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■92.1 billion/- stimulus package expected to revive the country's tourism industry

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

ARUSHA-BASED bureaux de change which the government ordered closed in 2018 over irregularities will soon resume business, as the country gears up to unlock the tourism industry.

President Samia Suluhu Hassan made a pronouncement to this effect here yesterday.

She said in an address at the Sheikh Amri Abeid Stadium that the Finance and Planning ministry and the Bank of Tanzania are in the final stages of going through a draft of new regulations to govern the establishment of forex shops.

"We will soon issue new operating licences for Arusha-based bureaux-de-change, which are important components in the country's tourism industry," she said, meanwhile stressing the need for the outlets' owners and operators to ensure that they comply with all standing guidelines.

November 2018 saw the Bank of Tanzania

(BoT) order foreign exchange shops here closed following suspicions of involvement in money laundering and associated illegal transactions.

The move was part of a countrywide crackdown against masterminds of syndicates behind money laundering and unlicensed foreign exchange transactions.

For three years now, most of these transactions have been undertaken by local commercial banks, which many people see as a serious challenge, chiefly in that banks seldom operate beyond normal working hours or on weekends and public holidays.

The president meanwhile stated that the government will put in place a 92.1bn/- stimulus package primarily to revive the country's tourism industry, which has slumped owing to the Covid-19 pandemic.

"Considering its abundance of national parks, Tanzania can play an important role in providing breathing space for the majority

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Industry and Trade minister Prof Kitila Mkumbo (in glasses) pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday presenting a passport and an air ticket to Strecth Fabric Tanzania director general Samia Mangalili (R) when bidding farewell to a 100-strong delegation of members of the Tanzanian business community readying to participate in this year's edition of the (October 21 - 22) Third Turkey-Africa Economic and Business Forum in Istanbul. The trip is sponsored by CRDB Bank Plc. Looking on are CRDB retail banking director Boma Raballa (2nd-L, foreground), Go Extra Mile Safaris managing director Diana Gasper (L, foreground) and CRDB head of business banking Toyi Ruvumbagu (2nd-R). Photo: Guardian Correspondent

HESLB releases first batch of students to receive loans

By Guardian Reporter

THE Higher Education Students' Loans Board (HESLB) yesterday released 37,731 names as those of the first batch of first year university and college students to receive a total of 99.9bn/- in loans for the 2021/2022 academic year, which begins next week.

HESLB managing director Abdul-Razaq Badru said 23,379 of the beneficiaries are male and 14,352 are women.

He said that the board has started disbursing the money through the respective institutions ready for bank deposits to be made for the students concerned, subsequently advising the beneficiaries to check with the institutions and see whether deposits have actually been effected.

"The students should thereafter get full information from the accounts they used

...as we at the board continue sorting the applications and processing payments for applicants qualifying for the loans

when applying for the loans, which are known as Student's Individual Permanent Account (SIPA), and prepare themselves to travel to their colleges for registration," he added.

Badru was categorical that the government has already provided the board with the funds and the board has started transmitting the money to the respective universities.

"We are determined to make sure that the students will find the money upon reporting for their studies," he added.

According to Badru, names in the second batch of beneficiaries will be announced this Thursday (October 21) after the completion of the ongoing review of the applications, and asked applicants not yet touched to keep checking their

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Local councils must control noise pollution in their areas - minister

By Guardian Reporter, Geita

DEPUTY Minister in the Vice president's Office (Union and Environment), Hamad Chande (pictured) has called on local councils countrywide to make sure they control recreation and entertainment halls that play loud music in residential areas.

He said there are some areas reserved

as residential areas but suddenly some of these are used for unauthorized activities including for entertainment halls thereby inconveniencing residents.

Chande said local councils are supposed to revisit its plans by making sure all activities in a particular planned area are those authorized to ward off complaints from residents.

Chande who gave the remarks here at the weekend at the meeting of involving ministers from eight sectoral ministries and Geita district officials, said entertainment halls emitting noise have been creating inconveniences to nearby residents, including those with heart diseases.

In regard to the issue of environmental management, Chande said environment means life of humans and other living things hence the people are required to make sure they protect the environment so as to preserve

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Urgent action needed to combat harmful effects of mercury exposure - government



By Guardian Correspondent, Kahama

THE government has said mercury used in gold processing causes cancer to

residents in the Lake zone regions and called upon urgent action to combat harmful effects of mercury exposure.

Minister of State in the Vice President's

Office (Union and Environment), Selemani Jafo (pictured) said here over the weekend during the visit by the Parliamentary Trade, Industry and Environment Committee at a gold mine in Mwime village, Zongolmela Ward, Kahama Municipality in Shinyanga Region.

He said that many cancer patients visiting the Ocean road cancer Institute (ORCI) come from the Lake regions.

According to the minister, small-scale miners have been using chemicals for gold processing without following proper procedures in regard to their use including lack of protective gears.

"When you go to ORCI I Dar es Salaam you will find the majority of cancer patients come from the Lake regions where there

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Mulan Matatizo, this year's Best Overall outgoing Form Four student in academic performance at Dar Salaam's Fountain Gate Academy, receives his certificate from Ijala Education Officer (admissions) Asha Mapunda at the school's ninth graduation ceremony held in the city at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

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the air resource.

"Lack of air resource human life and its value is finished and without the environment, there would be no livestock or water, therefore our environment is our live," Chande added.

Earlier the Chairman of the

meeting of involving ministers from eight sectoral ministries, William Lukuvi, the Minister for Lands, Housing and human Settlements Development said in Geita Region it has been decided that 37 villages that had been in long time conflict with forest reserve areas should remain as they were.

He also said the government also decided to apportion parts of nine forest reserve areas in the region and hand them to the people surrounding the reserve areas.

He mentioned some of Reserves whose parts were apportioned to resident as including Geita, Ruande, Rwangasa, Usindakwe and Miyenze

in Geita District, Mbogwe Reserve in Bukome District, Biharamulo-Chato, Runzewe and Ushiroambo in Bukombe District.

Lukuvi said in-depth assessment will be done in these reserves to identify the size of the areas that would be apportioned for farming, fishing and livestock keeping activities.

Sudanese protesters demand dissolution of transitional govt

KHARTOUM

Sudanese protesters take part in a rally demanding the dissolution of the transitional government, outside the presidential palace in Khartoum on October 16, 2021.

Thousands of pro-military protesters rallied in central Khartoum Saturday, vowing not to leave until the government is dissolved in a threat to Sudan's transition to civilian rule.

The protest comes as Sudanese politics reels from divisions among the factions steering the rocky transition from two decades of dictatorship under president Omar al-Bashir, who was ousted by the army in April 2019 following weeks of mass protests.

Saturday's protest was organised by a splinter faction of the Forces for Freedom and Change (FFC), a civilian alliance which spearheaded the anti-Bashir protests and became a key plank of the transition.

"We need a military government, the current government has failed to bring us justice and equality," said Abboud Ahmed, a 50-year-old protester.

On Saturday evening, demonstrators set up tents outside the presidential palace demanding the dismissal of the government of Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok, a former UN economist whose IMF-backed reforms have hit the pockets of many Sudanese.

The government's supporters charged that the protest was orchestrated by sympathisers of the Bashir regime, which was dominated by Islamists and the military.

Protesters chanted "one army, one people" and "the army will bring us bread."

"We are marching in a peaceful

protest and we want a military government," said housewife Enaam Mohamed.

Abdelnaby Abdelalah, a protester from the eastern state of Kassala, complained that the government has overlooked other states beyond Khartoum.

"We want a government that knows about the things going on in the east," he said.

Outside the presidential palace, the protesters chanted: "We will stay put where we are... we want the dissolution of this government."

Hamdok warned on Friday that the transition was facing its "worst and most dangerous" crisis.

The mainstream faction of the FFC said: "The current crisis is not related to dissolution of the government or not.

"It is engineered by some parties to overthrow the revolutionary forces... paving the way for the return of remnants of the previous regime."

Support for the transitional government has waned in recent months in the face of its tough economic reforms, which have included the slashing of fuel subsidies and a managed float of the Sudanese pound.

Inflation has skyrocketed, reaching 422 percent in July, before easing slightly in August and September.

Protests have rocked eastern Sudan where demonstrators have blocked trade through the key hub of Port Sudan since September.

On September 21, the government said it thwarted a coup attempt which it blamed on military officers and civilians linked to Bashir's regime.

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of the global population which has been locked inside walls for over two years now owing to the pandemic to come and enjoy the country's unspoiled environment," she stated.

Tanzania has been receiving 1.5 million tourists per year, but the number hit rock-bottom when the global travel industry was disrupted by the Covid-19 outbreak.

Opening Arusha district hospital, President Samia meanwhile instructed the Regional Administration and Local Governments wing of the President's Office to provide 2bn/- before November 30, this year as the government's contribution for the ongoing hospital project.

She presented a cheque for 1.39bn/- to 152 vulnerable groups in Arusha City Council, while praising the council for having extended 2.5bn/- towards the construction of the hospital.

She said apart from the money presented, the government will provide medical equipment and supplies including drugs to enable the hospital to continue serving the people as expected.

Earlier, Arusha City Council director Dr John Pima thanked the government for completing the hospital's construction.

With regard to loans to vulnerable groups, he said the council has dishied out a total of 3.83bn/- from its internal sources in the last six months.

He commended the beneficiaries, most of them, for having repaid more than 86 per cent of the money they had received.

Umyy Mwalimu, Minister of

State in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments), promise to pay up the 2bn/- by November 30 as directed by the president.

Inspecting water projects costing 520bn/- in Arumeru District, President Samia said: "I have come here to inspect development projects, but also to listen to challenges facing the people of Arusha. I have received your complaints and will find solutions to them."

Justine Rujomba, Arusha regional director of water and environmental cleanliness, said some water wells were found to an acceptably high fluorine content and will have to be diluted with water to make it safer for use.

Speaking on the 520bn/- projects, he said they have drilled 56 wells to supplement water supply and all areas within the project area will have access to clean and safe water.

He said the project has three main parts, namely, distribution, sanitation in Arusha City and the drilling of 18 hot water wells in Hai District.

"All these wells will produce more than 80 million litres of water, while 12 wells drilled at Mbuguni are expected to produce 40 million litres," said Rujomba.

"We have also completed the digging of 18 dams for sewage collection and disposal, and 4,000 local residents are already benefiting from the project," he added.

Water minister Jumaa Aweso admitted that some parts of Arusha Region have for long faced an acute shortage of water, but the ongoing projects would minimise the gravity of the problem substantially.

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universities.

He said the government has allocated 570bn/- in loans to 160,000 students, adding that 70,000 of these will be new students while 90,000 are those continuing

with their studies after passing their annual examinations.

He appealed to loan applicants to remain calm, "as we at the board continue sorting the applications and processing payments for applicants qualifying for the loans."



Muhidini Mwalugoya (L, standing), a senior customs duty officer with the Tanzania Revenue Authority, addresses members of the fishing community at Kilwa Kivinje in Lindi Region at the weekend on the impact of smuggling on the fishing sub-sector in Lindi and Mtwara regions. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

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are many gold mines where various chemicals, specifically mercury are widely used,' said Jafa.

He called upon the ministers to stop buying the chemicals and instead they should abide by purchasing procedures through the office of the Government Chief Chemist as well as taking extra precautions in their use.

Earlier, the chairman of Kahama Small-Scale Miners Association

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Joseph Nalemi said as for now they buy mercury secretly as there is no approved office or institution that sells it.

He said earlier, they used to buy a kilogramme of mercury at 250,000/- to 300,000/- but now the product is scarce and the price has shot up to over 450,000/- per one kilogramme,

and added that had they been buying the stuff legally, they would know how to use it correctly, including storage.

For his part, the Parliamentary Trade, Industry and Environment Committee Chairman, David Kihenzile said improper use of gold processing chemicals can

have adverse effects for the coming generations and called for looking for better use.

Kihenzile appealed to the miners to preserve the environment around them including proper use of gold processing chemicals, as well as to make sure no gold is smuggled out of the country illegally.



NMB Bank Plc CEO Ruth Zaipuna (3rd-R) pictured at the weekend presenting bed sheets and beds to Dodoma regional commissioner Anthony Mtaka (to her right) for use at Bahi district hospital. The others include Dodoma Urban legislator Anthony Mavunde, Bahi district commissioner Mwanahamisi Mukunda and Bahi legislator Kenneth Nolo. The bank donated an assortment of items worth a total of 180m/- to Arusha, Dodoma, Iringa, Kilimanjaro, Mara, Rukwa, and Simiyu regions as part of the commemoration of Customer Service Week. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Govt orders institutions to oversee implementation of projects more effectively

By Correspondent Theresia Victor

THE Deputy Minister for Works and Transport, Godfrey Kasekenya, has instructed institutions under the ministry to ensure that they supervise implementation of their projects effectively so as to achieve targeted goals and be able to contribute to the country's socio-economic development.

Eng. Kasekenya made the statement in Dar es Salaam over the weekend when speaking at the 14th Joint Transport Sector Review (JTJR-2021) meeting that brought on board officials from the government, development partners, civil societies, financial institutions, academia, Private Sector as well as representatives from local government authorities (LGAs).

Others included the National Institute of Transport (NIT), Land Transport Regulatory Authority (LATRA), Tanzania Port Authority (TPA), Tanzania Shipping Agency Corporation (TASAC), Tanzania Meteorological Authority (TMA), Air Tanzania, and Civil Aviation Training Centre (CATC).

The meeting was meant to examine, evaluate and deliberate upon various transport sector policy, management, development and operational issues and deliberate on the sector challenges and ways to mitigate them in

the agreed sector dialogue framework.

The deputy minister said that JTJR meetings have been playing a role of enabling all key stakeholders in transport sector to meet in annual basis to assess the level of performance through an agreed performance monitoring framework particularly on policy and legal related matters, status on improvement of infrastructure and operations, technological advancements as well as capacity building and skills development. "I do not expect to see any sector failing to reach targeted goals set in their projects, make sure you work effectively and with due diligence to achieve the goals, we are all obliged to work together for the development of the country," Kasekenya said.

He added: "This is the high level transport sector forum which should be supported so as to resolve sector issues in a mutual cooperation. Sectors should use this as an opportunity to learn from each other, and improve in order to achieve their goals."

"My directive to the Works Sector is to ensure that the assigned contractor in any infrastructure project is fully certified to perform the given assignment because the government will not tolerate agencies that will be found hiring sub-standard contractors," he noted.

By Guardian Reporter, Serengeti

LIVESTOCK and Fisheries minister Mashinda Ndaki has urged pastoral communities in Serengeti District, Mara Region to shun from nomadic livestock keeping and adopt smart cattle farming for their development.

He made the call over the weekend at Bisarara village during the tour of eight sectoral ministers who are in the region to address land conflicts in 975 villages.

Ndaki said that it is high time pastoralists should shun away from out-dated livestock keeping and adopt new ways so as to earn more

Pastoral communities in Serengeti urged to adopt smart cattle farming for development

income and transform their lives.

"Due to population growth and development, land demand has become high, so we should promote sustainable land use so as to enable everyone to benefit from what we have. We encourage pastoralists to embark on a smart livestock keeping system by reducing the number of animals for their development," he said.

He also reminded pastoralists to ensure that they adhere to the country's laws by avoiding sending their cattle in restricted areas.

"As we speak there is scarcity of animal feed land in Katavi, Mbeya, Lindi, Rukwa and Mtwara. This alerts all of us to take durable measures so as to ensure that our animals continue to get enough feed, and this can only be addressed

if pastoralists venture into smart cattle farming," he added.

According to the minister, if pastoralists change their minds and start keeping a small number of animals in a designated area, it will greatly help reduce land conflicts but also improve income.

Minister for Lands, Housing and Human Settlement Development, William Lukuvi who is the chairman

of the eight sectoral ministries told the Bisarara villagers that all the areas that were formalized from the Serengeti National Park to be put into a better land use plan so as to avoid conflicts.

The plan should identify areas for farming and livestock keeping activities.

Minister Lukuvi said residents of the villages that are still within

the Serengeti National Park should ensure that activities carried out along the reserve boundaries are pastoral rather than agriculture so as to protect animals in the park.

Dr Amsabi Mrimi, Member of Parliament for Serengeti constituency commended President Samia Suluhu Hassan for her decision to provide the villagers part of the Serengeti National Park land for them to live and conduct their activities.

He urged the government to review that law governing relocation of residents in reserve areas saying that the law has caused serious harm to the pastoral communities.



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: MANAGEMENT OF LIVELIHOODS RESTORATION PROGRAMME FOR EACOP PROJECT REF: 0010007128

TotalEnergies East Africa Midstream B.V. (Company) Tanzania, an Oil and Gas company, invites experienced and reputable organizations to express their interest in providing services to the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) project related to the Livelihoods Restoration Programme management.

The EACOP project involves the construction and operation of a buried, cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from the Lake Albert area in Uganda to the eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale in Hoima District, Uganda, to Chongoleani, Tanga Region, in Tanzania. The length of the pipeline is 1,443 km, of which 1,147 km will be in Tanzania traversing eight (8) regions, comprising Kagera, Geita, Shinyanga, Tabora, Singida, Dodoma, Manyara and Tanga, and 27 administrative district councils and 23 Villages.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES

The COMPANY requires a land corridor and associated facility sites for the construction and operation of the pipeline. Land acquisition process is being undertaken under the Tanzanian legal framework compliant with International Financing Standards. The provision of replacement agricultural and residential land to Project Affected Persons (PAPs) and livelihoods restoration enabling support are provided to Project Affected Households.

Based on the high-level livelihood restoration programmes described in the nine Resettlement Action Plans (RAPs) (one per region and one for the 'Priority Areas' or 12 camp sites and coating yard), the Project is seeking a reputable experienced Tanzanian partner organization with ability and capacity to assist in the management and implementation of EACOP's Livelihoods Restoration Programme for approximately 400 households affected by the construction camps and coating yard sites.

This scope excludes: the pipeline corridor and facility sites and the Marine Storage Terminal site at Chongoleani Peninsula.

The scope requires execution of seven key components of the livelihood restoration programme described in the RAPs:

1. Land Preparation and Planting of Replacement Agricultural Land (LRA1),
2. Maize Improvement program (LRA2),
3. Crop Diversification (LRA3),
4. Poultry Production (LRA4),
5. Livestock (LRA5),
6. Beekeeping (LRA6),
7. Enterprise Development (LRA7).

These programmes need to be designed and delivered in a way that meets the local context, possible delivery mechanisms and, to the extent possible, household choices. It is not anticipated that all programmes will be delivered in all communities.

The scope requires the physical presence of selected partner organization staff in the field as well as direct interaction with local stakeholders and households under the supervision and guidance of COMPANY staff.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Organizations expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:

- Proof of registration as institutions whose activities are directly linked with Livelihoods Restoration, improvement or development.
- Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority and Tax (TRA) Clearance Certificate for the latest year available.
- Brief description of experience and capacity to:
- Implement livelihoods restoration, improvement or development programmes/projects to rural communities or
- Implementation of such programmes to international financing standards for large infrastructure projects in Tanzania.
- Manage large programmes and subcontracting partners.
- Work in collaboration with local government and private sector market actors.
- Proposed key personnel indicating their relevant knowledge and experience in implementing such programmes.
- Compliance with Local Content Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition.
- **Application for registration with the EWURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.**

The management Scope may be divided into regional or technical work packages and COMPANY will allow TENDERERS to submit a proposal for one, several or all packages.

Interested organizations which have the ability, capacity and resources to implement the activities listed above should express their interest by sending together with the documents stated in the above section through an email to ecop-tz.eoi.1000001@totalenergies.com (max. email size 20Mb) on or before **17 hours East African Time (EAT), on 26th October 2021.**

Note: The EACOP project will review and assess the documents provided by the interested companies to derive a list of prequalified companies. Only prequalified companies will receive, subject to signature of a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), invitation to submit bids in furtherance of the call for tender process. All Expression of Interests should be submitted in English Language.



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By Correspondent Theresia Victor

Go for COVID-19 vaccination, WHO official urges Tanzanians

THE World Health Organisation (WHO) representative to Tanzania, Dr Tigest Ketsela Mengestu has encouraged Tanzanians to voluntarily get immunized assuring them that the COVID-19 vaccines are safe and will help them strengthen body immunity.

Addressing journalists in Dar es Salaam over the weekend, Dr Mengestu said vaccination offers strong immunity which protects against severe and deadly COVID-19.

"Tanzania aims at vaccinating up to 60 per cent of its population and we're here to support the initiative, this is why we are calling on the public to go and get vaccinated in order to protect our loved ones," he said.

She further noted that there was a notable drop in demand after the initial big demand when the vaccines arrived but since the government and stakeholders embarked on a campaign for COVID-19 vaccines, the uptake has picked up.

"Increased uptake of Covid-19

vaccine resonates with the fact that Tanzania manages one of the strongest routine vaccination systems in Africa with coverage maintained at more than 90 per cent for most vaccines," she noted.

She said WHO is working closely with the ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children and health stakeholders to educate the public on the vaccine encouraging them to take shots.

"WHO is spending more than 1bn/- up to December, this year to support COVID-19 vaccine uptake among health care workers, improve knowledge and use of COVID-19 electronic immunization system as well as to see improved demand creation strategies and implementation for COVID-19 vaccination, she explained.

Dr William Mwenge, Dr William Mwenge, WHO Tanzania vaccine

program manager said a total of 6.5 billion vaccine doses have already been distributed worldwide with Africa being able to receive only 3 per cent of them.

"The vaccine has been more widely distributed in developed countries because they have enough experts and laboratories where the vaccines are produced compared to developing countries," Dr Mwenge said.

He acknowledged that there is a big gap of inequality between developed and developing countries as people in developed countries get priority as the vaccines are being produced in their home land whereas in Africa people need to wait for the vaccines to be distributed in batches.

"Regardless of the inequality, the government and WHO are working together to make sure enough vaccines are being imported so that people can be vaccinated," he said.



Bluebay Hotels group general manager Jonathan Cox (L) and Sultan Sands Island Resort general manager Dass Bangar (R) come together with their employees of the Zanzibar-based hotels at the weekend in celebrating the fact that all of them - without exception - had been sensitised into being vaccinated for Covid-19 voluntarily. They said it was largely thanks to mobilisation by, and assistance from, Zanzibar's Health, Social Welfare, Elderly, Gender and Children ministry. Photo: Correspondent Martin Kabemba

'Vodacom Tanzania has paid total of 549bn/- in dividends'

By Henry Mwangonde

VODACOM Tanzania Plc paid a total of 549.3bn/- in dividends since the company was listed some four years ago.

In a report from its annual general meeting held over the weekend, the company issued an integrated report ending 31 March 2021 which provides an overview of the telecom's business, business model and operating environment, and reviews its strategy, operational and governance performance for the financial year.

The report further shows that despite challenging operating conditions, there are encouraging signs of improvement.

In the report, service revenue of 966bn/- was reported which is a 5.7percent decline compared to the previous year. The company also indicated 356.8bn/- in M-Pesa revenue and 186.9bn/- in mobile data revenue, a rise of 3.3percent.

In his first address to shareholders since his appointment in the

Chairman of the Board of Directors of Vodacom Tanzania Plc. Judge Thomas Mihayo (rt) touched on the operating environment of the past year and the company's response.

"Vodacom's response to the pandemic, and the comparative strength of its financial performance in the context of significant pricing and regulatory pressures, is testament to its carefully considered and well executed strategy. The company has implemented numerous measures to ensure the safety and wellbeing of its employees and contractors, and to keep individuals, communities, businesses, and governments connected by maintaining the quality and stability of its network," he said.

Mihayo described the financial year 2020-2021 as challenging to the whole country but the telecommunication sector had specific challenges to face.

These challenges were highlighted by Hisham Hendi,

Vodacom Tanzania Managing Director when he said, "From a financial perspective, revenue and profitability were adversely impacted by the barring of services to 2.9 million SIM cards late in the previous financial year and an associated step up in competitive intensity.

He said in addition that subdued economic activity due to the health crisis dampened customer spend. While these factors contributed to a 5.7-percent decline in service revenue, "there was a notable improvement in service revenue growth in second half of the year, largely supported by growth in data and M-Pesa revenue."

"Demand for data and M-Pesa services remains strong, underpinning the company strategy for financial and digital inclusion," he added.

According to the company, it will continue to invest and expand in the ecosystems of these platforms and it is expected that this will remain a strong driver for growth in the

By Guardian Correspondent, Iringa

Farmers in southern highlands urged to use sulphur fertiliser

MANY farmers in southern highlands regions have been urged to use fertiliser with the sulphur content to increase crops production.

Submitting his research report on soil status in Iringa Region at the weekend, a researcher from the Uyolet Centre of Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI-Uyolet), Watson Matamwa said use of sulphur-less fertiliser has caused the soil in many areas to have acid that has impacted on crops production.

He said some farmers have a negative on fertiliser with sulphur claiming it destroys the soil, which he said was not true. "We have a great task in educating our farmers on the use of sulphur fertiliser because it helps in providing nutrients to the

soil and increase crops profitability," said Matamwa.

For his part, another TARI-Uyolet researcher, Frederick Mlowe said Iringa soil has a small sulphur content that cause many crops including wheat and rice not reaching their maximum profitability as anticipated by farmers.

Mlowe said TARI continues to conduct research on soil in various southern highlands regions and invent technologies that will help to increase nutrients in the soil to help farmers reap more crops, as well as to fight plants' diseases.

Following reports showing Iringa Region being faced by soil nutrients, TARI-Uyolet director Dr Tulole

Bucheyeki said nutrients in soils had diminished, and advised to use the correct measurements every time they apply fertiliser so as not to affect crops in the fields.

OCP, sponsors of soil testing project in the four southern highlands regions including Mbeya and Iringa, Prof Mshindo Msola said various steps have taken to fight lack of nutrients in soils.

Among them is to provide education on better use of fertiliser and distribution of the farm inputs to enable farmers harvest more crops. For his part, assistant Iringa Region Economic planning secretary, Wilfer Myuyu said they will go to work on the report in order to increase nutrients in the soil.

Sightsavers provides eye treatment to 132,990 people in Singida Region

By Guardian Correspondent, Singida

A TOTAL of 132,990 have had their eyes tested and received eye treatment in Singida Region during the period January to September, this year.

The service was provided by Sightsavers, an NGO in collaboration with Singida regional authorities.

Out of these, 203, 248 children under 16 years also received the service.

This was revealed here at the weekend by Sightsavers Coordinator, Edwin Barongo in his performance report for the implementation of Inclusive Sight Health Project for Singida Region for the period beginning 2016 to June this year made available at the event

to commemorate World Sight Week.

Barongo said out of the number, a total of 1,638 people received eye cataract surgery, 12,154 received glasses and 8,465 received treatment on various eye diseases and 10,665 were provided with glasses.

Barongo also said the intention of his institution is to work together with various stakeholders in developing countries to eradicate eye diseases that can be treated.

"Sightsavers' vision is to see a world without sight impairment from causes that can be prevented," he stressed.

Regarding training to health workers, Barongo said a total of six doctors were given two-year training at KCMC college to become experts in eye cataract surgery, while 18

nurses were trained for three months at Mvumi health College in Dodoma Region.

In the speech of Singida Regional Commissioner Dr Binilith Mahenge read on his behalf by Singida Municipal Mayor Yagi Kyaratu, the RC said poor eye sight can cause blindness in the society if not treated early.

Earlier, in the statement issued by Mohamed enterprises Ltd (METL) and read by Hassan Mazala, among others said eye diseases in the Central Zone was very depressing to the people in the area due to the climate. "I would like to take this opportunity to appeal to other stakeholders to come up just like METL to serve fellow Tanzanians," he said.



Request for Proposals

RFQ Title: Procurement of Air & Ferry Tickets Agent
RFQ Number: 2022-PACT/10/01
Date of Solicitation: 18th October 2021
Closing Date and Time: 1st November 2021, 11:00 am (Dar es Salaam, Tanzania)
Questions and Clarifications: Due by 29th October 2021
Estimated Delivery/ Performance Date: 30th September 2022.

Introduction to Pact:

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

Overall Objective:

The overall objective of this assignment is to procure a service provider who will be providing air & ferry ticketing services to support Pact Tanzania's air and marine travels.

A. Requirement/ Scope of Work

Description of Items

Interested service provider should be able to at least provide following services:

- Provision of international flight tickets.
- Provision of international flight tickets across Tanzania (both mainland and Zanzibar).
- Provision of ferry tickets for Zanzibar (Unguja) marine transport services

Scope of Work

Specific scope of work includes but should not be limited to the following:

- To work with assigned Pact Tanzania Officer on booking international, as well as domestic travel arrangements and reservations in respect of official business trips.
- To issue flight or ferry tickets for official PACT Tanzania travel undertaken the booking request has been approved by the relevant designated officer or manager. (As appropriate).
- To receive all travel bookings arrangements in writing.
- The Agent must always endeavour to make the most cost-effective arrangements and reservations, taking cognizance of the convenience of the PACT Tanzania staff. The Agent must be able to offer advice and alternative plans for consideration by the traveller.

Interested vendors should request the full Terms of Reference (ToR) through email with the subject line "TOR for Procurement of Air & Ferry Tickets Agent" to ProcurementTZ@pactworld.org before Thursday, 28th October 2021.

All questions and requests for clarification should be directed to ProcurementTZ@pactworld.org with the subject line "Request for Clarification: Procurement of Air & Ferry Tickets Agent" before Friday 29th October 2021.

B. Eligibility

To be considered for the award, vendors must currently be legally operating in Tanzania, and the quotation must include all of the following information:

- Ability to meet or exceed the requirements/technical specifications outlined in Section A;
- Ability to deliver the items/services specified in Section A no later than the date(s) required.

C. Submission Instructions

The following information is to be included by a vendor in the proposal:

- Draft inception report detailing methodology for providing air and ferry tickets.
- Current company profile.
- List of airline(s) and marine/ferry transport services providers currently working with.
- Clearly state a response time spend to issue ticket after receiving a request via an email.
- Copies of registration, certificate and address of their registered office, valid business license, VAT, TIN certificates, Tax clearance certificate, and any industry relevant license or certificate.
- Evidence of similar assignments, and at least two (2) names and addresses of client served.
- Current Audited financial statement.
- Payment terms.

Vendors who wish to answer this RFP should send their proposals in sealed envelopes to Pact Tanzania Head Office by 1st November 2021, 11:00 am. All sealed envelopes need to be marked as "Procurement of Air & Ferry Tickets Agent."

Office Address:
The Tender Committee
Pact Tanzania
74 Uporoto Street, Victoria
P. O. Box 6348, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Quotes must be containing a completed quote cover sheet (attached to the ToR appendices)

- Proposals submitted through emails will not be considered.
- Quotations received after that time or at a different address may not be accepted
- All quotations and delivery dates shall be valid for at least 90 days following the submission as mentioned above.



Government officials in Nyang'wale District receive foodstuffs donated at the weekend by Barrick Bulyanulu Gold mine for distribution to ten schools in marking the anniversary of World Food Day – October 16. The focus is on students preparing for their national examinations. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Govt sets aside 934 billion/- for construction of roads, bridges

By Correspondent Wilhelm Mulinda, Mwanza

THE government has set aside 934bn/- in the 2021/22 financial year for the construction of roads and bridges in different areas in the country through Tanzania Rural and Urban Roads Agency (TARURA).

Chief government spokesman, Gerson Msigwa made the statement yesterday here when issuing a weekly government report.

According to him, the

government's intention is to ensure all areas in the country are passable and reachable throughout the year by having quality infrastructures to stimulate development in the country.

Msigwa said that in this year's plans, there are 1,345 tenders whereby 1,222 (91 percent) have been floated ready for construction works to start. "With a big job done across the country, the government has also planned to implement another infrastructure improvement strategy through TARURA that will

commence this financial year to 2025/2026," he said.

He said the government wants to increase tarmac roads from the current 2,405 kilometres to 3,856 kilometres but also increase gravel roads from the current 2,812km to 6,620km.

He stated that the second strategy is meant to bring big reforms on infrastructure whereby villages whose roads are now blocked will be unblocked and keeping transport menace at bay.

"The government's zeal is to

ensure that all roads are passable to enable people transport agro-products easily to reach markets but also facilitate rural dwellers to reach town centres easily when seeking for various social services," he explained.

According to him, since TARURA started operations in July 2017 to June this year, it has spent approximately 1.3tr/- in its first phase plan to construct roads with a total length of 24,979 kilometers of which 955 are tarmac and the rest are at gravel level.

Govt allays fear on SA beverage batch

By Correspondent Felix Andrew

THE government has allayed fears that the troubled apple ceres juice batch produced in June 2021 by a South African beverage manufacturer hasn't entered into the country's market.

The decision was taken after reports from the International Food Safety Authorities Network (INFOSAN) which is under Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and World Health Organisation (WHO) claiming that the said juice (produced between June 14th to 30th this year) to have contamination of mould toxins named patulin.

Director of Quality Management at the Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS), Lazaro Msalaga made the clarification during the weekend in Dar es Salaam as he addressed a news conference.

"Soon after we received the information from INFOSAN network, we took some steps including conducting a crackdown operation of such juices in the market that were produced between June 14 to 30 this year and visited the sole distributor who is based in Dar es Salaam, reviewed all permit documents and inspected all juices at the godown," Msalaga said.

He narrated that after the close follow up, TBS discovered that the said juice was not imported in the country, and it will make sure that it is not allowed in the Tanzanian market.

Msalaga said patulin toxin comes from the *Aspergillus*, *penicillium* and *byssochlamys aflaxotin* which is produced when the fruits start to decay.

According to him, once consumed, the said juice or fruit can cause nausea, gastrointestinal disturbances and vomiting.

He also said the changes of Finance Act no 8 of 2019 where some of the roles particularly in food security and cosmetics were

shifted from former TFDA to TBS did not affect any operation.

Msalaga said other roles are to register premises and products for local manufacturers which is done through quality management systems.

"We have been conducting food risk assessment as it was done earlier by the former Tanzania Food and Drugs Authority (TFDA)," he said

He assured the public that the bureau would continue to protect safety and quality of all products every time for the benefits of consumers and a nation.

Earlier it was reported that the South African food and beverage manufacturer Pioneer Foods has recalled its Ceres apple juice brands that sold in Kenya and other Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (Comesa) countries due to contamination of mould toxins.

Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (Comesa) Competition Commission on Wednesday said Pioneer Foods had informed it that the affected juice brands were imported and marketed in several countries.

"In view of the foregoing...the Commission would like to inform the general public to exercise caution and avoid the purchase or consumption of the recalled products," said the regional trading bloc's competition watchdog in a statement. "If the above products were already purchased, consumers are advised to return the products where they were purchased for a refund or replacement."

The World Health Organisation states patulin, which is classified as a cotoxin, is a naturally occurring toxin created by certain mycotoxins that can be found in apples and apple products. The risk of consuming patulin exceeding 50µg/l may lead to vomiting, nausea and gastrointestinal symptoms.

Government called upon to combat counterfeits via electronic tax stamps

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA can make strides in combating counterfeits if it fully adopts Electronic Tax Stamps (ETS), thanks to their ability to track and trace manufactured goods.

This is due to the fact that tracking and tracing security features that are embedded in the ETS' make it easy to tell which one is fake and which one is original according to ETS project manager at Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) Innocent Minja.

ETS' -- which was adopted in January 2019 -- both the taxman and the consumer can easily and effectively tell whether the stamp fixed on a product is original or fake.

Minja said through a mobile app, which is set for launch soon, every individual will also be able to track and trace the authenticity of a product before consuming.

This is contrary to the previous paper stamps which were difficult to tell between the original and the fake one.

Data from TRA show that there had been a significant rise in the number of manufacturers whose products are affixed with ETS' during the past two years.

"The number of manufacturers of beer, spirits and wines has risen significantly from only 57 before the introduction of ETS' to 272 as of August this year," said Minja.

In Tanzania, the government announced plans to adopt the Electronic Tax Stamps (ETS) system in June 2018 and the first phase was conducted on January 15, 2019 whereby stamps were installed on companies that produce beer, wine and spirits.

Phase two of the project was rolled out on August 1, 2019 when ETS' were stamped on sweetened flavored water and other non-alcoholic beverages, like energy and malt drinks and soda.

The third phase, which involved enrolling electronic stamps on fruit juices (including grape must), vegetable juices (under Heading 20.09), and bottled drinking water, was conducted November 1, 2020.

This, according to Minja, is also a step ahead to both the government and manufacturers because it removes the need for TRA officials and a manufacturing company or an importer to go through the hassle of sitting down and discussing the right amount to be paid in tax.

Since the adoption of ETS', excise duty collections have risen 60 - percent if the three years prior to the rollout of ETS' on beer, wines and spirits is compared to an almost similar period after the rollout.

"The number of manufacturers of beer, spirits and wines has risen significantly from only 57 before the introduction of ETS' to 272 as of August this year"

Source electrical materials locally, minister Mkumbo urges contractors

By Henry Mwangonde

MINISTER for Industry and Trade Prof Kitila Mkumbo has called upon contractors to use locally-made electrical materials, saying Tanzania now has factories capable of producing high quality products.

Prof Mkumbo said there was no reason for contractors to import electrical materials while they can get them from local industries that also produce quality products.

"You shouldn't bother yourself to order

such materials from abroad while they are available here in Tanzania," Prof Mkumbo said when speaking to journalists after visiting the African Company in Dar es Salaam over the weekend.

The minister was impressed to learn about the high-tech that the company deploys in producing electric products for the local market as well as beyond borders. The minister toured the company's industries which produce transformers and electric cables.

He said the company was truly implementing the government's agenda

of building an industrial economy.

He further said the government was fast-tracking the Kigamboni Industrial Park in the outskirts of the city whereby by July next year all necessary infrastructures such as road, water infrastructures and electricity will be in place.

"The ministers responsible for these sectors have assured me of speedy construction of infrastructures for providing such services. We hope that by July next year everything will be in place," he stated.

Africab Marketing Officer David

Tarimo thanked the government for continued support to local investors by creating a good investment environment.

"We will ensure that Tanzanians get quality products in support of the government's efforts to build an industrial economy," Tarimo vowed.

Following campaigns for promoting locally produced products, he said they have managed to successfully operate in the local market as customers have positively responded to their products.

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World Vegetable Center

REQUEST FOR BIDS
CONSULTING SERVICES—INDIVIDUAL
“CONSULTANT FOR GENE BANK CONSTRUCTION IN ESA ARUSHA TANZANIA”

The World Vegetable Center (WorldVeg) is a non-profit, autonomous international agricultural research center with headquarters in Taiwan and five regional offices around the globe, including Benin and Mali. WorldVeg conducts research and development programs that contribute to realizing the potential of vegetables for healthier lives and more resilient livelihoods. For more information, please visit our website: <https://avrdc.org/>.

WorldVeg is currently carrying out an improvement project for its Arusha-based genebank to international standards. The project consists of rehabilitating the existing medium-term storage facility and constructing a new genebank building adjacent to the existing one. The two buildings shall be connected through a covered passage corridor. The new genebank facility is designed to store vegetable seeds for up to 99 years.

The scope of the project is as follows. Phase 1 will consist of the construction of the main building, utility lines for electricity, water, gas, and the ancillary facilities mentioned below. Phase 2 will include insulation and air circulation engineering works. This Request for Bids (RFBs) is for Phase 1—construction of the main building and ancillary facilities.

We are recruiting a Consultant to provide technical oversight and coordination of the genebank modernization project to ensure that the project is implemented and completed to the required standards and within the agreed timescale and budget.

Key Consultancy Responsibilities

The Consultant will support the WorldVeg team in terms of:

- Provide technical advice and guidance to WorldVeg management throughout the life of the project.
- Assist in the procurement process for Phase 1 by formulating the Expression of Interest (EOI) and other bidding documents as required.
- Assist in the evaluation for the prequalification of building contractors.
- Assist in developing the legal agreement based on the draft contract provided by the WorldVeg for the selected building Contractor.
- Ensure that the selected building Contractor procures and uses quality materials as defined and outlined in the contractual documents such as architectural design and Bill of Quantities of the project.
- Monitor the progress of the project to ensure timely delivery. Any risks or challenges encountered must be communicated to WorldVeg speedily
- Convene and moderate regular site meetings between WorldVeg and the selected building Contractor to review progress and resolve any outstanding issues.
- Produce interim/monthly progress reports and subsequent minutes.
- Ensure that the selected building Contractor submits regular written reports on the progress of the project in accordance with the requirement of the contract.
- Ensure that the selected building Contractor and their subcontractors comply with all legal and professional requirements of the construction industry.
- Provide day-to-day guidance to the selected building Contractor.
- Monitor and ensure that at all times the selected building Contractor indemnifies WorldVeg with all workmanship liabilities at the site.
- Verify the selected building Contractor's payment request certificates.
- Maintain all necessary records to ensure effectiveness in communication, monitoring, audit, and report writing.
- Submit a final report to WorldVeg after the completion of the building works.
- Hand over the certificate of works completion after six months of the defect liability period.

The Consultant will regularly report to the Regional Director, and he will also periodically update him on the progress of the project, successes, and bottlenecks of implementing this project.

Selection Method and Evaluation

The procurement of this consulting services—individuals will be contracted through open bidding (advertised request for bids) and selection on value (experience and qualification) by an Evaluation Panel.

The Panel will be formed and approved by WorldVeg Director General for the evaluation of bids. The Panel will evaluate the bids according to these criteria and weight allocation:

- Knowledge of local conditions, including construction rules and regulations, and market prices—25%
- Work experience in architectural consultancies, civil engineering works, and project management – 20%
- At least 5-10 years experience of managing building contracts— 15%
- Good analytical skills – 10%
- Record of good performance— 10%
- Good communication skills – 10%
- Active member of the Tanzania Engineer's Registration Board – 5%
- Good negotiation skills – 5%

Selection will be in one-stage: evaluation of experience and qualification.

The highest-ranked bidder will be invited to negotiate a contract. In case contract negotiation with the highest-ranked bidder does not succeed, WorldVeg reserves the right to invite the second highest-ranked bidder or restart a new procurement process.

Timeline and reward

This procurement seeks to award a time-based contract with specified outputs for 13.5 months from 15 November 2021 to 31 December 2022. The performance of the Consultant will be evaluated per payment, and a review will be conducted before each payment.

How to Submit a Bid

Eligible bidders who wish to participate shall submit the following documents:

- 1) Curriculum vitae, highlighting:
 - a. Education background
 - b. Work experience in Architectural consultancies, civil engineering, and project management
 - c. At least 5-10 years experience of managing building contracts
- 2) A certificate, proving active membership in the Tanzania Engineer's Registration Board
- 3) Record of good performance (e. g. certificate of gratitude from a previous project or assessment report)
- 4) A 5-page personal statement of expression of interest, showing knowledge of local conditions, including construction rules and regulations and market prices, and inter-person skills such as communication, negotiation, and analytical.
- 5) A reference letter from an established fellow civil engineer, construction association, university department, or building firm.

There is no required templates for the documents.

The bids shall be prepared and submitted in one-envelope before 5:00pm on 31 October 2021:

- 1) Post delivery: PO Box 10, Duluti, Arusha
- 2) Personal delivery to office: Tender Box at the Reception, Maadira Farms, Sadeki, Arusha – Moshi Road
- 3) Email: info-esa@worldveg.org (Subject line: Consultant—Genebank Construction in ESA Arusha Tanzania).

For further information, please contact us at info-esa@worldveg.org. To arrange for a site visit, please call +255 736 631 440.

For procurement-related complaints, i.e. complaints which protest non-compliance with aspects of the Center's procurement practices and/or process as laid out in this RFBs, please send to bidcomplaint@worldveg.org.

This bid is valid for 60 days from the day of advertisement, evaluation, until contract awarding.


World Vegetable Center

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE GENE BANK AT THE PREMISES OF THE WORLD
VEGETABLE CENTER IN ARUSHA, TANZANIA

The World Vegetable Center (WorldVeg) is a specialized, non-for profit, publicly funded international agriculture research centre whose mandate focuses on research and development of vegetable crops. Part of the WorldVeg's mandate is the conservation of plant genetic resources. The Center holds the world's largest collection of vegetable germplasm available for the use of plant breeders across the globe. The genetic materials stored in the WorldVeg genebank contribute to resilient, productive vegetable varieties with enhanced nutrition, tolerance to heat and drought, and better resistance to pests and diseases.

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The scope of the project is as follows. Phase 1 will consist of the construction of the main building, utility lines for electricity, water, gas, as well as the ancillary facilities mentioned below. Phase 2 will consist of insulation and air circulation engineering works. This Expression of Interest is for Phase 1 – construction of the main building and ancillary facilities.

The total approximate building area is 321 square meters. The building consists of the various facilities as indicated in the table below:

Parts of the building including minimum requirements

STRUCTURE	MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS
Main building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indicative floor space: 321 square meters • Operating temperature range 25 degree centigrade • Damp proof course (DPC) and binder material • Windows – PVC single or double glazed? • Doors – Wood or PVC? • Air conditioning and humidity control • Entry ramp • Fire alarm • Fire hydrant • Reflective signposts (security signs, safety signs, direction signs, warning signs) • Power source: Electricity/Solar combo • Ceramic floor tiles • Resincoated roofing sheets
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of the foundation • Brick laying/erection of the structure • Partitioning • Roofing • Installation of utility supply lines • Fittings (doors and windows) • Ceiling installation • Plastering and painting • Flooring • Indoor and Outdoor Signage and Branding 	
Internal facilities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passage way 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indicative floor space 26 square meters • Metal handrails
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New acquisition room 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indicative floor space 35.05 square meters • Operating temperature 5 degrees centigrade • Marble countertop with base cabinet
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seed preparation room 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indicative floor space 54.63 square meters • Operating temperature 16 degrees centigrade • Marble countertop with base cabinet
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drying chamber 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Floor space in square meters 24.17 square meters • Operating temperature 10 degrees centigrade • Operating relative humidity 15%RH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seed testing laboratory 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Floor space in 52.00 square meters • Perimeter worktops: Marble countertop with base cabinetry • Laboratory grade sink • Operating temperature 16 degrees centigrade • Operating relative humidity 30%RH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long term seed storage room 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Floor space 63.29 square meters • Operating temperature -18 degrees centigrade • Operating relative humidity 15%RH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • External landscaping 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paved access • Small lawn area • Levelling for storm water drainage
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offices • WCs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Floor space 11.98 square meters • Floor space per toilet square 7.5 square meters • Separate male rest room (3.75 square meters) and female rest room (3.75 square meters) • Washing sinks • Western type toilets
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency exit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exit door • Signage

WorldVeg would like to invite interested, eligible, competent contractors to bid for the above-mentioned building works under the terms set forth in the bid documents (available through email request to: info-esa@worldveg.org).

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

- A valid business license
- A valid registration under the Contractor's Registration Board (Class 3 and above)
- A valid tax compliance certificate or certificates
- Company's physical address and other contact details
- Evidence of capacity (financial and human resource capacity) to work on a project of this scale and complexity
- Bank guarantee
- Evidence of adequate insurance risk covers and professional indemnity
- List of Directors with contact details of at least 2 Directors
- A list of at least 3 projects of similar nature/scale, either ongoing or performed and completed in the last five years including the works completion reports, names and addresses of employers

UNDERTAKING

- Contact person, their details, and an undertaking that the provided information is accurate

SUBMISSION OF BID DOCUMENTS

Documents are to be delivered in two hard copies plus a soft copy in a flash disc (USB) sealed and clearly labelled "Expression of Interest for the Construction of Genebank at World Vegetable Center, Arusha." Hard copies must be delivered and dropped in a designated box at the World Vegetable Center, Madiira Farm, Arusha. **Bid documents must be submitted by close of business day (5PM) on or before 30th October 2021.**

ENQUIRIES: nadine.kwazi@worldveg.org OR baraka.mchala@worldveg.org

Disclaimer: WorldVeg reserves the right to independently verify submitted documents, listed clients and projects. WorldVeg is not obliged to give reason for not selecting any firm. WorldVeg reserves the right to discontinue this process without reference to any entity.

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Successful applicants should preferably possess the following attributes:

- Personal commitment to the winning Vivo Energy Values of Honesty, Integrity, Respect for ourselves and others.
- Have at least 3 years' experience in successful operating a business with traceable management. Experience in oil industry is an added advantage;
- A constant dedication to provide personal full time on-site management;
- Comply with Vivo Energy safety Rules and Policy (HSSE)

The applicant must submit the following:

- A letter requested to be a Retailer addressed to Managing Director of Vivo Energy Tanzania Engen licensee with contact details of the Applicant.
- Curriculum vitae of the Applicant
- ID photocopy or Passport of the Applicant
- Company Certificate of registration from Brela with distribution of petroleum products as part of your business;
- Tax clearance Certificate from TRA
- Proof of Financial capacity (bank balance, letter from the bank that can support cash flow of minimum of TZS 500 Million)
- Bank guarantee worth TZS 25Million

Suitable candidates will be notified and be given a Retail pack with necessary information to compile their business plan. Application in soft copy should be sent to Dealership.TZ@vivoenergy.com
The Closing date for applications is: **Friday 29th October 2021 at 17:30hrs.**



We need to build community resilience to disasters globally

A disaster is a serious problem occurring over a short or long period of time that causes widespread human, material, economic or environmental loss which exceeds the ability of the affected community or society to cope using its own resources. Developing countries suffer the greatest costs when a disaster hits - more than 95 per cent of all deaths caused by hazards occur in developing countries, and losses due to natural hazards are 20 times greater (as a percentage of GDP) in developing countries than in industrialized countries. No matter what society disasters occur in, they tend to induce change in government and social life. They may even alter the course of history by broadly affecting entire populations and exposing mismanagement or corruption regardless of how tightly information is controlled in a society.

The United Nations General Assembly designated the 1990s as the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction. Its basic objective was to decrease the loss of life, property destruction and social and economic disruption caused by natural disasters, such as earthquakes, tsunamis, floods, landslides, volcanic eruptions, droughts, locust infestations, and other disasters of natural origin. An

International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, beginning on 1 January 1990, was launched by the United Nations, following the adoption of resolution. The decade was intended to reduce, through concerted international action, especially in developing countries, loss of life, property damage and social and economic disruption caused by natural disasters. To support the activities of the decade, a Secretariat was established at the United Nations Office in Geneva, in close association with UNDRR.

The International Day for Disaster Reduction (IDDR) is an international day that encourages every citizen and government to take part in building more disaster-resilient communities and nations. The United Nations General Assembly designated October 13 as the International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction as part of its proclamation of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction.

In 2002, by a further resolution, the General Assembly decided to maintain the annual observance as a vehicle to promote a global culture of natural disaster reduction, including prevention, mitigation, and preparedness.

In 2009, the UN General Assembly decided to designate October 13 as the official date for this day, and also changed the name to International Day for disaster reduction.

Innovations in male contraception could be future of family planning

WHILE family planning services have traditionally targeted women, there is growing recognition that reproductive health is the joint responsibility of men and women. Given that men often have significant influences on a couple's contraceptive use, pilot programmes to engage men have focused on increasing knowledge, enhancing spousal communication, and de-stigmatising use of family planning methods.

Renewed interests in involving men stem not only from women's reproductive health needs, but also to address men's own sexual health concerns, as well as efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals for reduction of maternal mortality and HIV transmission.

Use of modern contraception and family planning services is integral in the prevention of unwanted pregnancy, reduction of unsafe abortions, and promotion of childbirth spacing to lower maternal and child mortality risks in developing countries. Family planning also promotes gender equity and greater educational and economic opportunities for women.

Vasectomy is a surgical procedure for male sterilisation or permanent contraception. During the procedure, the male vasa deferentia are cut and tied or sealed so as to prevent sperm from entering into the urethra and thereby prevent fertilisation of a female through sexual intercourse. Vasectomies are usually performed in a physician's office, medical clinic, or, when performed on an animal, in a veterinary clinic-hospitalisation is not normally required as the procedure is not complicated, the incisions are small, and the necessary equipment routine.

There are several methods by which a surgeon might complete a vasectomy procedure, all of which occlude (i.e., "seal") at least one side of each vas deferens. To help reduce anxiety and increase patient comfort, men who have an aversion to needles may consider a "no-needle" application of anaesthesia while the "no-scalpel" or "open-ended" techniques help to accelerate recovery times and increase the

chance of healthy recovery.

Due to the simplicity of the surgery, a vasectomy usually takes less than thirty minutes to complete. After a short recovery at the doctor's office (usually less than an hour), the patient is sent home to rest. Because the procedure is minimally invasive, many vasectomy patients find that they can resume their typical sexual behaviour within a week, and do so with little or no discomfort.

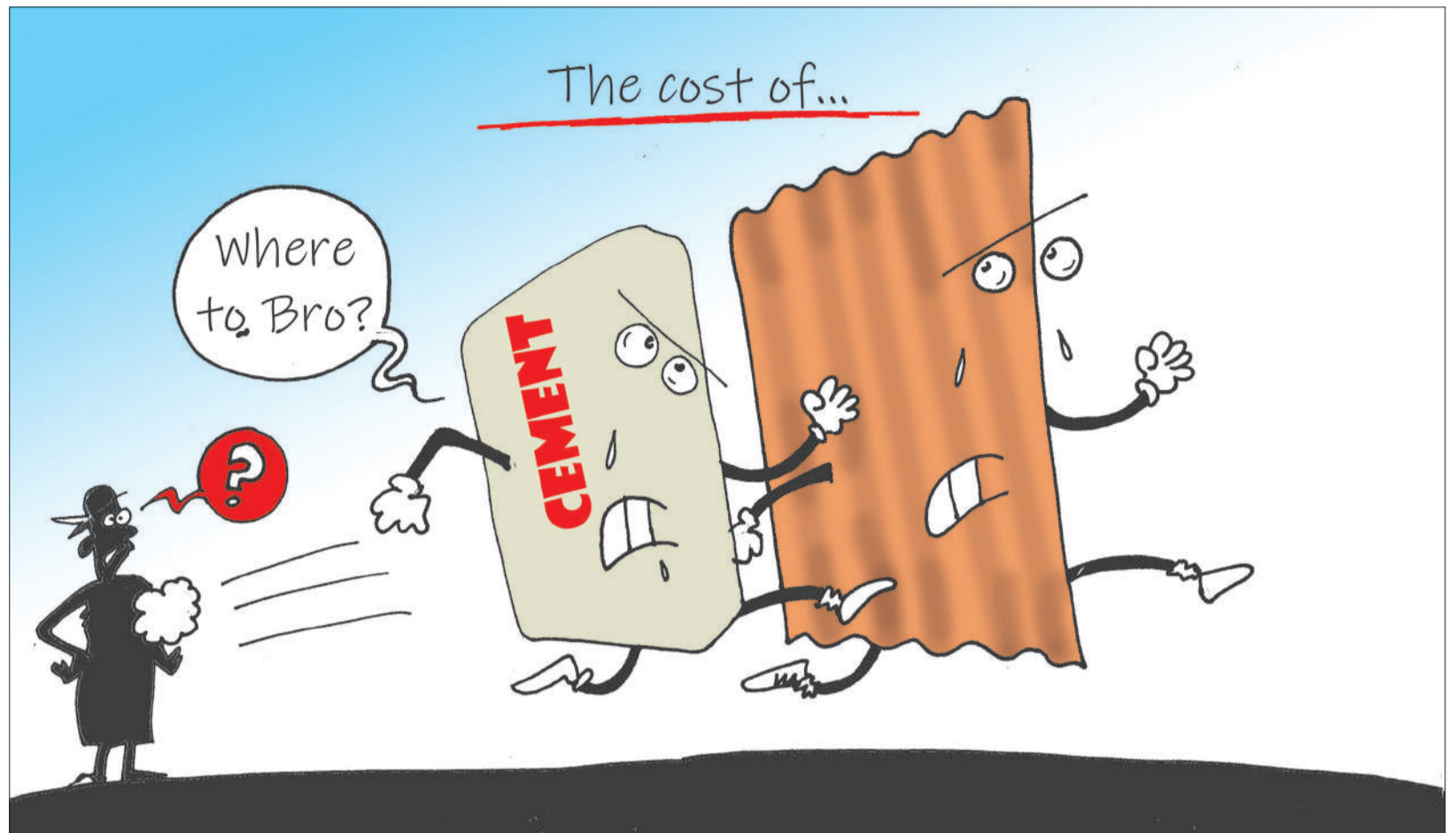
Because the procedure is considered a permanent method of contraception and is not easily reversed, men are usually counseled and advised to consider how the long-term outcome of a vasectomy might affect them both emotionally and physically. The procedure is not often encouraged for young single childless men as their chances for biological parenthood are thereby more or less permanently reduced to almost zero, but ultimately is up to their own comfort in possibly wanting to conceive a child with a partner. It is seldom performed on dogs (castration, a different procedure, remains the preferred reproductive control option for canines) but is regularly performed on bulls.

World Vasectomy Day (WVD) is an annual event to raise global awareness of vasectomy as a male-oriented solution to prevent unintended pregnancies. The goal is for doctors all over the world to perform vasectomies, connected to the event via Skype and social media platforms.

WVD was founded in 2012 by the American film-maker Jonathan Stack while he was working on a documentary about the decision of having a vasectomy. The underlying goal was to involve men in family planning decisions and educate them about vasectomies as a simple way of taking responsibility for birth control.

In 2013, prolific vasectomist Dr Douglas Stein was scheduled to perform vasectomies in front of an audience at the Royal Institution of Australia (RIAus) to launch the inaugural World Vasectomy Day with the world's first live-streamed vasectomy. Stein answered questions from a live audience in Australia and an international online audience.

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By Special Correspondent

A perennial problem for many developing countries is how to retain highly-trained medical staff within the public sector without breaking the national budget, thus causing an economic collapse, or without having to ration medical services by ability to pay by allowing the private health sector to dominate.

Zimbabwe faces this problem. A lot of effort and money is spent on training doctors, nurses and other health professionals and the numbers that go through university and nursing schools is more than adequate to meet national requirements.

But then two problems arise. The first is the strong flow from the public sector into private practice and private health facilities. These are continually expanding, with the expansion driven in a large part, at least in the past, by a decline in the public sector. In many ways that flow of skilled professional staff accelerated the public sector decline.

Private hospitals and clinics could pay better, and could ensure that their staff had access to the necessary equipment, medications and medical supplies.

Normally such a flow would be limited, as even when fees are charged the amount a patient or a patient's family has to find in the public sector is a small fraction of what purely private professionals, hospitals and health centres will charge. But families, faced with serious illness, will find the money, even if they have to borrow.

But generally the top 10 percent of the population in terms of family income use a substantial percentage of available health resources. Yet the other 90 percent, who cannot afford the private sector, are not measurably healthier.

The second problem, and this accelerated in the economic meltdown in the days of hyperinflation, is the emigration drift. Zimbabwean training is considered excellent and the professional certifying bodies are considered very good gatekeepers in setting international standards. Zimbabwean doctors and nurses are seen as desirable immigrants into countries with money but a shortage of professional health staff.

Even in the growing international anti-immigrant cultures, medical professionals can find openings denied to many others, although they might well have to spend some years at the beginning filling posts that local people are reluctant to fill. But emigration has been an option

Improving health staff conditions the panacea



and is still an option, especially for younger professionals who can go through the mill of working in areas that are considered less desirable for a few years.

Some serious work has been done in the Second Republic on fixing the public health sector. Within the last two years a lot of hospitals have had at least the worst of neglected maintenance work done and in the general drive for improvement the shortages of equipment and drugs has been seriously addressed. This is continuous of course, and the budget has to cope with catching up as well as the routine maintenance that still needs to take place. But the work is now being done.

A lot of bad staff relations are now being fixed. The near continuous labour disputes have been tackled, partly through the general progress being made by the Government for the whole State sector as part of economic and budgetary reform. Progress is obviously not as fast as staff would desire but at least there is a plus sign on the directions.

One important aspect comes with economic growth. In the end, pushing Zimbabwe into a middle income economy will automatically ensure that the level of tax gathered will, with the health budget taking the same percentage, be enough to equip the public hospitals and clinics and pay the staff properly.

But part of that growth is dependent on having a fully

functioning public health system in place now. It is not something that can be neglected and added later when there is enough money.

The Government has been tackling this problem since it came into office, and the advent of Covid-19 helped to accelerate the progress as well as exposing gaps that needed urgent ad hoc action. One of these major gaps was the discovery that the urban local authorities in general, and those in Chitungwiza and Harare in particular, had as part of their general poor administration been skipping seriously on health.

Government has decided to take over the municipal health staff, to ensure that they are at least paid, paid on time and that the hundreds of vacancies that have arisen are filled so that the basic clinic system can function. When some remote rural district council manages its basic primary health system better than Harare we know there are troubles.

Now the Cabinet wants to go further and this week started looking at how to convert the rhetoric on perks into action. Basically the idea is to start capitalising some of the staff requirements. Already a fair number of professionals have access to inexpensive State housing, with rural health centres totally reliant on providing this if they want even a nurse. It is not new but obviously the State housing schemes now in progress have to include a significant

element for health staff.

This must include both institutional houses and flats near hospitals and health centres for those assigned to these and a way of helping staff buy or build their own homes.

Getting transport sorted out seems essential. Many medical professionals work shifts and relying on public transport does not seem possible, let alone ideal. Again the Government has been allocating a decent share of the new buses and other public transport services to the health sector and now want to do more.

Car loan schemes have been on the books in the past with the general intent damaged by inflation and other economic problems now being sorted out. Ideally there should be a block of capital that health staff can tap into to buy their private vehicles with the repayments being used to lend to the next batch of applicants. Lowish inflation seems essential for this work, again linking the system to economic reforms.

But the general concept could be extended, the Cabinet believes. It seems that with this desire, coupled with the significant improvements in labour relations, some detailed and creative discussions should be possible that tie together the budgets available with the priorities that staff have. Again the important point is continual improvement since sudden jumps are difficult.

Table banking helping women in Kenya to put food on the table

NAIROBI

PASCALINE Chemutai's five acres of land located in the country's breadbasket region of Rift Valley recently produced 115 bags of maize, each weighing 90 kilograms. She tells IPS that of these, 110 bags will be transported to traders in Nairobi and neighbouring Kiambu County at a negotiated price of \$23 per bag.

In all, she will have pocketed about \$2,500, a significant amount in the village. Not only will she have enough to feed her family of five, but to pay for their school fees and other basic needs. Besides maize farming, Chemutai sells milk to residents in town.

The 45-year-old farmer widowed eight years ago with five young children says that her life as a farmer was made possible and is sustained through table banking.

"My husband was in charge of our farm and handled all business related to the farm. I knew how to farm because I grew up cultivating land, but I had no money to buy seeds and fertilizer or knowledge on the business side of farming," she says.

Fortunately, a year before the demise of her husband, Chemutai joined a table banking group under the Joyful Women Organization (JOYWO), a registered NGO focused on the economic empowerment of women.

As the name suggests, women place their savings on a table and immediately loan each other accumulated funds.

"Women knew of village saving groups where contributions were spent on household items such as cups, plates and even beddings. We were now learning about saving and borrowing," she says.

Sharon Alice Anyango says that the simple concept of table banking, where a group of 10 to 35 members use the group-based strategy to fundraise by saving, placing their savings on a table, and borrowing immediately, has turned tables on the systematic and systemic financial exclusion of women.

"Table banking is addressing the primary challenges that women face when dealing with banks and other financial institutions. Where they needed collateral that they did not have to access bank loans, today, they successfully fundraise amongst themselves," says Anyango, a project officer at the Ministry of Public Service, Youth and Gender.

JOYWO, whose current patron is Rachael Ruto, the wife of Deputy President William Ruto, claims to have a revolving fund of at least \$27 million in the hands of its estimated 200,000 members across 1,200 table banking groups in all parts of the country.

"Other estimates show that so popular is the table banking movement that cumulatively, table banking groups throughout the country circulate approximately \$550,000 to \$730,000," Anyango says.

She explains that only women were involved at the start, but as they started to accumulate funds, men became interested.



Food table banking is turning the tables on the systematic and systemic financial exclusion of women.

"Men have seen the magic," she says.

Now the table banking fraternity allows men to join, but the groups' constitutions ensure that at least 70 percent of the members and all the leadership positions are women.

Chemutai says that their table banking group of 20 members currently has a revolving fund of \$30,000. She has taken loans valued at \$2,000 to fund various farming and animal husbandry ventures in the last year.

"Seeds, fertilizer, labour, tractors and veterinary services, salary for my farm boy and feeds for my cows cost a lot of money. I borrow from the group and repay, and this cycle repeats itself every year, and all my activities are running smoothly," she tells IPS.

"Table banking has also linked me to a reliable market. We started interacting with other table banking groups from other parts of the country, and that is how I man-

aged to find a market. I sell all my maize to other women in table banking groups within Nairobi and Kiambu counties. I would never have met these women if it was not for table banking," she says.

Chemutai's story is in line with research from the Barilla Center for Food and Nutrition that points to "a high probability that any agricultural product that we buy has been produced by a woman. Women's contribution is essential for the food security of entire communities and for the farming production of many developing and rural communities."

The research further points to the many gender disparities that prevent women such as Chemutai from accessing financing. On paper, Chemutai does not own an asset to be used as collateral despite having access to five acres of land because the land is 'ancestral' land.

As per the Barilla Center for Food and Nutrition and

undoubtedly true for many women in agriculture, "when women are guaranteed the same access as men to community resources, services and economic opportunities, production increased, the economic and social benefits of the community improve, and malnutrition and poverty are reduced."

Celebrated every October 16, as the global community marks yet another World Food Day under the theme "Our actions are our future. Better production, better nutrition, a better environment and a better life", gender experts, such as Anyango, tell IPS that this is the level of access that women need to feed the global population.

Agriculture is still the largest employment sector for 60 percent of women in Sub-Saharan Africa. Women like Chemutai also make up two-thirds of the world's 600 million small livestock managers, according to the U.N's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

Despite their contribution to agriculture, financing is still largely not affordable, available, and accessible to women farmers. In this East African nation where the table banking movement is more concentrated in rural areas, women now have a lifeline to fund agricultural activities with loans taken under friendly terms and conditions.

Anyango asserts that women must be at the centre of World Food Day's collective action across 150 countries to promote worldwide awareness of global hunger and the need to ensure healthy diets for all.

Covid-19 deepened the challenges faced by small-scale fishers in South Africa

By Maia Nangle

CASTAL small-scale fishing communities in South Africa are often marginal communities situated in rural areas, with limited job and income opportunities. Fishing plays an extremely important role in ensuring local food and nutrition security as well as in developing the local economy.

Fish is an integral part of the diet of coastal communities, providing important micronutrients and ensuring a more holistic nutrient profile. Fishing also represents more than access to livelihoods, food, and nutrition; it represents a cultural, traditional, and historical connection to their way of life, to the ocean, and to their ancestors.

World Food Day on 16 October 2021, was an opportunity to reflect on the past year and a half of South Africa under the lockdowns and regulations imposed by the government in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, and examine the impact that this has had on the small-scale fisheries food system.

When we do this we find that the restrictions that were implemented in response to Covid-19 have highlighted the flaws in the system and deepened the existing challenges that have been faced by small-scale fishers. This food system has exhibited a lack of resilience in the face of

a moment of crisis. This has emphasised the need for the development of more localised markets, the recognition of the sector as an important provider of nutritious food, and the prioritisation of small-scale fishing in policy.

For example, small-scale fishers in the Western Cape export a large amount of their catch to the Chinese and European markets, and also supply the tourist and restaurant markets with fresh fish, illustrating a reliance on what are termed 'long value chains'. Long value chains include multiple points of value-adding activities with different food system actors, such as traders, marketers, and markets. Fish passes hands multiple times between producer and consumer, resulting in increased travel time as well as decreased income for the producer.

The export ban and the closure of restaurants resulted in a sudden decrease in demand and therefore a drastic drop in fish prices.

Small-scale fishers, despite being recognised as essential service providers on 26 March 2020 and being able to practise their livelihood, were unable to sell their catch and lost out on a large portion of their annual income. This case illustrates the lack of resilience in long value chains. Shorter value chains and more localised markets better withstand shocks to the system while keeping control local and ensuring community food



A fisherman from Elands Bay on the West coast of the Western Cape, catching fish. Coastal small-scale fishing communities in South Africa are often marginal communities situated in rural areas, with limited job and income opportunities. Fishing plays an extremely important role in ensuring local food and nutrition security as well as in developing the local economy. (Photo: Schalk van Zuydam/Gallo Images)

security. State support for the sector during the lockdowns was also lacking.

This is evident in the fact that the informal economy and the small-scale food systems in South Africa have long been undermined by the dominance of the corporate food

system and the support that is provided by the state for the development and enhancement of the formal economy.

A clear bias towards the commercial food system emerged during the pandemic with subsidies and support from the state favouring big

industry over small-scale producers. The small-scale fisheries sector did not benefit from the Ters fund because most of them are not formally employed. So people in the industry received no support, financial or other, aside from the social relief of distress grant of R350 a month

which, although necessary, failed to meet the food security and household needs.

Looking to the future, a more resilient small-scale fisheries food system would align with the principles of food sovereignty, putting people's need for food at the centre of policies, localising food systems and valuing food providers and producers, and building on traditional knowledge.

A more resilient food system would keep the highly nutritious food within the community, rather than relying on long value chains and exporting nutritional food sources or feeding into an elite market. A more resilient food system would be supported in keeping the control local, benefiting the broader community, and incorporating and strengthening the role of women in the value chain through the development of cold storage infrastructures and processing facilities.

It is imperative that the implementation of the Small-scale Fisheries Policy of 2012 in the Western Cape is a just, equitable, and inclusive process. The formation of the small-scale fishing cooperatives under the policy needs to include adequate training and a mentorship programme in order to ensure the success of the cooperatives and to allow for the development of the sector and the inclusion and benefit of the broader community. **DM**

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WFD: Time for global leaders to invest in Africa's agriculture

By Beth Dunford

MORE than six out of every 10 people in Sub-Saharan Africa work in the continent's agriculture sector. We may not realize that what grows from African soil may be connected to some of the world's most popular foods.

Africa produces the world's largest supply of cocoa, used in chocolate bars and other products. Ethiopia and Uganda-grown coffee beans, which dominate Africa's coffee exports, valued at nearly \$2 billion last year.

The volume of African commodity exports is rising. At the same time, more Africans are facing food insecurity. Around 246 million Africans go to bed hungry every night. The pace of Africa's agricultural growth is not keeping up with Africa's population growth.

On World Food Day, it is time for African and global leaders, as well as development organizations, to join the African Development Bank Group's call for increased investments in agricultural technologies that boost Africa's food production and food security in the face of climate change.

The continent has immense potential to feed itself and to become a breadbasket to the world: about 65 percent of Earth's remaining uncultivated, arable land is in Africa. However, that potential is threatened by erratic weather extremes.

It is also stunted because a majority of African food growers are subsistence smallholder farmers. We need to scale up delivery of modern and climate-smart farming practices.

The African Development Bank Group's investments are helping African farmers put more food in the mouths of more Africans. Since the Bank launched its Feed Africa Strategy in 2015, more than 74 million people are benefiting from access to improved agricultural technologies, resulting in higher food production.

Our flagship program, Technologies for African Agricultural Transformation (TAAT) has provided 11 million farmers across 29 African countries with proven agricultural technologies such as drought-resistant maize, heat-resistant wheat, higher-yielding seed varieties and seed treatments to protect against pests like the fall armyworm, which has been devastating African crops in waves of hungry, winged swarms.

TAAT has produced astonishing results in under three years. African food production has expanded by more than 12 million metric tons. TAAT has reduced Africa's food imports worth \$814 million. We are on our way to reaching our target of reaching 40 million farmers with modern and climate-resilient technologies.

Aligned with the World Food Day 2021 theme, "Our actions are our future. Better production, bet-



ter nutrition, a better environment and a better life," the Bank is delivering higher food production, access to more nutritious foods and helping farmers adapt to environments impacted by climate change. We advocate for gender-sensitive policy reform and gender-inclusive development.

Combined, these activities are raising incomes for women and men in farming and contributing to a better quality of life for Africans all along the food value chain.

The Bank's Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa (AFAWA) initiative aims to reduce the access to financing gap women businesses face across the continent, including women working in agriculture.

AFAWA has just put \$20 million into a project on financing climate-resilient agricultural practices in

Ghana. It will target hundreds of women-led enterprises through lines of credit with Ecobank Ghana, as well as provide them skills training on climate adaptive farming.

We are on the right path, but we need to do more. At a recent "Feeding Africa" event hosted by the Bank and the UN International Fund for Agricultural Development, more than a dozen African heads of state and other world leaders endorsed the creation of a Financing Facility for Food and Nutrition in Africa. The Facility proposes a new approach to investing in agriculture and agri-business, based on five pillars—scaling up of proven climate-adapted, science-based production and other technologies; creating an enabling environment for enhancing agricultural production. Governments must commit to policy and regulation that facilitates ac-

cess to modern technologies; building critical backbone infrastructure linking production areas to markets and processing at African national and regional levels; crowding in private-sector investments and access to finance. Private sector investment and business expertise will grow food supply chain commercial viability, as well as inclusion of more small and medium enterprises and smallholder farmers and support to an African special emergency assistance fund on famine and drought.

The Facility expects to mobilize \$1 billion over the next two years from green funds, bilateral and multilateral donors to support these pillars. We need more government, development partner, private sector and foundation "buy in" to scale up investments in this Facility.

The African Development Bank envisages a food-secure Africa that uses advanced technologies, creatively adapts to climate change and develops a new generation of "agripreneurs" – empowered youth and women who will modernize and industrialize agriculture.

The Financing Facility aims to accomplish that by bringing smart "agritech" to help millions of more African farmers to double major crop yields, produce enough food to feed an additional 200 million people and reduce incidents of malnutrition.

Beth Dunford Vice President for Agriculture, Human and Social Development at the African Development Bank

Zanzibar activist queries authorities over appointment of liquor board

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR-based human rights and good governance activist, Ali Makame Issa has said it was inappropriate for the Zanzibar Government to quietly appoint a new Alcohol Prevention and Control Board, saying it was against the law.

Addressing reporters here

over the weekend, Issa said the board is supposed to be officially announced to enable the public to know the appointed board members to assess their ethical outlook and standing in managing the law following liquor becoming a grave issue for concern in the Isles.

"We congratulate president Hussein Ali Mwinyi for creat-

ing a new board, but we appeal for the names of its members to be published just as for the other government appointments, it should not have been done so quietly," he added.

He said the new board is supposed to oversee the law because right now there are European investors in the tourism sector who also import alcoholic drinks

thereby denying the government of revenue.

"The Zanzibar Alcohol Control Act (No. 9 of 2020) says importers of alcoholic drinks must be Zanzibaris qualified as citizens and residents of Zanzibar, so we want the new Board to oversee the laws just like it was enacted," he said.

He further said the govern-

ment must abide by the basics of its laws especially on the issue of tendering to avoid the possibility of many issues going against the law just as it was in the case of Bwawani Hotel.

"Bwawani Hotel was demolished and the tender awarded to an investor but so far no development is being made regarding the project thereby denying the gov-

ernment of revenue due to lack of good governance," Makame added.

He said the board was dissolved after it failed to oversee the Zanzibar Alcohol Control Act (No 9 of 2020), including issuing liquor import permits to more than three firms as well as contravening Section 28(k) of the Act that had set a condition for bars

to be more than 1,000 metres away from areas with basic social services including schools, health centres, mosques, churches, madrasas, markets or bus stations.

For his part, the Chairman of the new board, Khamis Haji confirmed that he was indeed the chairman of the new board, but was not ready to name board members.



People foraging for water in southern Madagascar

Unprecedented hunger to follow in wake of the climate crisis, WFP calls for urgent action

By Special Correspondent

THE world faces an exponential increase in hunger fuelled by the climate crisis if urgent global action to help communities adapt to climatic shocks and stresses is ignored, the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) warns ahead of World Food Day, on 16 October.

A WFP analysis shows that a 2°C rise in average global temperature from pre-industrial levels will see a staggering 189 million additional people in the grips of hunger. Vulnerable communities, a vast majority of whom rely on agriculture, fishing, and livestock and, who contribute the least to the climate crisis, will continue to bear the brunt of the impacts with limited means to cushion the blow.

"Large swathes of the globe, from Madagascar to Honduras to Bangladesh, are in the throes of a climate crisis that is now a daily reality for millions. The climate crisis is fuelling a food crisis," said WFP Executive Director David Beasley.

Tens of thousands of lives are at

risk in southern Madagascar, one of the potentially many places in the world currently where famine-like conditions have been driven by climate change. Consecutive droughts have pushed nearly 1.1 million people into severe hunger. Nearly 14,000 of them are in famine-like conditions and this number is expected to double by the end of the year. Up to 63 percent of people in the south of the country are subsistence farmers who have seen their livelihoods collapse, and their only source of food dry up, due to drought.

The climate crisis: a threat multiplier

When coupled with conflict, the climate crisis exacerbates existing vulnerabilities, magnifying the damage, destruction and despair. Extreme climate events in conflict-affected areas destroy the already meagre resources at the disposal of families and even hamper humanitarian efforts reaching communities.

In Afghanistan, severe drought tied to conflict and economic hard-

ship has left a third of the population reeling with hunger.

"If this is the new normal, we can't keep lurching from disaster to disaster. We need to go beyond just picking up the pieces after the crisis hits, and instead manage climate risks so they no longer have the power to destroy the food security of vulnerable communities. This is where WFP's unique expertise comes in," added Beasley.

Manage risks rather than disasters

WFP is helping communities adapt to the changing climate that threatens their ability to grow food, secure incomes and withstand shocks. It has supported 39 governments, helping them realize their national climate ambitions.

In 2020, WFP implemented climate risk management solutions in 28 countries, benefiting more than six million people so that they are better prepared for climate shocks and stresses and can recover faster. WFP has mobilized nearly US\$300 million for climate action in the past decade.

In Bangladesh, WFP supports communities affected by heavy monsoons and flooding with cash assistance ahead of disasters so that they are able to buy food and medicine, protect critical assets, and transport livestock and families to safe places. By using early warning data to trigger action, WFP empowered households to prepare for flood impacts and prevent losses and damages. This reduced the cost of the emergency response by over half.

WFP, working with partners, has protected 1.5 million people in Mali, Mauritania, Burkina Faso, Zimbabwe, and the Gambia from catastrophic drought events with climate risk insurance, through the African Risk Capacity Replica Initiative.

"Conflict is plunging millions into hunger today, but the climate crisis has the potential to dwarf conflict as the main cause of hunger tomorrow. We urgently need to invest in early warning systems and climate adaptation and resilience programmes to avert this looming humanitarian disaster," said Beasley.

Sweden and UNDP seal pact to promote socio-economic development and peacebuilding in Africa's borderlands

By Special Correspondent, Addis Ababa

THE government of Sweden, and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) have signed a SEK 5,000,000 agreement to promote socio-economic development and peacebuilding in Africa's borderland regions in the Liptako-Gourma in West Africa, and the Karamoja Cluster in East Africa. The programme will be implemented in collaboration with the African Union Commission (AUC) and the Life and Peace Institute (LPI). Sweden was represented by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA).

The signing ceremony was held at the Embassy of Sweden in Addis Ababa with representation by Ulla Andrén, Head of Regional Development Cooperation for Sweden and Stan Nkwain, Director a.i. of the UNDP Regional Service Centre for Africa.

With an estimated 270 million inhabitants, borderlands in Africa are a unique source of ingenuity, untapped opportunity and great resilience. In many of these communities however, insecurity and poverty, made worse by climate change emergencies, conflict and, more recently, the COVID-19 pandemic, remain a critical impediment to socio-economic progress.

This agreement confirms the firm conviction of Sweden, UNDP and their implementing partners that improved circumstances could help unlock the development potential and local innovation capabilities of Africa's borderland communities and strengthen their progress towards achieving the SDGs and Africa's Agenda 2063.

Ulla Andrén, Head of Regional Development Cooperation at the Embassy of Sweden in Addis Ababa signed the agreement on behalf of Sweden and stated, "We are glad to be able to support in-

novative projects like this. Many borderland regions experience challenging security issues, and we need to support initiatives that promote all the positive aspects of the dynamic borderland areas in the joint strive for a peaceful and secure Africa. We are particularly looking forward to following how this partnership will enhance the involvement of women and youth."

Stan Nkwain, Director a.i. of the UNDP Regional Service Centre for Africa, signed the agreement on behalf of UNDP and stated, "I would like to thank the Government and the people of Sweden for their partnership and commitment in supporting historically marginalized communities in Africa's borderlands, through UNDP's Africa Borderlands Centre. I hope that this initiative can be a catalyst to bring more attention and resources to Africa's borderlands."

The one-year partnership, which will be implemented by UNDP's Regional Programme for Africa, will embrace the opportunities in Africa's borderlands with a particular focus on engaging and empowering women and youth.

There are three areas of focus for the partnership—improving livelihoods for borderland communities in the Liptako-Gourma region through promoting innovation on informal cross-border trade and access to markets in Niger, Mali and Burkina Faso; strengthening the engagement and capacity of borderland civil society organizations in East Africa and the Horn of Africa; and promoting sustainable peace and development in the Karamoja region of Uganda and Kenya, while supporting the Governments of Kenya and Uganda in the development a cross-border programme.

This is why Pakistani women feel unsafe in public spaces

By Zofeen Ebrahim

THE mauling, groping and tossing of a young woman by a crowd of between 300 and 400 men in a park in the eastern city of Lahore, in the Punjab province, may have caused a wave of country-wide disgust, but speaks volumes of how unsafe public spaces are for Pakistani women.

"If I'm not safe in my own city, I can never be safe in any corner of the world," said the woman survivor, also a TikTokker, in an interview narrating the incident that occurred on Pakistan's 74th day of independence and was captured on videos that went viral soon after.

Actor Ushna Shah echoed the same sentiment on Twitter: "What else has to happen for every single person to accept the fact that women are not safe in Pakistan. Women are not safe."

"Over the years, public spaces for women in Pakistan have been decreasing," lamented Sheema Kermani, a renowned classical dancer, and founder of Karachi-based Tehrik-e-Niswan, a women's rights group. She and her group have had their share of unwarranted episodes, performing in public spaces, even doing street theatre. They have had stones hurled at them or have been asked to stop their performance, in which case they pack up immediately and leave to "avoid confrontation".

Despite more women joining the workforce and the emergence of young feminist groups that have "actually pushed for making public spaces safe for women," Kermani observed, "the last couple of years has

taken Pakistani society back many hundreds of years" where women are "hated, demeaned, exploited, abused, even raped". She added: "It is as if their lives are of little consequence."

And that is what the TikTokker felt when she said: "They [men] were playing with me," as they ripped off her clothes.

This incident comes just weeks after the beheading of a former diplomat's daughter in the capital. Another undated video that went viral, following the TikTokker's assault, showed a man lunging towards two women riding on the back of a rickshaw and is heard kissing one of them. Police are investigating yet another video of a woman being stripped by a group of men in a park.

Prime Minister Imran Khan does not make it easier either when he blames women for these crimes that he says are "spreading like cancer". "Wearing very few clothes," he said, will have an "impact on the men unless they are robots". In 2019, the information minister quoted the Prime Minister for blaming TikTok, a social media platform, for the "growing obscenity and vulgarity in society".

"But I was not even vulgarly dressed," the TikTok survivor had said in her interview.

"I can well imagine this woman's trauma," said TV anchorperson Maria Memon.

She had faced an unruly mob while covering an anti-government protest sit-in by the now ruling Pakistan Tehrik-e-Insaf (PTI), in Faisalabad, also in Punjab, in 2014, that had left her "shaken to the core" after being attacked by a volley of ver-



Women's Day (Auret March) in 2018. Despite the growth of feminism and activism against gender-based violence, women still fear attacks in public places in Pakistan.

bal abuse.

"They wanted to see me break down," she said. When that did not happen, they started "throwing empty plastic water bottles and sticks at me," she told IPS over the phone from Islamabad, the country's capital.

Seven years later, said Memon, Pakistani women journalists remain "untrained", "unprepared", and "vulnerable" to a crowd that can quickly turn violent. While media outlets want to send women to these events, they seldom have a contingency escape plan to quickly evacuate them when things get rough.

In 2018, the London-based Thomson Reuters Foundation ranked Pakistan the sixth most dangerous country and fifth on non-sexual violence, including domestic abuse in the world for women.

"Unless these men are not punished, there

will be no stopping them," said Sana Mirza, Memon's colleague, who faced a similar situation in another PTI rally in Lahore, just a few weeks after Memon, in 2014.

Unlike Memon, she broke down in front of the camera, "feeling humiliated," she said, and the episode continued haunting her, and she refused to go out in the field for a good eight months. "I even removed myself from social media as these platforms had become too toxic, and I was unable to sleep," she told IPS over the phone from Islamabad.

While many women, had they experienced what the TikTokker went through, would have kept silent, Mirza said, she saluted this woman "for her courage to lodge a complaint to the police".

So far, over 60 men have been arrested after they were identified through the video using the national database. The police have

geo-fenced 28,000 people and shortlisted 350 suspects, and the arrests continue.

But Mirza remains unconvinced the arrested men arrested will be punished. "They never are. Just look at the statistics!" she said.

According to Karachi-based War Against Rape, while sexual assault and rape cases have increased, the conviction rate is less than 3%. And this figure is about the crimes that are reported.

While the "system may not be perfect", Amna Baig, an Islamabad-based police-woman, defending the police system by not reporting such incidents was "emboldening" perpetrators. She termed the complaint filing by the TikTok user, albeit three days late, a very "courageous" step.

In her five years of being in the force at various cities in Punjab, she said, she had come across several murders of women by their spouses. Still, neither the deceased nor any family member ever filed a complaint of domestic violence (DV) before the murder.

"You can save so many lives if you report," she said, adding, "Just lodging a complaint can act as a deterrent because the person knows he will be held accountable". Interestingly, Baig feels "safer" and "empowered" in a

police uniform than in plain clothes. "I think the uniform exudes both the fear factor as well as respect," and has never been harassed while on duty.

Still, it is not too late to ensure "women's choices, voices, and lives count" if you ask Senator Sherry Rehman.

It was time to bring to life the domestic violence bill that she had first introduced back in 2004, as a member of the national assembly, but which she continues to stumble "on the barriers of misogyny and anti-women lobbies".

The Council of Islamic Ideology (CII) is vetting it to ensure it is in tandem with the Shariah [Islamic law].

"Why are only legislations related to women sent to the CII?" asked Rehman. "Like the rest, these too, can be discussed in the parliament, and their fate decided through voting just the way other bills are discussed and passed," she added.

While she admitted no one law or series of laws would change the game, moving the law is the starting point, not the endpoint for change.

"Without baseline laws against domestic violence, for instance, such as the one in Sindh, the courts won't have the legal scaffolding to provide the relief even if they are so inclined," she pointed out. **IPS**

China uses digital technologies to cut carbon emissions in transportation

GUIYANG

THE rapid development of digital technologies is prompting a shift in China's traditional transportation industry.

Achieving a fuel consumption of 27.75 liters per 100 km, Jiang Zhili, a 39-year-old truck driver from central China's Henan Province, was the runner-up in an online fuel-saving contest involving truck drivers.

In addition to excellent driving skills and experience, Jiang attributed his success to a mobile app that can monitor diesel consumption of vehicles in real time, evaluate drivers' operation and give reasonable suggestions after analysis.

Developed by Jiefang, a truck subsidiary of China's leading automaker FAW Group, the app was launched in 2019, which has made truck driving easier and more fuel-efficient.

Transport is responsible for around a quarter of direct CO2 emissions from fossil fuel combustion, according to statistics from a United Nations report on sustainable transport. Carbon emissions by the transport sector in China account for about 10 percent of the coun-

try's total carbon emissions, with over 80 percent from the road freight transport, data showed.

As China strives to meet its commitment to peak carbon emissions before 2030 and achieve carbon neutrality before 2060, it has encouraged deep integration of new technologies like big data, internet, artificial intelligence and blockchain with the transport sector, as well as more efforts to foster a green and low-carbon way of transport.

The total size of China's intelligent transportation market increased from 42 billion yuan (about 6.53 billion U.S. dollars) in 2011 to 165.8 billion yuan in 2020, with an annual growth rate of about 20 percent, according to statistics released by China Intelligent Transportation Systems Association. Manbang Group, China's leading domestic freight service platform, has used digitization to help reduce carbon emissions in transportation. Headquartered in Guiyang, capital of southwest China's Guizhou Province, the company serves around one-fifth of the country's truck drivers, with businesses covering more than 300

cities nationwide.

With smart recommendations through the use of big data, Manbang Group helps truck drivers find goods quickly and reduces empty-load rates and fuel consumption, cutting carbon emissions by an estimated 330,000 tonnes in 2020, the company said.

"We actively fulfill our social responsibilities and obligations by promoting cost reduction, efficiency, energy conservation and emission reduction in the logistics industry," said Xu Qiang, vice president of Manbang Group. In the future, the company will establish a carbon emission management platform, optimize the transportation organization mode and promote the use of new energy vehicles, Xu added. Besides highway freight service, other sectors in the transportation field have also been adopting new technologies to tackle carbon emissions.

When an aircraft descends, putting the landing gear down too early will consume more fuel, while putting it too late will affect safety.

Based on big data analysis, China Southern Airlines deduced the best height to drop



A truck driver checks consignment information via a smartphone app of logistics information service provider Manbang Group in Guiyang, capital of southwest China's Guizhou Province, on May 27, 2019. File photo

the gear. The company has also figured out other methods covering takeoff, flight and landing to save more fuel.

Data showed that from 2018

to 2020, China Southern Airlines aircraft had saved 127,000 tonnes of fuel and reduced carbon emissions by 401,000 tonnes.

"The full application of internet and digital technology in the transportation sector plays an active role in improving the industry efficiency and

reducing energy consumption and carbon emissions," said Tan Xiaoyu, a senior engineer at the Transport Planning and Research Institute of the Minis-

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EXPOSURE

Minister commends bank for sponsoring delegation to Turkey

By Guardian Reporter

THE business community needs to attend international trade and investment meetings such as the Turkey-Africa Summit that is due to start in Istanbul this week, Industry and Trade minister Professor Kitila Mkumbo has said.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam last week after handing over tickets to business people who have been sponsored by CRDB Bank Plc to attend the summit, Prof Mkumbo said the move help give the private sector exposure which is needed to engage in global trade.

"I salute CRDB Bank and Go Extra Miles Safaris for sponsoring the business delegations which will learn a lot and gain experience from their hosts," he said while adding urging the sponsored delegates to utilise the visit and

attendance at the summit well.

He said the Turkey-Africa Summit is a big meeting that gathers the best business people and government officials dealing in trade and investment between the Asian/European nation and the continent.

"It's my hope that you use this opportunity well by forging links with your peers from Turkey and other parts of the world for the purpose of business interactions," Prof Mkumbo noted saying global trade and investment needs competent business people.

In remarks at the ceremony, CRDB's Head of Retail Banking, Boma Raballa said the bank is committed to working with customers including business people to foster growth of industries and commerce in the country.

"In addition to strengthening trade



Industry and Trade minister Professor Kitila Mkumbo (in glasses) presents an air ticket to one of the businesspeople who have been sponsored by CRDB Bank Plc to attend the Turkey-Africa Summit due to start in Istanbul this week. Left is CRDB's director of retail banking, Boma Raballa. Photo courtesy of CRDB

and investment ties through this summit, the trip is will allow the business people collaborate with their peers on matters of Turkey-Africa trade and investment," Raballa said.

He emphasised that CRDB Bank the trip is also aimed at

exposing the business community to opportunities available in Turkey with the possibility of utilising the bank's products and services to foster trade and investment.

Seconding Raballa's observation, Go Extra Mile Safaris' Man-

aging Director, Diana Gasper commended the bank for collaborating with her company to send the delegation to Turkey to attend the important summit.

"These types of summit are very important to business

people to get not only exposure but also learn about the many opportunities available in Turkey," Gasper said adding that the 100 business people should exploit the visit well. The Turkey-Africa Summit takes place between October 19 to 27 this year.

RELIEF

Halotel deploys 800 4G communication towers countrywide

By Beatrice Philemon

IN a bid to spread digital communication countrywide, Halotel Tanzania Limited has deployed 800 fourth generation communication towers in the past six years of its existence.

Halotel Business Director, Abdallah Salum said in Dar es Salaam last week that the 4G towers have also been deployed in all regions of Zanzibar with the bulk of them stationed in remote areas. "We believe that when modern telecommunication services are accessible to everyone as part of everyday life, then contribution to socio-economic development is enormous," Salum said.

He pointed out that the telco which was contracted by the government to extend communication services to marginalized rural areas of the country in 2015, target to increase its subscribers from the current seven million to 10 million by 2023.

Salum said his company is continuing to roll out 4G towers to different areas across the country where such services have never existed before saying the target is have more customers upgrading their 3G number to 4G. "With

4G services, Halotel's subscribers who are still using 3G sim-cards can swap them and get 4G for free and get bonus internet data for use in three days," he added.

According to date from Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority, Halotel remains the fastest growing mobile phone services company in the country with seven million registered users in September 2021 with almost a million new subscribers in a year.

Salum noted that the telco's mobile money platform, Halopesa is also doing well in the market with a target to reach five million from the current over 2.4 million subscribers. "We thank our customers for choosing Halotel as their preferred network for the past six years that we have been in operations," the Business Director noted. Halotel Tanzania which is a subsidiary of Vietnam's Viettel Group, has the widest mobile communication coverage in the country with network of up to 95 percent of country.

Seconding his peer, Halotel's Director of Technical Operations, Justus Kashashari said so far, the company has connected 5,100 villages across the country. The telco

which collaborates with Universal Communication Service Access Fund has since 2018, managed to connect 220 villages to mobile communications with 44 of them connected last year.

"With support from UCSAF, we will continue to increase service coverage to more villages where there is poor or no mobile communications services," Kashashari said adding that in some of the villages where 2G network is deployed, they will upgrade to 3G and where possible 4G.



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Halotel Tanzania's business director, Abdallah Salum, briefs the media in Dar es Salaam last week as part of activities to mark the telco's 6th anniversary. Left is the company's director of technical operations, Justus Kashashari. Photo: Beatrice Philemon

FINANCING

Nigeria home services app to get makeover after securing US\$1.4m

LAGOS

LAGOS-BASED home services app Eden Life has secured a US\$1.4-million in investment which it says it will use to "build out" its in-house technology, develop its own kitchens and operations hubs as part of the construction of new tech-based platform in a fresh effort to bolster Africa's service industry.

The funding round was led by UK-based LocalGlobe, along with participation from Samuray Incu-

bate, Future Africa, Village Global, Rising Tide Africa and Enza Capital. The platform is used to schedule food, laundry and cleaning services and according to Eden Life, the latest funding brings total investment to date to US\$2-m following pre-seed backing from all of Andela's original co-founders, and additional accelerator support over the last 18 months.

Launched in 2019 by three former Andelans, and dubbed "the concierge of comfort", Eden Life was developed for busy Lagos pro-

fessionals who are often time-poor due to long working hours and struggle to source and coordinate dependable, efficient and trustworthy home services providers.

The app, available on Google Play and the App Store, offers users a subscription service that delivers high quality chef-cooked meals, laundry service and home cleaning as well as tracking progress on all their services. Users can subscribe to one or more of the services and set the frequency they want the services delivered.

INVESTMENT

French government to support African tech startups with additional \$150m funding

PARIS

FRENCH President Emmanuel Macron has made a new US\$150 million commitment to support 500 African startups for the next three years as part of redefining the Digital Africa Initiative. This new funding was announced at the New Africa-France Summit.

He further affirmed that Digital Africa is now part of Proparco, the private sector subsidiary of the Agence Française de Développement (AFD). Launched in 2018 with the mission to equip African tech entrepreneurs with capabilities to design and scale up ground-breaking innovations for the real economy, Digital Africa brings together startups, academia, incubators, institutional financiers, venture capitalists and technology clusters to help develop the African startup

space.

At the event, Digital Africa also unveiled a host of new programmes. In terms of financing, it announced the Fuzé project, which focuses on Francophone Africa and aims to support at least 200 tech startups by early 2022 via a new small ticket fund. This will provide, in stages, funds of between EUR10,000 (US\$12,000) to EUR200,000 (US\$230,000) in the form of repayable loans.

In terms of skills, Digital Africa has joined forces with Make IT and the German government to set up Talent4StartUps, a fellowship programme designed to meet the needs of talents that have been trained in tech and digital, and put them in touch with startups actively recruiting.

More broadly, Digital Africa will continue to develop non-financial



Digital Africa's CEO, Stéphan-Eloise Gras.

activities such as knowledge production, training, networking, research, and support for the evolution of regulatory frameworks, while having the opportunity to raise funds from other public or private donors. This will be enabled by its new status as a subsidiary of Proparco.

"Digital Africa's new organisation, redefined with our partners, allows us to reinforce our commitment to "made in Africa" tech innovations and become a factory for future African unicorns. Startups need a one-stop-shop combining training, research, project-structuring, support to pro-tech and pro-innovation reforms, and financing," said Digital Africa's chief executive officer (CEO) Stéphan-Eloise Gras.

"From now on, thanks to the merger with Proparco, they will

find in Digital Africa a partner capable of offering them support from ideation and seed to growth and hypergrowth. By putting tech at the service of transparency and efficiency in development aid, and by getting closer to the private sector, Digital Africa wants to make a long-lasting difference."

The Digital Africa team is now preparing a roadshow that will take place at the end of this quarter and will stop in several African regions to strengthen connections with key partners and players, promote the programmes, and invite African startups to apply. These field trips will also be an opportunity to finalise new projects, including the "product-market fit academy" designed to improve the suitability of tech solutions for local markets, to be launched in 2022.

INVESTMENT

Treasury hands over 5.8-ha Mngeta farm to National Service

By Guardian Reporter

THE Treasury has handed over the 5.818 hectare Mngeta farm it bought from an NMB Bank Plc's liquidator recently to Suma JKT for development, including rice cultivation.

The farm which belonged to the defunct, Kilombero Plantation Limited, was reposed by Treasury after paying NMB's loan which the company had failed. Speaking during the handing over ceremony last week, Treasury Registrar, Mgoya Benedicto said the farm which incorporates rice mills, has property valued at over 152bn/-.

"This massive investment by the government means that Treasury expects to make sustainable profit. It is a fact that communities surrounding the farm should be first beneficiaries of the goods and services generated here," Benedicto said.

He urged Suma JKT to ensure that the state facility perform to the

satisfaction of the public by meeting all Treasury targets. "We don't expect to see the farm run poorly and reach levels of collapsed as witnessed under the private investor," he warned.

The Treasury Registrar urged Suma JKT to come up with a competent business proposal that will be approved by his office and should make sure that the farm and its processing facilities are sustainable. "The objective is to make sure that this project delivers as per the government's expectations when investing in it," he added.

In a vote of thanks, Suma JKT's Managing Director, Brigadier General, Absolomon Shausi promised Treasury that the commercial wing Tanzania People's Defence Forces will deliver on state expectations. "We thank the government for having confidence in us and promise to deliver," Brig General Shausi said adding that Suma JKT has the expertise and manpower to manage the farm profitably.



Treasury registrar Mgoya Benedict (R) exchanging contract documents with SUMA-JKT's managing director Brig Gen Absolomon Shausi at the handing-over ceremony of Mngeta farm in Kilombero District last week.



Nmb bank headquarters in Dar es Salaam

CHARITY

NMB Bank makes record 180 million/- material donation to mark end of customer service week

By Guardian Reporter

IN a rare feat, NMB Bank Plc made a record 180.25m/- construction, medical and educational materials to public facilities in seven regions of the country last week to mark the end of this year's customer service week.

The bank's CEO, Ruth Zaipuna who handed over the materials to Dodoma Regional Commissioner Anthony Mtaka, said other beneficiary regions include Arusha, Iringa, Mara, Kilimanjaro, Rukwa and Simiyu regions.

Zaipuna said the donated materials which included tables, chairs, desks, beds and sheets, among others were meant to ease shortages in public schools and health centres.

As a good corporate citizen, the bank shall continue supporting state efforts to improve education and health services in the country," she said.

Speaking after receiving the donations, Mtaka commended NMB management for continuing to support the government through the donations which target critical areas of social services. "Because of its size and competence, NMB shall continue being regarded by Tanzanians as a last resort

when in need, please keep on supporting the community," he said.

Meanwhile the bank also made similar donations Arusha, Iringa, Mara, Kilimanjaro, Rukwa and Simiyu. Moshi District Commissioner, Said Mtanda and also paid tribute to the bank for the donations saying health and education sectors face many challenges which the state alone cannot solve.

"The bank's donations will always ease shortages facing public facilities in the country," Mtanda said while stressing that the public should make better use of the donated materials to last longer.

In Arusha, NMB's Northern Zone Manager, Sospeter Magesse said the donations are also aimed at improving the performance of students and pupils attending public schools. "As a bank we want to see children learn in better environments to excel in exams while mothers and kids get better health services," Magesse said.

Arusha DC, Aswege Kaminyo showered praises on the country's largest bank saying its assistance will go down in history as having changed people's lives for the better. "We promise to make better use of the donated material so that they last longer and serve more people," Kaminyo said.

MILESTONE

State Aviation a granted permit to offer chopper services to Zanzibar

By Correspondent Geoffrey Nangai

NON-scheduled charter services provider, State Aviation Limited has been granted permission by Zanzibar to offer helicopter services to passengers travelling to Dar es Salaam's Julius Nyerere International Airport, Unguja's Abeid Amani Karume International Airport and Pemba Airport.

Speaking to The Guardian last week, State Aviation's Chief Operating Officer, Amour Abdallah said the helicopter services will act as a catalyst in boosting Zanzibar's tourism potential. "We have commenced offering helicopter services in Zanzibar this month to high-end tourists who prefer to use charter services from the airport to their hotels. This does not only save their time but also gives them a unique aerial viewing experience," Abdallah said.

He explained that the helicopter services will also help in complementing the Isles government's blue economy initiative. "We have started operations with a single engine helicopter but we will be adding another twin engine helicopter to cater for high-end passengers especially tourists," he added.

The State Aviation's COO, hinted that the company will introduce a seven days unique insurance emergency and evacuation scheme dubbed 'Medevac' geared towards ensuring tourists' safety while in Zanzibar. Abdallah said the scheme that will only cost US\$15 (approximately 35,000/-) will cater for evacuations in case of emergency.

"We will be launching this scheme in



State Aviation Limited's COO, Amour Abdallah.

Zanzibar as a pilot but we expect to roll it out to Tanzania Mainland in the near future. This will ensure that tourists enjoy stress free travel," he stated while noting that in case of emergency, tourists with valid Medevac Schemes will be airlifted by the company's helicopters to hospitals.

State Aviation started operations in the country two years ago and has since been offering a wide range of chopper services mainly targeting the tourism, mining, oil and gas industries. The company has also been serving as an infrastructure operational support for emergency response, search and rescue missions. The company was established with an objective to serve high-impact designated industries in the country which are dependent on reliable, safe and cost-effective helicopter, based support.

CENSURE

Kisutu court orders ex-NICOL chair to pay 50 million/- in compensation

By Guardian Reporter

A former NICOL chairman, Felix Moshia has, been ordered by Kisutu Resident Magistrate Court to pay the company 50m/- and return Toyota Land Cruiser with registration number T 133 AVG which he currently owns.

In a ruling given last week by Kisutu Resident Magistrate, Yusto Rubonga regarding civil case number 282 of 2017 filed by NICOL against Moshia and ousted CEO, Kathleen Armstrong, the court confirmed that the two defendants, were lawfully removed by shareholders from their respective positions during an extra ordinary meeting held in April 2012 due to poor performance.

Magistrate Rubonga further stated that the arguments by the defendants that they were restored by Justice Faudhi Twaibu in a ruling to civil case No 16 of 2011 was incorrect and misleading as the order clearly stated that the trial judge order could not have permanent effect.

The ruling further stated that the shareholders decision to appoint a new management was lawful as it was upheld by several decisions of the High Court and that the shareholders resolution dated 14th April 2012 has never been overturned by any court of

law to date.

"The court is therefore, ordering Moshia and Armstrong to immediately return the motor vehicle No. T 133 AVG to the NICOL, pay 14.4m/- in compensation for financial losses suffered by NICOL for hiring an alternative vehicle, pay 22m/- for financial losses suffered by NICOL for an authorized sale of its property namely, Mitsubishi Fuso, with registration No. T227 AXA and also pay 10m/- to NICOL in general damages and cost of the suit," the ruling said. In this case NICOL was represented by Advocate Benjamin Mwakagamba of BM Attorneys, while Moshia and Armstrong were represented by Advocate Dominic Daniel.

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CONCERN

IEA warns world isn't investing enough for future energy needs

PARIS

THE world is failing to invest in energy on the scale needed to escape catastrophic climate change and avoid sharp increases in fossil fuel prices, the International Energy Agency warned.

In a report just weeks before a key climate change summit known as COP26, the agency said that investment in green energy like solar and wind is falling short of what's needed to keep the planet from warming up significantly. At the same time, spending on fossil fuels is lower than needed if current demand growth for oil, natural gas and coal continues. "There is a looming risk of more turbulence for global energy markets," Fatih Birol, the head of the agency, said in a statement Wednesday. "We are not investing enough to meet for future energy needs."

The stark warning comes as the global economy weathers the most crippling energy crunch in at least a decade, with rolling power blackouts hitting China and India. Even in Europe fertilizer producers and steel-makers have been forced to shut down due to record electricity and gas prices. And yet, global emissions are on track to post their second-largest annual increase in 2021, nearing an all-time high.

In the past, the agency – which advises some of the most industrialized countries including the U.S., Germany and Japan – has focused its warnings on the lack of spending in green energy. But in its flagship World Energy Outlook report it also underlined that current investment isn't enough if the planet continues to rely as heavily on fossil fuels as it does now.

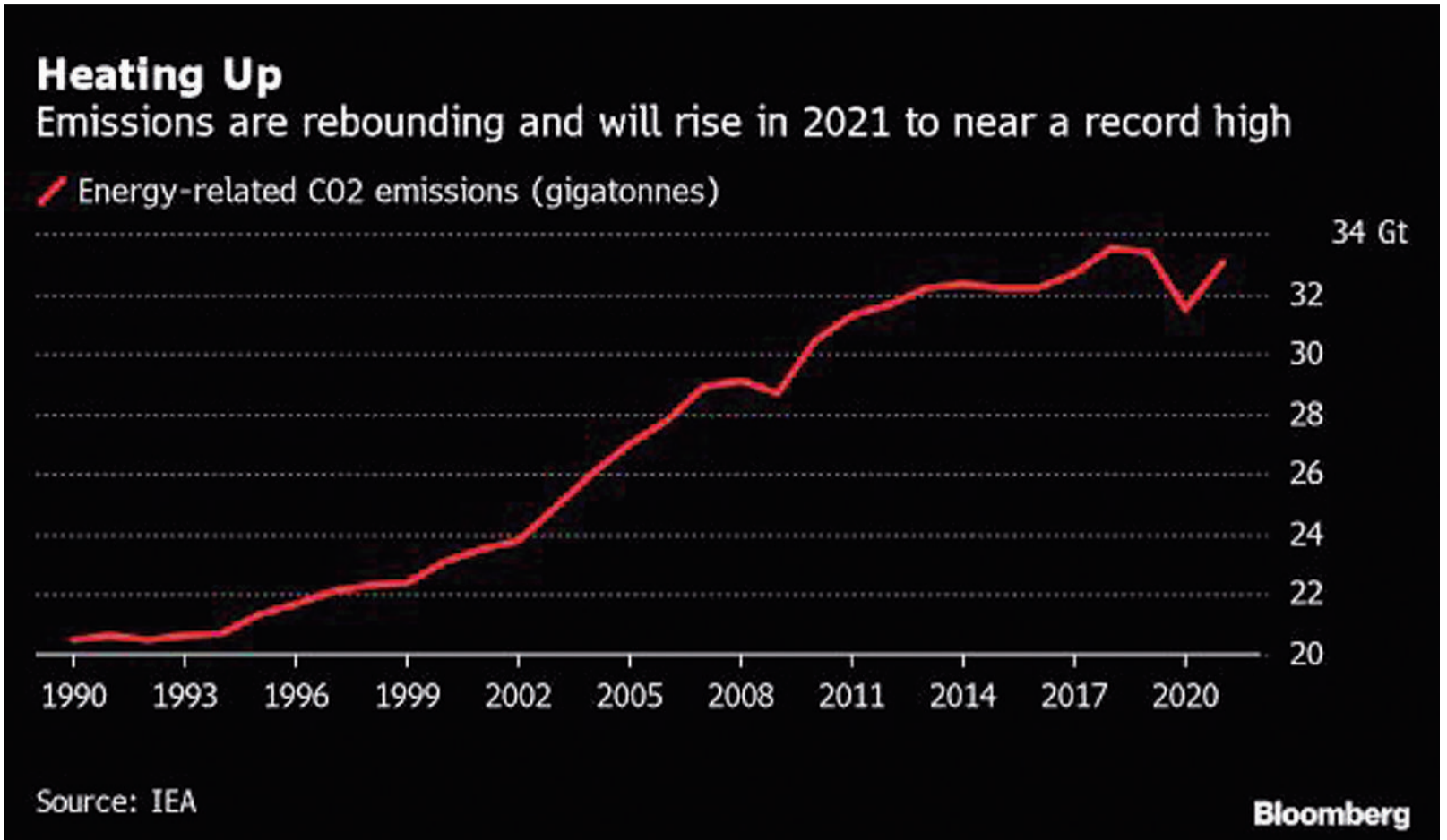
"In recent years, investment in oil and gas supply has often appeared to be geared toward a world of stagnant or even falling demand, while purchases of internal combustion engine vehicles and expansion of natural gas infrastructure point the other way: toward ever-increasing oil and gas consumption."

The pandemic, which led to a near-record low in new oil and gas investment in 2020, has intensified the trend, the IEA said. "If demand remains at higher levels, this would result in tight supply in the years ahead, raising the risks of higher and more volatile prices."

Over the last month, the cost of coal has surged to a record well above \$200 a ton, surpassing the 2008 peak during the last commodity boom, and natural gas has hit all-time highs in Europe and Asia. U.K. short-term electricity prices surged at one point to more than 400 pounds (\$544) per megawatt hour, about 10 times normal levels. And crude has surged to a seven-year high above \$80 a barrel as demand for gasoline, diesel and other refined petroleum products surges.

Clean energy

The IEA appears to be trying to walk a fine line. In the past, it has



An emissions graph.

been criticised by green campaigners for missing the explosive growth in solar and wind power and the huge drop in green energy costs. Since then, the Paris-based body changed tack, focusing more on clean energy, and at times advocating for lower spending on fossil fuels.

That has worried some of the IEA's member countries, which fear fossil fuel supply may fall faster than demand, triggering price spikes

that could undermine political support for climate policies.

Birol said that encouraging signs in clean energy were running up "against the stubborn incumbency of fossil fuels," adding: "Governments need to resolve this at COP26 by giving a clear and unmistakable signal that they are committed to rapidly scaling up the clean and resilient technologies of the future."

Three scenarios

The COP26 meeting in Glasgow, Scotland, that starts at the end of October, has been called the last opportunity the world has to avert catastrophic climate change.

The IEA presented policy makers with three scenarios – rather than forecasts – of how the world's energy map may evolve over the next 30 years.

RELIEF

China breaks silence on Evergrande, saying risks are 'controllable'

BEIJING

CHINA'S central bank broke its silence on the crisis at China Evergrande Group, saying risks to the financial system stemming from the developer's struggles are "controllable" and unlikely to spread.

Authorities and local governments are resolving the situation based on "market-oriented and rule-of-law principles," People's Bank of China official Zou Lan said at a news briefing on Friday. The central bank has asked lenders to keep credit to the real estate sector "stable and orderly," said Zou, who is head of the financial market department.

Concerns are growing that the cash crunch at Evergrande is spilling over to other developers as President Xi Jinping maintains strict measures to cool the property market. Contagion fears intensified over the past two weeks after a surprise default by Fantasia Holdings Group Co. and a warning from Sinic Holdings Group Co. that its default was imminent.

"In recent years, the company failed to manage its business well and to operate prudently amid changing market conditions," Zou said of Evergrande, which has more than \$300 billion of liabilities. "Instead it blindly expanded and diversified."

The central bank is urging property firms and their shareholders to fulfill their debt obligations, Zou said. A slump in developers' offshore dollar bonds is a natural market response to defaults, he added.

Zou also said: China's government has insisted that property net be used as a short-term stimulus for the economy; Cities have seen an excessive surge in property prices, which mortgage restrictions helped to curtail; Property investment has slumped recently after some developers faced credit problems, but this is a normal market phenomenon; and Some banks have misunderstood macroprudential policies regarding the property sector.

Financial regulators have told some major banks to accelerate approval of mortgages in the last quarter, Bloomberg reported earlier Friday. Lenders were also permitted to apply to sell securities backed by residential mortgages to free up loan quotas, easing a ban imposed early this year, according to people familiar with the matter.

Regulators will ensure financial support is provided so that Evergrande's property projects may resume, Zou said. The developer's rapid expansion "led to severe worsening of its financial metrics, and risks blew up in the end," he said. In a rare public rebuke in August, the central bank told Evergrande to resolve its debt problems and refrain from spreading "untrue" information, after a meeting with the developer's executives.



Bank of China official Zou Lan

UZALO

MONDAY - FRIDAY STARTING 7:30 PM

ITV PGM SCHEDULE			
SATURDAY 16 Oct			
5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi	14:00	Art and Lifestyle rpt
6:00	HABARI	14:10	Soap: Love to Death
6:40	Kumekucha	14:55	Habari za saa
7:00	Habari	15:00	Meza Huru
8:00	AI Jazeera	16:30	Watoto Wetu
9:00	Watoto wetu	17:00	The Base
10:00	Shika Bamba 5	17:30	The Base
10:30	Mjuzi Zaidi rpt	18:00	Jiji Letu
11:10	Chetu ni chetu rpt	18:15	Chetu ni Chetu
11:50	Hawavumi lakini wamo	19:00	Ijue Sheria
12:50	Korean: Jumong	19:30	Soap: Uzalo
13:30	Soap: Love to Death rpt	20:00	Habari
15:45	Igzo: Mizengwe	21:00	Albu Yako
16:15	Igzo: Rebecca	21:05	Kipindi Maalum: Tanesco
17:00	Shamsham za Pwani	21:35	Ripoti Maalum
18:00	Jiji Letu	22:10	Soap: Love to Death
18:30	Kipindi Maalum: Huru Talk Show	23:00	Habari
19:00	Jungu Kuu	23:30	The Base
19:30	Shika Bamba	00:30	AI Jazeera
20:00	Habari	02:00	DWTV
21:00	Igzo: Rebecca	THURSDAY 21 Oct	
21:30	Art and Lifestyle	5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi
22:00	ITV TOP 10	6:00	HABARI
22:45	Hawavumi lakini wamo	6:40	Kumekucha
23:45	Soap: Uzalo rpt	7:30	HABARI
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TUESDAY 19 Oct			
5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi	8:55	Habari za saa
6:00	HABARI	9:00	Kumekucha Kishindo
6:40	Kumekucha	9:30	Soap: Uzalo
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9:00	DWTV Journal	10:30	Shamba lulu rpt
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10:00	Watoto wetu rpt	11:00	The Base rpt
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WORLD

US to lift curbs from Nov 8 for vaccinated foreign travelers

WASHINGTON

FULLY vaccinated foreign visitors will be allowed to enter the United States starting on Nov 8, the White House said on Friday.

"The US' new travel policy that requires vaccination for foreign national travelers to the United States will begin on Nov 8," Kevin Munoz, White House assistant press secretary, tweeted.

"This announcement and date applies to both international air travel and land travel. This policy is guided by public health, stringent, and consistent," said Munoz.

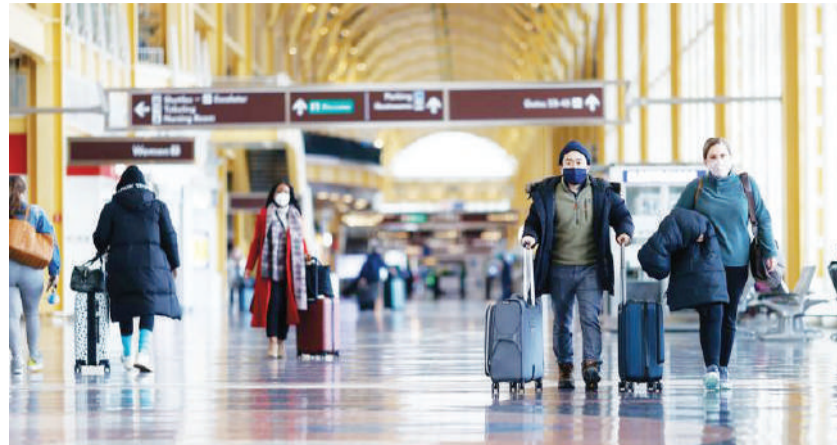
A panel of expert advisers to the US Food and Drug Administration unanimously voted on Thursday to recommend booster shots of Moderna Inc's COVID-19 vaccine for Americans aged 65 and older and those at high risk of

severe illness or occupational exposure to the virus.

If the FDA signs off on Moderna's booster, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will make specific recommendations on who should get the shots. CDC advisers are scheduled to meet next week.

The FDA's Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee met on Thursday to consider the additional dose of the Moderna vaccine and will weigh whether to make a similar recommendation for Johnson & Johnson's vaccine on Friday. The vote to back Moderna's booster was 19-0.

"The data itself is not strong, but it is certainly going in the direction that is supportable of this vote," said Dr. Patrick Moore of the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. Moore said he voted in favor of Moderna boosters based largely on a "gut



Passengers wear masks at an airport in Arlington, Virginia of the United States on Feb 2, 2021 following recent US executive orders on wearing masks in public transport vehicles and grounds. File photo

feeling rather than truly serious data."

FDA staff in documents posted on Tuesday said data for Moderna's vaccine showed that the booster does increase protective antibodies.

But they also said the difference in antibody levels before and after the shot was not wide enough by one measure of success specified by the FDA, particularly in those whose antibody levels had remained high.

Moderna is seeking authorization of a booster that contains 50 micrograms of vaccine, half of strength of its regular dose but still higher than the Pfizer/BioNTech shot using similar technology at 30 micrograms.

The booster would be administered to people at least six months after the initial two-shot inoculation.

In another development, President Joe Biden touted the success of mandates in spurring vaccination against COVID-19 in the United States on Thursday but said more needed to be done to

get the 66 million people who are eligible but still unvaccinated to get the shot.

Vaccination rates against COVID-19 in the United States have risen by more than 20 percentage points after multiple institutions adopted vaccine requirements in recent months, while case numbers and deaths from the virus are down, Biden administration officials said on Wednesday.

Biden said in July federal workers needed to be vaccinated or get tested regularly. In September, he said federal workers needed to be vaccinated or face losing their jobs, and that employees at big companies needed to get jobs or be tested.

"The vaccine requirements that we started rolling out in the summer are working," Biden said, noting that the Labor Department's completed rule on vaccination requirements for businesses would be coming out shortly.

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Meeting with Putin to be crucial for gas contract, says Serbian President

BELGRADE



THE meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin will be crucial for the contract on gas supply to Serbia, Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic said in an interview aired by the TV Prva channel.

"By the end of 2021 we will be purchasing 6.5 mln cubic meters of gas each day, now we already spend over 6.5 mln, for which we pay \$270, it is currently the best price in Europe, while in the winter we will spend 11.5 mln.

We have 268 mln cubic meters in underground gas storage facilities, the Russians have 170 mln in our underground gas storage facilities, in any case we are 100-120 mln cubic meters short.

That is why the meeting with Putin is crucial, I have asked for a meeting both due to gas and due to Kosovo, I will be asking Putin to extend the reduced price," he said.

Vucic said earlier that he planned to discuss the gas price for Serbia with Putin at a meeting on November 25. On October 10, following talks with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, the Serbian leader said that he addressed the Russian president with a request for an affordable gas price.

It was reported earlier that Serbia had been discussing with Russia freezing the gas price at the level of \$270 per 1,000 cubic meters for six months in 2022.

On October 7, at a meeting of the Russian-Serbian intergovernmental committee on trade, economic and scientific-technical cooperation, Russian Deputy Prime Minister Yuri Borisov stated that he hoped to conclude a long-term contract on gas deliveries from Russia to Serbia before the end of 2021.

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Murder of British lawmaker deemed terrorism with investigation underway

LONDON

THE murder of British lawmaker David Amess was declared a terrorist incident by London's metropolitan police on Saturday.

Britain's ruling Conservative Party's member of the parliament (MP) David Amess has died after being stabbed on Friday at a constituency meeting in Essex, a county in southeastern England.

As tributes continued to pour in for the 69-years-old lawmaker, a statement released early Saturday by the metropolitan's counterterrorism unit confirmed the crime as an act of terrorism.

"The early investigation has revealed a potential motivation linked to Islamist extremism," said a statement released by the counterterrorism unit.

The suspect, a 25-year-old male, was arrested at the scene of the crime and questioned by detectives. He is being held in custody at a police station in Essex.

As part of the investigation,

police are currently carrying out searches at two addresses in the London area.

It is believed the suspect acted alone, police say.

Meanwhile, flags are flying at half-mast at 10 Downing Street and at the Houses of Parliament where Amess served as MP for Southend West in Essex.

Amess was the second MP in Britain to be murdered within five years. Yorkshire MP Jo Cox was murdered by a far-right extremist in 2016.

The latest killing has reopened a debate about the safety of politicians as they conduct meetings with their constituents.

Many MPs insist on face-to-face meetings with constituents to discuss their problems and issues, known as a surgery, which is one of the hallmarks of political life in Britain.

"In the coming days we will need to discuss and examine MPs' security and any measures to be taken," Speaker of the House of Commons Lindsay Hoyle said in a state-



British Prime Minister Boris Johnson (R, front) and British Labour Party leader Keir Starmer (L, front) pay tributes to Sir David Amess in Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, Britain on Saturday. The murder of British lawmaker David Amess was declared a terrorist incident by London's metropolitan police on Saturday. Britain's ruling Conservative Party's member of the parliament (MP) David Amess has died after being stabbed on Friday at a constituency meeting in Essex, a county in southeastern England. (Photo by Andrew Parsons/No 10 Downing Street/Handout via Xinhua)

ment.

He said he was shocked and deeply distressed by the killing. "This is an incident that will send shockwaves across the parliamentary community and the whole country," said Hoyle.

British Home Secretary

Priti Patel has told all police forces in Britain to review security arrangements for MPs with immediate effect following the attack.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson also paid tribute to Amess, describing him as one of the kindest, nicest,

most gentle people in politics.

Politicians will return Monday to the House of Commons following a recess, and the slaying of one of their own is expected to dominate proceedings in the chamber.

Xinhua

Sudan's PM vows not to allow coup against revolution achievements

KHARTOUM

SUDANESE Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok on Friday voiced the transitional government's commitment to not allow any coup against what has been achieved in the December Revolution.

Hamdok made the remarks in a speech broadcast by Sudan's official TV. The Sudanese army ousted former President Omar al-Bashir in April 2019 amid popular protests that erupted in December 2018

against deteriorating economic conditions and hike in prices of basic commodities. The army then established a transitional military council that had ruled the country until August 2019, when the military and the opposition Freedom and Change Alliance established a transitional government for a 39-month rule.

The transitional period is set to be followed by elections to form a new government. Hamdok described the current division between

the components of the transitional government as "the worst and most serious crisis threatening the transition." "If we cannot achieve the slogans of the revolution of freedom, peace and justice and reach the desired ends of the transition, we will not forgive ourselves and neither will history forgive us," he said.

However, Hamdok denied any dispute between the civilian and military components, saying "it is a dispute between the civil democratic transition

camp and the camp of coup against the revolution." "It is a conflict in which I am neither neutral nor a mediator.

My clear and strict position is the full bias for the civil democratic transition, completion of the tasks of the glorious December Revolution, and realization of its slogans of freedom, peace and justice," the prime minister noted.

He further proposed a road map out of the current crisis, calling for immediate cessa-

tion of all forms of escalation between all parties and return to working with all institutions of the transition. He also stressed the importance of commitment to the constitutional document as the reference for the components of the transitional authority. Since the announcement of foiling a coup attempt on Sept. 21, the differences between the military and civilian partners in the transitional government have continued to escalate.

International experts: China an important contributor to global human rights progress

CHINA has made remarkable achievements in human rights and contributed its wisdom and solutions to global human rights governance, promoting the world's human rights cause, said heads of social organizations, experts and scholars from countries including China, the United Kingdom (UK), France, Japan, Pakistan, Laos, and Venezuela.

They expressed such views at online side events at the 48th session of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC), which were held by social organizations and human rights research institutes including China Society for Human Rights Studies and China NGO Network for International Exchanges

(CNIE).

The country won wide recognition at multiple side events for its achievements in protecting the rights of ethnic minority groups as well as other aspects of its human rights progress.

Through institutional and policy guarantees, China ensures that ethnic minority citizens enjoy rights to equality and freedom and to economic, social and cultural services. China helps all ethnic minority areas accelerate their economic and cultural development, according to attendees at these side events.

China's efforts and achievements in promoting overall, comprehensive, proactive, and substantial protection of the rights of people of all ethnic groups in its

Tibet autonomous region over the past 70 years since the peaceful liberation of the region have fully demonstrated socialist system's advantage and characteristic of protecting the rights of ethnic minority groups, said Yang Zongke, president of Northwest University of Political Science and Law in China.

China's experience in protecting human rights in Tibet has offered the world good examples of human rights protection, Yang said.

China's success in reducing poverty in Tibet has further guaranteed a fair and just environment for human rights development, strengthened the capabilities of impoverished population in Tibet to take part in social and economic

development and share the fruits of development, and better safeguarded the rights of residents in the region to subsistence and development, representing a historic achievement in human rights in Tibet, said Kelsang Drolma, a researcher on Tibetan economy and society with the China Tibetology Research Center.

By showing the realities of the sound economic and social development in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region, participants in these side events have debunked the false allegations against the region made by a handful of Western countries who have attempted to smear China.

Carlos Martinez, an independent researcher and political activist from

the UK, said that he hasn't seen any phenomenon of the so-called "cultural extinction" or "religious persecution" in Xinjiang during his visits to the region in recent years. The accusation of human rights violations in Xinjiang made by certain Western countries is entirely groundless, according to him.

Muhammad Zamir Assadi, a journalist with Independent News Pakistan, said he has visited Xinjiang and had a wonderful time there. During his stay in the region, he could truly feel that the Chinese government respects the traditional culture and folk customs of the ethnic minority groups in Xinjiang very much and fully guarantees local Muslims' freedom of religious belief, ac-

ording to Assadi.

Last month, China's State Council Information Office released the "Human Rights Action Plan of China (2021-2025)," the country's fourth human rights action plan. It attracted wide attention and became a hot topic at online side events.

China's fourth human rights action plan is in line with the country's social and cultural environment and shows the country's attention to safeguarding the rights of special groups and commitment to solving problems including poverty, said Sitsangkhom Sisaketh, Lao deputy permanent representative to the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG).

People's Daily

Russian Defence Ministry summons US military attache over Sea of Japan destroyer incident

MOSCOW

THE Russian Defence Ministry has summoned the US military attache and pointed out the unprofessional actions of the crew of the US Navy's destroyer Chafee that attempted to cross the Russian border in the Sea of Japan, the military agency told journalists on Friday.

"The position of the Russian military agency was conveyed to the representative of the US armed forces in relation to the US Navy's destroyer Chafee's attempted violation of the state border of the Russian Federation in the area of the Peter the Great Bay on October 15," the statement said.

As the Defense Ministry emphasized, the unprofessional actions of

the American crew were pointed out to the military attache since they grossly violated the international regulations for preventing collisions at sea and the provisions of the Russia-US agreement on preventing incidents at sea and in airspace.

The US military attache was summoned to the Main Directorate for International Military Cooperation of Russia's Defense Ministry in the evening of October 15.

On October 15, about 17:00 local time, the US Navy's destroyer Chafee approached the territorial waters of the Russian Federation and attempted to cross the state border. The Pacific Fleet's large anti-submarine warfare ship Admiral Tributs prevented the destroyer from violating the state border.

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2nd UN Global Sustainable Transport Conference concludes with Beijing Statement

BEIJING

THE Second United Nations (UN) Global Sustainable Transport Conference concluded in Beijing on Saturday, with a Beijing Statement released as an outcome document.

Noting the importance of sustainable transport, the statement underscored that accelerating the transformation toward sustainable transport will be central toward creating a community of shared future for humankind.

"New and emerging technologies, when properly applied, are key to solving many of the challenges to sustainable transport," said the statement, encouraging international cooperation, capacity-building and knowledge exchange among countries.

The needs of remote rural communities and countries in special situations should be addressed by expanding sustainable transport systems and infrastructure, according to the statement.

Efforts should also be made to increase road safety, and improve the epidemic prevention and response capabilities of the transport sector.

Participants welcomed the establishment of the Global Innovation and Knowledge Center for Sustainable Transport in China, which is commit-

ted to knowledge-sharing and capacity-building in developing countries on sustainable transport, the statement said.

The statement depicts a vision for global sustainable transport and puts forward action initiatives to strengthen cooperation in the transport sector, Chinese Minister of Transport Li Xiaopeng said in his speech addressing the closing ceremony of the conference.

"We have the opportunity now to capture the innovation and technology that can revolutionize transport," said Conference Secretary-General Liu Zhenmin, UN Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, urging global cooperation to ensure that sustainable transport will facilitate the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and the objectives of the Paris Agreement.

Scheduled from Thursday to Saturday, the conference seeks to provide solutions to achieve safe, accessible, green and resilient transport.

Transport ministers, industry experts and civil society groups gathered online and offline for the three-day meeting, exchanging views in areas including livelihoods, green development, pandemic prevention and economic recovery.

Xinhua

Xi calls for strengthening China-EU strategic communication

BEIJING

CHINESE President Xi Jinping said on Friday it is necessary for China and the European Union to strengthen strategic communication, and jointly promote the healthy and stable development of China-EU relations, which is in the interests of both sides.

He made the remarks in a phone conversation with European Council President Charles Michel.

Xi also said that China and the EU are two major independent forces and comprehensive strategic partners.

Xi pointed out that since the start of this year, the international situation has witnessed new changes, and the China-EU relationship has also encountered new problems.

China and the EU, he stressed, should perceive each other correctly, and stay committed to dialogue and cooperation and to mutual respect and mutual benefit.

He suggested that the two sides deepen policy communication in green and digital fields, expand areas of practical cooperation, actively synergize the Belt and Road Initiative and

the global EU Connectivity Strategy, and strengthen communication and cooperation on issues such as climate change and biodiversity conservation.

The EU and its members are invited to actively participate in the Global Development Initiative, and work together with China and other countries to help developing countries achieve the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at an early date, he added.

Noting that China and the EU are different in history, culture, social systems and stages of development, Xi said it is not surprising that they have some competition, disputes and differences, which should be resolved through dialogue and negotiation.

China, he added, is always sincere in developing relations with the EU, and meanwhile resolute in safeguarding its sovereignty, security and development interests.

He expressed the hope that the EU will uphold strategic autonomy, distinguish between right and wrong, and work with China to push forward the development of China-EU cooperation.

Xinhua

US administration in hot seat as inflation rises, supply chain breaks down

WASHINGTON

THE U.S. administration is in the hot seat, as prices for food and multiple consumer items are rising at a rapid clip and a massive supply-chain breakdown has exploded nationwide.

Food prices overall climbed 4.6 percent since September last year, according to information published on Wednesday by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The Consumer Price Index, a measure of changes in prices for goods and services, grew 5.4 percent from a year ago.

PRICE HIKES OF DAILY GOODS

The prices of meat, eggs, fish and poultry saw a 10.5 percent increase over the past year, with beef alone skyrocketing 17 percent, according to the BLS.

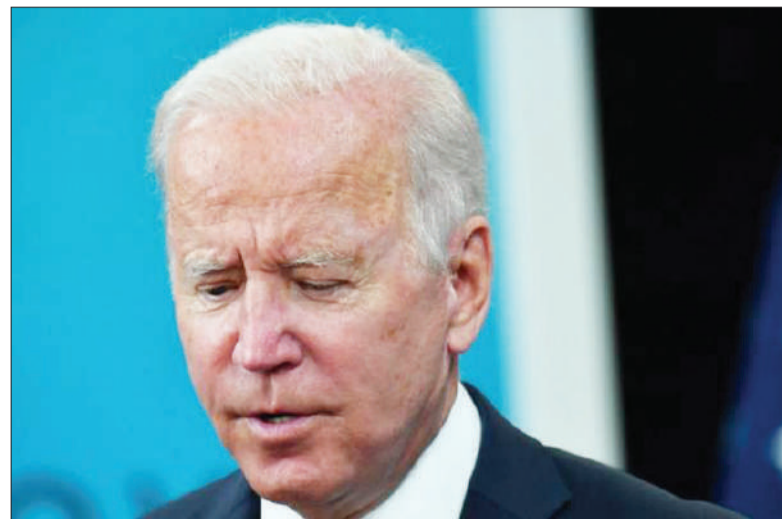
All this has pushed annual inflation to the highest levels in the past 13 years. Jerome Powell, chairman of the U.S. Federal Reserve, has attributed the recent price increases to supply chain bottlenecks caused by the pandemic. With less supply, prices go up.

The U.S. administration is pushing to fix the problem by Christmas, in a bid to ease supply chain constraints by the holiday shopping season. But that could prove to be an uphill climb, some U.S. media outlets argued.

U.S. President Joe Biden on Wednesday met with a number of industry leaders and heads of ports and unions in an effort to tackle problems within the supply chain, from shipping, warehousing to labor.

It was later announced that the port of Los Angeles would ramp up operations with a new, 24-hour, 7-day-per-week schedule. "This is an across-the-board commitment to going to 24/7," Biden said. Efforts to ramp up operations at the port, as well as vows from some major retailers to work around the clock to move more goods, are a big first step, said the president.

"We need the rest of the private sector chain to step up as well." But some economists said these efforts may not



US President Joe Biden

make the splash that Biden is looking for. As such, Biden's record-low poll numbers may not rise anytime soon. In the latest Quinnipiac University polls, the president's approval rating was tagged at a paltry 38 percent. In Real Clear Politics' average of polls, Biden gets a 44.1 percent approval rating.

Republicans have seized on the problem to blast the Biden administration for what they describe as gross incompetence. "Prices are rising, real wages are down, and Americans are struggling to get back to work," said Republican National Committee Chairwoman Ronna McDaniel earlier this week.

With these problems, now is not the time to ram through Washington's multi-trillion U.S. dollar social spending package, she contended. "With consumer prices rising higher than expected and families facing the highest inflation rate in over 13 years," there could not be a worse possible time for "trillions in reckless tax hikes and spending," McDaniel said.

A SUBSTANTIAL POLITICAL PROBLEM

This comes as Washington is beset from all sides. Both parties are lambasting the administration for its botched withdrawal from Afghanistan.

Besides, the southern U.S. border is in

crisis, and COVID-19 continues to cause sickness and death among those who have chosen not to be vaccinated.

While analysts have said inflation is temporary, a growing number of economists argue that prices could continue to rise longer than many Americans had expected.

Janet Coleman, a retiree in her 70s on a fixed income in the Washington DC area, told Xinhua that prices at grocery stores have gone up, although it's still manageable. Catherine Foster, a manager in her 40s in the Washington DC area, told Xinhua that restaurant prices have gone up considerably, causing her to cook at home more. Jim Lee, in IT in the Washington DC area, told Xinhua he has noticed that prices at restaurants have risen considerably.

Still, things may not be as bad for Biden as they seem. "Inflation has moved up but not in a big enough manner to create a substantial political problem," Brookings Institution Senior Fellow Darrell West told Xinhua.

The last president to suffer from inflation was Jimmy Carter in 1980, when inflation was much worse, West said. "We are a long

way from that now."

DEEPER LOOK INTO INFLATION

Desmond Lachman, resident fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, told Xinhua that the current rise in U.S. inflation is the result of two basic causes. The first cause is from demand-pull factors. Those have resulted from excessively expansive monetary and fiscal policies, which increased aggregate demand, and from global supply chain problems, especially in the area of computer chips important to the automobile and appliance sector, restricting aggregate supply, Lachman said. That has caused demand to exceed supply in the goods sector, which in turn has driven up prices, he added.

The second cause is from cost-push factors, including the big increases in international energy, metal, and food prices as well as the rise in world shipping costs.

Those factors are pushing up costs that then get passed onto consumers in the form of price increases, said the expert.

This combination of demand-pull and cost-push factors, together with the very rapid rate of increase in U.S. house prices and rents, makes it "very likely" that inflation will prove to be "much longer lasting and more intractable than the Federal Reserve would have us believe," Lachman noted.

Xinhua

Special town built at foot of Mt. Qomolangma to benefit mountaineers and tourists

ON Oct. 10, "Qomolangma town," a special tourism service area to provide services for climbers and tourists, was inaugurated at the foot of Mount Qomolangma, in Shigatse city, southwest China's Tibet autonomous region.

Projected and invested by the assistance team sent by Shanghai to Tibet to help with the latter's development, the "Qomolangma town" is situated at an altitude of about 4,300 meters in Zhaxizong township, Tingri county of Shigatse. It is constructed along the only route to many tourist destinations in the Mount Qomolangma area.

The "Qomolangma town" is expected to significantly enhance the service capabilities of tourist attractions nearby by improving the infrastructure.

Besides tourism facilities including a climbing culture gallery, a recreational vehicle campsite, and quality hotels, it also has a newly built health center, oxygen generation station, and other supporting facilities, significantly enhancing the service capability of the locality.

The town is also equipped with household waste separated collection, transfer, and disposal facilities and a sewage treatment project to ease the strain on the local environment and protect the ecology of Mount Qomolangma.



Photo shows "Qomolangma town", a special tourism service area built at the foot of Mount Qomolangma in Shigatse city, southwest China's Tibet autonomous region. File photo

The inauguration of the special town will offer new options to people who work in mountain sports in Tibet and provide solid supports for the region in further boosting the industrialization of mountaineering.

The newly started project will also help fuel characteristic sports industries, improve Tibet's service capacity for mountaineering, accelerate the transformation of the region's economic structure, and promote its rural vitalization and new-type urbanization.

Shigatse has taken steps in recent years to enhance eco-cultural tourism around Mount Qomolangma, including the construction of the "Qomolangma village." Shigatse has a lot of world-class mountain tourism and mountaineering

sports resources. Therefore there's much room for growth there.

Benefiting from its unique plateau landform and rich cultural heritage, the city has vigorously improved the infrastructure of tourist destinations around Mount Qomolangma, bettered the environment along relevant tourism routes, and actively optimized tourism products, constantly upgrading and transforming local tourism and outdoor sports industries.

Shigatse is rich in cultural and tourism resources and has bright prospects for coordinating the work for consolidating and expanding the achievements made in poverty alleviation and the efforts to promote rural vitalization, said Meng Wenhui, leader of the liaison team of the ninth batch of

officials sent by Shanghai to Tibet under the country's "pairing assistance" program as well as vice secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Shigatse municipal committee.

With the strong support of the Shigatse municipal government and the CPC Shigatse municipal committee, officials from Shanghai have helped advance the construction of the "Qomolangma town" and improve the quality of relevant supporting facilities in a bid to build a landmark of an eco-cultural tourism circle around the mountain.

On Oct. 9, a ceremony marking the inauguration of the Mount Qomolangma international mountaineering industry operation service center was held in Shigatse, during which the General Administration of Sport of China authorized the sports authority of Tibet to recognize the city as a national high-altitude mountaineering training base, the first national-level comprehensive plateau training base in Tibet.

It signifies that outdoor mountain sports in Shigatse get a new starting point for development and provides new opportunities for developing the city's cultural tourism industry that centers around outdoor mountain sports.

People's Daily

US sanctions on Iran not conducive to alleviating global energy crisis

TEHRAN

AS the world, particularly the West, is facing a grave energy crisis caused by growing demand for fossil fuels, the U.S. sanctions on Iran have hindered an alleviation of the crisis.

ENERGY CRISIS

With major economies slowly recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic, the previous harsh winter having depleted Europe's gas reserves and cold days ahead, global demand for energy has shot up and commodity prices are

consequently going up.

In European states, gas prices are at record levels, leading to significant increases in the price of other goods and services.

Britain is one of the hardest-hit European countries due to the dwindling North Sea supplies and its limited gas storage. Among others, Spain and France are also suffering from the crisis, seeing surges in electricity prices and other commodity prices.

Meanwhile, gas prices are soaring in the United States amid a sudden increase in

the price of oil, USA Today has reported. A real solution to the energy crisis is still not in sight. Although Russia has promised to increase exports, the remaining major fossil fuel suppliers currently seem either unable or unwilling to make a significant contribution to the alleviation of the crisis.

The global energy market needs new blood, analysts have said.

IRAN AS A RELIABLE SUPPLIER
Iran has abundant hydro-

carbon resources. It held 32 trillion cubic meters of proven gas reserves as of 2019, ranking second in the world and accounting for about 16 percent of the total global natural gas reserves, according to the BP Statistical Review of World Energy 2020.

In addition, the report said the country held 156 billion barrels of proven oil reserves as of 2019, ranking fourth in the world and accounting for about 9 percent of the entire global oil reserves.

The country, located along the International North-

South Transport Corridor and having access to the high seas, Europe through Turkey and Central Asia, can also be a source of rather cheap energy owing to its geographical position, said observers.

Prior to Washington's withdrawal in 2018 from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action and the reimposition of the unilateral sanctions mainly targeting the oil and gas sector, Iran used to pump about 2.8 million barrels per day of crude oil into the global market.

Iran is also exporting gas to

some neighboring countries, including Turkey and Iraq, and can be a reliable supplier to Europe as well as the rest of the world in the long run.

Iranian energy expert Morteza Behrouzi told state-run news outlet ISNA that Iran can increase its oil exports by 1.5 million barrels per day in less than six months if the sanctions are lifted, which can create a win-win situation.

WHAT'S THE OBSTACLE?

The U.S. sanctions on Iran have, however, deprived the

world of the boon as they have denied the Islamic Republic access to billions of dollars in annual revenues, thus creating a zero-sum game.

Earlier, Iranian Oil Minister Javad Owji has said that the United States and some European countries have hindered Iran from exporting oil for many years, and Iran is not the only one paying the price. This unilateral policy also has a negative impact on the American and European people.

Xinhua

SPORT

Bernard Morrison has chance to excel in CECAFA members' national squads

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

WHEN a soccer fan looks at the reality of how the nations of either the CECAFA or COSAFA regions are far from playing in the World Cup and the regions' football followers are just reminded of a player like Bernard Morrison is not in Ghana senior national team coach's plans.

There are a thousand Ghanaian footballers at the table before the coach can think of Morrison, who turns out for Tanzania's Simba SC.

He is a very talented player despite his endless off-the-pitch incidences.

There is no doubt that Morrison could play for any of the regions' national sides.

Morrison could be called up for senior football squad 'Taifa Stars'. Malawi senior national team 'The Flames' coach could call him up, he could be called up for the Botswana national squad.

He could be called for Zambia national squad. He could have been called up to the Mozambican national squad.

He could have been called up to the Zimbabwe national squad. He could play for Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, and Burundi.

Morrison would not miss a chance in any of these regions' national sides. There is a national team, which will have the chance for Morrison in the first team.

He would equally not fail to get on the list of 25 players called up by any of the regions' national teams' gaffers.

Morrison can make his way into the starting squad in Taifa Stars' fixtures.

In a national squad like Zambia, Morrison could have started on the bench but I do not believe he would not have been called up to this squad especially after his stint in the past CAF Champions League last season, which had Simba booking a place in the last eight.

This gives soccer followers a quick picture of why these teams have never participated in the World Cup.

The gap between West Africa's national teams and East Africa's national squads is huge. The gap between East Africa's national sides and North Africa national squads is huge.

Many West African players have never been called up for their respective countries national teams and could have joined directly in East Africa's national sides.

Another example is Simba SC defender, Paschal Wawa. How could he not play for Taifa Stars?

I think he would have been a key defender for a long time now but he is hardly selected for the Ivory Coast national team, he only gets to follow the team's progress.

In the Southern Africa region, only South Africa has ever participated in the World Cup.

It has participated in the global showpiece twice, it featured for the second time as host.

Otherwise, no team from this region has ever participated in the tournament.

What is the problem? We can all open the debate but the reality is that our players do not play at the highest levels



Bernard Morrison

in Europe.

Not just us, even players from these countries end up playing for modest European teams.

A football follower should imagine that so far Kenya and Uganda have never produced a striker who played in the English Premier League as Tanzania did with Mbwana Samatta. Kenya had midfielder Victor Wanyama featuring in the English Premier League.

Zambia is currently out to make its presence felt. The country has two stars playing in the English Premier League, Enock Mwepu who plays for Brighton Albion, and Patson Daka who plays for Leicester City FC.

The others are Clatous Chama, who plays for RS Berkane in Morocco, as we have Simon Msuva playing for Wydad Casablanca in the same country.

Have you ever heard of a Malawian player playing in any of the top European premier leagues? How about Zimbabwe?

In the past, they had forward Peter Ndlovu turning out for an English Premier League side but now they have two players in the showpiece.

Their players have mostly ended up making the most of the South Africa Premier League.

East Africa national outfits' journey to World Cup is still long. Apart from the players, even the domestic leagues do not have what it takes to secure competent representatives for top competitions.

So far our neighbours have begun to feel more comfortable playing in Tanzania than elsewhere in the region.

I believe that even Benin would be a threat to this region's national squads.

It is obvious we cannot compare them to other West African nations like Ivory Coast, Cameroon, or Nigeria but it is clear that if they were in our region it is no wonder they would be a force to reckon with

However, Benin has yet to qualify for the World Cup. And I do not believe a national team from the East Africa region will garner the opportunity to make it to the World Cup.

Those above us in FIFA rankings, DR Congo and Benin, Tanzania's opponents in qualifiers for World Cup, are not as competent as West African nations' squads.

If any of the two books a place in the next round, they will easily crash out, losing to such squads, Senegal, Ivory Coast, Egypt, Tunisia, Nigeria, and others. This is the bitter truth about our group.

There is a lot of work to be done in this region to be able to go to the World Cup.

There is also a lot of work to be done to win the African Nations Championship and continental competitions at the club level.

If a soccer lover looks closely, the people of West Africa and those of North Africa have shared in the success.

Those in North Africa excel in clubs while those in West Africa excel in national teams.

It is not surprising to see Enyimba become the last team from West Africa to win the CAF Champions League. It is almost 20 years now since they did so in 2003.

SPORTS

After three straight losses in months, Abdallah Pazi ripe for new pastures

By Correspondent John Kimbute

TANZANIA boxing icon, Abdallah Pazi, popularly known as 'Dullah Mbabe', has suffered three straight losses in slightly over five months, such that he announced he was going to rest for a while and then make up his mind what next in his career.

Scores of issues come up in that regard, the first of which is self-esteem and belief that he can still do what he was doing before, which also has to do with what those around him will demonstrate in his regard, either trust or scorn, and the latter is somewhat more forthcoming of late.

If only because of that atmosphere, the fighter should possibly choose new ventures, due to his style.

Psychologically speaking, a quiet and unassuming fighter can lose one or two bouts, perhaps even three, take the back seat for a while and reassess his thrust of energy at the physical level to make a decision.

He also has psychological problems to handle but ordinarily, they are more manageable when one is unassuming, modest, and easygoing, not when one is bombastic, flamboyant, and visceral to his opponents, like Mike Tyson or Muhammad Ali. Dullah falls into this scheme of things, as an extrovert.

What this indicates is that he will find it harder to come back to the right than if he was quiet and unassuming, in like manner as one of his latest opponents, Twaha Kassim or 'Kiduku', whose name may suggest he knows how to 'duck' a blow.

'Mbabe' is a different kind of tag, as an all-conquering sort of boxer, whose time on the ring is required to be short- by winning in the first or middle rounds, not more.

At the same time, his overall ring time is short by comparison, as the mode of fighting by jab explosion is also a pattern of career, that when he can no longer do that he leaves the ring to other fighters, simply so.

The trouble with jab explosion boxers with an aura of invincibility around them is that they often live the way they fight, as flamboyant extroverts surrounded by a bevy of admirers.

When things turn badly around they



Abdallah Pazi

have a lot of refurbishing to do, remaking their training camp or sliding into oblivion and avoiding plenty of people, as the sort of aura they are used to evoke no longer works, after three straight defeats, the last by Technical Knockout.

It looks like a painful readjustment where the name itself becomes invalid, the tag to the name that has been an essential part of the boxer's aura for several years.

For those not adept with professional boxing practices, there is a feeling that the boxer may have piled too many fights in a short period, which has two likely explanations, a technical aspect, and a routine or 'vulgar' implication, cash.

The technical aspect may as well be that there is a schedule of setting out to defend a title or follow up on a challenge for a title, for instance, if such a rule ex-

ists in the local boxing association regulations.

Such a rule would also be an extension of regional or continental rules on such requirements, seeking out an opponent or accepting one in the pursuit or defense of a title, as it may be.

As these fights - and losses - have occurred within the May-October period, following a win earlier in February, it is unclear how far there was compulsion locally or regionally, not to say internationally.

But as the cohort of boxers that Dullah faced came from near and far, it would imply that the sequence is ordinary, as three fighters he met out of four were foreign, where he lost the first match with one of them and then lost two others, and another local fight in between two fights with foreigners.

So the fights were blended into the same flow of action rather than the boxer being pushed to fight amid a period of rest, etc.

Declaring that he is taking a rest for a while implies that he is not on the lookout for opponents at present, and implicitly foreign boxers looking for titles in the same weight or cohort of weights shall be advised to look for other opponents.

There may also be rules if a boxer who loses three fights consecutively can gun for a career fight in the sense of chasing titles, what sort of boxer he can pick out and ask for a fight, as the same demand becomes a career option, or requirement, on the part of the opponent.

It implies that the boxer comes out more or less as a novice trying to prove his worth in the ring, totally unlike himself.

TOC asks sports leaders to work closely with athletes



Tanzania Olympic Committee (TOC) president Gulam Rashid speaks before the culmination of the Athletes Commission Forum, organized by the committee, which took place in the Coast Region last weekend. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

SPORTS associations in Tanzania have been advised to work closely with athletes for the sector to develop from the grassroots.

Tanzania Olympic Committee (TOC) president Gulam Rashid issued the plea in Kibaha, Coast Region last Saturday at the end of a two-day National Athletes Forum.

The forum was organized by TOC through the Olympic Solidarity.

Gulam, a former footballer, said the problem facing sports in the country is that there is no strong working relationship between leaders of sports federations and athletes.

The TOC boss revealed: "In Tanzania, like many African countries the relationship between leaders of sports federations and athletes is not that strong, it reaches a point where they

(athletes and sports federation leaders) do not see eye to eye."

"They don't talk to each other, it is now time that you start fostering good working relationships," he told the attendants.

The forum involved 30 athletes drawn from different sports associations and Rashid said it is disheartening that three associations, Athletics Tanzania (AT), Tanzania Tennis Association (TTA), and Tanzania Swimming Association (TSA), have athletes committees.

At the opening of the forum on Friday, he acknowledged that local athletes face a lot of challenges with one of them being a lack of communication between leaders of the national sports federations and athletes.

"I know that you face a lot of challenges, one of them being lack of communication between sports federation leaders and athletes, but you

must work hard to solve the challenges by working together," he said.

Khalid Rushaka, Tanzania Olympic Committee's Athletes Commission's Chairman, thanked TOC for hosting the forum for the first time.

He promised that the athletes will make use of the knowledge gained to develop sports in the country.

"We thank TOC for this forum, it will help athletes to know their rights at the same time work together for the betterment of sports in the country and we hope that all the topics covered here will be of great help to the sports industry," he said.

The topics covered include Personal Branding and Sponsorship, Mental Health, Athletes Commission overview, Olympic Value and Career transition, Current Athletes Issues, Integrity, and Anti-doping and Diversity and women inclusion in sports.

National Athletes Forum ends in Coast Region

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

A two-day National Athletes Forum, organized by Tanzania Olympic Committee (TOC), ended at Filbert Bayi Schools in Kibaha, Coast Region last weekend.

Speaking at the opening of the forum, TOC president Gulam Rashid asked national sports associations to form athletes' committees that help in solving challenges facing the athletes.

The forum involved 30 athletes drawn from different sports associations and Rashid said it is disheartening that so far there are three associations, which have athletes' committees.

They are Athletics Tanzania, Tanzania Tennis Association, and Tanzania Swimming Association.

"Sports federations should form athletes' committees, this is not a directive from TOC but it comes from the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the athletes' committees help in many aspects," he said.

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IOC: FIFA's World Cup plan will hurt Olympics

LONDON

THE International Olympic Committee said on Saturday that it has "concerns" about FIFA's push for soccer World Cups every two years.

Though IOC President Thomas Bach said last month that "we will not interfere in this discussion," his organization stepped in on Saturday after meeting in Athens to detail objections it shared with soccer stakeholders.

Clashes in the schedule with other sports, the men's World Cup overshadowing women's editions of the tournament, and "a further massive strain" on athlete welfare were all cited in an IOC statement after an executive board meeting.

The IOC did not refer to potential future World Cup-Olympics clashes -- potentially as soon as 2028 when the Summer Games are hosted by Los Angeles -- in its statement.

The IOC did criticize FIFA's tactics in promoting the biennial World Cup project by noting a wider consultation across soccer "has obviously not taken place."

FIFA revealed its detailed plan last month, after meeting with retired players, to redraft the calendar of international soccer competitions with biennial World Cups for men and women at the heart.

The proposal strongly backed by FIFA president Gianni Infantino

was announced before formally consulting member federations in the World Cup strongholds of Europe and South America. Those regions' governing bodies, UEFA and CONMEBOL, have warned of a World Cup boycott if FIFA pushes ahead with a plan that would undermine their continental championships, which are organized on the same four-year cycle as the IOC's Summer Games. All are next due in 2024.

The IOC cited "tennis, cycling, golf, gymnastics, swimming, athletics, Formula One and many others" as sports which would be affected by more World Cups.

"This would undermine the diversity and development of sports other than football," the Olympic body said.

FIFA, whose next scheduled World Cups are in 2022 and 2026, has not specified wanting to stay on even-numbered years for a biennial men's World Cup. A switch to odd-numbered years, possibly starting in 2029, could be proposed. At an Olympic briefing after an executive board meeting, spokesperson Mark Adams was asked whether Infantino, who is an IOC member, had talked with Bach about the biennial World Cup plan before going public with it.

Adams said he could not give details though the IOC kept in touch with sports governing bodies.

(Agencies)

Solskjaer under pressure again as Man United slump to heavy loss at Leicester

LEICESTER, England

IT was a day to remember for Mason Greenwood and Marcus Rashford at the King Power Stadium, and one to forget for Harry Maguire and Ole Gunnar Solskjaer. It sums up where Manchester United are at the moment: bits of good and lots of bad culminated in a 4-2 defeat to Leicester City, and the pressure is mounting on the Norwegian.

This was a Leicester side that had not won in the Premier League since August, yet United found a way to lose, and most of it was their own doing.

Greenwood scored with a stunning strike and Rashford marked his comeback from injury with a goal, but when your defence -- which included a very rusty Maguire -- seems determined to concede at every opportunity, it doesn't really matter what happens at the other end. The defeat -- United's first away from home in the league since January 2020 -- would have been even heavier had it not been for David De Gea.

Depending on how you like your stats packaged, it's now four defeats in the past seven games, or one win in five. Either way, it's getting dire for Solskjaer, and next up in the league are Liverpool, Tottenham and Manchester City. In nearly three years at Old Trafford, he has developed the reputation of a great survivor, and he will need that more than ever when Atalanta visit in the Champions League on Wednesday night.

"The goals we conceded were disappointing, the timing of them and the way they were conceded," Solskjaer said. "It says everything when your best player is probably David but still concede four goals."

"We didn't deserve the points today. We gifted them the first goal. All the goals were disappointing, the way we conceded them. We were too easy to play through. It was the team as a whole. We need to be more compact and more aggressive. We didn't defend well enough."

"We've been really good at showing our character when we've needed it. The attitude has always been good. We need to stick together and work hard. We need to perform better."

United needed only the first 45 minutes to demonstrate the best and worst of their season so far: individual brilliance followed quickly by collective incompetence.

Solskjaer's team had not started well when Greenwood picked up the ball on the right after 19 minutes. Without much going on in front of him, the 20-year-old burrowed forward and smashed a stunning left-foot rocket in off the far post. It was a moment to remind everyone of

United's attacking quality, as well as the fact they have any one of about six or seven players in their squad capable of moments like these.

So why have they been struggling? The answer came 10 minutes later. Leicester didn't look as if they needed any help breaching a United defence that had not kept a clean sheet since August, but United obliged anyway.

From their own free-kick, Paul Pogba passed to Victor Lindelof, who passed to De Gea. He rolled the ball out to Maguire, who decided to wait long enough to let Kelechi Iheanacho nip in and steal possession; five seconds later, the ball was in the net thanks to an outrageous finish from Yuri Tielemans. A great goal, yes, but from Solskjaer's point of view, it was avoidable -- something it had in common with most of the goals they've conceded this season.

United have had just one clean sheet in the past 19 games, and afterwards, Solskjaer was forced to defend his decision to bring back Maguire after just one training session on Friday morning following three weeks out with a calf injury. Maguire's first touch of the game was a heavy one that bounced into the advertising boards, and his day never improved.

"It was my decision to play Harry," Solskjaer said. "He has worked really hard on the rehab, and he looked ready and looked sharp. He's a big, massive player for us. He's the captain, and we want to bring him back as soon as we can. I'm not pointing fingers at any player, but we have to do better."

It got even worse for Solskjaer during a chaotic final 15 minutes. Caglar Soyuncu put Leicester ahead from a corner, but Rashford, on as a second-half substitute, looked to have got Solskjaer out of trouble with an emphatic finish from Lindelof's wonderful 40-yard pass.

With eight minutes still to play, it should have been United's turn to put their foot down, but instead, just 54 seconds after the restart, Jamie Vardy put Leicester back in front. Patson Daka's fourth in stoppage time only compounded Solskjaer's misery as the United boss stood motionless, arms folded, on the touchline.

He couldn't have had many complaints if Leicester had scored six; they perhaps would have done had De Gea not tipped Tielemans' shot onto the post and Ricardo Pereira not missed a good chance.

Brendan Rodgers and Kasper Schmeichel had both fulfilled their postmatch media duties by the time Solskjaer emerged from the dressing room 45 minutes after the final whistle. **ESPN**

Vieira can underline Arsenal's decline when he brings Palace to the Emirates

By James Olley, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

OF all the subplots contained within Patrick Vieira's return to Arsenal on Monday, perhaps the most curious is this: The man trying to beat the Gunners is also a man trying to buy them.

The 45-year-old occupies a curious position given that he's now the manager of a Crystal Palace side attempting to win a Premier League game at Emirates Stadium for only the second time in 20 visits, while also remaining part of a consortium that had a £1.8 billion takeover bid rejected earlier this year. Spotify owner Daniel Ek was the front man, but within his inner circle were three club legends -- Vieira, Thierry Henry and Dennis Bergkamp -- all of whom hail from an era Arsenal have struggled to recapture ever since the trio's playing careers ended in the mid-to-late-2000s.

The fact that only three places and three points separate the Gunners from a Palace team for whom a top-half finish is typically the limit of their aspirations serves as another reminder of the decline Mikel Arteta is charged with reversing.

Vieira's involvement with Palace and Ek puts him firmly in Arsenal's past, present and future: a symbol of former greatness, an immediate challenge to overcome and a possible component part of a new era.

Kroenke Sports & Entertainment have continually dismissed any suggestion they would sell to Ek, but the presence of three players from the "Invincibles" era gives the bid an obvious appeal to supporters.

It has never been made entirely clear what role they would all assume, but Henry was pictured sat next to Ek at last month's north London derby win over Tottenham Hotspur, suggesting it's more than an exercise in clever public relations. Henry's subsequent message that "we are here to stay" means KSE may soon have another bid to consider, and any change in stance would in fact complicate things for Vieira given his role at Palace.

A source at the Premier League has indicated that he would fail the Owners' and Directors' test if he were to try to become an Arsenal director under rule F.1.4, specifically on the grounds that "either directly or indirectly he/she is involved in or has any power to determine or influence the management or administration of another club or Football League club." Equally,

Time will tell if Chelsea's win was title-worthy or not

BRENTFORD, England

TIME will tell whether this was the sort of fortuitous win carved out by Premier League champions or a result to mask their shortcomings, but Chelsea's defensive record continues to be the foundation of Thomas Tuchel's success.

Brentford defied their newly-promoted status to dominate the second half of Saturday's encounter and were desperately unlucky to lose 1-0 on a night when they registered seven shots on target and shook the European champions in a manner rarely witnessed under Tuchel.

While other players on the team let Chelsea down -- chiefly another off on earth for the last 20 minutes," he told Sky Sports. "We have got Edou to thank, he's amazing."

Chelsea's defensive problems on the eve of this game were well-telegraphed given Antonio Rudiger returned injured from international duty with Germany and Thiago Silva was unable to take part after playing 90 minutes for Brazil on Thursday night.

Tuchel's solution was to hand Malang Sarr his first Premier League start alongside Andreas Christensen and Trevoh Chalobah, with Chilwell and Cesar Azpilicueta operating as wing-backs and Ruben Loftus-Cheek assuming the Jorginho role at the base of Chelsea's midfield. What followed was perhaps a predictably disjointed display from a makeshift side, includ-



Patrick Vieira has taken the reins at Crystal Palace in the years since his days as a midfielder at Arsenal. (Agencies)

if he had any sort of management of administrative power, Vieira would be in breach of Rule 1.2 and Palace would fall foul of 1.1, both of which relate to individuals or clubs having influence at more than one team.

It remains possible Vieira could hold a more informal role, with the source suggesting an unpaid ambassadorial position could at least be submitted for consideration, but the man himself has never specified precisely what position he would assume.

"I was just expressing myself as Patrick, ex-Arsenal football player," Vieira said when asked about his support for Ek's takeover plans. "That comment was based on how the direction [of the club] was going. I was talking to somebody who had a different view and a different way of taking [forward] Arsenal Football Club."

"I am in a different position than a couple of months ago, so I'm not going to express myself in the same way than when I was just an ex-Arsenal football player."

There was a time when it appeared Vieira would become Arsenal manager. Toward the troubled end of Arsene Wenger's reign, Vieira was embarking on a positive start to life in the dugout with MLS side New York City FC. In 2016, he secured New York City's first ever playoff appearance and followed that up with a second-place finish in the combined MLS standings behind Toronto FC.

By the time Wenger was nudged through the exit door in 2018, Vieira was under serious consideration to replace him -- as was Arteta, then an assistant at Manchester City -- before Arsenal settled on Unai Emery. Vieira ended up going to Nice that summer, watching Emery's tenure unravel from

afar and choosing to partner up with Ek as the opposition among supporters toward KSE grew to unprecedented levels. The sight of Arteta and Vieira in opposing dugouts at Emirates Stadium qualifies as another facet of the legacy Wenger's tenure left behind.

Arteta was one of a plethora of signings charged with the responsibility of reestablishing the midfield authority that departed with Vieira when he joined Juventus in 2005. The titanic struggles between Vieira and Roy Keane personified the battle for supremacy between Arsenal and Manchester United either side of the Millennium that defined English football for a decade.

It is hard to overstate Vieira's influence. Arsenal supporters voted him the fifth "Greatest Gunner" of all time in a 2008 poll (behind Henry, Bergkamp, Tony Adams and Ian Wright), but Wenger was clear in determining which signing would provide the catalyst for his success in north London. Occupying relative obscurity as a 20-year-old languishing in AC Milan's reserves, Vieira joined Arsenal for £3.5 million in August 1996, two months before Wenger took charge, but he did so -- and turning down Ajax Amsterdam in the process -- in the knowledge his fellow Frenchman would be in the dugout.

"Right from his very first match [as a substitute against Sheffield Wednesday in September that year], when he was as yet unknown to the English public, he showed just how talented he was," wrote Wenger in his autobiography, "My Life in Red and White," released last year. "No one disputed his ability, and he gave me the credibility and the hold over

the club that I needed in order to take it in the direction I wanted."

During Wenger's almost-22-year reign, no player made more appearances for him than Vieira's 401 (Theo Walcott was next on 397). Three Premier League titles and four FA Cups followed, the last of which was secured with his final kick for the club -- a decisive penalty in a fortuitous shootout win over United.

Wenger talked Vieira into staying that season rather than push for a move to Real Madrid, but he joined Juventus for £12m in 2005, chiefly because he was only offered a two-year deal aged 29 at Arsenal as opposed to the five-year contract on the table in Italy. Vieira later claimed he opted to leave because then-vice-chairman David Dein told him "we are neutral" over whether he stayed, having accepted Juventus' offer -- a stance that left him "angry, surprised and upset."

Yet the Gunners' approach was indicative of the shifting financial landscape resulting from their self-funded move to Emirates Stadium from Highbury. Vieira's exit was followed by Robert Pires to Villarreal a year later and Henry to Barcelona 12 months after that. The club went from 2006 Champions League finalists to no European football at all in 2021 as Wenger gradually lost the battle to keep Arsenal competitive, not least due to a mixed record in the transfer market when more money became available again as the stadium debt eased. Vieira is a symbol of a bygone era, simultaneously a reminder of what was and what still could be.

"I had a chance to play for this club for nine years -- I arrived when I was a kid and left as a man," said Vieira on Friday. "This is the club where I played my best football so obviously going back will be emotional, but I will put that on the side because what is important for us is to perform well and try to get the points."

Arsenal believe they already have a former midfielder steering them back to the top in Arteta, who was questioned during the international break by Henry.

"I don't know if things are going in the right direction," Henry said, a comment that is impossible to entirely remove from the context of his involvement in a possible takeover. Vieira has a chance to make a similar point on Monday.

any list," Tuchel said. "I hope it does not bother him because it does not bother me too much and it seems like he is not influenced by that, which is a good thing."

"They put a lot of free-kicks, corners and throw-ins into your box, so it was a constant threat. In the last 20 minutes, the match turned into a cup game: they took a lot of risks and we could not keep them away from shooting and having the big chances. Edou was absolutely decisive to escape with a clean sheet."

Chilwell's goal marked a third strike in three games for Chelsea and England, another step forward in his revival after a difficult summer in which he was an unused member of Gareth Southgate's England squad at Euro 2020. Tuchel admitted that period had left Chilwell "mentally tired," but he has seized his opportunity for club and country in the last fortnight.

"I was very honest with you guys, I felt him a little bit tired, mentally a bit drained and it needs time," Tuchel said. "He got his chance against Southampton [prior to the international break]. He was able to score and play for England [against Andorra] which gave him more confidence and today he was strong again, in good shape." **ESPN**

Gwiji by David Chikoko



SPORT

Vieira can underline Arsenal's decline when he brings Palace to the Emirates



Twiga Stars' players celebrate their victory after being crowned 2021 COSAFA Women's Championship winners at the Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium in South Africa recently. The final ended with Twiga Stars posting a 1-0 victory over Malawi. PHOTO: TFF



Kinondoni Municipal Council (KMC) Football Club

KMC FC vows to record first league win against Yanga

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

DAR ES SALAAM side, Kinondoni Municipal Council FC, continued with preparations under head coach John Simkoko towards the NBC Premier League third-round match against Yanga, which will be played at Maji Maji Stadium, Songea in Ruvuma on October 19.

Speaking to The Guardian, information officer for KMC FC, alias 'Kinondoni tax collectors', Christina Mwangala said the squad is doing well and had already arrived in Songea for the game to ensure it comes out with three points.

"We are focused on making sure we win this game against Yanga before playing other tough games against Namungo FC and Kagera Sugar so we must have a high level of focus to ensure we notch nine points in these three games in October especially the match against Yanga".

KMC FC will be heading to this match having conceded defeat in one game against Polisi Tanzania and settled for a 0-0 draw with Coastal Union.

Christina said that even after slow start morale is still high in the KMC FC camp.

The official pointed out: "The players have been frustrated by this situation as a result of the bad start to the NBC Premier League, they have realized their size as a municipal-owned squad and they are determined to change the results and be better for future matches."

Christina stated: "We know the league is tough, but we also have goals to fulfill this season, to perform well we have to treat every game like a final."

Towards Tuesday's match, KMC FC has no injuries according to the team's doctor but will be missing some players due to match fitness.

Christina pointed out the footballers will be examined to find out if they can start, should they pass their final medical test.

The footballers include Burundian midfielder, Emmanuel Mvuyekure, who suffered an injury in the second clash against Coastal Union.

Christina disclosed that fans should come out in large numbers to come and enjoy entertainment to be showcased by new players roped in by the side, owned by Kinondoni Municipal Council.

As the league is still in the early stage, KMC FC is placed 15th in the standings out of 16 NBC Premier League teams.

The squad will face Yanga which has won both of its games and accumulated six points.

KMC FC secretary-general, Walter Harrison, commenting on the game, disclosed they cannot promise their players a lot, but there are always bonuses for every game they win.

The official stated: "Special bonuses are presented to our players. The preparations for this game are good and the players have great morale. We talk to them almost every game and tell them the importance of posting three points."

Azam FC has work cut out in CAF Confederation Cup tie



Azam FC players attend training in Dar es Salaam recently to shape up for this season's NBC Premier League, Federation Cup, and CAF Confederation Cup. PHOTO: COURTESY OF AZAM FC

By Correspondent Michael Mweb

A restless performance led to Tanzania's Azam FC drawing 0-0 against Egypt's Pyramids in the first leg of the 2021/22 CAF Confederation Cup second preliminary round at the Azam Complex in Dar es Salaam on Saturday afternoon.

The results leave Azam FC with an uphill task to qualify for play-offs and seek qualification for the group phase.

The higher an outfit goes, the more intense it gets. That is a brief that should have been sent to Azam FC coach George Lwandamina and his charges.

After scoring four goals past unfancied Horseed of Somalia over two legs in the previous round of CAF Confederation Cup, Azam FC fell flat.

They could not manage even one against a better side that was playing in second gear.

The ramifications of that could be dire in the return leg next weekend. What this means is that Azam FC's route to the next round is now complicated.

They now have no option but to try and score in next week's return leg in Egypt. That is easier said than done.

No Tanzanian side, either at the club or national team level, has ever won a game in Cairo.

The best the sides have ever managed is a draw. There is no disputing Azam FC has failed to take advantage of playing at home.

This is a crucial point as winning the home games has and always will be fundamentally key to progressing in the CAF Cham-

pions League and CAF Confederation Cup.

The big news in the starting XI of coach Lwandamina was the inclusion of Abdallah Kheri and Charles Zulu, while Lusajo Mwaikenda and Ismail Aziz were each relegated to the bench.

Zimbabwe international midfielder Never Tigere was also slotted up top in the absence of Kenyan midfielder Kenneth Muguna who is serving a four-match CAF ban.

While Azam controlled possession, Pyramids were not one bit concerned about their hosts, as Lwandamina's men hardly offered anything going forward and posed little risk to the men in black.

It was one of those games where Azam FC could have played for 30 more minutes without scoring.

There is no shortage of attacking talent in this Azam FC squad but Lwandamina has to get the best out of the players at his disposal and fast.

New signing Rodgers Kola is not the answer and is merely a stop-gap until Lwandamina can call upon reinforcements from the treatment room.

Idris Mbombo, a forward so badly wanted by Azam FC, has so far looked a shadow of himself. Iddi Selemani is trying his best but needs to show more directness.

Azam FC has had a slow start to the season having failed to win any of their opening two league games.

One of them ended in defeat by hosts Polisi Tanzania and this goalless stalemate was a dif-

ficult watch for even the most committed supporters. This is not the Azam FC's local soccer fanatics expected.

Notching a draw with a big team like Pyramids is hardly a disgrace, but one cannot ignore it is another evidence of a myriad of problems facing Azam FC.

There is one that could go unnoticed but which has become evident in the recent slip-ups. It is the squad depth.

Lwandamina had no options capable of a major impact. The bench quality is below acceptable. Against Pyramids, there were four youngsters on the Azam FC substitutes bench.

There was goalkeeper Wilbroad Maseke who was only promoted from their junior squad last season.

Abdul Omary Hamahama, Khelfin Hamdoun, and Lusajo Mwaikenda were the other youngsters.

One can easily conclude the youngsters had to sit on the bench against Pyramids to make up the numbers.

Khelfin has not played for a long time but was still considered a cover-up on the bench. The only game-changers were Ayoub Lyanga and Kola.

All in all, Azam FC has work cut out for them in the second leg and has to do better.

This result is not either a huge shock or disappointment for many, but the fashion in which they performed was very frustrating.

Domestic football followers can be excited about the second leg but also know it is certainly an uphill climb.

Flexibles by David Chikoko



Company delighted by Twiga Stars' triumph in COSAFA Women's Championship

By Guardian Reporter

SERENGETI Breweries Limited (SBL) has heaped praises on the Tanzania senior national women's football team, Twiga Stars, after it was recently crowned 2021 Council of Southern African Football Associations (COSAFA) COSAFA Women's Championship winners after beating their Malawian counterparts 1-0 in the showdown's final held in South Africa.

The SBL, which is the main and only sponsor of the Mainland Tanzania Women's Premier League, courtesy of its Super-brands-award-winning beer, Serengeti Lite, hailed the gallant Twiga Stars for the achievement.

The company revealed that the win was a clear demonstration that women's soccer had come of age in Tanzania and the ladies were destined for a bright future.

SBL Senior Brand Manager, Mainstream Beer, Wankyo Marando, disclosed: "We heartily congratulate Twiga Stars for the wonderful performance at the Cosafa finals where they out-classed all the other teams and emerged the overall champions."

"We are very proud of the team and we believe fellow Tanzanians are equally impressed with the rare feat from the team", she enthused, while commenting on the team's victory.

Wankyo once again reiterated SBL's commitment to supporting the national women's premier league as per the contractual obligations agreed between the brewer and the Tanzanian Football Federation (TFF).

In 2018, SBL entered into an agreement with TFF, the national soccer governing body, in which the beer and spirits producer agreed to be the main sponsor of the women league in the country.

The sponsorship saw SBL create history by being the first and only main sponsor of the premier league since its inception.

The sponsorship of the Mainland Tanzania Women's Premier League by Serengeti Lite, SBL's premium beer, fondly referred to by its myriad of fans as 'the Lite with a Bite', has since revived the once low-key league, giving rise to an impressive line-up of clubs of 'Queens'.

They are Simba Queens Sports Club, JKT Queens, Ruvuma Queens, TSC Queens, Mlandizi Queens, Baa-baa Queens, Yanga Princesses, Alliance Girls, Kigoma Sisterz, and ES Unyanyembe.

Twiga Stars' head coach, Bakari Shime, speaking on the team's COSAFA Women's Championship triumph, said: "It is a great honour for the players, team officials, TFF management, the government, and all Tanzanians in general."

To cap their fantastic win, Twiga Stars not only ran roughshod over their opponents but also memorably set a new record in the competition by winning all their matches on offer, conceding only one goal in the entire tournament.

Now placed 142nd, according to the August 2021 FIFA ranking in women's soccer, Twiga Stars are destined to rise on the ranking exponentially after the decisive Cosafa success.

SBL has for years been a reliable partner in the development of sports in the country.

Besides supporting various sports in the country such as athletics, golf, and others, the beer-maker is the main sponsor of Tanzania's senior men's national soccer team, Taifa Stars, which has been enjoying SBL support since 2017.

In 2017, SBL inked a three-year deal with TFF whereby the brewer pumped 2.1bn/- into the team and thereafter renewed the contract last year, this time increasing the sponsorship kitty to 3bn/- for another three years.

SBL's sponsorship of Taifa Stars has since morphed into the proverbial Midas Touch, with the national team qualifying for the African Cup of Nations (AFCON) in 2019 after 29 years of absence.

The Tanzania squad now performs creditably well in its continental outings as it seeks to qualify for the next year's World Cup final that will be held in Qatar, United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Currently, Taifa Stars is leading World Cup qualifiers' Group J where it is pitted against Madagascar, DR Congo, and Benin.

TONIGHT @ 9:30

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11:00 DADAZ LIVE
14:00 Wanawake Live (r)
14:30 Bonga Hits
15:00 Funguka
15:30 Copa Coca-Cola (r)
16:00 Akili & Me (r)
16:30 #HASHTAG
17:00 SSELECT
17:55 Kurasa
18:00 eNewz
18:30 Music/Soap
19:00 EATV SAA 1
19:45 MJADALA
20:00 DADAZ (r)
21:00 UJENZI
21:30 5SPORTS LIVE
22:30 Bonga Hits

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The week's local and international sporting events as well as in-depth analysis of the biggest sporting highlights of the week are covered on 5Sports.

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13:00 Planet Bongo
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20:00 Kipenga
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START THE WEEK WITH CYNTHIA STACEY

Mwalimu still praised by the people!

JAMBO for the week.....in a month which has seen many things “Nyerereian” discussed, revered, honoured, and of course.....criticised, in equal measure because today is Mwalimu’s Remembrance Day.

I coined the word ‘Nyerereism’ to see how it looked in print, and when used to describe his ideology and place in Tanzania’s history.

Somehow though, the description doesn’t quite work when applied to his predecessors as in “Mwinyism”“Mkapaism”...or “Kikweteism”, but they didn’t have an ideology like “Ujamaa” or African socialism to define their term of office.

In Britain, the period spanning the very lengthy reign of Queen Victoria is defined by the term “Victorian”. Similarly, the later reign of King Edward is referred to as the Edwardian era, and that of a much earlier monarch Queen Elizabeth the 1st, as “Elizabethan”.

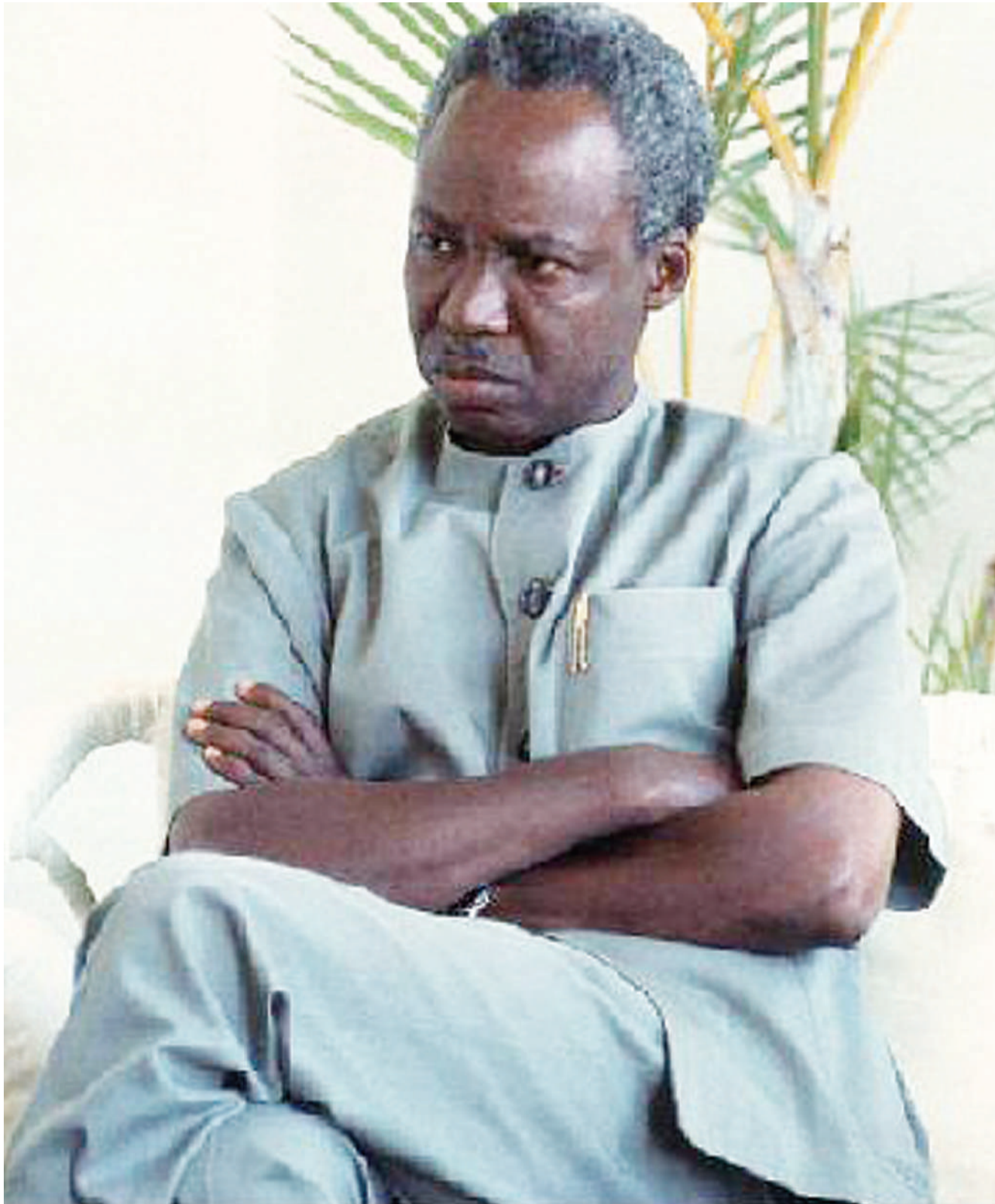
But as a descriptive methodology this can be inconsistent. For example, we talk of “Stalinism” after brutal dictator Joseph Stalin, yet not of “Hitlerism”. While Mrs. Thatcher’s draconian policies are instantly recalled in the term “Thatcherism”..... or of being a “Thatcherite”.

But let’s get back to Julius Kambarage Nyerere and as I’ve already written, the mention of which can usually give rise to criticism or praise in equal measure. But in the western press at the time of his death, amidst the eulogising and plaudits he received, there were often even as a prelude to praise, statements like “.....the former president of Tanzania, whose country was ravaged by socialism...”

Yet many foreigners here at that time like me, never felt that they were residing in a ‘ravaged country’, a poor one yes with a fragile economy, but that seemed understandable given the impact of the hugely expensive war with Uganda.

But with such issues aside, I still recall thinking that perhaps the value system was superior to the one I left in Britain, and felt there was a lot to learn from the African culture.

Also, there were some countries that had gone from command economies to market ones, with often disastrous results for the populace, who naively thought the new system



Father of the nation Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere pictured in casual dress. Though not long after Independence in 1961, he rejected western-style suits, even for formal occasions, along with much of the West’s ideologies. (File photo)

would confer on them wealth and freedom.

.....They might have got the free speech, but soon learned that it was those with the wealth who still

wielded power. Oddly though, whenever the ‘conversion’ failed, we didn’t hear the term ‘ravaged by capitalism.’

By the time Mwalimu died in 1999, many were questioning his brand of socialism

but a local news reporter here defensively wrote “When dozens were killed in the UK’s worst rail disaster, citizens vented their anger on the newly privatised rail network as being profit-driven and neglectful of safety

standards, and questioned why it was privatised at all”.

The writer also pointed out that problems facing the railways in Tanzania have been blamed on the nation’s socialist past doctrine, but added that “as the UK accident showed, such tragedies occur regardless of political ideologies.”

Following Nyerere’s death, a German newspaper reporter wrote that during his term of office, the country made no economic progress until Mkapa picked up the reins, but how do we effectively evaluate progress?

Survival for Tribal People, a body that champions the rights of indigenous groups, some years ago criticised the Canadian government for the treatment of the native Inuit, or Eskimos. The organisation said that these people had been adversely affected by aggressive development projects, and their cultural heritage was being eroded.

No doubt though, in a high rise expensive office somewhere, this will have been recorded as “advancement”.

I’ve commented on this before, but I’m reminded also of the story of a social scientist visiting a ‘backward’ tribe and reporting of the people’s miserable existence in hovels, eeking out a subsistence living.

However, it was later discovered that they were a very contented group, well nourished, perfectly sustained, and with a fantastic level of communal and social cohesion long since missing in the western world. Nor did they know that they were miserable and living in poverty until they were told so. ...but it’s the western reference point which sets the standard for contentment.....and certainly these people didn’t have television, washing machines, or mobile phones!

Anyway, let’s quote our scribe again, who when some of the privatised public enterprises in Tanzania were currently being re-possessed, he wrote.....“to understand the nation’s economic performance, we must go beyond orthodox indicators like GDP growth, as many think tanks agree that this isn’t an end in itself, but rather how it translates into human development, so we should judge Nyerere’s economic policies in that light”.

The US, has a pathological fear of communism, or any doctrine inspired by it. Increasingly though, many people around the world are beginning to feel like that about certain aspects of capitalism, and its all-consuming agenda.

.....a vast juggernaut programmed to destroy everything in its path.....bulldozed and primed to “infect development”, it won’t stop till the entire globe is one vast shopping mall, and market forces everywhere are satiated.

So whatever the detractors of Julius Kambarage Nyerere might say of the ‘Saint with a slightly tarnished halo’, he was certainly an antidote to this, and some aspects of his personality bring cheer to my soul.

A newspaper started a countdown to Nyerere Day capturing his performance up to 1985, with a series of articles on the great man, one of which was written by John Witheroe of the British Sunday Times newspaper.....and in it, I read this gem. “An old friend recalling Mwalimu’s frugal existence in London described how he’d gone out to buy him a new suitcase, as his other one was held together with string....”

Wonderful.....and I think this calls for a little prayer.....(on every Mwalimu day).....Oh Lord, In the land of the luxury vehicles, presidential planes, and palatial villas, surely some of the African continent’s ills could be redeemed by having future leaders who possess suit-cases held together with string...!

.....so hallelujah.....and god promote “Nyerereism”.....Amen!

More coups likely in Africa unless AU addresses ‘unconstitutional preservation of power’ instances

By Peter Fabricius

COUPS used to be the method of choice in Africa for changing governments, with over 90 occurring between 1951 and mid-2020. During those years, only 30 incumbent leaders were peacefully removed from power by their political opponents in elections.

And in that time, just 28 heads of state voluntarily left office after serving their legally allowed number of terms as president, says Issaka Souaré, Director of the Sahel and West Africa Programme at the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute.

In 2000, the propensity for staging coups – there had been 15 in the previous decade – worried the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) enough to adopt the Lomé Declaration. In a radical departure from the OAU’s firm policy of turning a blind eye to member states’ ‘internal affairs’, it decreed that any member taking power through an “unconstitutional change of government” would be suspended. In practice, this referred to military coups.

After replacing the OAU, the African Union (AU) has exercised that power of suspension 14 times since 2003. After the Lomé Declaration, the incidence of coups steadily declined from 15 in the previous decade (1991 to 2000) to eight in the decade after, and

five between 2011 and 2020. The extent to which the declaration played a role in this reduction is unclear, considering that the trend suddenly seemed to reverse last year.

In fewer than 13 months from 18 August 2020, four coups have occurred. Two happened in Mali (August 2020 and May 2021), one in Chad (May 2021) and one in Guinea last month. This prompted the Institute for Security Studies (ISS) to tackle the question: Are coups back in Africa? in a seminar this week.

Answering it would require a crystal ball, but the discussion suggested that although the long-term trend was positive, coups could be here to stay. What might help prevent that would be better responses from the AU, regional bodies and international partners to coups and other forms of unconstitutional change of governments. And most importantly to what Souaré and other participants labelled “UPP” – the unconstitutional preservation of power.

The first step in tightening up the Lomé Declaration – and matching instruments in the regional economic communities (RECs) – is to apply the measures consistently across different countries, said ISS Senior Research Consultant David Zounmenou.

He cited the sharp difference in approach towards Mali and Chad. The former was suspended from the AU

and the Economic Community of West African States (Ecowas) after the 2020 and 2021 coups. In contrast, Chad was allowed to remain in the AU pending a transition to elections and civilian rule.

The AU and Ecowas lifted their suspension of Mali a few weeks after August 2020 when the heads of a new civilian transitional administration – vetted by coup leader Assimi Goïta – were announced. Goïta’s toppling of those same civilian leaders in May this year suggested the AU and Ecowas had misjudged Goïta’s commitment to truly civilian rule. As Zounmenou said, if military leaders see they can seize power with impunity, there’s likely to be a proliferation of coups.

All the ISS seminar participants agreed that the real focus of the AU, RECs and other external actors should be on addressing the causes of coups, which include the “unconstitutional preservation of power”.

Kwesi Aning, Director of Academic Affairs and Research at the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre in Accra, suggested that optimism around the declining rate of coups this century needed to be treated with caution. He said forecasts should account for a “teeming democratic sea ... of frustrated, uneducated, barely educated, unemployed and increasingly unemployable youths ... who see the possi-



Guinean special forces celebrate after the coup d’état with Guineans waving the national flag at the Palace of the People in Conakry, 6 September 2021. (Photo: EPA-EFE / STR)

bilities of their participation in the domestic governing of their countries truncated by people who want to stay in power.”

The feelings of the disenchanted were clear when they lined the streets of Conakry in Guinea to applaud Colonel Mamady Doumbouya after he toppled Alpha Condé last month. Similar scenes of popular jubilation greeted Mali’s Colonel Goïta in Bamako last year after he ousted Ibrahim Boubacar Keïta.

Aning and the others agreed that the AU, RECs and others

could help discourage coups by targeting incumbents who cling to power beyond their terms. Condé was a prime example of the consequences of the “unconstitutional preservation of power”. He forced through an unwelcome constitutional change in 2019 to rescind the two-presidential term limit, at the cost of many protesters’ lives.

Doumbouya cited this as one of the main reasons for the coup. As Souaré observed, we have no way of knowing if that was Doumbouya’s true motive but the possibility

should be removed, not only for its own sake but as a plausible pretext for coups.

Andrews Atta-Asamoah, Head of the ISS’s African Peace and Security Governance programme, noted that the Lomé Declaration went further than military coups and other violent power seizures as a trigger for suspension from the AU. An unconstitutional change of government could also include “the refusal by an incumbent government to relinquish power to the winning party after free, fair and regular elections.”

And he noted that the AU’s 2009 Ezulwini Framework for enhancing implementation of the Lomé Declaration’s measures against unconstitutional changes of government had gone further still. It stipulated that “the constitution shall not be manipulated in order to hold onto power against the will of the people” and granted the African Court of Justice and Human Rights the jurisdiction to prosecute coup makers.

Atta-Asamoah felt the AU should be commended as a ‘norm entrepreneur’ for establishing the principle that coups were bad. Nonetheless, the frameworks for preventing unconstitutional changes of government were not really working because they were reactive, not preventive, he said.

So instead of addressing the grievances that sparked the coup, the AU and RECs’ post facto interventions often pitted them “against the overwhelming will of the people in the street”, especially when the AU and RECs insisted on restoring the old regime.

Perhaps the root causes of coups run too deep within a country for any external actor to influence much. But to the extent that they can, the AU and RECs should use their power preventively, focusing more on sanctioning “unconstitutional preservation of power” and other undemocratic behaviour to try to preempt coups. **DM**