services.

When it comes to boosting national coffers, Arumeru collects an average of 23 billion/- in revenues per year. This, is according to the District Manager of TRA, Severini Wilbert who pointed out that the figure is higher than what other regions (not districts) collects.

"Arumeru is just a district but we do beat full regions like Simiyu, Geita, Songwe, Lindi, Singida and Manyara in tax collections," he stated.

Now with the new Tax Officer in Ngaramtoni, the TRA officers will now be able to even make followups in the area easily from there instead of previous arrangements where they also had to start journeys from their headquarters in Arusha.

Businesses in Arusha are scattered, unlike in other urban centres, where there are central business districts (CBDs), therefore monitoring of revenues, would be tricky at times.

MINISTER of State in the Vice-

"My expectations and trust in this

The minister said he was new in the

quickly how the council discharges its

responsibilities. With such cooperation,

Speaking during the centre's launch, the Deputy Commissioner for the Tanzania Revenue Authority, Msafiri Mbibo said the TRA will ensure that, the Ngaramtoni center at the moment operates three days in a week.

"But we are looking to dispatch here special members of staff who are to be posted here permanently so that the center can operate throughout the week," assured Msafiri.

The TRA Ngaramtoni centre's launch was a climax event which topped the special meeting which the Tanzania Revenue Authority had organized in

It was a one-day familiarization meeting between the Deputy Commissioner of TRA and local business persons, traders, farmers and Non-Government organizations and institutions of Arusha.

would work smoothly together. He also

called for identification of operational

problems hindering the work of NEMC

Simbachawene said he has long

leadership experience but the ministry

he had been entrusted to lead had

challenges emanating from increasing

human activities. That situation, he

added, further complicated the task

of preserving environment for the

Tanzania was fighting to become an

industrialized country by next year and

become a middle-income nation by

2025. Many investors have complained

on issuance of environmental impact

assessment (EIA) certificates, he

said, calling on NEMC to submit its

recommendations on the complaints

so that the ministry can use them to

solve challenges and enable more

Preservation and protection of

environment is the task of every

The minister reminded that

present and future generations.

so that they can be solved.

The session was specifically meant to collect views from local residents, especially business entities so as to assist the TRA in making drastic 'changes for the better,' in its various operations.

The Chairman of local Mineral Brokers in Arusha Jeremiah said there are brokers who cannot be issued with Taxpayer Identity Number (TIN) because the TRA demands National Identities documents that most people do not possess.

Other traders lamented that, when they go to apply for licences in starting business, the TRA demands 'tax clearance' even though there have not yet conducted any business.

he explained, the council and ministry that it was important for the council to constantly educate the public on ways and need to safeguard environment, adding that that kind of strategy would in the long run reduce the work of the NEMC in protecting and conserving of environment.

The NEMC Director General, Dr Samuel Gwamaka, thanked the minister for his familiarization tour, pledging that the council will give the ministry the cooperation the minister asked for. He told the minister that the council faced a critical shortage of staff.

"Shortage of workers is one of the big challenges the council faces. One worker is entrusted with many projects and is expected to complete that work in the shortest time possible. Naturally this is impossible. I believe this is the source of complaints from investors to us," he explained.

He said the council plans to send workers to projects and industries countrywide in order to make on-thespot appraisals, solve problems and make regulatory registrations in order person in Tanzania, he said, explaining to increase the council's revenue.

### RESPONSIBLE **PARENTING AND FAMILY CARE PROJECT**

Media Action announces a new partnership with UNICEF and the Ministry of Health Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children in Tanzania on the multimedia component of the 'Responsible Parenting and Family Care' project. The budget for this component is TZS 1,084,203,874 for one year starting 15th July 2019. The project will have national and sub-national media partners and aims to reach one million male and female parents and primary caregivers across Tanzania.



### ADVERTISEMENT **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)**

**TENDER TITLE:** 

CONSULTANCY TO MEASURE THE IMPACT OF NON-TARIFF BARRIERS IN THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY AND ALSO DEVELOP THE FOLLOWING: A TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR THE NATIONAL MONITORING COMMITTEES; AN INTEGRATED EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY WIDE NTB SMS/ONLINE REPORTING SYSTEM; AND A NON-TARIFF BARRIER TOOLKIT AND FACTBOOK.

**TENDER NUMBER: PRQ20181142** 

TradeMark East Africa (TMEA) is an organisation funded by a range of development agencies to promote regional trade and economic integration in East Africa.

East African Community (EAC) with the support of TMEA is seeking proposals from qualified firms/consortium for the Consultancy to Measure the impact of Non-Tariff Barriers (NTBs) in the EAC and develop a training programme for NMCs; an integrated EAC Wide NTB SMS/Online reporting system; and an NTB toolkit and factbook.

Terms of reference for this consultancy and the Request for Proposals (RFP) document can be obtained at http://www.trademarkea.com/get-involved/procurement/. All queries quoting the above Tender Title and Number should be emailed to procurement@trademarkea.com. The closing date for submissions is Monday, 19th August 2019 at 11.00 am (Kenyan Time).

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TENDER NUMBER: PRQ20181062

The East African Community (EAC) is a regional organization mandated by the governments of Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and South Sudan to spearhead the East African economic, social and political integration agenda. In support of the on-going integration process, and in line with its objectives to support the EAC Secretariat, TradeMark East Africa (TMEA) has undertaken to support the financing of Consultancy Services of a Corridor Development Advisor at the EAC Secretariat.

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Interested bidders MUST submit their application via TMEA procurement mailbox at the address **procurement@trademarkea.com** quoting the tender title and number.

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### REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF BANK PURSUANT TO SECTION 7 AND 8 OFTHE BANKING AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT 2014

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE 2019 (Amounts in Million Shillings)						
	Current Quarter 30-Jun-19	Previous Quarter 31-Mar-19				
A ASSETS 1 Cash 2 Balances with Bank of Tanzania 3 Investment in Government Securities 4 Balances with other banks and financial institutions 5 Cheques and Items for Clearing 6 Interbranch float items 7 Bills Negotiated 8 Customers Liabilities on Acceptances 9 Interbank Loans Receivables 10 Investment in Other Securities 11 Loans,Advances and Overdrafts (Net of Allowances for Probable Losses) 12 Other Assets 13 Equity Investments 14 Underwriting accounts 15 Property, Plant and Equipment 16 TOTAL ASSETS	3,705 7,367 32,774 4,452 190 - - - 94,037 - 132,226 - 34,172 1,000 - 4,391 314,314	3,835 9,523 34,575 6,685 1 - - - 88,118 - 135,036 - 33,437 1,000 - 4,486 316,696				
B LIABILITIES 17 Deposits From Other Banks and financial institutions 18 Customer Deposits 19 Cash letters of credit 20 Special deposits 21 Payment Orders/ transfers payable 22 Bankers Cheques and Drafts Issued 23 Accrued Taxes and Expenses payable 24 Acceptances Outstanding 25 Interbranch float items 26 Unearned income and other deferred charges 27 Other Liabilities 28 Borrowings 29 TOTAL LIABILITIES 30 NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)	97,633 89,299 - - - - - - - - 50 6,303 67,881 261,165 53,149	95,814 97,924 - - - - - - 38 3,792 65,144 262,712 53,985				
C CAPITAL AND RESERVES 31 Paid - up Share Capital 32 Capital reserves 33 Retained Earnings 34 Profit (Loss) Account 35 Other capital accounts 36 Minority Interest 37 TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS FUNDS	116,014 1,284 (63,123) (2,091) 1,065 - 53,149	116,014 1,284 (63,123) (1,255) 1,065 - 53,985				
38 Contingent Liabilities 39 Non performing Ioans and advances 40 Allowances for probable losses 41 Other non performing assets	8,130 22,303 19,807 -	8,214 20,245 17,783				
D PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (I) Shareholders Funds to Total Assets (ii) Non performing Loans & Advances to total gross loans (iii) Gross Loans and Advances to Total Deposits (iv) Loans and Advances to Total Assets (v) Earning Assets to Total Assets (vi) Deposit Growth (vii) Assets growth	16.9% 14.8% 81.3% 42.1% 83.8% -3.5% -0.8%	20.0% 13.2% 78.8% 42.6% 55.7% -3.1% -1.2%				

	INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30th JUNE 2019						
	(Amounts in M	illion Shillin	gs)				
		Current Quarter 30-Jun-19	Comparative Quarter 30-Jun-18	Current Year Cummulative Profits/Losses 30-Jun-19	Previous Year Cummulative Profits/Losses 30-Jun-18		
1 2 3	Interest Income Interest Expense Net Interest Income (1 minus 2)	10,765 (4,679) <b>6,086</b>	13,307 (5,743) <b>7,564</b>	21,187 (9,453) <b>11,734</b>	27,291 (12,140) <b>15,151</b>		
4 5 <b>6</b>	Bad Debts Written Off/Recoveries Impairment losses on Loans and Advances Non Interest Income	534 (719) <b>1,324</b>	(5,288) <b>1,319</b>	1,096 (1,454.11) <b>2,617</b>	(6,297) <b>2,514</b>		
7 8	6.1. Foreign Currency Dealings and Translation Gains/(Loss) 6.2. Fees and Commissions 6.3. Dividend Income 6.4. Other Operating Income Non Interest Expense 7.1.1 Salaries and benefits 7.1.2 Fees and Commission 7.3. Other Operating Expenses Operating Income/(Loss)	532 713 - 79 (8,014) (2,792) - (5,222) (790)	390 299 - 630 (7,919) (2,591) - (5,328) (4,324)	999 1,377 - 241 (15,992) (5,327) - (10,665) (1,999)	721 499 - 1,294 (15,264) (5,114) - (10,150) (3,896)		
9 <b>10</b>	Income Tax Provision Net Income/(Loss) After Income Tax	(45) (835)	81 (4,243)	(91) (2,090)	(48) (3,944)		
11	Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-		
12	Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year	(835)	(4,243)	(2,090)	(3,944)		
13 14 15 16	Number of Employees Basic Earnings Per Share Diluted Earnings Per Share Number of Branches	160 (0.34) - 7	157 (1.73) - 7	160 (0.21) - 7	157 (0.40) - 7		
(I) (ii) (iii) (iv)	CCTED PERFORMANCE INDICATORS Return on Average Total Assets Return on Ordinary Shareholders' Funds Non Interest Expense to Gross Income Net Interest Income to Average Earning Assets	-0.53% -3.12% 108.15% 1.76%	-4.50% -24.78% 89.15% 3.03%	-1.32% -7.80% 111.43% 3.39%	-2.09% -11.51% 86.40% 3.03%		

	Name	Signature	Date
Managing Director	I. John		26-Jul-19
Ag. Head of Finance	H. Kandi		26-Jul-19
Head of Internal Audit	J. Kilato		26-Jul-19

We, the under- named, non executive members of the board of directors, attest to the correctness of the above statements.

We declare that the above statements have been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief have been prepared in conformance with the instructions and are true and correct.

26-Jul-19 26-Jul-19

	(Amounts in Million Shillings)	0	Davidson Overday
		Current Quarter 30-Jun-19	Previous Quarter 31-Mar-19
1	Cash flow from operating activities:	(700)	// 000
	Net income (loss) Adjustment for:	(790)	(1,209)
	- Impairment/amortization	1,560	1,559
			,
	- net change in loans and advances	1,462	48,739
	<ul><li>gain/loss on sale of assets</li><li>net change in deposits</li></ul>	(6,807)	- (6,183
	- net change in deposits - net change in short term negotiable securities	1,801	6,034
	- net change in other liabilities	2,522	(1,570
	- net change in other assets	(923)	(12,096
	- tax paid	-	(12,000
	- Net change in SMR	_	_
	Net cash provided(used) by operating activities	(1,174)	35,273
Ш	Cash flow from investing activities:	, , ,	,
	Dividend received	-	-
	Purchase of fixed assets	(163)	(362
	Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-	-
	Purchase of non-dealing securities	-	-
	Proceeds from sale of non-dealing securities	-	-
	Others (specify)	-	
	Net cash provided(used) by investing activities	(163)	(362
Ш	Cash flow from financing activities:		
	Repayment of long-term debt	-	-
	Proceeds from issuance of long term debt	2,738	469
	Proceeds from issuance of share capital	-	-
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V	Cash and cash equivalents:		
	Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	1,400	35,381
	Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the quarter	108,161	72,780
	Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the quarter	109,561	108,161
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Balance as at the beginning of the year	116,014	-	(67,756)	0	1,284	1,065	
Profit for the year	-	-	(2,090)			-	П
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Others				1 _		(320)	



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Monthly Service Fee*	25,000	520	N/A





Optician Mahija Matola of Dar es Salaam's International Eye Hospital examines Malvin Dallas, a pupil the city's East Africa International Schools, at a free eye camp the hospital organised yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Global transport stakeholders 'gauge' sector's sustainability

**By Guardian Reporter** 

STAKEHOLDERS and experts from various countries across the globe are meeting in Dar es Salaam to discuss on better use of technology to transform transport industry for sustainable development.

The two-day conference dubbed 'Smart Transport Infrastructures' involves 100 participants from United States (US), France, South Africa, Uganda and Tanzania among others.

Speaking during the event in Dar es Salaam yesterday, the National Institute for Transportation (NIT) Rector, Dr Zacharia Mganilwa urged the participants to discuss, share knowledge and then come up with implementable recommendations that would take forward the Tanzania's transport sector.

Prof Mganilwa who represented the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Works, Transport and Communication said that both the

Five-Year Development Plan and the said that Tanzania needed well trained National Transport Policy emphasise transport and logistics professionals on extensive and efficient transport infrastructure as critical in ensuring effective functioning of the country's economy.

"It is in this context that the government of Tanzania aims airports, expansion of ports of Dar to strongly focus on transport es Salaam, Mtwara and Tanga and infrastructure development as an enabling sector of the economy," he

According to him, to fulfil the goal, there is a need to invest heavily in qualified transport experts to serve the country's rising demand.

The government has been constantly improving transport sector for improving social-economic growth. "To be economically and financially well, the country should have the cost-effective transport sector," Prof Mganilwa noted.

Dr George Makuke, the President of the Chattered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT), Tanzania Chapter

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as well as a professional board to govern their activities like it is in other professions such as legal, accountancy and engineering.

"Mega infrastructures like roads, purchase of new ships to ply in Lakes Victoria, Nyasa and Tanganyika and revamping of the Air Tanzania means the logistics and transportation sector is growing and therefore needs special professional governance and coordination so that it can be part of economic uplifting to attain the middle income status," he insisted.

For his part, head of B&F Global Co. Ltd, Bruno Kinyaga, who are the organisers of the summit said the conference also aimed to bring together experts and stakeholders to share expertise on how to use technology to solve various challenges facing transport sector.

### TRCS launches Phase II of programme meant to extend direct assistance to victims of disasters

By Aisia Rweyemamu

THE Tanzania Red Cross Society (TRCS) yesterday launched the phase two of cash transfer response, which is to be used in humanitarian crises in order to help people who suffer disasters and meet their direct need.

Speaking at the launch held in Dar es Salaam, the TRCS secretary General Julius Kejo described the cash transfer response as the pilot programme being implemented in Kigogo and Tandale in the city.

"We decided to pilot on flood affected in Dar es Salaam and we are collaborating with Belgium Red Cross", the Secretary

He added, we have decided to give them cash assistant as a way of protecting their dignity and to give them freedom to decide what they want to purchase instead of giving them things they do not need.

Kejo explained that the pilot programme targets 464 household and total cash to be received by victim is 36.8m/-, of which the first phase spent 35.7m/-. According to TRCS each household will receive 150,000/-.

The Secretary General noted that the society provide humanitarian services in a cash transfer to reduce the impact of disasters and enable communities to meet their most important needs.

Speaking at the event, a Country Representative of Belgium Red Cross, An Vanderheyden said giving cash assistant is a

way of accepting someone choice, respecting their freedom. "One of the benefits of giving cash is avoiding dumping of properties or selling it at cheap price because sometimes we give people things they don't need," Vanderheyden explained.

She said they visit house by house and conduct a good evaluation to identify houses with had conditions.

On her part, the Second Secretary International Cooperation of the Embassy of the Kingdom of Belgium in Tanzania, Jasmien De Winne, said "cash transfer in emergencies is a journey we have started and will continue".

Through this programme beneficiaries can have cash in their hand and decide what to buy instead of buying for them.

### AfDB approves \$300m to boost trade, economic development in COMESA

**ABIDJAN** 

THE African Development Bank on Wednesday re-affirmed its intention to boost economic and regional development on the African continent when it approved a \$300 million support facility for the Eastern and Southern African Trade & Development Bank (TDB).

The COMESA regional trade and project finance package consists of a composite funded trade and project finance facility and an unfunded trade finance risk participation agreement (RPA).

This comes on the heels of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) agreement, which came into force earlier this month, and the bank's partnership framework featuring African DFIs. This includes the TDB, which committed to working together to scale up, speed up and synergise African development.

The facility's trade finance component will enhance TDB's confirmation capacity, support its rapidly expanding forfeiture business, and help it become a globally acceptable confirming bank.

The project finance component will meanwhile facilitate the delivery of export-oriented infrastructure, which will promote regional trade within the COMESA (Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa) region.

The facility further demonstrates AfDB's longstanding and growing partnership with TDB as a regional development finance institution in pursuit of shared development goals.

In presenting the project to the board of directors, AfDB financial sector development director Stefan Nalletamby said that the RPA would enable the bank and TDB to share confirmation risk on African issuing banks.

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### **Teachers demand** fast installation of road signs, bumps for pupils' safety

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

**HEAD** teachers from various primary schools in Dodoma have appealed to the government to fix road signs and speed bumps to ensure pupil's safety when crossing the roads to and from school.

The made the appeal yesterday in Dodoma when speaking during a ceremony to award winners of the 2019 Road Safety Drawing Competition organized by Puma Energy Tanzania Ltd. The event took place at Kaloleni Primary school

The award ceremony culminates a month long road safety program in Dodoma that involved road safety training to 15 teachers and education officers, road safety education to 5 schools - training over 4,500 school Children, and a road safety drawing competition.

Head teacher from General Musuguri primary school, Beatrice Chidumizi said there have been a number of road crashes caused by lack of road signs and speed bumps along the road passing near the school. She said the school has been forced to temporarily employ a person who is responsible of assisting children to cross the roads.

"Lack of speed bumps and road signs have been contributing into a number of accidents. We thank Puma for educating our children on safe use of the roads especially the things to consider before crossing roads", said Beatrice as she thanks Puma for educating pupils.

Chidumizi suggested for similar road safety programs to be provided to pupils in all the schools within the city. She said the move will help reduce ac-

Speaking during the event which was also attended by Deputy Minister for State in the Prime Minister's office responsible for Policy, Parliamentary Affairs, Labour, Employment, Youth and Disabled, General Manager, Puma Energy Tanzania Ltd, Dominic Dhanah said Puma Energy Tanzania decided to come to Dodoma this year because the city has recently experienced a rapid increase of people, number of vehicles and social activities.

Dhanah said the increase in number of people poses a risk to pupil's safety while going and coming back from

It should be noted that 1.35 million people die on the world's roads each year. Road traffic injuries are the leading killer of children and young adults aged 5-29 years.

This is the reason Puma Energy Tanzania has taken up this cause to demonstrate its commitment to saving people's lives especially the lives of primary school children who are mostly exposed to road risks when going and coming back from schools.

The road safety program in Dodoma is the continuation of the road safety campaigns that Puma Energy Tanzania Ltd started in 2013.

To date the program has reached over 100,000 students in 6 regions and over 80 schools in Tanzania. The regions covered includes Dar es Salaam, Geita, Kilimanjaro, Ruvuma, Arusha and now Dodoma. This year's campaign involved more than 25 primary schools in both Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar.



Ali Zubeir Ali (C), Vodacom Tanzania Plc's head of enterprise products and solutions, briefs journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday on a partnership agreement the firm has entered into with Biko to serve M-Pesa customers. Under the agreement, Biko will conduct special draws for M-Pesa customers. Others are Biko director general Charles Mgeta (R) and Vodacom Tanzania Plc enterprise business director Ariun Dhillon.

### Kaaya: Hosting SADC summit at JNICC honours Tanzania, Nyerere

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

THE Arusha International Conference Centre (AICC) has said the Southern African Development Community (SADC)'s decision to hold its 39th Summit of the Heads of State and Government at Julius Nyerere International Convention Centre (JNICC) was an honour to Mwalimu Nyerere, a statesment who championed the establishment of the regional economic organ.

Speaking to reporters in Arusha yesterday, the Managing Director of AICC, Elishilia Kaaya said holding a SADC Summit at JNICC was indeed an honour to Mwalimu Nyerere and a wonderful coincidence to Tanzania, which he said has done a lot to support freedom 

"To hold a SADC summit at a convention Centre named after Mwalimu Julius Nyerere, a founding president of Tanzania, was an important opportunity to nurture and cherish Mwalimu Nyerere's legacy," Kaaya told reporters in a touristic city of Arusha.

The AICC boss also thanked the government for the support and guidance provided so far as the country inches closer to host one of the most prestigious summits of the Heads of State and government in Africa.

He said, AICC, one of the oldest and experienced entity in hosting international meetings was ready to comply and provide the best services beyond the SADC standard and ensuring that

the SADC summit was a success and a Centre (JNICC, said his organization memorable one to all delegates.

"We also feel that this is an opportunity for the local Tanzanian entrepreneurs to make sure that they seizure the opportunity provided by the SADC summit to show case their businesses and provided services that would be needed during the summit.

He called upon the Tanzanian entrepreneurs to take advantage of the business opportunity emanating from the presence of the SADC delegates to line themselves to make various business deals in Dar es Salaam other places likely to be visited by the delegates.

Kaaya, whose institution owns the Julius Nyerere International Convention region.

was doing all it can to ensure that the regional annual summit was provided with the best services and facilities, saying preparations were in top gear.

Tanzania is set to host the 39Th SADC Summit of Heads of State and Government from August 17 to 18, 2019. The summit will also be preceded by Ministerial meeting that will bring together Ministers and Permanent Secretaries and other senior government officials from August 9 to 16, 2019.

From August 5 to 9,2019, the regional economical block has also organized a week-long SADC Industrialization week aimed at stirring and hasting industrialization drive in the entire SADC

contributes into damaging

people and goods", said



### **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

**CONSULTANCY TO CONDUCT COMBINED END LINE EVALUATION** SURVEY AND NEED ASSESSMENT FOR THE FAMILY STRENGTHENING PROGRAM GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE: ARUSHA, DAR ES SALAAM, MWANZA, PEMBA AND UNGUJA.

### **Introduction and Context**

SOS Children's Villages Tanzania is a Local Non-Government Organization (NGO) affiliated to SOS Children's Villages Kinderdorf International, a worldwide childcare organization that work to protect and care children who have lost parental care, or who stand at risk of losing it. Established 74 years ago, SOS Children's Villages International currently has children's villages and other program in 135 countries around the world. Globally it runs two major programs namely, SOS Family care program (SFC) at SOS Children's Villages and Family Strengthening Program (FSP) supporting families in local communities. SOS has been working in the United Republic of Tanzania since 1991 and runs Children's Villages in Arusha, Dar es Salaam, Mwanza, and Zanzibar and other programs in Iringa rural, Mufindi, and Pemba, The organization intends to conduct a combined End line Evaluation and need assessment in five locations namely in Arusha, Dar Es Salaam, Mwanza, Pemba and Unguja.

### Purpose of the study

The purpose of this consultancy is to assess the impact of the FSP and needs of the target groups. SOS CV Tanzania is seeking to conduct a midterm evaluation to determine its impact in the lives of children and assess the needs to inform future plans and appropriate intervention to the same target population and program beneficiaries.

### **How to Apply**

If you are interested in submitting a proposal/bid, please refer to the detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) that can be requested through the following email: Mgendi.Zacharia@sos-tanzania.org

Then submit sealed proposal/bids marked: "CONSULTANCY TO CONDUCT COMBINED END LINE EVALUATION SURVEY AND NEED ASSESSMENT FOR THE FAMILY STRENGTHENING PROGRAM." must be delivered at the address below latest by 5th August 2019.

Any proposal received after the indicated time shall be rejected.

The National Director, **Combined End Line Evaluation Survey & Need Assessment** SOS Children's Villages Tanzania, P. O. Box 80462, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

Only successful applicant will be contacted.

### Minister dissolves Mbeya Roads Fund Board

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

WORKS, Transport and Communications minister Kamwelwe dissolved the Road Fund Board and formed a new one that will last for three years.

The board was dissolved after it has completed its mandatory two terms (six years), said the Minister when speaking to members of the new board in Mbeya on Wednesday.

members of the Road Fund are constructed at required economic sabotage since Board are required to serve for two terms consecutively whereas after the six years period the responsible Minister is required to dissolve it and form another

the new board to ensure by putting in place measures facilitate movement of proper management of funds allocated for road projects across the country. He ordered them to also ensure value for money According to country laws, and make sure the roads

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standards.

He directed them to work roads. "You should work on the many challenges facing closely with the regional road projects including theft authority to ensure all of equipment and road signs, the roads are constructed the thing that contributes including the 40 kilometer into accidents. He urged them Moram road from Uyole Eng Kamwelwe tasked to ensure proper road usage to Songwe. This road will to control overloading.

Eng Kamwele said those the Minister insisting found violating regulations construction of the specific He linked overloading with

including overloading, should road should commence in be dealt with accordingly. this financial year. In another move, Minister

> Kamwelwe gave 14 days to the Tanzania National Roads Agency (TANROADS) and Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Works, Transport and Communication compensate residents of Kasumulu town in Kyela district to allow implementation of a construction project for the Joint Customs Center between Tanzania and

Malawi. He insisted the residents were to be compensated in May this year as per directives from President John Magufuli. He said funds required compensation have already been deposited to TANROADS. "I am giving you until August this year to compensate the residents", he noted.

Works Permanent Secretary, Elius Mwakalinga told the minister that his office has recently visited the residents at Kasumulu village insisting they have set aside 5.5bn/- for compensation. He said payments are expected to commence in the next two weeks.

Mbeva Regional Commissioner, Albert Chalamila appealed to the Minister to speed up construction of ring roads to ease traffic congestion in the city. He said construction of ring roads will also reduce road crashes within the city.



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## NBC PLEDGES TO SUPPORT LOCAL

## **GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES**

he National Bank of Commerce (NBC), the oldest bank in the country with over 50 years of service to the financial sector, has pledged its continued support NBC branches are equipped with the of Local Government Authorities. William Kallaghe, NBC Corporate Affairs and Government Relations Manager said this during the just ended 35th Association of Local Authorities of Tanzania (ALAT) Annual General Meeting in Mwanza. NBC was one of the sponsors of the ALAT Annual General Meeting

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The Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa being briefed by NBC Government Relations and Corporate Affairs Manager William Kallaghe at the NBC pavilion during the 35th ALAT Annual General Meeting in Mwanza recently. Looking on the right is NBC Head of Government Business Noelina Kivaria. NBC was one of the sponsors.



**NBC Head of Government Business Noelina Kivaria** receiving a certificate appreciation the Prime Minister Hon. Kassim Majaliwa during the 35th ALAT Annual **General Meeting that was** held in Mwanza recently. Looking on with red tie is Gulamhafeez Mukadam **ALAT Chairman. NBC was** one of the sponsors of the ALAT AGM.



The Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa admiring information leaflet at the NBC pavilion during the 35th ALAT Annual General Meeting that was held in Mwanza recently.. On the left is William Kallaghe NBC **Government Relations and Corporate Affairs Manager.** Looking on is Joseph Boaz **NBC Personal Banker. NBC** was one of the sponsors of the ALAT Annual General Meeting

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Taking A New Look **At The News ESTABLISHED IN 1995** 

## Repatriation of smuggled gold, robbery haul has crucial lessons

Resident Magistrate's Court.

doing business for investors in

the East Africa region and foreign

investors generally, has played a

The wish to buy plenty of maize from

this side of the border and the plan to

build a natural gas pipeline from Dar es Salaam to Mombasa are symptomatic

of a higher level of integration and have

cleared whatever grey zones there may

But it is doubtless the two leaders'

commitment to the war on corruption

that ended hopes for the culprits in the

multi-million-dollar hauls of escaping

This is hugely commendable and

should serve as something worth

building on further in the two countries

and worth learning from beyond the

pivotal role in all this.

or retaining their loot.

two countries' borders.

just witnessed.

cooperation.

have been.

NE school of political in the bank robbery was arrested philosophy subscribes to in 2004, upon which Tanzania's the maxim that nations experience shocks as a primary source of guidance, and the rest is repetition.

It has it that it is primarily through such shocks that customs and taboos are raised as fundamental prohibitions found in every society.

It is thus valid to say that shocking events reorganise people's expectations with respect to society or government in much the same way shocking events redefine relationships in private life.

It is through this prism that one could weigh the significance of Wednesday's handing over of a 35-kilogramme haul of smuggled rough gold bars and auxiliary pieces alongside a pile of Tanzanian banknotes and foreign currencies grabbed in a bank robbery 15 years ago.

Kenya may have witnessed more of that sort of operations than Tanzania over the years, one explanation relating to its more vibrant market, whether it is for goods or currencies. Still, for the gold smugglers, Nairobi's Jomo Kenyatta International airport was this time around only a stop-over to the final destination - Dubai.

The sort of itinerary that the gold and currencies passed through is an indication that this scenario took a long time to form and to come to fruition, if you will.

Questions linger, for instance as relates to the time it has taken for the whole things to reach its logical conclusion, as the cash was impounded for 15 years and no deals were cut on the haul in question.

One might argue that the soul of law enforcement was beating, but strictures were being raised everywhere -

rendering the process inconclusive. It is reported that the prime suspect **The Guardian Limited Key Contacts** 

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## Several issues for Africa to consider as US clarifies its position on AGOA

By Esther Rose

HE African Trade and Opportunities Act (AGOA), established by the United States government on May 18, 2000, has been described as the cornerstone of the US economic engagement with sub-Saharan Africa, where it has invested more than US\$7 billion towards trade capacity initiatives.

Some say AGOA was the US government's answer to China's growing presence on the African continent. But what is the US strategy as AGOA nears its end, and what is the impact of Africa's "growing youth tsunami" as the African Continental Free Trade Area starts being realised?

In a briefing with US Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of African Affairs Ambassador Tibor Nagy and Constance Hamilton, the Assistant US Trade Representative for Africa, the US government stressed that Africa is a top priority. "We see tremendous opportunities in this relationship. We want to work with our partners to unlock these gains," Nagy said.

Increasing trade and investment with the continent would be the mechanism for growing the continent's prosperity and providing jobs - for what he called the "Africa's growing youth tsunami" who are in need of well-paying jobs.

Meanwhile, Hamilton said: "Only by easing the ability of the private sector to start and grow their businesses can African countries hope to provide the jobs for Africa's youth and maximise the potential of the youth bulge."

Countries need to take an active role in creating competitive conditions in which companies, entrepreneurs and farmers can thrive, Hamilton urged, noting: "Easing the way for private sector to operate and do business would also assist in creating jobs for youth as well as easing of constraints for small businesses."

She acknowledged the strides made by AGOA, but admitted that there were shortcomings, saying that AGOA benefits were "uneven, and more needed to be done to realise the full potential of trade between the US and Africa. The benefits, she noted, have not been broadly shared by all the countries that are part of the programme.

Trade diversification was another concern raised, where petroleum products accounted for 67 per cent of the AGOA trade imports. When questioned on Nigeria's

participation in AGOA, Hamilton said: "I think that Nigeria has not taken advantage of AGOA because they send us mainly oil. So, to a certain extent,

probably more than some of the other countries - but it is petroleum."

She elaborated: "And oil doesn't really create the kind of jobs or other benefits from trade that I think that countries are looking for. Nigeria's new government is talking about trying to expand and go beyond just petroleum production and get into other things, but that really is a question for what Nigeria wants to see happen."

Nagy and Hamilton, speaking on AGOA and its end date of 2025, confirmed that discussions are under way on replacing it. "We are starting the conversations now with our partners to talk about what comes next," said Hamilton, adding: "We do think that a free-trade area agreement builds on the success of AGOA in ways that it helps lock in the benefits the countries have already with AGOA, but it also provides the incentive to US investors to do more on the continent."

The African Continental Free Trade Agreement, AfCFTA, was founded by the African Union to bring African regions closer, to encourage intra-Africa trade and make the continent stronger within itself.

But will the AU's plan for free trade between the continent's countries and the ECOWAS single currency creation programme for the Francophone West African nations enhance the AGOA's goals or create barriers or conflicts?

Hamilton said the US government supports a lot of the objectives of the AfCFTA, noting: "We do believe that lowering barriers to trade and investment and boosting competitiveness, attracting investment, those are things that we have long supported in our own engagement with the continent, so we are very pleased about the progress they are making."

"We compliment the African Union, its partner states, all the stakeholders who have worked tirelessly to get this thing launched. We think this is something great for the continent," she

Nagy said that the plan for ECOWAS was to introduce an ECOWAS currency in 2020, noting: "They had planned that several times in the past, and they have had to delay the implementation, and we will just see what happens in

"Obviously, the United States of America supports the sub-regional trade blocs and organisations like ECOWAS in Africa, but that is purely a decision for ECOWAS to make regarding its own economic interests,"

Commenting on the US engagement efforts with Zimbabwe through the

they actually are taking advantage of it. US embassy in Harare and whether after conflict that was largely about Zimbabwe would meet the remaining need-gap to becoming AGOA-eligible for 2020, Nagy explained the AGOA membership process in some detail.

> "What happens is that we in Washington get a considerable amount of information about each of the countries. Some comes from our embassy, some comes from independent sources, NGOs and various other sources.

"Then we get an inter-agency government team together that is are very transparent in the concerns chaired by the US Trade Representative, that we have when a country is not in and we discuss each of the countries. We discuss whether or not they meet the criteria. We discuss special concerns, problems that the countries may have, and it is a remarkably consensus-oriented process.

"Up to now, there has never been really a dispute between US government activities as to who does, who does not meet it."

Nagy explained further: "Then the recommendations go to the White House. The president will announce the eligible countries on January 1st. One other consideration is that if there is a change in status, right, in any of the countries, then the president needs to notify Congress 60 days in advance of that."

"So it's a very thorough process, but it's remarkable that in government there are different points of view on a number of issues, but on this one there has been just remarkable consensus on how we view the eligibility criteria of the various African countries."

Zimbabwe has had sanctions imposed on it by the United States for what it says are 84 individuals engaged in corruption, the violation of human rights and undermining democratic institutions.

Gambia's Truth Reconciliation and Reparations Commission has opened hearings into abuses carried out during former president Yahya Jammeh's more than two decades in power. He is accused of killing journalists, torturing and killing political opponents, and sponsoring a campaign that allowed "witch doctors" to abduct hundreds of people and force them to drink unknown substances. Jammeh's family has also been banned from entering the United States.'

Sudan has seen the ouster of Omar al Bashir as president and a transitional government consisting of the military and civil society established. Al Bashir has been wanted by the International Criminal Court for war crimes and the killing of hundreds of Sudanese people during his presidency.

South Sudan, Africa's youngest country which split from Sudan from Cape Town

the former's oil, has also been at the centre of political wrangling between President Salva Kiir and Riek Machar who served as inaugural vice president of the country from its independence in 2011 until his dismissal in 2013.

All these four countries are looking to join AGOA - and Hamilton said that The Gambia is eligible for the programme, explaining: "It has been brought back into the programme. Countries like Zimbabwe and South Sudan ... we AGOA."

"We don't always publicly notify, you know, put something in the press about this, but we make sure that the governments understand exactly where the shortcomings are and what we're looking for," she said.

"So when we do the review, looking at a country like South Sudan or looking at a country like Zimbabwe, we make sure that we communicate with the government where the problems are and what we're looking for in terms of what they need to do to get eligibility," she added.

"So we are very clear that we don't want governments to try to guess what they have to do. We want to make sure that they are very clear about the concerns that we have, and the concerns are always based around the eligibility criteria," remarked Hamilton.

She added: "Market access, human rights, labour issues, all of those are things that are important in this process, because without those in place, being in a programme like AGOA is not going to make any difference. You are not going to be able to use the programme, really, anyway."

Hamilton said she was looking to discussing "new trade initiatives" at the forum being held in Abidjan next month. "I think there is going to be interesting conversations with the trade ministers to make sure that they can utilise these new initiatives in the best possible way," she noted.

She noted that AGOA has been around for almost 20 years, "and as we continue to have this conversation and discussion during the forums, we all need to think about what should come next, and hopefully part of the conversation will focus on that as

"But we are looking forward to a very productive and informative AGOA forum, and (US Trade Representative) Ambassador Lighthizer is looking forward to being there, as well as all of the US delegation," she added.

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### Continual reviews of training a must, with colleges exchanging experience

EY stakeholders in health sector training in Tanzania are holding a national workshop meant to map out areas that need to be harmonised so as to give out the same competences among graduates in nursing and medical fields.

The need for revisiting modes of training and the sort of curricula used in different institutions arose from noticeable differences with regard to graduates of various institutions having contrasting competences in various areas.

The quest for standardisation is intended to iron out these differences so that a nurse is a nurse and a doctor is a doctor, irrespective of the university or college in which such a person will have trained.

Standardisation or rather uplifting of training levels and quality in various tertiary institutions to reflect the required levels, the gold standard so to speak, should see the enhancement of training in all colleges to reflect standards of the mother college or

colleges. In the health sector specifically, workshop presenters in the identified three colleges as having the right standards level or being the reference points for standards, namely, Muhimbili University for Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS), the Catholic University of Health and Allied Sciences (CUHAS) in Mwanza and the Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre (KCMC) College. The Mwanza and Kilimanjaro universities are near replicas of MUHAS but the others have plenty to catch up with.

It appears that the problem is not one of having the right guidelines, as these are developed by competent ministerial bodies for each level and sector of training - for instance, the Tanzania Commission for Universities (TCU) and the National Council for Technical Education (NACTE).

However, given the scarcity of

of landing employment.

in other regards.

This sort of preoccupation with the quality of graduates in one or some other field has constantly led to curriculum reviews and changes in

For instance, the University of Dar

Much the same was done at the Law Faculty (later, School of Law). This sort of innovation can be implemented by evaluating college product weaknesses,

good of our education system and, by extension, national development

resources facing most higher learning institutions and vocational education centres, it is hardly surprising that there are often crying disparities in the

sort of products they churn out. It shakes public faith in the profession if substandard products are numerous as it soils the reputations of various institutions, tarnishes the image of its graduates and impedes their chances

Sorting out such problems is like standing between a rock and a hard place, where either option that decision makers take has a perilous implication

For instance, it can neither be said that measures be taken to standardise resources for all institutions nor that tutors, lecturers and professors be of the same background and comparable track record in academic output or exposure, as some colleges have clear advantages over others.

In that sense, it is a matter of taking remedial measures including prolonging the training period or adding practical training or a sort of internship at the better placed colleges to inculcate ideas into "needy" students.

training formats in various areas.

es Salaam's Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts with Education course used to take three years, but it now takes one more year.

to act on the same. Why not have more of this for the

## Can justice prevail in the midst of war?

BY PETER FABRICIUS

ECONCILING peace and justice is inherently fraught, and surely nowhere more so than cancer in Africa's belly.

The CAR's Special Criminal Court was established by law in 2015 to try grave crimes committed during the country's officially came into operation only last year and is still far from becoming fully functional. No charges have yet been laid or arrests made.

Nothing illustrates the peaceversus-justice dilemma more than the inclusion in government of leaders from three of the many armed groups tormenting the country. They are now special military advisers in the prime minister's office. This was one of the provisions of the February peace accord signed in Khartoum. Fighters under one of those advisers, Sidiki Abass, allegedly killed over 50 civilians in the north-west of the country in May, according to a new Human Rights Watch (HRW) report.

Human rights defenders and victims expressed concerns that the vague commitment to justice in that peace accord could limit government support of the Special Criminal Court. It's hard to imagine Abass or the other two rebel leaders now in government being arrested and brought to court. In many other ways too, the HRW report paints an alarming picture of justice as an embattled outpost in the midst of war. Despite the February peace accord, the civil warfare that erupted again in 2012 continues in many parts of the country.

The fighting started when Séléka

Bozizé's corrupt government the following March. The mainly Muslim Séléka and a rival mainly Christian militia called anti-Baleka committed numberless in the Central African Republic atrocities, including murder, rape (CAR) - that seemingly chronic and assault, against members of rival communities. Later other armed groups sprung up.

Conducting investigations and seeking justice in an environment of such instability obviously armed conflicts since 2005. It presents challenges. As the report notes, United Nations peacekeepers are often needed to protect investigators as they range beyond Bangui to gather evidence. But that makes it difficult for investigators to operate discreetly, which is important to reduce risks to potential witnesses. This restricted access also suggests that the court may only be able to dispense justice selectively to those perpetrators it can reach.

One human rights defender told HRW: 'The major difficulty is that the victims and the tormentors live in the same neighborhood. It takes tremendous courage for the victims to dare to bring a complaint and turn to justice. We must have the protection of witnesses so that they can testify without fearing for their lives.' Yet witness and victim protection programmes barely exist, because of the lack of staff, logistics and psycho-social support.

The special court has a funding gap of about US\$1 million for 2019 operations, and no funds Republic. The Special Criminal pledged for future years of operations, which are expected to cost some US\$12.4m a year. These tremendous obstacles to can be initiated based on strong, establishing a court in a warzone compelling evidence.' inevitably raise the question of before seeking justice.

rebels marched on the capital international justice director, country,' Keppler said. Bangui and toppled François says, 'Central Africans have waited



The Central African Republic's Special Criminal Court is a huge test case in balancing peace and justice. File photo

so long to see justice for the many killings, rapes, and other atrocities committed in the Central African Court holds promise but it's had a slow start and needs to intensify investigations so trials

'The Special Criminal Court whether it wouldn't have been emerged out of the strong, better to stabilise the country unequivocal desire on the part of Central Africans to break cycles Elise Keppler, HRW associate of violence and impunity in the

In the CAR government, the into government on the basis that issues by setting up weakened **Consultant** 

priority seems to be to seek peace first through a truth, reparation and reconciliation commission, meant to be established alongside the special court.

Institute for Security Studies senior researcher Allan Ngari believes in principle in seeking justice even before peace has completely been achieved. Advocating for peace before justice is often a cop-out by governments, he says, deploring the integration of people who have committed serious crimes

peace must precede justice.

'There is little evidence, if at all, to show that placing peace HRW believes the people of the initiatives ahead of justice has averted conflict or assisted post- One victim explained: 'We trust conflict reconstruction,' Ngari says. He says beyond resource challenges, there seems to be little political will to get the special court or the truth, reparation and reconciliation commission up and running.

Ngari says neither can address the country's systemic governance problems. 'Glossing over these

institutions won't effectively deal with the CAR's past. The unresolved past is what causes the recurrence of violence.'

Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta and his deputy William Ruto's moves to evade the International Criminal Court (ICC) should be a warning to the CAR about the dangers of trying to pursue justice against serving members of government. While pretending to cooperate with the court, these two leaders exploited their political power to get rid of witnesses or buy their silence, undermining the ICC case so that it eventually collapsed.

The example of rebel leader Bosco Ntaganda in the Democratic Republic of the Congo is more encouraging. He cooperated with the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO) while under indictment by the ICC. Years later, when he was no longer politically useful, the ICC caught up with him and he was arrested, tried and convicted.

If justice is to be attained in the CAR, it's going to be a long, difficult and expensive game. The international community should step up and provide the special court with the financial and other resources it needs.

The court took a huge risk establishing itself in the CAR. But CAR feel the risk is worth taking. in the Special Criminal Court because it is the national justice, it is based here and knows the perpetrators.'

A heroic endeavour and one that will surely test to the limits the belief of human rights defenders that justice matters as much for peace, as peace does to justice.

Peter Fabricius, ISS

## East African perspective on private equity investment in value creation

By Special Correspondent

AFRICA'S economic outlook is on the up, with the African Development Bank in its 2019 African Economic Outlook report forecasting sustained rise in the average GDP (gross domestic profit) growth rate for the continent - from an estimated 3.5 per cent last year to 4 per cent this year and 4.1 per cent in 2020.

Growth in investment is one of the major factors contributing to this, with private equity (PE) investors letting the monzzzzzey do the talking and PE funding for African businesses having increased from 2017 to last year by around U\$300 million.

Over the course of the last six years, a total of more than 1,000 PE deals - worth in excess of US\$25 billion - have been concluded in Africa and close to 200 of those have taken place in the East Africa

We see increased PE activity in the region across a diverse range of sectors, including agroprocessing, capital investment, construction, energy, financial services, manufacturing, mining, tourism and telecommunications, and with countries such as Kenya and Ethiopia having recorded markedly higher than average GDP growth rates.

With a liberal and diverse economy, a growing middle class and a relatively stable political environment, business confidence in the former is at a high. Kenya recently went up 19 places, from 80th to 61st, in the World Bank Ease of Doing Business 2019



Furthermore, the country has been identified by the African Private Equity and Venture Capital Association as the second most attractive African country - only strong desire to overhaul the after Nigeria - for PE investments in the coming years.

Ethiopia, the second most populous country in Africa, boasts one of the fastest growing economies in the world - with PE hub. economic growth of 11 per cent over last decade and 7.7 per cent the last year.

enterprises with high demand for PE fund focusing on small and capital and local banks' inability medium enterprises. to meet the capital demand and

entrepreneurial aspirations of local companies makes Ethiopia an ideal destination for PE funds.

Also, the government has a agricultural sector and to build vibrant industrial one. Given the inadequacy of traditional sources of investment, Ethiopia has an untapped potential to become a

PE companies can follow footsteps of Schulze Global Ethiopia Growth and The significant growth of private Transformation Fund, the major

With more interest, though,



They need to turn their attentions to developing operational management and transforming familyrun businesses into mainstream, professional, modern businesses with the right management team.

comes more competition. In order to maintain their competitive edge, PE firms need a shift in focus - from lowering their costs to jettison their profits to the long-

term viability of the companies in which they invest. They need to find new,

innovative ways of creating real value for these companies and transforming them into sustainable businesses that will continue to prosper even after the firms funding them have stepped away.

The PE fund manager's role has been extended beyond what his emailed to The Guardian. or her title suggests, to include

more active engagement in the businesses they invest in than that of the traditional fund managers. Meanwhile, the relationship with the founders and owners must always remain front of mind.

In the East Africa region, PE firms need to bring their deep strategic expertise to the table to navigate the challenges around developing local human capital, cultivating local talent and allocating funds for training and development.

They need to turn their attentions developing to management operational and transforming family-run businesses into mainstream, professional, modern businesses with the right management team.

They also need to take advantage of market innovations as well as new structures, among them investment holding companies and evergreen funds, to overcome cost and time constraints.

In terms of their impact, PE investments cast a wide net. The businesses they back grow faster than other types of companies, largely because of the hands-on style of ownership that most PE investors display.

But in addition to yielding profits for its investors, the industry also impacts on the broader social and economic conditions in a country or region. PE investments increase the stability, strength and vibrancy of both local and regional economies in Africa, by injecting international capital into the continent.

A DLA Piper dispatch

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### As SDGs falter, the UN turns to the rich and famous

**UNITED NATIONS** 

he Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are in trouble. United Nations officials are concerned and say so publicly. Secretary-General António Guterres joined in raising an alarm in mid-July when he introduced the most recent official UN

"It is abundantly clear that a much deeper, faster and more ambitious response is needed to unleash the social and economic transformation needed to achieve our 2030 goals," he wrote. Separately, a mammoth, 478-page study by independent experts drove the message home with extensive data to illustrate the

The experts' report, a joint project of the Bertelsmann Stiftung in Germany and Sustainable Development Solutions Network in New York, reveals some bleak findings: progress has been uneven at best, and in some cases has been reversed.

The study found that all nations performing worst on addressing climate change, and no country has achieved a "green" rating. Many obstacles to success or the causes of reversals included tax havens, banking secrecy, poor labor standards, slavery and conflict.

Half the nations of the world are not on track to eradicate extreme poverty, a major – if not the primary - objective of the goals, the report found. Action on the SDGs, which were adopted in 2015 as the 2030 Agenda, are nearing their fifth year of implementation.

The most striking prediction of potential failure has, perhaps surprisingly, come from the top UN official in Asia. On July 18, the head of the Bangkok-based regional commission for Asia and the Pacific (Escap), Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana of Indonesia, warned in a UN News radio interview while attending a high-level UN forum on development in New York that her region was on track to miss all the goals.

The area covers a vast swath of the globe, stretching from the eastern



Amina Mohammed, right, the deputy secretary-general of the UN, signed a partnership agreement with the World Economic Forum, led by Borge Brende, left, to speed up progress on the Sustainable Development Goals. António Guterres, the UN secretary-general (behind Mohammed) and Klaus Schwab, the Forum's chief executive, joined the ceremony in June. FILE PHOTO

Indonesia alone account for nearly can "accelerate the implementation Schwab, the Forum's executive three billion people. Alisjahbana, a UN under secretary-general, said that Escap's latest survey showed some evidence that the region is international organization for going backward, particularly in water resources and environmental sustainability.

At UN headquarters, one controversial and much-debated response to the crisis has been to team up in a "strategic partnership" with the World Economic Forum. This institution, founded in 1971 by Klaus Schwab, a German economist and engineer, is best known for its annual star-studded, invitationonly get-togethers in Davos, a Swiss mountain resort, which attracts government officials, business leaders and celebrities.

of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development."

It defines itself as "the public-private cooperation" and lists six areas where the UN partnership can boost the development goals: in financing the 2030 Agenda and in addressing climate change, health, digital cooperation, gender equality and education.

The Forum has been steadily expanding its international presence through convening "thought leaders" around the world on topical issues, to exchange ideas and build influential networks on economic, industrial and social initiatives.

Deputy Secretary-General Amina In announcing the partnership Mohammed signed the joint Mediterranean to the Pacific rim, with the UN in a broad statement of framework agreement for the UN home to 60 percent of the world's intent with few details, the World with Borge Brende, the Forum's

chairman, were onlookers at the ceremony on June 13.

Mohammed, who led the formulation of the SDGs, has dominated the UN's development agenda, sidelining the Development Program.

She was a strong proponent of creating the SDG package on the advice and consent of governments - bottom-up from the field, not top-down as the Millennium Development Goals were written in 2000 by international development specialists in and around the office of Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

Through the new UN-World Economic Forum, Mohammed is increasing her international roles. She will be taking part in numerous Forum initiatives and will review the possibility of linking the UN's resident development coordinators

creation of the SDGs, with governments as the key decisionmakers, was a gamble. Human rights received no significant attention in the SDGs, reflecting numerous governments' attitudes or demands on these issues.

Rapid social changes and their place in development were ignored: burgeoning international movement for LGBTQ recognition and rights, new diversity in what may constitute a "family" and the rising tide of activist women challenging male domination in politics and society, to name a few.

The SDGs are unwieldy, as critics have pointed out since the adoption of the 2030 agenda. The 17 goals are burdened with 169 targets and 230 indicators for measuring progress.

The strategic partnership with the World Economic Forum is not the first UN approach to the private

Stephen Browne, the author of a book that will be published later this year, "UN Reform: 75 Years of Challenge and Change," worked for more than 30 years in the UN development system, including in Africa and Asia.

He has observed the trajectory of UN/private-sector cooperation, which has had some positive effects, he writes in the new book. With the creation of the Global Compact (which Annan introduced at the World Economic Forum in 1999), "relations with the private sector took on another dimension."

Browne writes: "The timing was germane. Globalization was already raising anxieties about its inclusiveness and it was appropriate for the UN to be shown conveying some concern to the private sector. . . . Galvanizing private sector interest in UN goals has had the positive effect of enhancing interest in and comprehension of the world body, helping to improve its public image in commercial circles.

The UN has also become better known to the private sector through the many GC local networks which have been established in all the major emerging economies.

also carried risks for the UN, leaving benefits have flowed from them, or 7.7 people. China, India and Economic Forum claimed that it president. Guterres and Klaus in national capitals with Forum it open to accusations of associating could flow."

with companies indulging in The theory underlying the corporate malpractice. . . . The Global Compact cannot wholly avoid 'blue wash' [the UN equivalent to whitewash in the eves of critics] but it restricts the use of the UN logo and establishes conditions for the selection of commercial partners. . . . Companies are in a large majority on the GC Board and are the principal contributors to the trust fund which supports the GC secretariat. Critics have claimed that the GC serves as a platform for the promotion of corporate interests at the UN, and not the other way round as originally intended."

Annan's successor, Ban Ki-moon, who asked all UN agencies and projects to stress overarching human-rights criteria in their work and publications, created several more narrowly targeted partnerships in, for example, stressing women's importance development, advancing sustainable energy and improving nutrition.

"There is a sense, however," Browne writes in his forthcoming book, "that the UN perceived these initiatives as ends in themselves: any partnership being better than none. There has never been a rigorous attempt to evaluate the UN's [multistakeholder partnerships] and determine whether they actually add significant value. . . . It is not even clear to what extent they have succeeded in mobilizing additional funding.'

Partnerships with corporations and rich foundations have drawn sustained criticism from various civil society sectors, especially when companies are producing and promoting goods - foods, for example - that are considered to have harmful effects on children or the general population.

In a message from Geneva, where he lives. Browne described his persistent qualm about reliance on private-sector agreements and compacts: "My real contention," he wrote, "is that the UN goes into partnerships as if they are a desirable end in themselves, without having determined what "But the GC [Global Compact] has real net human development

## Horn of Africa drought threatens re-run of famines past

Humanitarian groups and the United Nations are warning of another drought in the Horn of Africa, threatening a repeat of the deadly dry spell and famine that claimed lives in Somalia and its neighbours eight years ago.

The British charity Oxfam said Thursday that more than 15 million people across drought-stricken parts of Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia now needed handouts and warned of a hefty death toll unless donors stumped up cash fast.

"We cannot wait until images of malnourished people and dead animals fill our television screens. We need to act now to avert disaster," said Lydia Zigomo, Oxfam's regional director for the Horn of

According to an Oxfam report, donors were quick to dig into the pockets for a drought in 2017, helping to stave off a famine that could have been as deadly as the 2011 dry spell that left more than 260,000 dead, and many more hungry and sick.

But while the humanitarian response was well-funded back in 2017, donor governments have not raised enough cash yet this time around, added Zigomo, a human rights lawyer from Zimbabwe.

of the 2011 famine that we must respond swiftly and decisively to save lives. But the international commitment to ensure that it never happens again is turning to complacency," said Zigomo.

"Once again, it is the poorest and most

vulnerable who are bearing the brunt." Halima Adan, Deputy Director of Save Somali Women and Children, said in the Oxfam report that the slowness of the response to the drought "mean[s] women's burdens and vulnerability are increasing.



"We learned from the collective failures
United Nations are warning of another drought in the Horn of Africa. Eight years ago famine left more than 260,000 dead. Pictured here is a child from drought-stricken southern Somalia who survived the long journey to an aid camp in the Somali capital Mogadishu during the 2011 famine. FILE PHOTO

In often hostile environments, local actors are best placed to reach those most in need, where emphasis must be on reaching women and children".

The U.N. refugee agency UNHCR has also sounded the alarm. Somalia's recent April-June and October-December rainy seasons were drier than expected, worsening an arid spell that was already hitting farmers and herders across the turbulent country.

Some 5.4 million Somalis were expected to be facing food shortages by September, and 2.2 million of them would need "immediate emergency assistance" UNHCR spokesperson Babar Baloch warned last

Donors had only handed over one fifth of the 711 million dollars that was requested in

an appeal in May, added Baloch. "The latest drought comes just as the

country was starting to recover from a drought in 2016 to 2017 that led to the displacement inside Somalia of over a million people," Baloch told reporters in

"Many remain in a protracted state of displacement."

Last month, the European Union launched a 3.2 million euro scheme to manage water sources and agriculture

and lessen the impact of drought, in cooperation with officials in Somalia's capital, Mogadishu, and the northern breakaway region of Somaliland.

"Water and land are critical resources for the Somali economy and people's livelihoods but are also extremely vulnerable to natural disasters and climate change," said EU diplomat Hjordis

D'Agostino Ogendo. "While access to water needs to increase, needed infrastructures are to be designed and managed in a sustainable way."

Somalia has seen little but drought, famine and conflict since dictator Siad Barre was toppled in 1991. The country's weak, U.N.-backed government struggles to assert control over poor, rural areas under the Islamist militant group al Shabaab.

Droughts are getting worse globally, according to the U.N. Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD). By 2025, some 1.8 billion people will experience serious water shortages, and two thirds of the world will be "water-stressed".

Though droughts are complex and develop slowly, they cause more deaths than cyclones, earthquakes and other types of natural disaster, the UNCCD warns. By 2045, droughts will have forced as many as 135 million people from their homes.

"With climate change amplifying the frequency and intensity of sudden disasters ... and contributing to more gradual environmental phenomena, such as drought and rising sea levels, it is expected to drive even more displacement in the future," added Baloch.

But U.N. experts say there is hope. By managing water sources, forests, livestock and farming, soil erosion can be reduced and degraded land can be revived, a process that could also help tackle climate

## Bank pledges to support local government authorities

**By Guardian Reporter** 

THE National Bank of Commerce (NBC), the oldest bank in the country with over 50 years of service to the financial sector, has pledged its continued support of Local Government Authorities.

Manager said this during the just ended collections and efficient payment 35th Association of Local Authorities solutions that alleviate financial of Tanzania (ALAT) Annual General overheads and improves reconciliation Meeting in Mwanza. NBC was one of accounts. of the sponsors of the ALAT Annual General Meeting.

William Kallaghe, NBC Corporate electronic solutions for District Mobile Banking collections. Affairs and Government Relations and Municipal Councils in revenue

These capabilities are further enhanced with a GePG compliant NBC footprint of Agency NBC offers a wide range of innovative Banking (Wakala), POS collections, and

The NBC electronic payments and

revenue collection solutions provides LGAs with an efficient payments and collections management capabilities that are secure and make accounts reconciliation easier.

NBC branches are equipped with the requisite manpower and customer service set up to accommodate the financial requirements of LGAs in all over 50 years' experience in providing over 1200 staff.

the areas in which NBC is located.

"NBC is committed to serve LGAs in providing them with customer friendly electronic solutions to enhance government revenue collections" said William Kallaghe.

NBC is one of the most represented commercial banks in the country with

financial services. Apart from offering traditional banking services, NBC also prides itself on an expanded branch network of 50 branches and over 180 Visa enabled ATMs. The bank also services over 230 Points of Sales, over 1,700 agents strategically located throughout the country. NBC employs

### AfDB and partners see establishing African Education Fund as priority

THE African Development Bank the Association for the Development of Education in Africa and the African Union are recommending the establishment of the African Education Fund as the unique continental mechanism to address the challenges of education and skills development in Africa.

A joint declaration in support of the Fund was produced after a workshop held here mid-last week.

"The African Education Fund is a vision that many education stakeholders in Africa have had but could not put into practice. It is no longer just a vision - it is a reality," Oley Dibba Wadda, the AfDB's Director of human capital, youth and skills development, told the more than 50 participants.

The attendees represented 12 African governments, four regional economic communities and other development partners specialising in finance, skills development and education.

The organisers of the workshop sought inputs from regional membercountries on the structure of the Fund and highlighted the need to strengthen its position as a 'go to' resource for financing education across the

"The AEF is a unique, Africa-initiated and continental mechanism for resourcing post-secondary education in Africa" said Albert Nsengiyumva, executive secretary of the Association for the Development of Education in

Beatrice Njenga, Head of the Education Division at the African Union Commission, meanwhile said that the Fund was not intended to be a substitute for existing funding mechanisms "but complements these mechanisms at the national and international levels".

Kandia K. Camara, Ivory Coast's Education and vocational training minister, opened the workshop by underscoring the need for African countries to be accountable and to take ownership of Africa's education and training.

The minister Camara also appealed to the participants to pay special attention to supporting girls and people with disabilities in the structure of the fund.

The two-day series of presentations, discussions and group sessions explored strategies for financing projects intended to contribute to human capital and skills development across Africa under the AEF banner.



NBC government relations and corporate affairs manager William Kallaghe (2nd-L) briefs Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa at the bank's pavilion at an exhibition held in Mwanza city at the just-ended 35th annual general meeting of the Association of Local Authorities of Tanzania (ALAT). Right is NBC head of government business Noelina Kivaria. PHOTO:

## 5 years of MPawa adaptation to mobile phone usage fulfilling customer needs

### By Guardian Reporter

THE mobile phone and the power of internet continue to be the backbone of technological revolution in Tanzania and Africa at large. The technology transformation has started bearing fruits.

A 27-vear-old, Andrisa Mathias is one of the latest people who have benefited from the technological revolution in the country.

Mathias-an entrepreneur who deals in water vending from Geita Region last week announced the 15m/- grand draw winner of the "5 years of MPAWA" promotion.

His Journey to financial freedom that came as a result of using a could thinktoo much of ways to

mobile phone integrated with MPAWA, a revolutionary banking product that allows users to save money through their phones, earn interest from those savings and eventually get micro loans when they need them is interesting as also to many fanciful, even according to him

"At first when I got the call I couldn't believe it, I thought its scammers, but when they kept calling and sending me transport fair to come to Dar es Salaam for the hand over event, I then certainly got really excited" Mathias said when speaking in an interview.

Being arguably one of the most important gadgets of the twentyfirst century across the globe, one use the mobile phone and many financial institutions have over the years come up with end to products to maximize the it's usage that would not only provide a convenient banking experience for their customers but also be fast, reliable and self-serving:

Among these is Commercial Bank of Africa and affiliate Vodacom Tanzania who when looking at ways of exploring Mobile phone usage introduced the MPAWA product- a mobile handset product, targeted for the Unbanked population in Tanzania that would not only fulfil the Banks goal of Financial inclusion for all but would also make it easy for a Tanzanian in the most remote regions in the country have access to Banking services with an experience that felt as though they were in one of the Banks Branches.

"MPAWA was introduced 5 years ago, in the Tanzanian market with only 4 customers at the beginning users", According to Gift Shoko, the CBA BANK CEO as he addressed guests during the 5 years of MPAWA celebrations last week end.

This is a clear insight on how the product has been embraced by the Tanzanian market but also showing how much the usage of a Mobile phone has been adapted to by the growing population.

Dr. Gift Shoko also continued to explain how MPAWA has duly benefited the lives of its users who majorly consist of small business owners. "MPAWA has Simplified the lives of the Unbanked population by providing access to banking services at affordable rates, for instance one can borrow 1,000/- which cannot be done in traditional banking, MPAWA also provides Deposit accounts at a lower amount of Tanzanian shillings 1 % and there is no other bank in paper work needed for a transaction the Tanzanian Market a step further.

to be made, no need for visiting bank branches all this together with MPAWA customers gaining profit from their savings," he said.

Following trends and digital transformation across all facets of the modern customer's life and how it's shaping the banking industry in Africa, products like MPAWA have kept giving back to their customers, and in these 5 years, to emphasize a savings culture, encourage early loan repayments and push the usage of their product, several campaigns, draws and promotions have been carried out.

MPAWA customers like Andrisa Mathias, the 15 million grand prize winner for the 5 years of MPAWA grand draw, Sophia Sarapion, the 10 million grand draw winner of the "Shindana MPAWA" promotion last year, Bajaji winners, double savings, early loan repayments, saving challenge winners and many more have testified to the benefits of using but now we have up-to 8.5 million the product as well as carrying out transactions on the mobile phone, an experience that should not be ignored.

Lastly quoting Gift Shoko as he gave an insight on the MPAWA product, customers and the future "Our commitment to our customers and to the call of providing convenient banking services and products that suit all our customer needs, is a never ending pursuit; just as technology changes with the day so do we adapt and re-strategize to do more and to continue offering relevant experiences to our customers making sure we do not leave anyone behind".

With products like MPAWA and how they have disrupted the financial Eco system, one can only imagine the future usage of a mobile phone and what financial institutions like CBA BANK and Tanzania providing that, in so doing Telcos like Vodacom do to take MPAWA simplified banking to no customer products and services in

### Vodacom, Girl Effect launches new digital campaign targeting young Tanzanian girls By Guardian Reporter

VODACOM Tanzania Foundation and Girl Effect, an international non-profit organisation, have joined forces to launch 'Tujibebe' ("let's lift ourselves up, together"), a mobilebased brand aimed at young people aged 14-19, with a specific focus on reaching adolescent girls.

Tujibebe will unite young people through shared experiences and channel their entrepreneurialism; inspiring and supporting them to overcome life's challenges together and realise their ambitions.

Tujibebe's content will provide Tanzanian young people with access to information and resources they need to make positive choices about their futures - from finding skills building courses and setting up their own small business, to managing their personal finances.

The brand launches with a Tujibebe website and a national IVR (Interactive Voice Response) phone line providing interactive, on-demand audio content - that will be free to access on Vodacom.

Tujibebe was officially launched at the Golden Tulip hotel in Dar es Salaam at an interactive event, officiated by the Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF) Board member, Simon Shayo, and attended by stakeholders from the development sector.

Attendees were able to engage with Tujibebe's content and hear from some of Girl Effect's Technology Enabled Girl Ambassadors (TEGAs), girl-researchers that have been central to uncovering authentic insights into Tanzanian girls' lives to ensure the brand has been co-created with young people. Speaking during the launch, Shayo said he was pleased to see more players collaborating to promote gender equality and empower young people. He applauded Vodacom Tanzania Foundation and Girl Effect for investing in initiatives that strive to transform communities.

"Tujibebe shows the importance of private and non-profit collaboration to drive progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals. I would like to encourage more members of the private sector to be innovative in their areas of expertise and partner with civil society to create projects that empower communities," added Shayo.

"We know that mobile technology has the power to change the world, we are excited to be supporting Tujibebe through our network to develop the potential of girls and boys in our communities. The power of connectivity and technology will deliver content that will empower young people enabling them to maximize their potential," said Rosalynn Mworia, Corporate Affairs Director, Vodacom Tanzania and Trustee of Vodacom Tanzania Foundation.

Elaborating on the impact of Tujibebe to challenge gender stereotypes and help girls see a different future for themselves, Girl Effect CEO, Jessica Posner Odede, remarked that the brand's content has been designed to unite all young people, but with a focus on creating meaningful change for girls. She continued: "Young people often have a huge range of questions about their future that they don't know how to act on - from the right skills to get a job, ways to safely make money or how to save for the future. We're launching Tujibebe so that when girls go online, they can access content that is entertaining, informative and relevant to their everyday lives. Our ambition is to use Tujibebe to connect girls to services around them and create lasting behaviour change."



Anthony Mavunde (2nd-L), Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Parliament, Labour, Employment and Youth), presents a dummy cheque for 4m/- in Dodoma yesterday to General Musuguri Primary School pupil Alphonce Philipo (to his left) for winning Puma Energy's 2019 Road Safety Programme and Drawing competition for primary schools. Left is Puma Energy managing director (competitions) Dominic Dhanah. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT IBRAHIM JOSEPH

## DR Congo ethnic violence stopping refugee returns - UN

iolence and disease have displaced hundreds of thousands of people in the northeast Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and the threat of new clashes is stopping civilians from going back to their homes, a United Nations official has

Leila Zerrougui, head of MONUSCO, the UN peacekeeping force in the country, described on Wednesday "simultaneous emergency situations" including outbreaks of Ebola and measles, interethnic bloodshed and rampaging militias.

Zerrougui blasted "spoilers" in Ituri Province for "seeking to play on ethnic tensions" between Lendu farmers and Hema herders that have resulted in violent clashes and forced more than 350,000 people from their homes.

"The deterioration of the security situation is interrupting the return process that had been gradually taking place since 2018," she told the UN Security Council.

This was "causing new displacements towards Bunia [city] and forcing the humanitarian community to reorient its assistance to the most vulnerable populations," she added.

### **Ituri clashes**

Interethnic clashes in the turbulent, gold-rich Ituri region have also left 733,000 people needing aid handouts, Zerrougui told the UN Security Council via video link from the DRC capital, Kinshasa.

Ituri province has a history of ethnic violence, with more than 60,000 people killed and 500,000 others displaced by clashes between rival groups between 1999 and 2003, according to the UN.

Across the country as a whole, unrest has displaced 4.5 million people since December 2017 and more than 850,000 others have crossed the DRC's borders into



Congolese victims of ethnic violence are seen at a makeshift camp for internally displaced people in Bunia, Ituri. File photo

Angola, Zambia and other neighbours, according to the UN's refugee agency, UNHCR. The DRC was destabilised by the Rwandan genocide in the 1990s and other regional fighting that has left much of the country effectively run by armed groups.

UN peacekeepers want to help end the fighting, said Zerrougui. MONUSCO is as-

sisting Congolese officials to arrest Guidon Shimiray Mwissa, of the Nduma Defence of Congo-Renové (NDC-R), a militia behind "conflict-related sexual violence"

**Ebola emergency** Zerrougui also described an Ebola

in North-Kivu, she added.

outbreak that has killed more than 1,700 people - more than two-thirds of those who contracted it - since it emerged in the country's eastern North-Kivu and Ituri provinces last August.

Combined, those two provinces border Rwanda, Uganda and South Sudan. Health workers sent to tackle the virus have faced "high levels of community distrust" and violence from armed groups, such as the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) armed group and the Mai Mai militia, said Zerrougui.

"This confluence of factors has resulted in a deadly environment for the people working to counter Ebola, to the point of

being specifically threatened and killed by armed groups," Zerrougui told the New York-based council.

Last week the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the Ebola outbreak in Congo's east as an international health emergency. Ebola is highly infectious hemorrhagic fever that spreads through bodily fluids.

Meanwhile, a deadly measles outbreak in eastern DRC has claimed some 2,000 lives since the beginning of this year - a death toll that is "even more than Ebola", warned Zerrougui.

### Power struggle

On Monday, DRC's health minister Oly Ilunga Kalenga resigned in protest after being stripped of responsibility for handling the country's Ebola outbreak, the latest sign of tensions between rival factions in Kinshasa.

DRC politics has been wracked by a power struggle since Felix Tshisekedi won a surprise victory in a December 30 presidential vote against outgoing President Joseph Kabila's favoured candidate, Emmanuel Ramazani Shadary.

The United States envoy to the UN, Cherith Norman Chalet, blamed former President Kabila's supporters and said Washington would slap sanctions and travel bans on anybody who hurts "peace, stability, and security" in DRC.

"The absence of a national government, due primarily to the intransigence of political actors aligned with former President Kabila, compromises all other progress to which the Congolese people aspire," Chalet told the council.

"We call upon those blocking government formation to adopt the flexibility required to seat a cabinet and fulfil the hopes of the Congolese people for a better future."

## When walls talk: Hong Kong protesters bring grievances to suburbs

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'n Hong Kong's summer of dissent, even the walls were

"Once you read the messages here, you'll see so many people are in it together, showing support," said Elmo Ho, 21, while running up and down the stairways in the Fortress Hill district with a reel of sticky tape to reinforce the hundreds of adhesive notes on the walls.

Ho and her 18-year-old sister were also looking for space to display a sheet of plastic crammed full of notes.

"What you see here feels very different from what you usually would read online," said Ho.

In Hong Kong, nearly everyone owns a smartphone or two, and Facebook messaging and Whatsapp are commonly used. But as anti-government protests have ratcheted up over the past few weeks, the humble sticky notes that have covered pedestrian walkways have emerged as a new front of resistance.

Locals call them "Lennon Walls", after similar messages appeared in Prague after musician John Lennon was shot dead in the early 1980s. People write their demands and grievances on the colourful squares of paper, while others draw illustrations and doodles.

In Hong Kong, the first Lennon Wall appeared in 2014 during the pro-democracy sit-in known as the Umbrella Movement at the government headquarters. Protesters and their supporters would post messages as a way of cheering each other on.

### **Building momentum**

When the surface at the government building came to life

again in June - only for the sticky notes to be taken down in early July - protesters clamoured for more notes to be put up. Within days, more than 80 such walls appeared all over Hong Kong. "This time around the wall

serves to sustain the movement's momentum all over town," said Ho, a university student and the unofficial caretaker of the Fortress Hill area wall.

Over the past week, at least two incidents of arson and numerous fistfights have erupted in some parts of the city with walls.

But such bulletin boards have a precedent on mainland China

and Hong Kong. In 1978 and 1989, protesters calligraphed manifestoes on large pieces of wafer-thin paper, called "Big Character Posters," and plastered them in public areas. A "democracy wall" in Peking Univer-

sity became a hub for protesters. And when Hong Kong was still under British rule, university students who chafed at their colonial masters did the same. Thus, it's not surprising that these walls have resurfaced during the extradition protests.

Hong Kong's Polytechnic University posted slogans demanding independence from China.

Last September, students at

The surfaces are also a reflection of the limited space the public has to express its discontent.

"This kind of direct democracy is being exercised on the surface of tiny memo notes," wrote prominent culture critic Law Wing Sang in a recent newspaper column. "This is the latest innovation of Hong Kong's resistance culture."

### 'Chance to vent'

Returning to his neighbourhood of 30 years in Tai Po, pro-



Messages of support and anger from the protesters appeared in underground tunnels too. FILE PHOTO

tester Tang Shun was overcome by the out. If they'd come read the messages, messages in the Lennon Tunnel. Every inch had been papered over with a mosaic of notes.

Unlike Fortress Hill, a middle-class area, Tai Po is in the New Territories, a district that offers lower-priced hous-

"This is the rare chance Hong Kong people get to vent, to say their piece," said Tang, 36, a property manager. "They've been keeping it inside for far too long. Those who profess their support for the government don't come

they would see there's no reason to support the officials."

On Facebook, Tang said half his friends were still showing faith in the

"I'm scratching my head as we all

grew up in a free society," he said. But Ho of Forest Hill was disappointed to discover that someone had splashed brown liquid over part of the wall that she had been working on.

"Even when you disagree with what others say, you should still respect their

right to speak," she said.

power.'

The two sisters' mother had brought over stacks of Post-it Notes to help them, although she has yet to write a message herself.

Ho's was among the first few messages put up: "We'll act in lockstep. Stay united." she'd wrote.

Ho shrugged at the thought of the wall being cleared out. "We'll put it right back up," she said. "This is a chapter of Hong Kong's history; a show of people

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By Property Watch Reporter

EW Kigamboni Municipal Engineer Director, Ng'wilabuzu Ludigiji has ordered Municipal Land Officer to meet protagonists in the Pemba Mnazi land row.

Eng Ludigiji said in Dar es Salaam this week that because he does not know the conflict pitting some Puna and Potea villages and Bandari Saccos, he has ordered the land offer to meet the two sides next week and update him on the latest situation so that he can take action.

"After meeting the two conflicting sides and listening to them, the land officer will be able to update me on what is the latest on the ground and together we can find ways to resolve the row," Eng Ludiguji said.

He said he is aware that the conflict so far is between two major land owners but did not name them saying the other ordinary villagers are simple caught in between the big feuding sides which have brought the issue to his attention.

"Let's wait until I get feedback from the district's land officer after their meeting," he added.

Earlier this year, residents of the two villages were shocked to see Bandari Saccos Limited's leaders invade their plots of land backed by armed policemen and went on to demarcate the area again.

Documentary evidence availed to Property Watch by the villagers indicate that local authorities have tried to resolve the conflict but failed so far. The documents show that on February 25 last year, Potea Village Chairman, Ngobi Meza summoned a involving Alhamdi Mussa, Idd Moham-Charles Kubeja, Masanja Kasubi, Shija Bandari Saccos.

Two of the affected plot owners, Kigamboni Municipality.

in 2007 from one, Lady Nyamki and 2017 as Block G."

## KIGAMBONI DIRECTOR INTERVENES IN BANDARI SACCOS, RESIDENTS LAND ROW



meeting to address the land conflict In recent days developers have descended on Kigamboni headland due to easy access to the city centre of Dar es Salaam. File photo.

ed, Jones Killimbe, Valerine Killimbe, September 28, 2007 so the plot was demarked into five slots with title deed is-Shinganaji and Muddy Kaunda against sued," said part of Meza's letter to Kigamboni Municipal Director.

The letter also quoted representatives Jones Killimbe and Initiaz Lalji had of Lalji who attended the meeting which beacons of their surveyed plot up- was boycotted by Bandari Saccos leadrooted by agents of Bandari Saccos ers despite being invited, Iddi Mohamed who were accompanied by armed po- and Alhmad Mussa as saying, "The area licemen and surveyors allegedly from was bought legally in August 2008 from Menard Makoye and in January 2011, we "Jones A. Killimbe and Valerie J. requested to have it surveyed and given Killlimbe said they bought their plot title deed which happened in November

requested for official surveying on In his letter, the Potea Village Chairman Saccos invasion backed by armed police-earlier this year.

concluded by saying that, "Through our investigations, it is true that Bandari Saccos bought an area from one, Rwegasira but that the institution encroached the complainants' plots when surveying its area hence destroying property and removing beacons marking their neighbours boundaries. Our advice is that Bandari Saccos should move out of the invaded area and pay for damages caused by the encroachment."

Meza went on to write Kigamboni District Commissioner a letter dated April men, demanding that authorities stop the Kurasini based multi-billion rich savings and credit society from continuing to survey the area under conflict.

But Bandari Saccos leaders have dismissed the residents allegations saying the problem is presence of a corrupt local leadership. "It's false to say that a big institution like Bandari Saccos can grab land from villagers or an individual legitimate owner," argued Bandari Saccos Chairperson, Stella Mutayabarwa while responding to allegations that her insti-3, 2019 after the latest wave of Bandari tution invaded Puna and Potea villages

"Those village leaders in Puna are dishonest, they deliberately double allocated our land to other buyers hence causing unnecessary conflicts," Mutayabarwa said stressing that her institution wants to change the virgin remote area into a modern place.

"When an institution like Bandari Saccos comes to your village, you have to be happy because it will bring big changes through its investments, it can't do so by grabbing people's land in the era," she charged noting that Puna and Potea village leaders are crooks who should be held accountable.

### Cement making companies are starting to get a \$33tr headache

The world's biggest cement makers have been under pressure from environmental groups, regulators and lawmakers to cut pollution. Now, some of the world's most powerful investors are echoing those calls.

Members of the Institutional Investors Group on Climate change and the Climate Action 100+, a coalition of money managers with more than \$33 trillion under management, is asking that European construction-material companies commit to a target of reducing net carbon dioxide emissions to zero by 2050. The group sent the demands to CRH, LafargeHolcim, HeidelbergCement and Compagnie de Saint-Gobain, along with letters setting out steps applicable for each company on how to get there.

Just like industries from traditional power generation to shipping and transportation, pressure on is mounting on cement companies to clean up and help slow global warming. The industry accounts for 7% of the world's man-made carbon dioxide, according to the International Energy Agency.

"Construction material companies may ultimately risk divestment and lack of access to capital," said Vincent Kaufmann, chief executive officer of the Ethos Foundation, a member of the group. "An increasing number of investors seek to exclude highly carbon-intensive sectors from their portfolios to meet their own decarbonisation plans."

Money managers are calling on the companies to detail how climate change impact their business in order for shareholders to better assess those who aren't preparing for such scenarios, according to the IIGCC, which is an arm of Climate Action 100+. It also called on companies to align their investments with efforts to limit global warming to less than 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 Fahrenheit).

"If the cement industry was a country, it would be the third largest global emitter, behind China and the US," said Jocelyn Brown, a senior investment manager for sustainable ownership at RPMI Railpen, a pension fund for the British railway industry.

Cement makers should set both short, medium and longterm targets to reach a goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2050, according to IIGCC. Investors also expect that they assign specific responsibility for climate change to a board committee or board member, the group said.

# Gas investments place Mozambique as potential regional economic leader - AfDB

The African Development Bank (AfDB) says that Mozambique's new natural gas investments places the country as a potential regional economic leader, but warns of the need for the "right choices" and economic diversification.

"Mozambique is applying to be regional economic leader, especially as a gateway to southern Africa. Therefore, potentially, the right gas choices, coupled with economic diversification choices, can amplify one of the biggest success stories on the African continent," AfDB's Country Manager for Mozambique Pietro Toigo said in an interview with Lusa.

Toigo said the country should, during the period between investment announcements and the start of exploitation in 2024, focus on investing in other

key sectors, especially agriculture. "It is necessary to act now. During this time, it is important to invest in the industrialisation and productivity of agriculture," the AfDB director in Mozambique added. Toigo also notes that one of the main benefits of having gas is that it has a "very complex value chain," highlighting its role in the development and productivity in different industrial sectors.

"There are now many opportunities to use the same gas in various sectors in the process of economic diversification," he said. Toigo admits there are challenges, notably security, alluding to the action of armed groups in Cabo Delgado province, the scene of major investments in the gas industry, and the economic crisis that the country has experienced in recent years.

"There are challenges in the develop-

ment of all countries, and, in Mozambique, the challenges are great. But the country now has the opportunity to move to another stage of development. It is a historic period," he concludes.

The June announcement by the consortium operating in Area 1 of the northern Rovuma Basin natural gas project has re-ignited expectations and attention on the extractive industry in Mozambique. The consortium, led by US multinational Anadarko, will make a total investment of about US\$25 billion (about EUR 22 billion) in the extraction, liquefaction and maritime export of natural gas in the area. The announcement of another investment of a similar magnitude in the Rovuma Basin Area 4 by consortium led by Eni and Exxon



Mobil is expected in the second half of **Construction work of Rovuma LNG plant going on in northern Mozambique.** 

### NEDBANK'S BILLION-RAND DEBT FINANCING DEAL WITH KENYA'S CENTUM

Looking to the rest of Africa to grow its property finance loan book, Nedbank Corporate and Investment Banking (CIB) has provided financing of more than R1 billion to Kenya's Centum Real Estate, part of Centum Investment Company plc.

Nedbank CIB's property finance division - the largest commercial real estate financier in South Africa, reportedly with a 40% share of the market - said in a statement that the deal is linked

to Centum's Two Rivers mega-development in Nairobi.

The bank said it "played the role of lead arranger and financier in the Two Rivers transaction" - a 102-acre development in Nairobi's diplomatic blue zone, where Centum has a 58.3% shareholding in addition to a 50% stake in the Two Rivers Mall. Besides the mall, Two Rivers is being developed into a mixeduse node with offices, hotels, residential towers, a hospital and a theme park.

Centum is the largest investment

company in East Africa and is an affiliate of the Kenyan government-owned Industrial and Commercial Development Corporation. Listed on the Nairobi and Ugandan stock exchanges, Centum operates in the real estate, infrastructure, financial services, fast-moving consumer goods, power, agribusiness, education, healthcare and ICT sectors.

Nedbank is the latest South African company to become involved in the Two Rivers development. Old Mutual Properties is a joint shareholder with

Centum in the 67 000m2 Two Rivers Mall, the anchor and first development in the node, reputed to be the largest shopping centre in sub-Saharan Africa outside South Africa. JSE-listed City Lodge Hotel Group also has a new 170room hotel at Two Rivers.

Speaking to Moneyweb on Monday, Gerhard Zeelie, Nedbank CIB's Africa divisional executive for property finance, confirmed that the bank's total funding facilities to Centum Group exceed R1 billion. "Nedbank provided the financ-

ing to consolidate Two Rivers' debt facilities and is currently working on five deals with Centum, which includes developments in Kenya and Uganda. This is not Nedbank's first property finance transaction in Kenya and we are busy with the final execution of several transactions well over \$100 million (R1.4 billion). Most of the funding relates to projects in Nairobi although we are also implementing some transactions in

Mombasa," he says. Financing pipeline of more than rica."

Zeelie notes that the deal with Centum is part of Nedbank's recent move to grow its property finance business northwards, beyond South Africa. "The focus is on Ghana, Nigeria, Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Mozambique and Zambia. We are busy working on a number of transactions with a pipeline in excess of \$300 million [R4.5 billion] and are also keeping a keen eye on opportunities in the Francophone countries in West Af14 FRIDAY JULY 26, 2019

# PROPERTY WATCH

CONSTRUCTION

By Property Watch Reporter

IGH end market hotels in Arusha and Zanzibar have excelled in International Hotels Awards presented by the London based

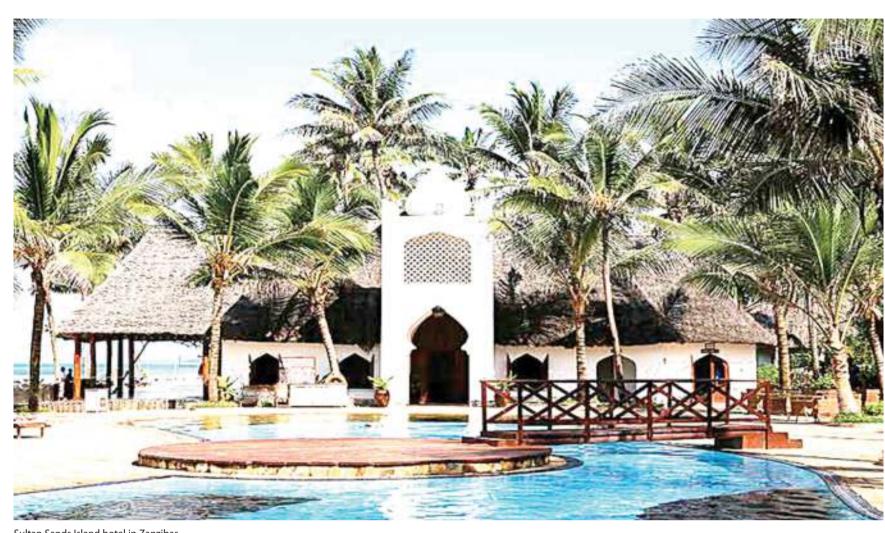
In its latest report, International Hotel Awards named Sultan Sands Island as Arabia and Africa regional winner best hotel and resort while naming Gran Melia Arusha as regional winner best luxury convention and highly commended hotel.

Other winners include Bluebay Beach Resort & Spa of Zanzibar which emerged as highly recommended hotel and best beach Spa while Melia Zanzibar was named highly commended luxury hotel and resort and luxury sustainable hotel but also wedding venue. The awards are split into regions covering Asia Pacific, Arabia & Africa, the Americas, the Caribbean, Europe and UK. "Participants enter at their relevant national level and are judged by a highly experienced team of professionals who cover the whole range of hospitality disciplines," the organisers said in the statement.

The awards are open to hoteliers, hotel developers and builders, interior designers, architects, public relations companies, advertising agencies and web designers. Hotels under development can be entered at any stage of construction provided planning approval has been granted. Companies may submit single or multiple entries, the statement added.

The International Hotel Awards are the international 5-star standard of hotel ratings. It is the only organisation to provide 5-star accolades at an international level. The International Hotel Awards global competition determines the finest hotels and hospitality companies in the world.

## ZANZIBAR, ARUSHA HOTELS EXCEL AT GLOBAL AWARDS



Sultan Sands Island hotel in Zanzibar

highlight and reward excellence architecture, construction, interior throughout the global hospitality design, marketing and website," industry throughout a wide range the organisers statement noted. of areas. In addition to categories for several types of specialty hotels from. 5-star awards for each "The International Hotel Awards and categories by hotel size, there category are awarded on a national and hotels. The International

were developed to identify, are also categories for best hotel

There are 17 categories to choose

level before going on to compete Hotel Awards have evolved from on a regional level. The regional winners are automatically entered into the overall International Awards, which ultimately determine the world's finest resorts

the long established International Property Awards, which have become regarded as the definitive awards programme and focus on both residential and commercial

### South Korea invests US\$5 million in doctors' housing project in Quelimane

South Korea will invest Us\$ 5 million this year building accommodation for doctors at Quelimane Central Hospital.

This is indeed good news for the health sector, given that this funding is part of the overall investment package allocated to the construction of Quelimane Central Hospital, which was completed in 2016.

South Korean Ambassador to Mozambique, Yeo Sung Jun, who announced the news following a courtesy meeting with Zambezia Provincial Permanent Secretary Júlio Mendes, representing the governor, said that the funding was already available and that work was due to start and finish later this year, finalising the hospital project.

Sung Jun also indicated that, in addition to the construction of accommodation, the purchase of new equipment was also planned, increasing the medical care available to patients seeking specialised medical care in Zambezia's largest

"We are happy with what we are developing with the government of Mozambique; in this partnership that aims to improve medical services for the population, as well as providing housing for the doctors and nurses saving lives at Quelimane Central Hospital," he said.

The South Korean ambassador said he would visit the hospital to assess how matters were proceeding and whether further interventions were necessary. Permanent Secretary Mendes praised the South Korean government's gesture and the support it had lent to safeguarding the population's health.

Mendes said that "the issue of housing construction and consulting on the operation of the hospital are important steps that South Korea is taking, and demonstrate its continued support. That is why we, as a government, are pleased and confident that, with them, we will obtain for the province the hospital it deserves."

Mendes also admitted that the provincial government was aware of the need to continue working towards managing the hospital better. The construction of accommodation for doctors at the Quelimane Central Hospital is part a second investment package, following the construction of the largest health unit in Zambezia province was completed in 2016.



An artist's impression of the 14-storey NHC Eldoret residential block.

## NHC to put up Sh500m 14-floor Eldoret panel flat

NAIROBI

National Housing Corporation (NHC) will use Expanded Polystyrene Panel (EPS) technology to put up a 14-storey residential property in Eldoret town to host 182 families.

The Sh500 million project targets low-income families and will comprise 180 one-bedroom units and two studio-cum commercial spaces. In regulatory filings, NHC environment floor panels.

lead expert Mwongera Murungi said the project will help spread technical skills on application of EPS technology outside Nairobi.

A report to the National Environment Management Authority (Nema) says the EPS panels will be sourced from their Mlolongo factory, thereby creating awareness among upcountry investors on availability of EPS wall, staircase and

"The use of EPS panels as a substitute to traditional materials used in erecting walls, stairwells, floors and roofs is expected to reduce construction periods as well as direct and indirect building costs," he said.

The EPS are wave-shaped polystyrene covered with electro-welded zinc-coated square mesh for constructing structural walls in single panel up to four storeys and unlimited

storeys when used in double panels.

A 6.64-acre plot at the NHC Kapsuswa Rental Housing Scheme has been reserved for the project, located 2.9 kilometres from Eldoret Central Business District. Mr Murungi said the project to be implemented in the next four years will give the youth a platform to learn employable skills on EPS application as well as solar panel installation.

NHC has said it will install solar panels on roof, saving tenants costs of running the facility's lighting systems. To promote greening, rainwater will also be harvested for watering gardens within the property. Among EPS-built houses sourced from NHC factory include Rongai La Casa Luxury apartments, Ndenderu Ruaka flats, Bungoma Sakata Gardens apartments and Kahawa Wendani hostels.

## South African largest property fund begins its acquisition trail into Africa

**JOHANNESBURG** 

Growthpoint Investec African Properties (GIAP), the pan-African real estate investment business managed by Growthpoint **Investec African Property** Management, has begun executing on its strategy to aggregate a quality portfolio of prime income-producing commercial assets in select cities across Africa.

The news comes after South Africa's largest listed specialized shopping centre real estate investment trust, Hyprop announced on Friday that AttAfrica Limited, in which it owns a 37.5 percent stake, had concluded an agreement to dispose of its interest in Achimota Retail Centre in Ghana.

GIAP, established as a joint venture between Growthpoint Properties, the largest real estate group in the South Africa, and Investec Asset Management, announced today that it has successfully concluded the acquisition of 97.5% of Achimota Retail Centre, a prime shopping centre in Accra, Ghana.

This transaction marks the first of a pipeline of assets currently being negotiated for acquisition by GIAP. Achimota Retail Centre in north-eastern Accra includes approximately 15,000sqm of retail space occupied by more than 50 retailers, including big names Game, Shoprite, Mr Price, Pizza Hut and KFC.

GIAP also expects to announce a further acquisition of another key asset in the near term. In 2018, GIAP secured capital commitments of more than US\$212 million from several large institutional and international investors. Given the current pipeline of assets under discussion, GIAP's capital is likely to be fully invested by the end of 2019, and its investments further diversified across the office, retail and industrial sectors.

Achimota Retail Centre has been acquired from AttAfrica, a joint venture of JSE-listed REITs Attacq Limited and Hyprop Investments Limited, and certain minority shareholders.

Thomas Reilly, MD of Growthpoint Investec African Property Management, says, "GIAP has strategically timed its entry into the market to take advantage of a highly attractive entry-point into key cities which we view as offering strong growth prospects. We have adopted a very considered asset acquisition strategy with the result of being able to source quality yielding assets at very competitive prices. The business is enjoying significant momentum at the moment, and we expect this to aid the delivery of sustainable long-term investor returns."

The second transaction is expected to be finalised within the next month, after which further details will be made available. GIAP is expected to aid the development of local African real estate markets and to contribute to the wide-ranging developmental impact which real estate can have in such markets.

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### LONDON MAYOR LOOKS FOR GREATER POWERS TO CURB SKY-HIGH RENTS

LONDON

Rent controls could be introduced in London's private housing sector under new plans by London Mayor Sadiq Khan.

With London rents spiralling above inflation, Mr Khan wants to follow New York and Berlin in clamping down on landlords taking huge chunks of private renters' cash, on average 42 per cent of household income.

London's mayor currently lacks

ancies and the ability to bring rents down, through a commissioned panel with devolved powers that would include current renters.

According to the Greater London Authority, the average rent for a one-bedroom house is higher than a three-bed house outside London.

In hoping to overturn what is a highly important issue for Londoners, Mr Khan said on Friday he wants to create a universal register

wants to introduce open-ended ten- troducing caps on rent increases while the commission is being created.

> "Unlike other mayors around the world, I have no powers over the private rented sector. That's why this landmark report sets out a detailed blueprint of what the government must do to overhaul tenancy laws, and what powers City Hall needs from them to bring rents down," said Mr Khan.

"Londoners are being priced out

powers to impose stricter rules, but of London landlords as well as in- of the neighbourhoods they grew standing when it comes to the rental trols have been at the forefront of up in, couples are delaying having kids and many tenants dare not complain about disrepair in case their landlord retaliates with a rent hike," said campaign group Generation Rent.

The Adam Smith Institute, a freemarket think tank, accused London's mayor of being an "economic illiterate." Marc von Grundherr, director of estate agents Benham and Reeves, criticised London's mayor for showing "a real lack of undersector and wider property market."

Mr Khan is eyeing up re-election as the capital's mayor in 2020 and is set to make housing central to his manifesto. His rival for London's a taxpayer owned housebuilder acting like a private firm to build new homes. He has refused to put targets on how many homes he hopes to build, saying they act "as a bar" and rarely met.

Affordable housing and rent conera buildings.

a growing movement in other European capitals. Berlin approved a five-year rent freeze on Tuesday as soaring costs in the German capital have led to protests against increastop job Shaun Bailey has proposed ing gentrification and demands for more government intervention.

The state also seized back 670 apartments on Karl Marx Allee, a famous boulevard stretching from the city centre through the former East Germany side dotted with Soviet-

## SAUDI ARABIA HOUSING MARKET SHOWS SIGNS OF BOTTOMING OUT

RIYADH

ouse prices continued to fall in Saudi Arabia's main cities during the first half of the year but transaction volumes rose sharply, indicating the market may be reaching the bottom of its current cycle, according to Knight Frank

The real estate consultancy's latest Saudi Arabia Residential Market Review showed the decline in prices triggered by an economic slowdown that started in 2016 continued into the first half of 2019, with year-onyear apartment prices in Riyadh dropping 10 per cent in the first quarter and 6 per cent in the following three months. Villa prices fell 5 per cent in the first quarter and 2 per cent in the second quarter.

In Jeddah, apartment prices declined 11 per cent year-on-year in the first quarter and 8 per cent in the second quarter, while villa prices fell 7 per cent and 5 per cent over the same period. Only first quarter data was available for the Eastern Province, where overall residential prices fell 11 per cent year-on-year.

"The rising affordability challenge and the lack of suitable supply for middle and lower tier buyers continue to weigh on the sector," said Raya Majdalani, research manager at Knight Frank.

Transaction volumes, however, witnessed a hike as government



Riyadh city skyline construction and King Abdullah Financial District.

initiatives aimed at making homes more afforddevelopment activity in the affordable segment of the housing market", according to the report.

actions completed in were up 32 per cent. able for citizens were Riyadh in the first half of volume of deals done in Jeddah climbed 56 per cent. Volumes in the Eastern Province cities

The volume of trans- of Dammam and Khobar

deemed to have played 2019 jumped 66 per cent seen a significant pick the kingdom's central riyals (Dh149.84bn). "a key role in triggering year-on-year, and the up in transaction volumes across key cities which indicates that the market may be heading towards the bottom

of its cycle," Ms Majdalani said. The report also bank, the Saudi Arabian Monetary Authority (Sama), which showed that residential real es-

guarter of the year were up 22 per cent vear-on-"In H1 2019, we have pointed to figures from year to 153 billion Saudi

Knight Frank said it expects a recovery in the Saudi housing market "in the short-to-medium tate loans during the first term", indicative of ef-

forts to diversify the economy and to stimulate the housing sector. The Ministry of Housing aiming to increase home ownership to 52 per cent by 2020 and 70 per cent by 2030 from the current 47 per cent.

JLL, another real estate consultancy, forecast rents and prices in Riyadh to remain under pressure for the next two years as 50,000 new units are expected to come onto the market, bringing the total by the end of 2020 to 1.35 million, according to a survey it released on Wednesday. It reported a 5 per cent year-on-year fall in prices for apartments and villas in the capital during the second quarter.

In Jeddah, apartment prices dropped 6 per cent and villa prices fell 7 per cent vear-on-vear. and the JLL's report said that although government policies had a positive impact on demand for home loans, "some households are opting to hold back or pull out of buying a home as they anticipate further drops in residential pric-

### Hilton Worldwide Q2 profit estimates

US hotel operator Hilton Worldwide topped Wall Street estimates for quarterly profit on Wednesday, helped by a steady demand for its rooms in the United States.

However, the owner of Waldorf Astoria and Conrad hotel chains lowered the high end of its 2019 outlook for revenue per available room (RevPAR) - an important performance metric for the hotel industry - amid slowing global

economies.

The International Monetary Fund on Tuesday lowered its estimate for global growth in 2019, as trade tensions and Brexit uncertainties erode business confidence and weaken investment spending. This slowing growth directly affects travel budgets of corporates.

Hilton said it now expects full-year RevPAR to increase between 1 per cent and 2 per cent, down from an earlier rise of between 1 to 3 per cent. The company now expects adjusted earnings for 2019 between \$3.78 and \$3.85 per share, compared to their previous forecast of \$3.74 to \$3.84 per share.

Hilton's net income attributable to stockholders rose to \$260 million (Dh954.8m), or 89 cents per share, in the second quarter ended June 30, from \$217m, or 71 cents per share, a year earlier.

On an adjusted basis, Hilton earned \$1.06 per share in the quarter beating analysts' average estimate of \$1.02 per share, according to IBES data from Refinitiv. Revenue rose 8.4 per cent to \$2.48 billion.



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### Descendants of German prince renew fight for seized land on Operation Valkyrie's 75th anniversary

**BERLIN** 

Prince Friedrich zu Solms-Baruth III slept with two Luger pistols as he colluded to kill Adolf Hitler near the end of World War II.

Riding on horseback into the woods of his 17,000-hectare estate Germany, eastern the anti-Nazi aristocrat hosted secret meetings to discuss the assassination plot, which was code-named Operation Valkyrie.

The plan failed, with the German dictator walking away with only a burst eardrum and shredded clothes from the blast of a bomb that one of the conspirators had placed in a briefcase beneath an oak conference table. Though spared a death sentence, Solms-Baruth was imprisoned, tortured and eventually lost control of the land his family had owned for centuries.

Today, on the eve of Operation Valkyrie's 75th anniversary, the timing of that land transfer has become the focus of a two-decade legal battle between the German government and Solmsdescendants Baruth's as they seek to reclaim the property. His namesake grandson has new evidence -- a chemical analysis of ink on paperwork related to the estate -- that he claims is proof the Nazi regime forced Solms-Baruth to sign over the land.

"I was brought up as a child with the aim and instruction by my father this litigation is what we should do if Germany ever reunified," said the fifth and current Friedrich zu Solms-Baruth, 55. "He never thought he would ever see the day, and when he did he started litigation right away."

While confiscations by the Nazis were generally overturned after 1989, the German unification treaty holds that seizures during the period immediately after the war remain unaffected. Solms-Baruth V claims the ink used on instructions to destroy any paperwork relating to his family's estate predates that pe-

A spokeswoman for the Federal Administrative Court in Leipzig, which is hearing the case. declined to comment on pending litigation, while the finance ministry didn't immediately return an email seeking comment.

The case underscores how Germany is still grappling with the fallout from the rise of Hitler, whose downfall led to the country's postwar split and the creation of East Germany. Since the end of the war, the state has paid out more than 2 billion euros (Dh8.3bn) to Nazi victims who lost property in former East Germany, government data show, and that may climb if others follow the lead of the Mr Solms-Baruths.

"The figures could be astro-V said. "By now, it's become much larger than vindicating my grandfather and not letting them get away with it in the case of our family."

Solms-Baruths can pass down they reached a partial settlethe titles they held in Germany's ment that excluded properties monarchic age. Prince Friedrich on the estate owned by local gov-V traces his clan's origins back more than 500 years and counts helped to pay legal and research the UK's Duke of Edinburgh -- costs incurred by Mr Solms-Ba-



II -- among his distant relations.

only German family probing for answers about their ancestors during the Nazi era. This year, the billionaire Reimann family -- whose JAB Holding owns Keurig Dr Pepper, Panera Bread and Krispy Kreme Doughnuts -revealed that they have asked a historian to research the clan's ties to the regime. A report on

Germany faced a surge of nomical," Mr Solms-Baruth claims for lost real estate after its reunification in 1990. Before then, only West Germany had laws allowing the return of property seized by the Nazis.

the findings is expected next

Four years after the Solms-Aristocratic dynasties like the Baruths started their litigation, ernments. Funds from that deal the husband of Queen Elizabeth ruth V, who took over handling

the case after his father's 2006 death. It now consumes most of his time.

"Human greed" is the simple answer as to why the Nazis seized property, said German attorney Stephan Glantz, who represented local governments and families, including his own, in cases on East German property rights. "The confiscated assets somehow went to people who were friends of Nazi leaders," he said, speaking generally. "They stole and gave to friends and allies to keep them good."

Released from prison in the closing months of World War II, Solms-Baruth III stayed in Germany with the hope of convincing Russian forces of his anti-Nazi ideology. Yet he shortly learned of plans to arrest him at a town hall meeting with a Russian general, prompting him to flee the building through a restroom window.

He then led his family to a farm in former German colony

Namibia, one of his few remaining assets, accompanied by his chauffeur and valet. En route, the Solms-Baruths stopped in Denmark to stay with a relative who had married the brother of the country's king. They later traveled to Stockholm as guests of Swedish gentry until they could finally board a ship to Af-

Solms-Baruth III died in 1951. His son eventually made a living farming animals for hunting -- a far different subsistence from the timber companies in the family's former estate almost 8,000 miles away. Mr Solms-Baruth V grew up expecting to become a farmer, too. Yet now he and his family have a chance to reclaim what they see as stolen property, and he doesn't plan to give up the fight.

"There is too much at stake from a moral point of view," he said. "Once you go in this direction, you don't turn back."

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## WORLD

### **New UK PM assembles** top team in biggest reshuffle since '60s

LONDON

BRITAIN'S new Prime Minister Boris Johnson named the first of his new front bench ministers on Wednesday night, just hours after moving into 10 Downing Street.

In what has been the biggest political reshuffle since the early 1960s, more than half of government ministers who served under former Prime Minister Theresa May were either sacked or resigned.

As Johnson handed out jobs, thousands of protesters converged in Whitehall Wednesday night, gathering around the entrance to Downing Street. Officers from the Metropolitan Police were forced to form a line across the entrance to Downing

Reacting to the big changes at the top, Tom Watson, deputy leader of the main opposition Labour Party, said: "This huge cull will lead to early collapse of Johnson's government, bringing a general election that much closer."

The call for a speedy general election was echoed by Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn who said: "We need a General Election and a Labour government that works for the many not the privileged few."

Sajid Javid, who was Home Secretary in May's government, was named as new Chancellor of the Exchequer, succeeding Philip Hammond who re-

Now in charge of interior matters as the new Home Secretary is 47-yearold Priti Patel, who served under May as International Development Secretary until she resigned.

The new Foreign Secretary is former Brexit Secretary Dominic Raab. He replaces Jeremy Hunt, the politician who went head-to-head with Johnson in the battle to be leader of the Conservative Party.

Media reports claimed Hunt had been offered a new job in Johnson's government but rejected what he considered a demotion from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

In an extraordinary day in British politics, outgoing Prime Minister May ended her last day in office at her fi-

nal Prime Minister's Question Time. May then made the short journey to Buckingham Palace to offer her resignation to Queen Elizabeth, followed soon after by Johnson's journey to the palace, to be invited by the British monarch to form the new govern-



Britain's Queen Elizabeth II welcomes newly elected leader of the Conservative party, Boris Johnson during an audience in Buckingham Palace, London on Wednesday, where she invited him to become Prime Minister and form a new government. (AFP)

He then headed to his new home at 10 Downing Street where among the people waiting to greet him was his girlfriend Carrie Symonds.

In a rousing speech aimed at the nation, Johnson promised that Britain would leave the European Union on Oct 31.

Behind the world's most famous front door Johnson quickly started to hand out the first key posts in a team that will be made up mainly of Brexit supporters.

One of the few front benchers to stay in the same job, Steven Barclay, remains in Johnson's cabinet as Brexit Secretary. He had replaced Raab when he quit.

Also remaining in his old job is Health Secretary Matt Hancock.

Former security minister Ben Wallace, the new Defense Secretary, campaigned to remain in the European Union. He trained at Britain's top military academy, Sandhurst, and later joined the famous Scots Guards, serving in the military for eight years.

Loyal Johnson supporter Liz Truss has been appointed International Development Secretary. She was second-in-command at the Treasury in May's cabinet and in 2016 became the first female Lord Chancellor.

There was also a top job for former Environment Secretary Michael Gove who had a spectacular fall-out with Johnson in the 2016 leadership election which saw Theresa May emerge as prime minister. In that campaign Gove scuppered the leadership hopes of Johnson by announcing his own candidature on the morning Johnson was due to launch his campaign. Johnson stunned his allies by withdrawing from the

Gove was also a contender in the recent contest for the leadership of the Conservative Party.

Political commentators said it appeared Johnson and Gove have "buried the hatchet", with Gove appointed as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. The holder of the title is usually the de-facto deputy prime minister.

In his first speech as prime minister, on the steps of Downing Street, Johnson said he had a message for the doubters, the doomsters and the gloomsters, adding "they are going to get it wrong again. The people who bet against Britain are going to lose their shirts."

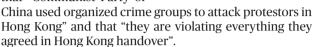
"We are going to fulfill the repeated promises of parliament to the people and come out of the EU on Oct 31, no ifs or buts," he said.

### Beijing denounces US senator's remarks on **HKSAR** as 'nonsense'

**HONG KONG** 

Commissioner's Office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region has denounced remarks by an anti-China US senator on Hong Kong as "absolute nonsense."

Marco Rubio has alleged that "Communist Party of



A spokesperson for the office yesterday condemned such hysterical smears of and attacks on China out of ulterior motives.

The spokesperson said that Rubio (pictured) and some other politicians have a record of maliciously attacking China and confusing right and wrong without any moral

"The recent attempt by Rubio to fabricate lies and drive a wedge between Hong Kong and the mainland for the sake of his own political interests has again exposed his despicable motives," the spokesperson said.

The spokesperson pointed out that to some American politicians, only violence in their countries counts as violence, while violence in other countries and regions is a matter of human rights and freedom; only those who attack the police and endanger social order in their countries are rioters, while those damaging public property, storming government institutions and even assaulting the

police elsewhere are "human rights and freedom fighters". Such hypocritical and ridiculous application of double standards defiles and tramples upon the rule of law, and abets violent offenders.

The spokesperson stated that since the return of Hong Kong to its motherland, China's central government has been committed to the principles of "one country, two systems", "Hong Kong people administering Hong Kong" and a high degree of autonomy in the HKSAR in strict accordance with the Constitution and the Basic Law.

Hong Kong has maintained its prosperity and stability as a result, and its people enjoy unprecedentedly extensive rights and freedoms in accordance with law.

The spokesperson emphasized that Hong Kong is part of China, and its affairs are completely China's domestic affairs.

"We will never allow any country, organization or individual to interfere in Hong Kong affairs and China's domestic affairs, and will never tolerate any efforts to undermine our national sovereignty and security and Hong Kong's prosperity and stability.

We strongly urge Rubio and others to immediately stop shameful attempts to stir up trouble in Hong Kong and China as a whole," the spokesperson said. Xinhua

Russia's Black Sea Fleet warships line up

THE Black Sea Fleet's warships have lined up in a parade

"The Black Sea Fleet's warships have completed forming

Sevastopol residents and guests will be able to view the

submarine Novorossiysk, the air-cushion missile ship Sam-

their parade lineup in the Sevastopol Bay," the press office

formation in the Sevastopol Bay ahead of Russia's Navy Day

celebrations, the Fleet's press office reported yesterday.

in Sevastopol Bay for Navy Day parade

### Nuclear talks in doubt as North Korea tests ballistic missiles, envoy cancels trip

**SEOUL** 

NORTH Korea test-fired two new short-range ballistic missiles yesterday, South Korean officials said, its first missile test since its leader, Kim Jong Un, and U.S. President Donald Trump agreed to revive denuclearisation talks last month. South Korea, which supports ef-

forts by North Korea and the United States to end years of hostility, urged the North to stop acts that are unhelpful to easing tension, saying the tests posed a military threat on the Korean peninsula.

The South's National Security Council said it believed the missiles were a new type of ballistic missile but it would make a final assessment with the United States.

Firing a ballistic missile would be a violation of U.N. Security Council resolutions that ban the North from the use of such technology. North Korea has rejected the restriction as an infringement of its

sovereign right to self-defense. North Korea launched the missiles from the east coast city of mediately respond to requests for

Wonsan with one flying about 430 km (267 miles) and the other 690 km (428 miles) over the sea. They both reached an altitude of 50 km (30 miles), an official at South Korea's Defense Ministry said.

Some analysts said the North appeared to have retested missiles it fired in May, but two South Korean military officials said the missiles appeared to be a new design.

The launch casts new doubt on efforts to restart stalled denuclearisation talks after Trump and Kim met at the demilitarized zone (DMZ) between the two Koreas at the end of June.

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and North Korean Foreign Minister Ri Yong Ho had been expected to meet on the sidelines of a Southeast Asian security forum in Bangkok next week.

But a diplomatic source told Reuters on Thursday that Ri had canceled his trip to the confer-

The White House, Pentagon and U.S. State Department did not im-



Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said the test had no immediate impact on Japan's security, according to Kyodo News.

U.S. national security adviser John Bolton, who has taken a hard line toward North Korea, made no mention of the launches in a tweet on Thursday after a visit to South Korea. He said he had "productive meetings" on regional security.

South Korea's nuclear envoy, Lee Do-hoon, had phone calls with his U.S. counterpart, Stephen Biegun, and his Japanese counterpart, Kenji Kanasugi, to share their assessment, South Korea's foreign ministry said in a statement.

Chinese foreign ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying told a briefing that Beijing had noted the launch, and called for North Korea and the United States to reopen negotiations "as early as possible".

'CLEAR MESSAGE' After Trump and Kim met last

month, the United States and North Korea vowed to hold a new round of working-level talks soon, but Pyongyang has since sharply criticized upcoming joint military drills by U.S. and South Korean

troops. North Korea's foreign ministry accused Washington this month of breaking a promise by holding military exercises with South Korea. On Tuesday, Kim inspected a large, newly built submarine from which ballistic missiles could be launched.

"By firing missiles, taking issue with military drills and showing a new submarine, the North is sending one clear message: there might be no working-level talks if the United States doesn't present a more flexible stance," said Kim

Hong-kyun, a former South Korean nuclear envoy.

Kim Dong-yup, a former navy officer who teaches at Kyungnam University in Seoul, said the weapons tested on Thursday appeared to be the same as the ones tested in May, which were less of a challenge than long-range missiles but "enough to subtly pressure" Washington.

But the South Korean military believes they may be new, because they traveled further. In North Korea's previous missile test in May, the projectiles flew only 420 km (260 miles) and 270 km (168 miles) though they reached the same altitude of about 50 km (30 miles).

"We're very cautious because it's difficult to extend the range within such a short time," said one military official, who asked not to be identified due to the sensitivity of

ruary broke down. **Agencies** 

Nuclear talks between North Korea and the United States stalled after a second summit between Trump and Kim in Vietnam in Feb-

### um, the frigate Admiral Makarov, the missile gunboat R-60 and other warships. Sevastopol Naval Parade Commanding Officer, Com-

said in a statement.

mander of the Squadron of Surface Ships Rear Admiral Oleg Krivorog was in charge of the warships' parade lineup, the press office said. Russia will celebrate Navy Day on July 28. Naval parades

will be held in St. Petersburg, Baltiysk, Sevastopol, Severomorsk and Astrakhan, and also in the Syrian port of Tartus. Russia's Main Naval Parade in St. Petersburg and

Kronshtadt on July 28 will involve 43 warships, 41 aircraft and more than 4,000 personnel. **Agencies** 



### Zimbabwe elections body defends appointment of former soldier as chief elections officer

**HARARE** 

THE Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC) has defended the appointment of Utloile Silaigwana as its Chief Elections Officer (CEO) following questions that had been raised in the media over the appointment procedures.

Silaigwana, who had been acting CEO since early 2018 when he took over from Constance Chigwamba, was recently confirmed as the substantive CEO.

Some political actors have questioned the appointment, suggesting that it was tantamount to militarization of the national elections body since he is a former member of the Zimbabwe National Army. However, in a press statement titled "Setting the record straight", tor with 17 years experience in that

ZEC chairperson Priscilla Chigumba said the appointment was done after interviews were conducted by the full commission which sat as an interviewing panel and vetted several applications before Silaigwana was given the job.

"For the record, the current CEO was appointed on merit as he is a qualified elections administrafield. He is a holder of a Masters degree in elections administration from a recognized university as well as being an accrediting facilitator for Building Resources in Democracy, Governance and Elections, a modular professional development program on electoral processes," said Chigumba.

She said several articles that had

been posted on both social and mainstream media recently contained information with potential to cause alarm and despondency on the electorate.

Apart from questioning Silaigwana's appointment, the articles also alleged lack of professionalism on the ZEC leadership and alleged reluctance by the commission to implement reforms.

### China releases white paper on national defence in new era

THE State Council Information Office of China issued a white paper titled "China's National Defense in the New Era" on Wednesday.

It is the 10th white paper on national defense the Chinese government has issued since 1998 and the first comprehensive one since the 18th National Congress

of the Communist Party of China in 2012.

The main body of the 27,000-character white paper was divided into six sections: the international security situation, China's defensive national defense policy in the new era, fulfilling the missions and tasks of China's armed forces in the new era, reform in China's national defense and armed forces, reasonable and appropriate defense expenditure, and actively contributing to building a community with a shared future for mankind.

The white paper pointed out that the socialist system of China, the strategic decision to follow the path of peaceful development, the independent foreign policy of peace, and the best of cultural traditions-considering peace and harmony as fundamentals-determine that China will pursue a national defense policy that is defensive in nature.

The white paper said that resolutely safeguarding China's sovereignty, security and development interests is the fundamental goal of China's national defense in the new era; never seeking hegemony, expansion or spheres of influence is the distinctive feature of China's

national defense in the new era; implementing the military strategic guideline for a new era is the strategic guidance for China's national defense in the new era; staying committed to the Chinese path of building strong armed forces is the path forward for China's national defense in the new era; and the service of building a community with a shared future for mankind is the global significance of China's national defense in the

The white paper for the first time unveiled the missions and tasks of China's armed forces in the new era. It said that to meet the strategic demands of national security and development, China's armed forces firmly implement the missions and tasks entrusted by the CPC and the people.

They endeavor to provide strategic support for consolidating the leadership of the CPC and the socialist system, safeguarding national sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity, protecting China's overseas interests, and promoting world peace and development.

The white paper also presented a panorama of China's historic achievements in deepening reform in national defense and armed forces.

In the new era, China is advancing defense and military modernization across the board and deepening reform

in national defense and armed forces in all respects, with a focus on removing institutional barriers and solving structural and policy-related problems to adapt to the trends of worldwide RMA and the demands of national security. Historic strides have been made in strengthening the armed forces.

The white paper detailed the reasonable and appropriate defense expenditure in China. It introduced China's scale and composition of defense expenditure and compared China with other countries ranking high in defense

All in all, China's defense expenditure is open and transparent, and its spending is reasonable and appropriate. Compared to other major countries, the ratios of China's defense expenditure to GDP and to government expenditure, as well as the per capita defense expenditure of the country, remain at a relatively low level.

There is still a wide gap between China's defense expenditure and the requirements for safeguarding national sovereignty, security and development interests, for fulfilling China's international responsibilities and obligations as a major country, and for China's development. In step with national economic development, defense expenditure of China will maintain a moderate and steady growth.

People's Daily



Baiq Nuril Maknun, center, arrives at the Attorney General's office in Jakarta, Indonesia, July 12, 2019. Indonesia's parliament approved on July 25, 2019 an amnesty for Maknun who was jailed after recording lewd phone calls from her boss. (AP)

### Indonesia pardons woman jailed after reporting harassment

INDONESIA'S parliament approved yesterday an amnesty for a woman who was jailed after recording lewd phone calls from her boss in a case that has caused outrage and warnings that it could discourage victims of sexual abuse from speaking out.

President Joko Widodo had granted an amnesty to Baiq Nuril Maknun after she had exhausted all other legal avenues in the controversial case.

Parliament's approval was met by loud applause as the tearful mother of three who was in the chamber covered her face with her hands before kissing the ground.

Erma Suryani Ranik, a member of parliament, read a statement confirming the decision and said in this case "Baiq Nuril was the real victim, instead of the perpetrator".

Maknun, who had been working at a school on the island of Lombok, recorded some parts of lewd telephone calls from the school's principal without his knowledge in 2012 after complaining of sexual harassment.

She then gave a recording to a third person, and distributed it on an electronic device, which resulted in the principal losing his job, court documents showed.

In 2015, the principal reported Maknun to police, which resulted in her being prosecuted under laws targeting the electronic distribution of pornographic material.

Although the case was dismissed by a lower court, prosecutors took it to the Supreme Court and Maknun was jailed

for six months and given a 500 million rupiah (US\$36,000) fine.

Sri Nurherwati of the National Commission on Violence Against Women said while the amnesty may have lifted Maknun's punishment it would do little to tackle the issue of sexual harassment in Indonesia.

There have been a number of high profile cases in Indonesia in recent years that activists say show how victims are often being penalized for speaking out about sexual harassment.

Indonesia is the world's most populous Muslim-majority country and is predominantly conservative.

While some women have recounted experiences of sexual harassment as part of a #MeToo movement, in general, women are less likely to speak out about abuse compared with women in some other countries, activists say.

"We face different risks here when speaking out about anything sexual," said Kartika Jahja, an outspoken artist and rape survivor who has been a strong advocate for gender equality in Indonesia.

"Whether it's sexual violence or being sexually expressive, I think the norms here sort of punish women for doing that," said Jahja.

In an interview ahead of the decision, Maknun told Reuters that if granted an amnesty she intended to take an Umrah Islamic pilgrimage and spend more time with her family after the lengthy time spent fighting the case.

"If (women) suffer from something as I did, please don't be afraid to speak

### S. Sudan steps up cash transfers to retain more girls in school

SOUTH Sudan has commenced the process of transferring cash to some 288,000 girls in order to keep them in school amid high school dropouts due to more than five years of con-

Akuja De Garang, Team Leader of Girls in Education South Sudan (GESS) supported by the UK Department for International Development (DFID) on Wednesday said the second phase of the program will provide cash transfers to more than 288,000 girls across the country that have been validated to receive the payment.

"The GESS cash transfers help to remove the financial pressure of going to school, as well as encourage enrollment, regular attendance and retention of girls in school," Garang told journalists in Juba.

"We are proud to announce the start of the cash transfer process. In accordance with the UK Department for International Development's 'leave no one behind' commitment, cash transfers help some of the most marginalized girls to purchase education enabling items," she said.

Girls make up 45.44 percent of total enrollment in 2019 in primary school whereas in secondary school 38.7 percent are enrolled amid increased pressures girls face as they get older as some end up into forced early child marriages which are persistent in South Sudan.

The cash transfers amounting to 68.4 million pounds (1.6 million U.S. dollars) will be handed out to the girls in five year period targeting girls in Primary 5 to Senior 4 who are at most risk of dropping out.

"Girls face increased social and cultural pressure to drop out of school to enter employment or to get married. These poor educational outcomes have a negative effect on South Sudan's economy, and increase levels of inequality," added

Deng Deng Hoc, the minister of education said they will ensure transparency and accountability in order for all beneficiaries to benefit.

"Cases of theft will not be tolerated. We care very much about every incident because every cash transfer taken from a girl is a girl who has missed out on her right," said Hoc.

### South Sudan opposition groups free 32 children - UN

AT least 32 children have been released from armed opposition groups in Leer County of northern Unity state in South Sudan, the UN said on Wednesday.

The UN children fund (UNICEF) said the children all boys aged between 13 and 17 were formally separated from the armed group during a ceremony in Leer, witnessed by parents and community members.

Mohamed Ag Ayoya the UNICEF South Sudan representative said in a statement issued in Juba that some of the children have been used by the

armed groups since the conflict flared up in 2016 and have not seen their parents since. "Using children in armed groups violates almost every child right that exists.

These children are deprived of a childhood and have seen things children should never experience. However, it is not too late to give them a future and that future started today," Ayoya said.

He revealed the released children are enrolled in a three-year-long UNICEF supported reintegration program. The children are provided with basic services such as food, water, clothes and hygiene items.

UNICEF said that the children are also provided with formal or vocational education and psycho-social support to learn how to live with their experi-

It disclosed that a social worker is designated to each child and will follow them throughout the program, providing support.

"Reintegration has no shortcuts. It takes time and comes with a price tag, but we have seen this gives the best results and prevents children from returning to the armed groups later," said

speak to that," "I'm not going to get into

that," and "It is beyond my purview," or

merely referred lawmakers to the text of

The Judiciary Committee's Democrat-

ic chairman, Jerrold Nadler, said Mueller

had endured "repeated and grossly un-

fair personal attacks" and that no one, including Trump, was "above the law."

The Intelligence Committee's Demo-

cratic chairman, Adam Schiff, accused

Trump's 2016 campaign of "disloyalty to

country" for inviting, encouraging and

making full use of Russian election med-

Republican lawmakers tried to paint

Mueller's investigation as unfair to the

president, with Louie Gohmert telling

the decorated Vietnam War veteran and

longtime federal prosecutor: "You per-

petuated injustice," and Guy Reschen-

thaler calling the manner in which the

inquiry was conducted "un-American."

of the Russian collusion conspiracy the-

ory," said Devin Nunes, the Intelligence

Mueller's report, released in redacted

form on April 18, did not reach a conclu-

sion on whether Trump committed the

crime of obstruction of justice with his

actions aimed at undermining the in-

quiry, but did not exonerate him. The

report also said the inquiry found insuf-

ficient evidence to establish that Trump

and his campaign had engaged in a

Trump has said the Mueller inquiry

"Did you actually totally exonerate

resulted in the president's "complete

the president?" Nadler asked Mueller

Mueller testified that his inquiry was

conducted in "a fair and independent

manner" and that members of the spe-

cial counsel's team "were of the highest

integrity." Trump, however, was unspar-

"I think Robert Mueller did a horrible

job, both today and with respect to the

investigation," Trump said, adding that

as special counsel, Mueller "ruined peo-

ple's lives" and was part of an attempted

criminal conspiracy with Russia.

and total exoneration."

during the first hearing.

ing in his criticism.

"illegal overthrow."

"No," Mueller replied.

Committee's top Republican.

"Welcome, everyone, to the last gasp

his 448-page investigative report.

### Euphoria in Puerto Rico as mass protests force governor to resign

**SAN JUAN** 

PEOPLE danced on the streets of San Juan's old city on Wednesday after Puerto Rico Governor Ricardo Rosselló announced he would quit over offensive chat messages that sparked massive protests on the Caribbean island.

After 12 days of sometimes violent demonstrations, the first-term governor said he would step down on Aug. 2, having failed to soothe critics' concerns by vowing not to seek re-election and giving up the leadership of his political party.

"I feel that to continue in this position would make it difficult for the success that I have achieved to endure," Rosselló said, listing accomplishments in office that ranged from creating new industries to promoting equal pay for women.

Packed with protesters awaiting the announcement, San Juan's historic Old City erupted in joy when news broke that Rosselló, whose administration has been dogged by allegations of corruption, was stepping

Thousands of mostly young Puerto Ricans thronged the blocks outside the governor's mansion. They waved flags and lit fireworks, as chants of "Fight yes, Surrender No," and "Olé, Olé" rang out.

"Man it's amazing, man, it's wonderful, man I'm so happy," said 19-yearold Leonardo Elias Natal. "It's time to wake up and I'm so proud of my country."

Others, like Elias Natal's girlfriend, were more measured.

"I'm really, really, really, really happy, but I know we need to stay right here, screaming," said Julie Rivera, 21, who was already planning to return on Thursday to protest against the woman Rosselló tapped to succeed

Puerto Rico Secretary of Justice Wanda Vazquez, a 59-year-old former district attorney, was too close to Rosselló, according to Rivera.

After celebrating late into the night, protesters plan to rally at 9 a.m. on Wednesday in the city's financial district to mark the governor's resignation and make clear their opposition to Vazquez.

Rosselló's term as governor has seen the island hit with back-toback 2017 hurricanes that killed thousands of people and wreaked widespread destruction, just months after the U.S. territory filed for bankruptcy.

Weary of crisis and a decade-long recession, Puerto Ricans were angered when U.S. authorities on July 10 accused two former Rosselló administration officials of pocketing federal money through government contracts.

The final straw for many on the island came July 13 when Puerto Rico's Center for Investigative Journalism published 889 pages of chat messages between Rosselló and 11 close allies. In messages between November 2018 and January 2019 the group made offensive and sometimes violent statements about female political opponents, gay singer Ricky Martin and ordinary Puerto Ricans.

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## Mueller says Trump was not exonerated

Former special counsel Robert Mueller

**Intelligence Committee hearing on his** report on Russian election interference, on

Capitol Hill, in Washington, on Wednesday.

as he was leaving on a trip to West Vir-

ginia. "And now they have less than

nothing. And I think they're going to

lose the 2020 election very big, includ-

ing congressional seats, because of the

Democrats said they would go to

court this week to enforce a subpoena

of former White House counsel Don Mc-

Gahn and to ask for grand jury material

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi gave no

sign she was speeding up her step-by-

step approach to considering impeach-

ment, saying: "We want to have the

strongest possible case, to make a deci-

Mueller spent 22 months investigating

what he concluded was Russian inter-

ference in a "sweeping and systematic

fashion" in the 2016 US election to help

Trump as well as the president's actions

Mueller defended the inquiry's integ-

rity under repeated attack by Trump's

conservative Republican allies. The

president lauded those lawmakers as

Democrats who wanted Mueller to

bolster their case for impeachment

or provide game-changing testimony

about the president, and Republicans

who wanted to show that the investiga-

tion was a politically motivated hit job

on Trump engineered by his enemies,

Mueller, a reluctant witness who ap-

peared only after being subpoenaed,

often gave terse responses like "I can't

China welcomes Russian concept of collective security in Persian Gulf

may have come away frustrated.

sion as to what path we will go down."

path that they choose."

related to Mueller's probe.

to impede the inquiry.

"incredible warriors."

arrives to testify before the House

### **WASHINGTON**

FORMER Special Counsel Robert Mueller emphasized on Wednesday he had not exonerated Donald Trump of obstruction of justice, as the president has claimed, but his long-awaited congressional testimony did little to add momentum to any Democratic impeachment ambitions and Trump heartily declared victory.

In seven hours of congressional testimony, Mueller accused Trump of not always being truthful, called his support for the 2016 release of stolen Democratic emails "problematic" and said Russia would again try to interfere in the 2020

"They are doing it while we sit here. And they expect to do it in our next election," Mueller told lawmakers in backto-back hearings on his inquiry into Russian interference in the 2016 US election to boost Republican Trump's candidacy.

Despite Mueller's assertion that Trump could be indicted after leaving office, the president was triumphant after the former FBI director's appearances before the Democratic-controlled House of Representatives Judiciary and Intelligence committees.

"This was a very big day for the Republican Party. And you could say this was a great day for me, but I don't even like to say that," Trump said after Mueller's lengthy and at times halting testimony during which he sometimes could not hear questions and had to correct at

During a day of high-stakes political theater, Mueller, 74, answered questions publicly for the first time on his investigation, with Democrats and Republicans taking familiar positions at a time of deep US partisan divisions.

The marathon televised hearings apparently left Democrats who control the House no closer to launching the impeachment process to try to remove the president even as he seeks re-election in

Mueller, for his part, refused to discuss the "impeachment issue."

### 'DEMOCRATS HAD NOTHING' -TRUMP

"The Democrats had nothing," Trump told reporters outside the White House

CHINA welcomes the

Russian Foreign Ministry

proposed concept of collec-

tive security in the Persian

Gulf zone, Chinese Foreign

Ministry spokesperson Hua

Chunying said at a regular

"We welcome the Rus-

sian initiative," she said.

"We would also like to boost

cooperation, coordination

and communication with all

briefing yesterday.



the corresponding parties." The spokesperson also stressed that "peace and stability in the Persian Gulf region are of utmost importance to ensure safety and development of the region and the world as a whole." "We believe that to ensure stability and safety in the region it is vital to establish good neighborly relations based on mutual respect," Hua Chunying underlined.

On July 23, the Russian Foreign Ministry introduced the concept of collective security in the Persian Gulf. It stipulates creating an initiative group to organize an the military. 

international conference on security and cooperation in the Persian Gulf, which will later lead to creating a security and cooperation organization in the region. Moreover, Moscow put

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forward an initiative to establish demilitarized zones in the region and proposed rejecting the permanent deployment of squads of nonregional states and establishing hot lines between Agencies

### AU warns over high number of civilian casualties in armed conflicts in Africa

### **ADDIS ABABA**

The African Union (AU) has urged protection of civilians and civilian objects from explosive weapons by parties to armed conflicts on the continent.

According to an AU statement on Wednesday, the Peace and Security Council of AU has dedicated its latest meeting to an open session on the theme -- "Protection of Civilians from the Use of Explosive

Weapons in Populated Areas. "Welcoming multilateral efforts

to enhance the protection of civilians and mitigate the impact of armed conflict on civilians and civilian objects in compliance with international humanitarian law, the Council has also expressed grave concern over the devastating humanitarian consequences of armed conflict and the alarmingly high number of civilian casualties.

These are due to indiscriminate or disproportionate use of explosive weapons, in contravention of international law, especially in highly urbanized areas, the Council has noted.

The Council demanded that all parties to armed conflicts fully comply with their obligations under international humanitarian law, to distinguish between civilian populations and combatants, and their obligation to do everything feasible to verify that objectives to be attacked are neither civilians nor civilian objects, and are not subject to special protec-

The Council urged all feasible precautions by the parties to

armed conflicts in the choice of warfare means and methods with a view to avoiding, loss of civilian life, injury to civilians and damage to civilian objects.

It also called upon AU member states to ensure that their armed forces and security forces, within their respective competencies under domestic law, build capacities and integrate measures to address the challenges of urban warfare into military doctrine and at the tactical, operational and stra-

The Council has commended AU's efforts to strengthen international humanitarian law compliance and accountability frameworks in the context of Peace Support Operations, especially those aimed at preventing and minimizing civilian harm.

It has also encouraged further enhancement of such measures as well as their adaptation and replication in the context of ad-hoc security coalitions.

The Council underscored the need to fully assess the scale of the

humanitarian and socio-economic of arms, ammunition and comconsequences of the use of explosive weapons with wide-area effects in populated areas in Africa, in order to inform and guide mitigation measures and post-conflict reconstruction and development

The Council stressed the imperative to prevent non-state armed groups, including terrorist and criminal actors, from acquiring and using explosive weapons with wide-area effects, especially through preventing the diversion

mercial material used in the development of improvised explosive

The Council expressed support for an inclusive consultation process to develop a political declaration that addresses the impact of explosive weapons with wide-area effects in populated areas, underlining that the declaration must include action-oriented commitments that strengthen accountability and combat impunity.

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SportPesa Director of Operations, Luca Neghesti (R), hands over new lawn seeds to Director of Sports Development in the Ministry of Information, Culture, Arts and Sports, Yusuf Singo, in Dar es Salaam yesterday. The seeds will be used in renovation of the National Stadium pitch. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SPORTPESA

### Meek Mill's conviction thrown out, granted new trial

PENNSYLVANIA

A PENNSYLVANIA appeals court on Wednesday overturned rapper Meek Mill's conviction in a drug and gun case that has kept the rapper on probation for a decade and made him a celebrity crusader for criminal justice reform.

The unanimous three-judge panel said that new evidence that undermines the credibility of the officer who testified against the rapper at his trial made it likely he would be acquitted if the case were retried.

City prosecutors have backed the defense bid for a new trial and confirmed they do not trust the officer, who has since left the force and was the only prosecution witness at the 2008 nonjury trial. Still, District Attorney Larry Krasner said Wednesday his office needs time to decide whether to drop the case.

The 32-year-old performer, born Robert Rihmeek Williams, is now free of the court supervision he's been under most of his adult life. Williams has said he had trouble notifying probation officers about his travels as required because of the erratic nature of the music industry. A little more than a year ago, he spent five months in prison over technical violations of his parole.

"The past 11 years have been mentally and emotionally challenging, but I'm ecstatic that justice prevailed," Williams said in a statement. "Unfortunately, millions of people are dealing with similar issues in our country and don't have the resources to fight back like I did. We need to continue supporting them." Reginald Graham, the officer who wrote the search warrant in Williams' case and testified at his trial, left the Philadelphia Police department a few years ago after an internal probe found he had stolen money and then lied about it.

Graham testified at trial that Williams pointed a gun at him during his 2007 arrest outside his southwest Philadelphia home. Williams, who was 19 at the time, has denied pointing a gun at police. A police colleague who took part in the arrest later said Graham lied about Williams brandishing a gun.

"Rather, (he) observed Williams attempt to discard his weapon," President Judge Jack A. Panella wrote in Wednesday's opinion, concluding that the new evidence was so strong "that a different verdict will likely result at a retrial."

In arguments in the case last week, Assistant District Attorney Paul George said the office wouldn't call Graham at a retrial in light of the questions about his credibility and due it its "legal, ethical and constitutional obligations."

Graham was also investigated, but not charged, by the FBI in a separate corruption probe. The six city drug squad members indicted were all acquitted at a 2015 trial.

"I never lied, I never stole, and I never said I did," Graham, now living in Florida, told Philadel-

phia Magazine for an article last year. The Pennsylvania Superior Court also overturned the trial judge's parole violation findings and, in a rare move, pulled her off the case because "she heard highly prejudicial testimony ... and made credibility determinations in favor of a

now discredited witness. Common Pleas Judge Genece Brinkley had kept Williams on probation for 10 years and sent him back to prison for several short stints for violating parole. He has been called back to court repeatedly over concerns about his travels and, in one instance, use of painkillers. Then-girlfriend Nicki Minaj testified for him at one such hearing in 2016.

The Philadelphia rapper-turned-entrepreneur is launching a new record label in a joint venture with Jay-Z's Roc Nation.

The two performers celebrated the launch of Dream Chasers Records on Tuesday in New York City. Hours later, the court ruling came down.

Williams, in his statement, said he appreciated the support he has received from his family, his legal team, Krasner's office and celebrity friends, including Philadelphia 76ers co-owner Michael



Senior national soccer team, Taifa Stars

# Taifa Stars now ought to make Tanzanians happy

BY CORRESPONDENT MICHAEL MWEBE

SENIOR national soccer team, TaifaStars, play Kenya on Sunday in their first leg of the first roundof qualifiers for Africa Nations Championship for home based players, CHAN. The Harambee Stars of Kenya areage old opponents who have tended to get the better of Taifa Stars over the years. In fact it was just last month when Kenya came from behind to beat Taifa Stars 3-2 in the Africa Cup of Nations group stage match in Egypt.

After qualifying for the first edition of CHAN in 2009, Tanzania has since had four unsuccessful campaigns. Ironically we qualified when the road to the championship was much tougher than it is now in the current format. The competitions was expanded to 16 teams and now for one toqualify you only need to succeed in two rounds as opposed to the three we went through in 2008.

This is the second time we face Kenya in CHAN. In 2008, we eliminated them in the first round before edging out Uganda who have

than now is the time to not only revenge for that bitter defeat in Cairo but also return to CHAN.

After a woeful campaign at the Africa Cup of Nations finals, Taifa Stars need to earn back fans' faith. It is time to make the fans happy again. And with all the negative publicity generated after head coach EmmanuelAmunike sacking, one feels Stars need a convincing victory this weekend to restore some pride after a

As we saw against Uganda in March, on their day, Taifa Stars can certainly raise their game, and they will have to once more, to match a Harambee Stars side that is known for playing a very physical game.

Newly appointed interim coach, Etienne Ndayiragije, has a talented enough squad at his disposal to beat Kenya, even if our neighbours boast a superior head to head record against us and are a dangerous outfit.

Ndayiragije know if his team he is to make an impact in terms of qualifying for the CHAN finalsagain, they surely have to first make a statesince been our bottle neck in three different ment against Kenya. A two-goal victory margin

campaigns. May this is should our inspiration is the minimum advantage we should take to Nairobi to stand a good chance of progressing to the second round where a troubled Sudan team awaits us.

If Ndayiragije can take plenty of hope heading into this game, however, it is that Taifa Stars tend to have better record when a coach is taking charge of his first game. In September last year, coach Emmanuel Amunike got a credible draw away to Uganda in his first game for Taifa

Amunike's predecessor, SalumMayanga, won his first two games in charge. It was the same case for Boniface Mkwasa, who got an away draw to Uganda in his debut game.

My expectation is that Taifa Stars will not disappoint on Sunday, but it is hard to be overly confident, given that the national team have so routinely failed to meet expectations for a very

Could this finally be the time for TaifaStars to make us happy again after a series of five winless matches? Or will they continue to give us the customary disappointments? The ball is firmly on their court.



Deputy Minister for Information, Culture, Arts and Sports, Juliana Shonza (front row, 3rd L), in a group photo with Tanzania Volleyball Association (TAVA)'s officials, Morogoro regional authorities' leaders and Moro Stars volleyball team prior to the opening of this year's national volleyball club championship that is held in the region. Moro Stars notched 3-2 victory over Jeshi Stars of Dar es Salaam. PHOTO: MICHAEL SIKAPUNDWA

### Year before Games, Tokyo better prepared than any city before - IOC

A YEAR before hosting the 2020 Olympics, Tokyo is better prepared than any other city in the past to host the Games, Olympic chief Thomas

Bach said on Wednesday. International Olympic Committee President Bach came to the Japanese capital to attend several high-profile events marking one year until the opening ceremony in the almost-completed National Stadium. Only three Olympic venues in total remain to be finished.

Around 3.22 million tickets were sold during the first domestic sales phase last month, surprising organisers so much that their sales policy has had to

be amended. Over 200,000 people in Japan and

abroad have also applied to be volunteers at the Games in a further indication of the excitement building in the

country "I can really say that I have never seen any Olympic city being so ready with their preparations one year before the Games as Tokyo already is," Bach told sports officials and journalists gathered

for a presentation on Tokyo's progress. The celebrations included the unveiling of the Olympic medal design, the presentation of the torch relay "ambassadors", a performance by traditional Japanese string instrument shamisen players and speeches, including by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

"The last six years have passed very quickly, and I am happy to hear that the preparations have been carried out as

of the Games to Tokyo in Buenos Aires in 2013.

But it has not always been plain sailing. Tsunekazu Takeda resigned this year as president of the Japanese Olympic Committee following allegations of suspected corruption related to the bid, and in 2015 organisers had to scrap the original logo over accusations of plagiarism.

Budget figures released in December 2018 put total costs at \$12.6 billion, well above their original estimate at under

Battle with rising costs may be offset by local sponsorship revenue which has passed \$3 billion, more than any

other Games. Tokyo also had to ramp up its heat

planned," said Abe, recalling the award countermeasures, such as shaded areas, air-conditioned waiting areas and ice baths for athletes, as well as water

> Although this summer has so far been mild and rainy, a record heat wave in July 2018 killed over a dozen people in Tokyo, with monthly average temperatures reaching more than 30 degrees for the first time since 1998.

> Meanwhile, designer Junichi Kawanishi was still coming to terms with his sudden fame on Thursday, a day after his design for the medals to be awarded at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics was unveiled to the world.

Kawanishi, a graphic designer from Osaka, won a nationwide competition to design the medals for the Olympics and Paralympics next year.

His design was unveiled on Wednesday during an extravagant ceremony in the Japanese capital with exactly one year to go until the Games, which starts on July 24.

The medals, which are 85 millimetre in diameter, feature the Greek goddess of victory Nike in their design along with the Olympic symbol and are made from recycled metals, collected from 6.21 million electronic devices donated across Japan.

Kawanishi said he wanted the circular design on the front of the medals to represent the globe and reflect light.

"By receiving light from various angles ... I thought about the cheers from the public and those thoughts are reflected," Kawanishi told reporters on Thursday.

"Reflection of light reaches various directions so, I hope that the reflected light from the medal would reach all directions when it is worn by an athlete. That is my intention."

Kawanishi said he received a call last year which told him his proposal was selected from over 200 applications. He had to keep the medal design, and his identity, a secret until Wednesday.

"As many people applied, I thought there is no way I would be selected," he

"Experiencing the Olympic Games is a once in a lifetime experience. I was not born when they had the previous Games in 1964 so I was feeling happy already to experience home Olympics.

**REUTERS** 

### Solskjaer warns Pogba about Utd fan backlash

MANCHESTER United manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer has warned Paul Pogba he may face a backlash from some fans after suggesting he wants to leave the club this summer but has backed the midfielder to win them over.

Pogba has said he wants a "new challenge" after three years at Old Trafford and Solskjaer has told the France international he may face a small but loud group of boo-boys once the season starts.

"I think our fans know what Paul has given the club and what he can give us," Solskjaer said. Of course there is a small, loud, minority. Paul has been absolutely top in the group.

"Both me and the players will testify to that. He's never ever been a problem here. We're just grateful when he performs as well as he does."

Pogba's future is one issue that is still up in the air with less than two weeks to go before the transfer deadline.

Romelu Lukaku's potential move to Inter Milan is another, while Solskjaer is also trying to bring in more new signings after splashing £65m on Dan James and Aaron Wan-Bissaka. Talks are ongoing with Leicester over a deal for Harry Maguire and there remains interest in Newcastle midfielder Sean Longstaff.

The key stumbling block has been Leicester's £90m asking price for Maguire and Newcastle's £50 million valuation of Longstaff but even though time is running out, Solskjaer hinted he is not ready to move to

"It will take time for any player to adjust to Man United," he said. "I'm very happy with the two we've brought in. We've got to be patient because it's a long haul and it's very important to get right ones in. We can't just jump on a different path when you hit a hurdle. I've not had a frustrating feeling at all."

United end their tour of Australia and the Far East with a game against Tottenham in Shanghai on Thursday.

Victor Lindelof is fit after limping off against Inter Milan in Singapore but Romelu Lukaku will again miss out after failing to recover from an ankle knock.

Victory for Solskjaer's side against their Premier League rivals Spurs would make it four wins out of four on tour and the Norwegian says what he has seen during preseason has given him confidence for the new campaign -- even if there are no new arrivals.

"I believe in these players and I'm sure that we could do well," Solskjaer said. "It's both short term and long term. When we're working on something it means we've identified something that could improve us. If it's to be or not to be, let's see.

"We've performed well and we've had some good performances and the whole preseason has been encouraging but it's not about winning games in preseason, it's about finding a way we want to play and getting to the start line in the best shape possible.'

(Agencies)

### Klopp rules out Liverpool return for Coutinho

JURGEN Klopp has ruled out a Liverpool return for Philippe Coutinho, telling ESPN FC he hopes the midfielder "finds his luck at Barcelona."

The 27-year-old left Anfield for Camp Nou in a £142 million deal in January 2018, but has found it exceedingly difficult to cement a starting spot in the centre of the park for La Liga's champions or win over have contact, but not that close

Barcelona are already looking to offload their most expensive signing, with Coutinho's agent Kia Joorabchian accusing the Catalan club of providing mixed messages for his client.

Liverpool have been an easy and obvious link given Coutinho's four-and-a-half happy years on Merseyside before his aggressive push, which included handing in a transfer request that was rejected in the summer of 2017, to join Barcelona.

And while Klopp greatly appreciates the Brazil international as a player and person, he will not sanction a massive outlay to re-sign

"In general, Phil Coutinho helps each team in the world, still --100%," Klopp told ESPN FC during an exclusive interview in New York during Liverpool's pre-season tour.

"It's not about that. I like Phil, I think he's a fantastic footballer and all that stuff, but it would be a big, big, big, big, big, big, big-money signing and it's not our year for that.

"It's just not possible. As I said, having him would make each team better -- us included -- but I really hope that he finds his luck at

"Or maybe he found it there. We contact that I know exactly how he is doing, but the rest is only newspaper talk and stuff like that.

"If everything was true what newspapers write about me -- wow! If it's similar to what they write about me, I would say he's completely happy at Barcelona and wants to sign a new six-year contract or whatever."

ESPN FC also understands that Liverpool have not considered a loan deal for Coutinho, who scored 54 goals in 201 appearances for the club following his £8.5m transfer from Inter Milan in January 2013.

The European champions are expected to do minimal business this summer, with their policy of player retention being paramount.

Liverpool plays the last of their three match pre-season tour of the U.S. against Sporting CP at Yankee Stadium on July 24.

### Sane's future out of City's hands, says Guardiola

MANAGER Pep Guardiola admitted Leroy Sane's future as a Manchester City player is beyond his control as speculation linking the Germany international with a return to his homeland continues to build.

Sane, who joined City from Schalke in 2016, has been a transfer target for Bayern Munich throughout the summer, and Guardiola remains determined to keep the 23-year-old at the Etihad Stadium.

"I like him a lot, I think he has an incredible chance to be better, incredible in terms of being connected in the game," Guardiola said after Sane scored twice in City's 6-1 win over Hong Kong side Kitchee late on Wednesday.

"I think I said two times or three times, we want to keep him. We want him to stay, that's the reason why for waiting to talk with his agent to extend the coming season. **REUTERS** 

"It's not in our hands or in my hands. He has to decide if he wants to stay and if our agreement is good. If he's going to leave we will be sad, but what can we do? Hopefully he stays."

The game against the Hong Kong Premier League side was City's third in just over a week since arriving in Asia.

They will conclude their tour in Japan on Saturday when they take on Yokohama F Marinos, an outfit part owned by the club's parent company City Football Group.

Guardiola's team started the tour in China last week, but arrived two days later than scheduled before defeating West Ham United 4-1 in the semi-finals of the Premier League Asia Trophy.

City subsequently lost on penalties to Wolverhampton Wanderers in the final of the biennial event and have had to endure hot and humid conditions more than one year he has an offer as they fine tune their preparations for

### The secret to Liverpool's success in 2018-19:

### Why being good at set pieces can win you trophies

BY RYAN O'HANLON, ESPN

OU might have missed it as the camera angle was panned down to a closeup on the corner flag in the 79th minute. With Liverpool 3-0 ahead against Barcelona in their Champions League semifinal second leg but tied 3-3 on aggregate, the announcers were taking a breath ahead of what seemed like a run-of-the-mill corner kick and even Anfield itself seemed quiet.

An extra ball rolled over to a scampering ball boy; Xherdan Shaqiri shuffled toward the corner flag and Trent Alexander-Arnold (pictured) measured his steps away from the ball. Then, while the Barcelona players were still setting up their marking assignments, Alexander-Arnold suddenly cut his setup short, scampered back to the ball and bent in a low cross along the ground to Divock Origi, who was standing unmarked in the 6-vard box.

All commentator Martin Tyler could spit out was "QUICKLY TAKEN" before Origi's shot looped in at the first post. That made the score Liverpool 4-0 Barcelona -- the comeback after a 3-0 first-leg defeat was complete, and a couple of weeks later Jurgen Klopp's team would lift the European Cup in

Given what Liverpool would go on to do, Origi's second goal against Barcelona was probably the most important goal of the season. And it was also the most

Back in September, Liverpool hired a throw-in coach. Yes, a throw-in coach. It was an easy target for bad jokes but nearly 12 months on, it looks like a clear indication of the club's new dedication to dead balls. According to postgame reports, everyone at the club -- all the way down to the ball boys -- were briefed on the potential for a quick corner kick against Barcelona. It wasn't a prescripted play, but Liverpool were able to capitalise in that specific moment because everyone involved knew there was a chance something similar would

Thanks to that newfound focus, Liverpool led all teams in Europe's "Big Five" leagues with 22 goals from set pieces last season in domestic play; no one else had more than 17. Take a couple of those away and there's no title race in England and perhaps no sixth European title, either. But Klopp & Co. aren't the only dead-ball dynamos to experience success last season.

Their opponents in the Champions



(16), as were their semifinal opponents, Barcelona, and the Serie A champions, Juventus. Germany's title winners, Bayern Munich, were just one back with 15 (in four fewer games), while France's finest, Paris Saint-Germain, snuck into the top 25 with 13. And guess who led the Champions League in set piece goals? The surprise semifinalists Ajax, with eight.

Despite the attacking talent and beautiful, complex interplay these teams are all capable of from open play, they each needed dead-balls to score as many goals as they did. Set pieces, then, are as important as they ever have been.

Back in 2014-15, FC Midtjylland, a small club located on the Jutland peninsula, won its first-ever Danish league title. The club is owned by Matthew Benham, a former hedge fund manager and sports bettor who also owns Brentford in the English Championship. Under Benham's ownership, Midtjylland have become the closest thing in European soccer to a professional baseball team: unafraid of unconventional behaviour, looking for inefficiencies wherever they can find them. During that championship campaign, they scored 25 set piece goals while no one else in the 12-team league broke 11 and just three others reached double-digits.

One of the reasons why some coaches, players and analysts bristle at the idea of spending more practice time on set bump this up to 0.75 to 0.80. That type League final, Tottenham, were joint-fifth wouldn't the improvement in dead-balls without the transfer fee or the massive

just be cancelled out in the decline in production from open play?

Eventually, everyone else in Denmark started to copy Midtjylland. In the 2017-18 season, they led the league with 25 set piece goals again and they won the league again, too. Except, this time, two other teams broke 20 set piece goals, and eight others broke into double-

"It was almost an unintentional economics experiment," Ted Knutson, who used to work for Midtjylland, told

The league had expanded to 14 teams, but the number of set piece goals per game had increased from 0.55 in 2014-15 to 0.75 in 2017-18. On top of that, the number of goals also increased, from 2.41 per game to 2.91. Everyone got better at set pieces and everyone scored more goals.

"It pointed to a huge under-exploited tactical wrinkle in the game that could help teams score enough goals to win a title," Knutson said. "And it's repeatable across the entire sport. That's a pretty big deal."

Knutson now runs Statsbomb, an analytics consultancy with clients across the world. They also teach a course on set piece design.

"Right now, the average team scores between 0.30 to 0.35 goals a game from set pieces," he said. "The best teams can pieces is that practice time is finite. The of leap in production takes an average more time you spend on set pieces, the Premier League forward and moves said. "I'm not sure it will be good for the less time you're spending on possession; them into the realm of Neymar, except Premier League as a whole if they do

Liverpool averaged 0.58 set piece goals per game last season, so Knutson believes that not even the best team is executing on set pieces as best as it can. But his comparison still works: Only seven Premier League players (Sergio Aguero, Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang, Sadio Mane, Harry Kane, Gabriel Jesus, Mohamed Salah and Jamie Vardy) averaged more than 0.58 goals per 90 minutes last season.

Given everything that could go wrong, every open-play goal is a minor miracle. In order to develop an efficient and productive open-play attack, there has to be an innate understanding between players who must move in sync with each other and then execute a succession of high-level skills at a fast

They're never replicating an exact pattern of movement or passing -- every goal is as unique as a snowflake -- but rather constantly interpreting a set of pre-practiced principles. That takes a lot of time to develop. But with set pieces, teams can literally import the exact routines they practice directly onto the field.

The 2018 World Cup was further proof that dead-ball training can provide immediate dividends. National teams simply don't spend enough time together to develop the necessary openplay cohesion. (It's not a coincidence that perhaps the two best international sides of the past 10 years, Spain and Germany, included an outsize number of players from Barcelona and Bayern Munich.) But they can develop their set piece proficiency.

In Russia last summer, there were 70 set piece goals, eight more than the previous record set in 1998. Gareth Southgate studied the plays of both NBA and NFL teams before the tournament, and then England scored nine set piece goals, breaking the record Portugal set

However, despite both England and Liverpool's success with set plays, the best team in the U.K. is still lagging behind. Manchester City's 12 set piece goals were tied for eighth most in the Premier League last season. Pep Guardiola's side had the best goal differential of any team in Europe in 2018-19. Could there still be room for improvement?

"Pep is a genius, but Man City can definitely get better at executing in that one phase of the game," Knutson though."

### Man United's 'Iceman' Lindelof: In my head I'm still a No. 10

IN a different life, Victor Lindelof would not be "The Iceman," Manchester United's cool, calm centre-back. Instead, he would wear the No. 10, not No. 2, and would try to make goals rather than stop them.

Growing up in Vasteras, a small city in central Sweden, Lindelof was an elegant attacking midfielder. Now he is an elegant centre-back-a No.10 trapped in a defender's body - who has become central to Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's Old Trafford revolution.

The Norwegian wants the new United to play with more intensity: Pressing when they don't have the ball and pace when they

But he also wants his team to play out from the back, and that's where Lindelof comes in. Skills learned playing further forward as a teenager are now being showcased from the centre of United's defence. He can defend - he expertly marshalled Cristiano Ronaldo when Juventus visited Old Trafford in October - but he also can pass. And he does it very well

"I was a midfielder when I was young," Lindelof told ESPN FC in an exclusive interview. "Thaven't been a defender for long. I think maybe that's why I am comfortable on the ball, because I started as a No. 10, then a two-way midfielder, then a No. 6, and now I'm a defender.

"Maybe that's why I like to have the ball and why I'm comfortable with it. I like to have the ball at my feet. I'm comfortable with it. That's not a problem for me, and I like to play football that way."

He is a good defender. And he was one of United's best players during a disappointing season last year. But was he a good No. 10? "Yes," he said with a smile.

fun to play as a No. 10. I could do whatever I wanted. But I was young, maybe 13. It was fun. In my head sometimes I'm still a No. 10. I like to pass. I don't have that instinct any more of shooting. Now, I'd rather set up my teammates for a goal."

Lindelof has travelled to Australia and the Far East as one of Solskjaer's key men.

There is an expectation that United eventually will sign Harry Maguire if Leicester compromise over their £90 million asking price, but even that has not raised doubts about Lindelof's place.

He already is one of six centre-backs on the tour, along with Eric Bailly, Phil Jones, Chris Smalling, Marcos Rojo and Axel Tuanzebe. Maguire would make seven, but as things stand, they are all competing for the place alongside Lindelof.

"I like the competition," Lindelof said. "I love it, actually. I think it's great for a club to have that competition. If you have good players in your position, you have to work



hard every day, especially in training, and that helps a team to go to the next level, as

"For me it's perfect. I like it. I think everyone at this club wants to be at the highest level. I'm very good friends with them all. In training, we compete and then off the pitch we are friends. That's how it should be."

It has not always been like that. Signed from Benfica for £31 million in 2017, Jose Mourinho handed the Swede his debut in a humbling Super Cup defeat to Real Madrid. But he had to wait more than two months to make his Premier League debut - often watching games from the stands - and then came a personal low in a nightmare performance in a defeat to Huddersfield that raised questions about his suitably for English football.

That debate has long ended, but during that difficult first season, did he ever have doubts about whether he had made the right move?

"Never," he said with the same steely look he gets when he ploughs through a centreforward before strolling away with the ball. "I'm very confident in myself. It's just the way I am, the way I was raised. I know the type of player I am, I know the type of person I am. I've always been like that and it was never a problem for me." (Agencies)



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# Taifa Stars eye revenge against Harambee Stars

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### Road to Anfield soccer tourney launched in Dar

STANDARD Chartered Bank Tanzania Limited yesterday launched the fourth edition of Standard Chartered Trophy soccer tournament in Dar es Salaam.

The event will involve 32 teams comprising the bank's clients, media houses and various companies across the country.

Acting Managing Director for Standard Chartered Bank Tanzania, Rayson Foya, graced the launch of the

He said the competition will kick off at the Jakaya Kikwete Youth Park on August 24 this year and the overall winners of the local tournament will win a grand prize of a trip to the UK to watch a live English Premier League match at Anfield Stadium that is used by Liver-

The trip to the UK includes economy flights and accommodation for three nights and while in UK the winners will get a chance to visit the Anfield Stadium and will attend a match viewing session of one of the Liverpool Football Club's matches in the new season.

He called on the bank's customers, media houses and companies willing to participate in the tournament to register their teams at areas where the bank has branches and disclosed the deadline for the exercise is August 16.

"The matches, which will involve 5-a-side outfits, will take 10 minutes and each company will present a team of seven members, five players and two substitutes," he

He disclosed apart from that individual clients are encouraged to register and will be partnered with six other clients to form a team of seven players that include five players and two substitutes for each of the sides. He said the Standard Chartered Group has been the main sponsor of the Liverpool Football Club from 2010 and last year the group renewed its sponsorship taking it up to end of the 2022/23 English Premier League season.

As part of its partnership with the Liverpool FC, the Bank organizes the Standard Chartered Trophy tournament that provides the bank's key markets in Asia, Africa and Middle East with a platform to actively engage football fans and also help them donate to charity in order to develop football.

Now in its eight year, the Standard Chartered Trophy tournament has grown from strength to strength with winners coming from all over the world, including Kenya (2016), South Korea (2015), Vietnam (2014), Thailand (2013), and Singapore (2012).

The tournament has three phases that includes the local, regional and the finals that are held at Anfield Stadium in the UK.

Apart from that last year the bank took a different approach in Tanzania in which it only held a local tournament and the winners of the local tournament got the grand prize of the trip to the UK.

He noted his bank is proud to be associated with the Liverpool Football Club citing that the two organizations share common values, a heritage of loyalty and

He further noted the bank will work closely with the Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) in supporting the growth of the football sport in Tanzania.

Last year the bank held the Standard Chartered Trophy tournament that brought together 32 teams at a fiercely fought competition that was held in Dar es Salaam in which Tanzania Breweries Limited team won the local tournament.

Wilfred Kidau, TFF secretary general, thanked Standard Chartered Bank for organizing the competition.

"This is a great event that will help winners meet their counterparts, exchange ideas on issues relating to sports development, form network with other football fans," he noted.

He called on Standard Chartered Bank to feel free to talk to the federation if they need anything from the latter. He pointed out TFF will be ready to support them so that can they can meet what they have planned to carry out for the sport's development in Tanzania and even improve skills for the up-and-coming players.

"TFF invites other stakeholders in public-private partnership (PPP) so that we can develop sports sector in Tanzania and help Tanzania scale great heights, as it is case for other countries across the world," he noted

city to shape up for the clash that will take place at the National Sta-

The Burundian tactician noted the game will be an opportunity for his squad to take revenge for its loss to the opponents in the 2019 Africa Cup of Nations (AF-CON) finals which were hosted by Egypt.

Harambee Stars notched 3-2 victory over the senior national team in the continental show-

Ndayiragije pointed out his squad is chiefly targeting to secure good results in the Sunday match. He noted his players had mostly been working on a variety of game approaches for the match.

He noted he and the rest of the team's technical bench are seeing to it the side is psychologically strong.

By Correspondent Joseph Mcheka-

national

football team 'Taifa

Stars' interim coach,

Etienne Ndayiragije,

has disclosed his side is tar-

geting revenge against Ke-

nya's Harambee Stars in the

first leg of the Africa Nations

Championship (CHAN) quali-

fiers, slated for Sunday in Dar

The Tanzania side has,

throughout this week, been

es Salaam.

"We had been waiting for players from Simba to join their teammates at the national team's training camp, I have seen they are in good shape. We are still keeping the players in great shape, these matches need patience," he noted.

Simba, which is currently camping in South Africa to prepare for the Mainland Premier League and international assignsenior national soccer team.

The players are Aishi Manula, Erasto Nyoni, Gadiel Michael, Ibrahim Ajibu, John Bocco, Jonas Mkude and Hassan Dilunga.

He was adamant the national team had all it takes to register victory over Kenya in the AFCON finals, insisting the CHAN duel is, therefore, a chance for his team to command victory.

The senior national team is now full house following the arrival of Simba SC players who were in South Africa for pre-season games.

The seven players are the final batch of Taifa Stars that is camping for the back to back Central-East zone qualifiers against Kenya. The Sunday game comes a month after the two East Africa sides met in AFCON finals in Egypt where Harambee Stars beat Taifa Stars 3-2 in group stages of the tournament.

The coach said he is upbeat that his charges will perform well both at home and away.

He said players and technical staff know the importance of winning at home with huge mar-

"This is the knockout stage of CHAN Central-East qualifiers, the players have shown quality and character and am sure of good

going for intensive training in the ments, has seven players in the results in both games home and national teams of Africa. away "he said.

> The coach also said the coming of all the players will help him a lot as he will have a wide choice.

"I'm happy the players are now in camp, this is good to us as we will have many players to try new combinations and also tactics," he said.

The two teams will play the second leg at Moi Stadium in Nairobi on August 4.

Harambee Stars head coach Sebastian Migne warned his players to be careful when facing Stars, saying most of the Tanzania team's players are more experienced and have been together for a while.

"Most of Tanzania players were at the just ended AFCON and are home based with more experience...I'm working on building team spirit and I'm confident we will do well," he said.

The aggregate winners will lock horns with Sudan in the final qualifying round at a date to be announced later.

vear Ianuary in Ethiopia.

The CHAN is a football tournament which was first announced on September 11, 2007.

It is organized by the Confederation of African Football (CAF) and is played between the best

The national teams exclusively feature players who are active in the national championships and qualified to play in the ongoing season.

Expatriate players, regardless of where they play, even in Africa, are not qualified to take part in the Africa Nations Championship.

The first tournament was held in 2009. It was hosted by Ivory Coast and won by Democratic Republic of

The competition was expanded to 16 teams for the second tournament, held in Sudan in 2011.

The tournament was won by Tunisia, in the wake of the Tunisian Revolution.

The tournament is held every even years, alternating with the Africa Cup of Nations.

Stars took part in the maiden CHAN finals that was held in 2009. The competition, hosted by Ivory Coast and won by Democratic Republic of Congo, saw Stars crash out of the group stage.

The Tanzania squad was put in Group A of the tournament with Chan finals will be held next Senegal, Zambia and hosts, Ivory Coast.

> Taifa Stars conceded 1-0 loss to Senegal in the first match and later on, the former lost 1-0 to the hosts.

Stars wrapped up their group stage campaign with 1-1 draw with



Surat Stars cricketers in a group photo before the start of this year's GP Gymkhana Shield tournament's match against Sandy Super Strikers which took place at the Dar es Salaam Gymkhana (DGC) oval

## Surat Stars bolster pursuit of GP Gymkhana Shield tourney last eight

SURAT Stars cricketers have kept alive hopes of progressing to the last eight stage of the GP Gymkhana Shield tournament as they cruised to 103-run win over Sandy Super Strikers at the Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC) venue early this week.

Having won the toss Surat Stars' skipper, Ashish Nagewadia, opted to bat first in the Group D match and the squad came out with all guns blazing, accumulating a massive total of 185 runs in 20 overs.

Some outstanding display was on show

as Sanjay Bom posted 78 runs from 31 balls and Riziki Kiseto chipped in with 59 runs. Posting 104 runs to win was a tall order

for Sandy Super Strikers, given they in response were skittled for mere 82 runs in 17.3 overs.

Surat Stars' bowlers came in and did the job for their team, successfully keeping Sandy Super Strikers' batsmen in check with skillful bowling.

Nagewadia took three wickets for 23 runs in four overs and Jay Hirwania was equally in scintillating form, taking three wickets for eight runs in three overs.

It turned out to be an outstanding display of teamwork by Surat Stars that had started the competition on a wrong foot given they suffered a loss to defending champions, Caravans.

Surat Stars are now looking forward to their crunch game against the mighty Ismaili Community, slated for Sunday at the same venue.

The Sunday duel is expected to be intense and Surat Stars, led by their experienced players, will be looking to upset Ismaili Community who have always been pre-tournament favorites.

In other games slated for this weekend last year's runners-up, Jain Sangh, will confront in-form Jaat Blasters on Saturday.

Jaat Blasters that have won two games in a row will be looking for their third win on the trot and seal their qualification for the knockout stage.

Sunday morning will see Dar es Salaam Cricket Club take on Kutchi Leva at 8am and the 11.30am game will see new entrants TNCC lock horns with on Young

Muslims. This year's GP Gymkhana Shield competition has General Petroleum (GP) and Premium Refinishes Ltd as main sponsors.

Mgen Insurance, ASAR Limited, Sayona, SBC Tanzania through Pepsi brand, Jaykey Trading, Afro Turk and I&M Bank are the competition's co-sponsors.

All of the tournament's games take place at the DGC oval, with the competition, which started on July 6, set to climax on September 29.

### Flexibles by David Chikoko

