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Govt unveils 5-year 47trn/- health sector strategic plan

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma



CRDB Bank Plc acting managing director Bruce Mwile Mwasenga (R), retail banking director Boma Raballa, eastern zone manager Badru Idd and other senior officials pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday flagging off the simultaneous launch of 'Tupo Mtaani Kwako' campaign and a product dubbed 'Hodari Akauti', both designed to benefit entrepreneurs and small traders across Tanzania. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

THE government needs at least 9.4trn /- per year, equivalent to a total of 47trn/- to implement the Health Sector Strategic Plan Five (HSSP V 2021-2025) launched here yesterday.

Officiating at the launch of the plan, the Minister for Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, Dr Dorothy Gwajima, said that the new plan is aimed at reaching 200,000 more people with health services and another 400,000 getting improved healthcare by improving services.

The new strategy will address delivery of health services in accordance with the demand, strengthening preparedness to tackle emergencies and outbreak of diseases, she stated.

"The government has directed more efforts in protection and treatment of communicable and non-communicable diseases" she said.

Dr Gwajima affirmed that the government will upgrade information systems for quick dissemination on signs of danger to the public, and involving people on hygiene, environment cleanliness along with the control of hazardous wastes. Periodic availability of funds and coordination of

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Work permits to be issued within 24hrs

By Getrude Mbago

THE government has completed installing an electronic system for filing applications and processing of work permits that will see issuance of the permits within 24 hours.

William ole Nasha, the Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Office (Investments) said this in Dar es Salaam yesterday, officiating at the 62nd annual general meeting of the Association of Tanzania Employers (ATE).

Through the online system, applicants for work permits will be required to attach all the required documents and upload them for approval wherever they are,

We are aware that the government has recently reduced the SDL from 4.5 percent to 4 percent but we are still requesting for the levy to go down so as to stimulate employment and economic development

without having to go to the ministry's offices.

"Before the system, the issuance of the permits was taking up to six months but now things are going to change for the better, and I am sure that this is very good news to employers and employees as well," he asserted.

Ole Nasha said that the ministry is working with ATE to start training employers and employees on how to use the system and fulfill the relevant conditions, noting that the government is also working to change certain policies and laws so as to improve the business and investment climate.

Envisaged amendments relate to the Investment Policy of 1996 and the Investment Act of 1997, the Labour Relations Act and other areas that will be found thwarting investment efforts, he said.

The government will also establish a calling centre at the Tanzania Investment

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Transporters in disquiet over Zambia's trade bill

By Henry Mwangonde

TRUCKERS and freight forwarders have appealed to the government to engage Zambian authorities over the country's intention to pass a law meant to empower locals that could adversely affect Tanzanian transporters.

The neighboring country has proposed a bill that will limit 50 per cent of cargo entering and leaving the country to its citizens with 30 per cent of cargo specifically allocated to the Tanzania-Zambia Railway Authority (TAZARA) and the remaining 20 per cent to transporters from other countries.

The Tanzania Truck Owners Association


(TATOA) and the Tanzania Freight Forwarders Association (TAFFA) called a press conference in Dar es Salaam yesterday to state that if passed, the law will paralyze transportation business in Tanzania because Zambia is one of top users of the port of Dar es Salaam, second only to the Democratic Republic of Congo.

"Zambia is a member of the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) which advocates free movement of goods among member states. The proposed law is at variance with this spirit," said Elias Lukumay, TATOA vice chairman.

He said there is a need for SADC

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countries to let business competition prevail, by services offered and market needs, instead of cartels as is the case with the proposed legislation.

"The government should intervene on the matter because the new law is now killing competition and fair grounds for doing business," he declared.

Zambia wants to pass 'The Citizens Economic Empowerment (Transportation of Heavy and Bulk Commodities by Road) (Reservation) Regulations 2021' which seeks to operationalize the southern African country's Citizens Economic Empowerment Act of 2006.

The regulations state categorically that Zambian road transporters be given preference when it comes to transporting goods into and within the country, spelling duties upon producers and manufacturers of raw materials, oil suppliers, logistics companies, clearing and

forwarding agents, oil marketing companies and transporters by road of a commodity to a person's plant, industry or place of business.

For his part, Taffa secretary general Elitunu Malamia said the new law if passed would jeopardize efforts to achieve the 30m tonnes cargo to be served by the port of Dar es Salaam.

He said the agencies have written to the relevant ministry as well as to the Tanzanian mission in Zambia to see how the matter can be addressed.

Dar es Salaam Port serves 70-percent of cargo directed to SADC member states in which Zambia is the second in quantity.

The Tunduma-Nakonde border post is Tanzania's busiest crossing as the gateway to Zambia, the Democratic Republic of Congo and partially, Zimbabwe, while on average, the value of cargo passing through the border to Zambia, the DRC and Zimbabwe is estimated at \$1.5bn (3.4 trn/-) annually, he added.



Home Affairs minister George Simbachawene has a word with residents of Chihikwi village in Mbarawala ward, Dodoma Region, yesterday at a meeting meant to resolve a dispute over land ownership and use between the Prisons Department and residents. Photo courtesy of Home Affairs ministry

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Centre (TIC) to hear and address investors' concerns, he said.

"To achieve the goal of producing 8m jobs in the next few years, the government will continue investing heavily in various sectors, improving the investment climate to elicit more investors inside and outside the country," he said.

There is also an allocation of 1.5m hectares of land set aside for investors to initiate various projects in agriculture in particular, he stated.

Dr Aggrey Mlimuka, the ATE executive director, said the meeting brought together stakeholders in most sectors and feasible investment spheres.

He pointed out the presence of participants from agriculture, forestry and fisheries, business and markets, industries and processing, transport and communications, mining and construction, banking and finance, oil and gas, tourism and hospitality, private security firms

and social services.

The meeting was preceded by a high-level workshop on the theme "Strengthening the Investment and Business Climate in Tanzania for a Competitive Economy and Sustainable Job Creation," he said.

"We commended the government for taking various measures to improve the investment environment. However there are some areas which still need further improvement and we will continue communicating with the government to take durable steps for easing investments further," he said.

ATE board chairperson Jayne Nyimbo urged the government to reduce the Skills Development Levy (SDL) from 4 percent to 2 percent.

"We are aware that the government has recently reduced the SDL from 4.5 percent to 4 percent but we are still requesting for the levy to go down so as to stimulate employment and economic development," she added.

Researchers want more efforts to prevent NCDs

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

A CROSS-SECTION of researchers have called on the government to consider new measures to reduce the increasing rates of non-communicable diseases in the county, saying the current efforts are on treatment and not prevention.

They argue that if more focus is on prevention, it can help reduce the big budget on treatment, citing the Tanzania NCDI Poverty Commission, 2020 report which showed that Tanzania spent \$700 million in treatment of the diseases last year.

Speaking during a training for planners, policy and decision makers to use science, technology and innovation in practice and sharing selected evidence in health sector, they argued that a lot more effort should be directed to prevention of the NCDs.

The training organised by the Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH), brought together participants from different departments and institutions within the ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children.

In his presentation, Dr Emmanuel Makundi from the National Institute of Medical Research (NIMR), noted that according to World Health Organisation (WHO) the diseases contribute to 41 percent of deaths in the county.

He said in Tanzania, it is also estimated that deaths due to the diseases and other respiratory complication cases is 16 percent higher among people aged between 30 and 70 years.

"There is need for new approaches on dealing with NCDs with more focus on prevention than treatment" he said, adding that evidence shows that the diseases affect both young and the elderly.

Dr Makundi noted that there is misconception that the diseases only attack rich people who live luxurious life and the old in the developing countries but there are evidences that even the poor living in rural areas are affected.

He observed that while the government has put in place measures to help manage increase of the diseases in the country by establishing department within the ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, efforts aimed at prevention are fragmented and duplicated.

The researcher also observed that health services in relation to the diseases are very minimal, especially in the rural areas where health facilities are not easily accessible.

On the other hand, he said there is low budget allocation in the fight against NCDs, being 7.8 percent of health sector budget compared to the magnitude, which is 41 percent of deaths in the county.

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efforts to stem effects of climate change will also be taken up, she elaborated.

Other targeted spheres are improving health services at lower levels and referral services as well as specialized treatment services at referral and regional hospitals. "I urge health sector development partners and other stakeholders to continue supporting government efforts in improving the provision of health

services, including services to the elderly and those with rare diseases," she sounded out.

Investments are also needed to ensure strengthening of health system, especially in human resources, availability of drugs, hospital equipment, infrastructure, ICT, research on social and health sector cross cutting issues, improving cooperation with the private sector and development partners, the minister underlined.

The aim is to reach all households with essential health and social welfare services, meeting as much as possible expectations of the population, adhering to objective quality standards and applying evidence-informed interventions through efficient channels of service delivery, she elaborated.

About 8.2m people or estimated at 14 percent of the population have access to medical treatment via the national health insurance

scheme.

USAID Country Director Andrew Karas applauded the government for the completion of the plan which he said if well implemented will positively impact on the health sector.

"Development partners support the government's efforts and we are glad to cooperate with Tanzanians to ensure that no one is left behind in accessing improved health services," he added.



William ole Nasha, Deputy Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Investment), addresses the 62nd annual general meeting of the Association of Tanzania Employers in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

Finance bill passes, penalty to multinationals trigger debate

By Francis Kajubi, Dodoma

THE Parliament yesterday passed the Finance Bill 2021 which is to be submitted to the president for signing but penalty slapped on multinational companies (MNCs) and their subsidiaries found to have committed transfer pricing offences triggered debate among legislators.

Finance and Planning Minister Mwigulu Nchemba said in the National Assembly yesterday that the penalty has almost doubled to the previous but some legislators argued that in reality the penalty has gone down.

"The penalty has been maintained and in fact it has been doubled," said Dr Nchemba.

The argument was based on the Finance Bill 2021 part xxi of the Amendment of Tax Administration Act CAP 438 Section 79 of 2021, that some legislators claimed would enable MNCs to pay low penalties if convicted with cases related to tax evasion.

According to the Tax Administration (Transfer Pricing

Regulations 2018) Act, MNCs were subjected to a penalty of 30 percent of the actual tax that was evaded and another 100 percent on top of the same evaded tax.

"The Act will not attract foreign investments as the committee wishes but deny the government billions of money to be collected in taxes," said Jerry Slaa, Ukonga Legislator.

Parliamentary Budget Committee Vice Chairman Omari Kigwa defended that the Act will attract more MNCs to establish subsidiaries in the country.

Hamis Tabasamu-Sengerema Legislator said that the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) has been weak in demanding Transfer Pricing Documents (TPD) from MNCs and their subsidiaries, the document that shows daily global arm length prices of different commodities to avoid the fraud.

According to the Controller and Auditor General's 'Performance Audit Report on Controls over Transfer Pricing in Tanzania's Business sector' as performed by Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) as of March 2021, CAG

Charles Kichere noted that TRA considered transfer pricing function as an operational activity, as a result, it did not specifically incorporate it in its corporate plans. He notes that TRA, at the time of the audit 504 MNCs in the database which were attended by International Taxation Unit (ITU) but out of these, TRA was able to initiate only 60 transfer pricing audits from the financial year 2016/17 to 2019/20.

"Out of the 60 audits initiated from 2016/17 to 2019/20 TRA was able to complete only 23 audits for the four financial years. This was equivalent to 38% of the anticipated accomplishments. Based on that at least 444 MNCs were yet to be audited.

There were also no documented efforts that showed how transfer pricing audits and cases were complementary within TRA Departments," notes CAG Kichere in the report. It was also noted that TRA had a tendency of accepting ad-hoc transfer pricing cases during each financial year which were dealt with out of risk analysis. This undermined the

risk based audit approach as new ad-hoc cases were handled out of planned cases.

The other ad-hoc is the International Taxation Unit (ITU) that was receiving less of the entire budget allocated to the large taxpayer department (LTD). The maximum budget allocation was in 2019/20 where about 20% of total budget was allocated to ITU.

MNCs with a total turnover of 4.239trillion/- for financial years 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2019/20 and US\$137,048,000 in financial year 2018/19 were audited. From these transfer pricing audits tax recovered was 108.610billion/- and 44.07billion/- was still disputed by audited MNCs. This was for only completed audits. For the past four financial years only 152.67 billion of tax was assessed.

However, despite the efforts, ITU was understaffed for the past four financial years. The Audit Team noted that ITU had a total of 19 staff at the end of the financial year 2019/20. This number included management staff," adds the CAG report.



Dar es Salaam regional commissioner Amos Makalla pictured yesterday speaking at a Teachers Day workshop organised by NMB Bank Plc and mainly meant to shed light on services and products on offer at the bank that stand to benefit teachers. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Mkapa wins accolades for his role in boosting public health sector

By Guardian Reporter, Musoma

LAKE Victoria Zone stakeholders in the health sector said yesterday that they will remember the late President Benjamin Mkapa for his contribution towards addressing various challenges in the health sector through the Benjamin Mkapa Foundation (BMF).

According to them, late Mkapa had a right vision in assisting and developing the country's health sector and that is why he decided to establish the foundation to help Tanzanians.

BMF works closely with the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children and the Prime Minister's Office Regional Administration and Local Government (PMORALG).

The stakeholders were giving their views in Musoma Rural District, Mara Region ahead of the first Mkapa's death anniversary in July last year.

Speaking to this paper, Mara Regional Medical Officer, Dr Florian Tinuga said since its establishment, BMF has helped in the procurement of 128 health workers in Mara Region.

Dr Tinuga said apart from that achievement, there are also health experts who have been educated by the foundation and employed in both the public and private sectors across the country.

He added that late Mkapa used his time in retirement to make sure his foundation dwelt in assisting the community in alleviating the shortage of health workers and provision of better medical services.

Interviewed, Doctor in Charge at Murangi Health Centre in

Musoma Rural District, Dr Yusuf Wambura said late Mkapa's vision has helped to improve provision of health services, adding that before the advent of BMF the centre was short of health workers especially in the surgery unit.

Dr Wambura said as for now they serve between 150 and 160 pregnant women every month and attend to between 50 and 70 outpatients every day. He added the health centre has the capacity to admit 25 to 30 patients at its available 16 wards.

In regard to provision of quality health services, BMF Lake Zone Coordinator, Dr Remmy Moshi said the foundation has been of big assistance in providing health workers at various dispensaries, health centres and hospitals.

He said BMF has been responsible to fill various vacancies in the health sector as well as enhancing health services provision.

Dr Moshi said the foundation provides support by dispatching health workers to rural areas with intentions of increasing availability of skilled health workers at the health facilities (hospitals, health centres and dispensaries) and provision of capacity building training to district and regional leaders.

The foundation has since its inception expanded its scope of activities from HIV/Aids to start supporting efforts to combat malaria, Tuberculosis (TB) prevention and curing initiatives, maternal health (prevention of maternal and infant mortality rates) and provision of reproductive health education to youth so that they are able to avoid early pregnancies.

By Francis Kajubi, Dodoma

'Enough resources set aside for medicines'

THE government says it has allocated enough financial resources for provision of health services across the country in the next financial year.

Deputy Minister in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Government) David Silinde told the National Assembly yesterday that a record 270bn/- has been set aside for medicines and medical equipment in the 2021/22 fiscal year.

Silinde made the statement during a questions and answers session when he was responding to a question by Alaudin Salim (Ulanga) CCM who sought to know what the government was doing to end shortage of medicine and medical equipment at Ulanga

district health facilities.

Silinde told the parliament that the government has much interest in delivering good health services to the public as it has increased the budget of the vice from 31bn/- in 2015/16 financial year to 270bn/- in the 2021/22 fiscal year.

According to him the increment translates to good intentions by the government in improving health services in the country, Ulanga district being a part of it.

"The government continues to improve access to medicines and medical supplies in addition to the budget in Ulanga district and

across the country," said Silinde.

He asserted that the medicine and medical supplies budget in Ulanga district council has increased from 337.49m/- from the central government's Community Health Fund (CHF) in 2015/16 to 475.53m/- in 2020/21.

"Availability of essential medicines in Ulanga District Council has increased from 68 percent in 2015/16 to 82.2 percent in 2020/21. Despite these efforts, there is still a challenge of shortage of some medicines and medical supplies at the centers," he added.

The government will continue

to improve the budget and management of the requirements so that health services are brought closer to the public.

Kasalali Mageni-Sumve Member of Parliament blamed the government for not tracking down allocation of medicine and medical equipment to health centers they are intended to.

The deputy minister said that the government is finalising a system that will track down supplies of medicine and medical equipment to all public health centers in the country so that fraud is prevented.

Dodoma RC calls on new DCs to exercise wisdom in making decisions

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

DODOMA Regional Commissioner Anthony Mtaka has cautioned the newly appointed district commissioners to stop using their might when issuing decisions to avoid disconcerting other people.

He was speaking here when swearing in new district commissioners for Kongwa and Kondoa

Samia to chair 12th TNBC meeting in Dar tomorrow

By Guardian Reporter

THE long-awaited 12th Meeting of Tanzania National Business Council (TNBC) is expected to take place in Dar es Salaam tomorrow and the Council's Chairperson, President Samia Suluhu Hassan will chair the crucial meeting for the first time since she took an oath three months ago.

The council's Executive Secretary, Dr Godwill Wanga told reporters in Dar es Salaam yesterday that major discussions would focus on regulatory bodies, forest products and all matters related to taxes as a way towards improving the business environment in Tanzania.

"This meeting is very important for both members from public and private sectors since they will also use the platform to welcome and chart out with the sixth phase president who is also the chairperson of the council," he said, adding that members of the council and the public in general have already expressed their confidence in her administration.

According to the TNBC boss, the council has also organise another meeting on Sunday to be chaired by Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa to deliberate on successes accomplished by President Samia in her first 100 days in office.

"On Sunday the council will hold a symposium that will focus on the first 100 days of President Samia in office and will review what transpired during the 12th tomorrow's meeting (Saturday)," he stressed.

"The 12th meeting carries theme 'Ufanisi wa Biashara na Uwekezaji katika Uchumi wa Kati' and that preparations for the meeting have already been completed," Dr Wanga said, calling massive support for the chairperson.

TNBC is a platform that provides strategic forum for public and private sector leaders to deliberate issues of promoting economic growth. The council is composed by equal members from both public and private sectors.

The council also gives room for members to exchange views on improving business regulatory environment to enhance national economic competitiveness in the long run. The president is the chairperson of the council while the vice-chairman is from the private sector.

districts.

He said it is not wise for a leader to place in custody a public servant or an ordinary citizen purely from displaying power, but wisdom should be used in decision making.

He said a DC should not be part of creating unnecessary conflicts that hinders the district's development strides.

"It is inconceivable for a DC to be part of conflict creation, as you find the DC is not in good terms with the District Administrative Secretary (DAS), with District Executive Director (DED), if it was me I would have asked the president to take it because I

have failed to perform my responsibilities," he said.

He added: "I call on you to avoid being intoxicated by responsibility, it is very bad, as you may find yourselves doing things which even your communities loathe, instead of being friendly to them."

He also said the DCs ought to understand that they represent the president in their areas hence everything they do should be for the interest of the nation.

"You are not assistants to the regional commissioners, if anyone thinks so will be making a mistake and at the end of the

day he would find himself failing to deliver contrary to people's expectations," he added.

He stressed: "You are not supposed to be a 'one man show,' you must work together with fellow leaders."

Speaking after taking the oath of office, Kongwa District Commissioner Remidius Mwema thanked President Samia Suluhu Hassan for trusting him in appointing him to the position.

He said he will use the position to work hard to find solutions to challenges facing residents of the district.

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AT DAR ES SALAAM

APPEAL NO. 6 OF 2021

BETWEEN

SHIV SAI LIMITED..... APPELLANT

AND

INSPECTOR OF MERCHANDISE MARKS ACT.....1ST RESPONDENT

KISHEN ENTERPRISES LIMITED..... 2NDRESPONDENT

(Notice pursuant to Rule 16 of the Fair Competition Tribunal Rules, 2012)

TAKE NOTICE THAT an appeal has been lodged in the Tribunal against the whole decision of Chief Inspector of Merchandise Marks Act delivered on 18th May, 2021 at The Fair Competition Commission Dar es salaam in respect of Claim no. 1 of 2021 in which the appellant asking the 1st respondent at the hearing to quash the decision regarding the seizure notice no. FCC/SN 0001B dated 23rd January, 2021 and release the goods to wit 192 pieces of motorcycles branded "SUPER TOYO" that were seized and detained for being infringing the TOYO trademark owned by the 2nd respondent believing that are not the counterfeits. Upon hearing the 1st respondent satisfied on the balance of probabilities that the appellant without authority of the 2nd respondent (a proprietor of TOYO and POWERKING Trademark) counterfeited the protected trademark by manufacturing and importing the sale in Tanzania 192 pieces of Motorcycles contrary to section 3(1)(g) of the Merchandise Marks Act hence the claim dismissed in entirety and the decision of the 2nd Respondent upheld.

The Appellant contend, among other grounds, that the Chief Inspector Merchandise Marks Act the 1st respondent herein fail to exercise the administrative direction, abandonment the complaint by 2nd respondent and erred apparent on the face of record. Thus, the Appellant asking the tribunal to set aside the ruling of the Chief Inspector of Merchandise Marks Act made on 18th May, 2021, release the goods impounded to appellant and grant cost of this appeal.

BY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE any person who considers that he has sufficient interest may apply to intervene in the proceedings within seven days of the first publication of this notice to the Fair Competition Tribunal, 2nd Floor, Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology Building, Jamhuri Street, Dar Es Salaam.

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SOS launches mission to rescue Arusha youths from drug abuse

By Marc Nkwam, Arusha

As Tanzania joins the rest of the world in marking the United Nations International Day against drug abuse and illegal trafficking, the SOS Children's Villages is launching a mission to rescue Arusha youths from narcotic addiction, usage.

The United Nations International Day against drug abuse and illegal trafficking will be observed on Saturday, the 26th of June 2021, with Tanzania marking the occasion in Dodoma.

The SOS Family Strengthening Programme Officer, Kaiza Sakafu pointed out here that, drug abuse was becoming a big problem among young people in Arusha City and the center has seen the need to nip it right from the bud before it became too late.

"It is going to be a special project for Arusha which should be launched soon after the relevant procedures are completed," said Sakafu adding that Tanzania, like other nations, is banking heavily on the youth for the country's development and future existence.

He was speaking during the occasion to mark the SOS Day here, held at the Ngarantoni based center, where various activities, including sports, quizzes, tree planting and awards giving sessions took place.

The Assistant Commissioner of Social Welfare in Arusha, Simon Panga who graced the event, admitted that, while the number of orphaned children and homeless youth was increasing in Arusha, cases of drug abuse were also on the rise.

"Children are inhaling glue and gasoline, while the youth are slowly but surely indulging themselves in narcotics, it is a serious problem which requires combined efforts of the government, non-government organizations, civil societies and members of the community, in order to be solved," stated Panga.

The Assistant Commissioner of Social Welfare lauded SOS efforts in restoring lives and hopes in local communities and appealed to other children and youth

centers to emulate its approach in working to reunite the youngsters with their lost families.

"At the end of the day, if parents, relatives or other members of the children's families are alive, then it is important for the homeless children to be reunited with them," pointed out Panga.

Named from the internationally recognized standard distress signal, 'Save Our Souls,' the SOS Children's Villages started their humanitarian services in Arusha at the turn of the new millennium in 2000 and more than 20 years later, the fundamental part of their mission consists of a family strengthening programme.

Debuting in Zanzibar, SOS operations have so far covered the Isles, Arusha, Mwanza, Iringa and Dar-es-salaam. Globally it has presence in 137 countries.

Based at Ngarantoni area, the SOS Arusha also runs a social centre working to alleviate hardship in the local communities through provision of various services, such as a day-care centre, where children receive pre-school education and three meals a day.

Poor families are also assisted to send their children to school by having their school fees paid by SOS which in addition, provides school uniforms. The center also provides basic education for children that never had the chance to attend school.

Other community assistance programmes executed in conjunction with partner organisations are vocational training courses and micro-credits to help people start up their own business ventures. Setting up income-generating projects in the communities and training in a range of subjects such as child health and development, nutrition, hygiene and child rights.

The SOS also runs a medical centre which provides basic health care to the local community, offering voluntary testing and counseling for HIV/AIDS, as well as free treatment and drugs to those affected. Maternal health services are also provided at the medical centre, including gynaecological examinations, counseling and vaccination programmes.



Special Seats legislator Najma Murtaza Giga (L) has a word with officials of the Tanzania Federation of Disabled People's Organisations at National Assembly grounds in Dodoma city yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

RC orders court action against 35 groups defaulting on council loans

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

MORE than 460m/- which Mbeya District council provided as loans to entrepreneurial groups have not been repaid for more than three years due to what is cited as sheer arrogance by the groups.

In the circumstances, Mbeya Regional Commissioner, Juma Homera has instructed the council to take the 35 defaulting groups to court, adding that wisdom should prevail in regard to vulnerable groups - those of people with disabilities.

Speaking at the Special Council meeting that discussed queries raised by the Controller and Auditor General (CAG) in the audit reports of the 2019/2020 financial year, the District Community Development Officer Zena Kapama said the groups have been dilidallying in repaying the loans.

She said the most defaulting groups were those of the youth and people with disabilities, saying the latter groups have been claiming that they were unable to repay the groups due to their disabilities.

"Last year, many groups that received loans believed that the money was for free due to the general elections, the reason that was incorrect," Zena said.

She said they have taken various steps to ensure the groups repay the money including referring them to village governments and ward committees to force them to pay but all that was in vain.

After this explanation, RC Homera instructed the Community Development Department to demand the money nonetheless, including

taking them to court.

He called upon the community development officer to list all defaulting groups and submit the same to the District Police OCD to begin legal proceeding while calling to the PCCB to work together with the police to interrogate the group's officials.

"I give you up to September 10 this year to ensure all these people repay the money loaned to them, it is a large sum of money, and if you will fail to implement this directive you will be placed in custody," said the RC.



Tanzania National Business Council executive secretary Dr Godwill Wanga addresses journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday on the council's 12th meeting scheduled to be held in the city tomorrow, chaired by President Samia Suluhu Hassan. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Correspondent James Kandoya

LHRC condemns operation by TAWA blamed for death of Kaliua girl aged 4

THE Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC) has condemned the recent operation conducted by Tanzania Wildlife Management Authority (TAWA) wardens in collaboration with police officers in Kaliua District in Tabora Region leading to the death of a four-year-old girl.

The girl identified as Nyanzobhe Mwandu (4) was found dead in a house gutted into fire after Kaliua District Commissioner ordered police Igagala no 5 and wardens from TAWA to evacuate residents using force including demolishing their settlements.

Addressing reporters in Dar es Salaam on Monday, LHRC executive director Anna Henga

said the incident happened on June 16, this year.

She said during the day, the Kaliua District Commissioner ordered the wardens to demolish villagers' shelters where over 30 houses and other properties were destroyed by fires and a girl remained inside.

Henga claimed that despite the fact the district Administrative Officer (DAS) was informed, he did not take any action adding that allegedly the DC again ordered the exercise to continue in other villages.

"Section 24(1) of the Constitution

of the United Republic of Tanzania states that every person is entitled to own property, and has a right to the protection of his property held in accordance with the law. Therefore DC violated the constitution by ordering the destruction of people's properties," she said.

Furthermore, section 14 of the constitution states that every person has the right to live and to the protection of his life by the society in accordance with the law.

According to her, the directives made by the DC have destroyed

the life of an innocent girl, something which is against human rights.

She called on Minister Umyy Mwalimu from the President's Office Regional Administration & Local Government (PO-RALG) and Dr Damas Ndumbaro from the Ministry of Tourism and Natural Resources to pay a visit to the place and have a meeting with residents.

Henga further urged regional authorities to ensure that all villages that border the animal reserves are clearly identified to avoid unnecessary conflicts.

Tanzanians urged to reject unsafe customs, including children's marriage, FGM

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

TANZANIANS have been urged to increase fight and refrain from harmful traditional practices including child marriages, female genital mutilation (FGM) and related acts as they fuel spread of HIV/AIDS.

Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on HIV/AIDS Fatuma Toufiq made the call here this week during the workshop that brought together community, religious and political leaders to discuss and come up with strategies to fight the challenge.

Toufiq said that several reports have highlighted that harmful traditional practices are affecting development but also fueling the spread of HIV/AIDS so this should be fought with all efforts.

Organised by the Tanzania Commission for AIDS (TACAIDS) with funds from Global Fund and UN Women, the workshop meant to discuss and strengthen the capacity of the leaders in issues relating to harm practices and barriers, which affect women's ability to protect themselves against new HIV infection, access to HIV testing, treatment and care.

"We should all together join efforts and speed up the fight against violence and harmful traditional practices that affect our people, the majority of women and girls are the victims of this challenge," the lawmaker said.

Earlier, TACAIDS director of information department Jumanne Isangu said that the spread of HIV/AIDS mostly affects women and girls due to harmful traditional

practices thus calling on the leaders to put strong strategies to fight the vice.

Isangu said that as per assessment conducted last year, harmful traditional practices remain as a huge setback in the fight against HIV/AIDS in some areas in the country.

He noted that the assessment found that women and girls in some areas in the country were still slaves of forced marriages, widow inheritance and FGM, a situation which affects their health and development.

UN-Women AIDS programme coordinator Jacob Kayombo said that the participants will participate in preparing strategies which will help eradicate harmful traditional practices in the country.

He said that UN Women in collaboration with the government and other stakeholders will continue investing more efforts to support the fight against the harmful practices in the areas and thus achieve the goal aimed at ending AIDS as a public health threat by 2030.

"Harmful practices such as early marriages, FGM, widow inheritance and others are high in some areas such as Lake Zone, this needs immediate efforts to fight the challenge, so we will deploy more experts here," he said.

"We should all together join efforts and speed up the fight against violence and harmful traditional practices that affect our people, the majority of women and girls are the victims of this challenge"

'Govt will not tolerate heads of dept found to deny public servants rights'

By Guardian Reporter

THE Minister of State in the President's Office (Public Service Management and Good Governance) Mohamed Mchengherwa has said the government will not tolerate any head of a department in a public institution who will be the reason for any public servant to be denied of his rightful benefits and for a citizen to be deprived of better service.

The remarks were expressed here on Tuesday by the minister when opening the annual task force meeting for the heads of government human resources departments in the public service sector.

He called upon departmental heads to fully perform their duties in accordance with president

Samia Suluhu's directives that called for public institutions to treat their subordinates justly and provide better service to the people.

He called upon them to find solutions to public servants' and citizens' various grievances at their work places and warned that during his visits he will not tolerate seeing long queues of people without basic reasons at government offices waiting to be served.

To make sure his directives are adhered to, Mchengherwa has established an electronic system dubbed "SEMA NA WAZIRI WA UTUMISHI" (Speak to the Public Service Minister) soon to be launched that will provide opportunities to public servants and citizens to submit their complaints.

"Through this system, I will be able to know complaints being submitted by citizens wherever I will be and make follow ups on how they will be dealt with by my office," he said.

Deputy Minister of State in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Government) Festo Dugange said President Samia has frequently been stressing for positive results regarding the performance of public servants in their areas of work.

The two-day task force meeting is being attended by Directors of human Resources Departments from ministries, independent departments, agencies, public institutions, regional secretariats and local government authorities.



Azania Bank managing director Charles Itembe (R) welcomes Geita regional commissioner Rosemary Senyamule (L) to dinner the bank hosted earlier this week for members of the business community. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Correspondent, Zanzibar

THE Tanzania Media Women's Association (TAMWA-Zanzibar) is set to establish a special centre that will create a platform for people to understand how to deal with gender-related issues.

Chairperson of the building committee, Shifaa Said Hassan unveiled this on Wednesday when briefing the TAMWA chairperson) Joyce Shebe who visited the construction site of the centre in Tunguu area on the outskirts of the Zanzibar stone town.

Shifaa said that construction of the centre started in January this year and that so far 358,000,000/- has been spent and 99 percent of the cost has come from the association.

However, she said the association needs 570,297,000/- to accomplish the project, asking stakeholders and development partners to chip in and support the initiative, which is designed to scale up gender education in Zanzibar.

TAMWA establishes centre to deal with gender-based issues

TAMWA chairperson Joyce Shebe stated that the establishment of a centre will bring greater productivity for the benefit of the whole community and the country at large.

Joyce explained that members of the association have every reason to be proud of the establishment of the centre, noting that for many years since the formation of TAMWA there has never been such a large investment and that its implementation is undoubtedly a great force that continues to be invested and needs to be developed. She said that in various parts of Zanzibar and Tanzania in general people face so many problems particularly those which are linked to gender.

"So, I believe the proposed centre will provide a good avenue for the public and victims of

gender-based violence (GBV) to get an education," she said.

According to her, completion of the project will help to address GBV-related cases in the Indian Ocean archipelago.

TAMWA official called on the community and all key stakeholders to come forward and support the initiatives of building the centre.

In 2018, a total of 942 GBV cases were reported to the Police Gender and Children's Desks in Zanzibar, a slight decrease from the 1,041 cases reported in 2017.

Ending Violence against Women and Children is a critical pillar of the Zanzibar Joint Programme that was launched in August 2018 - a development collaboration between the United Nations and the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar.

Covid-19 behind gas distribution delays in Lindi municipality

By Guardian Correspondent, Lindi

THE outbreak of Covid-19 has been named as the reason behind delays in a project to distribute gas to households in Lindi municipality.

Director General of the Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC) Dr James Matarajio said this recently during a stakeholder's symposium to discuss a project to distribute gas to households in Lindi municipality.

Dr Matarajio was responding to a question by Lindi legislator Hamida Mohammed Abdallah who wanted to know what led to delays in implementation of a project which was launched by the minister for energy Dr Medard Kalemani last year.

Dr Matarajio said due to the outbreak of the disease, a company which was supposed to implement the project failed to come to the country because the host country was in quarantine.

"Indeed the project which was launched here at Mnazimmoja has been delayed due to the outbreak of the coronavirus," he said.

The DG called upon the residents in the region to calm down as resources for implementation of the project have already arrived.

He said contractors for the project will work together with TPDC officials in the area to ensure 500 households are reached with services including 200 of Mnazi-Mmoja ward and 300 of Lindi town.

We are ready to participate in construction of ongoing strategic projects - local contractors tell government

By Anaeli Mbise

LOCAL contractors in the country have expressed their readiness to participate in the construction of the ongoing strategic projects implemented across the country.

Speaking to The Guardian yesterday, Executive Director of the Tanzania Building Work Limited, Mohamed Noray said local contractors have all the required capacity and skills to execute the projects.

"I have performed a number of construction activities in different parts of the country which were approved by the responsible boards," he said promising to complete the construction job on time, if the company is awarded any tender.

Former Chairman of the Association of Contractors of Tanzania (CATA), Milton Nyerere said that it is high time the government gives priority to local contractors calling for the foreign companies to share expertise with local contractors.

"I call on officials with the government to start considering local contractors in the coming projects," added Nyerere.

Some of the strategic construction projects currently going on at various parts of the country include the Julius Nyerere Hydropower Project (JNHPP), Standard Gauge Railway (SGR), Tanzanite Bridge, Kigongo Busisi Bridge and a number of water, road, schools and health centres' construction projects.



REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF ZANZIBAR MINISTRY OF HEALTH, SOCIAL WELFARE, ELDER, GENDER AND CHILDREN

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PARTNERSHIP IN PROVISION OF COVID-19 SUSTAINABLE LABORATORY SERVICES

1. The Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar through its Ministry of Health, Social Welfare, Elderly Gender and Children and other relevant institutions, continues with the efforts to reinforce prevention and control measures against Covid-19 and other potential outbreaks in the country. It is intended that part of proceeds of the funds will be used to cover eligible payment under the contract for the **Partnership Provision of Covid-19 Sustainable Laboratory Testing Services for Ministry of Health, Social Welfare, Elderly Gender and Children, Zanzibar**. The main services earmarked to be provided through this plans include: -

- Covid-19 testing for departing and arriving International travellers at Zanzibar Airports using the Real-time Polymerized Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) and/or Antigen Rapid Tests
- Ensure timely testing and access to results through existing Electronic Covid-19 Testing platform under the Ministry of Health Social Welfare, Elderly Gender and Children
- Provide only testing services and facilitating availability of the results, while provision of the results and other follow-up and mitigation measures will be done under the control of the Ministry of Health.

Note: Minimum of two bidders will be considered for provision of the above mentioned services

- The services include the main criteria will be required for a COVID-19 testing services in Zanzibar through this system:
 - The Testing Service Provider will be registered for provision of testing or related services within the existing regulatory institutions in Tanzania.
 - Provide required services in accordance with the standard medical protocols as regularly updated by the Zanzibar Covid-19 response plans.
 - Provide required services in both Islands, Unguja and Pemba
 - Be able to provide required Services using their own equipment's and structures.
 - Should allow regular inspection and monitoring of the provided services through Ministry of Health or other institution assigned by the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar.
 - Be able to provide Covid-19 testing services using RT-PCR, Rapid Tests or any other type of test as required by the guidelines
- The duration of the consultancy package for the Consultancy services will be 12 months and subject to the renewal of every 6 month's period if necessary.
- The Principal Secretary, Ministry of Health, Social Welfare, Elderly, Gender and Children now invites eligible consultancy firms to indicate their interest in providing the above-mentioned services. Interested Consultants must provide information evidencing that they are qualified to perform these services (company profile, description of similar assignments, experience, availability of staff with appropriate skills, reference of past assignment of similar nature, etc.). Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications.
- Interested Consultants may obtain further information on the assignment at the address below from 08:00 to 15:30 hours local time, from Monday to Friday inclusive except on public holidays or E-Mail: procurementmgt@mohz.go.tz

6. The deadline for the submission of expressions of interest is **11:30 hours** local time on **Monday 05th July, 2021**. The Expressions of Interest should be clearly addressed to The Principal Secretary, Ministry of Health, Social welfare, Elderly Gender and Children, P.O. Box 236, Zanzibar and marked **'EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PARTNERSHIP IN PROVISION OF COVID 19 SUSTAINABLE LABORATORY SERVICES FOR MINISTRY OF HEALTH, SOCIAL WELFARE, ELDERLY GENDER AND CHILDREN, ZANZIBAR**.

7. The address for submission of Expressions of Interests is:

**The Secretary,
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BancABC launches deposit campaign for all customers

By Guardian Correspondent

BancABC, which is part of Atlas Mara has launched a special deposit campaign of up to 14 percent interest upfront, on structured fixed deposit accounts.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam yesterday, the bank's Chief Operations Officer, Joyce Malai said they are introducing an annual interest rate of up to 14 percent for customers who will open fixed deposit accounts from today to end of September this year.

She said customers will be paid upfront interest instantly while their principal amounts remain secure until maturity.

"This is a good offer in the market so far, we want to

encourage our customers and even those who do not bank with us to take advantage of this offer as it lasts," she said.

The Chief Operations Officer added that BancABC was keen in meeting its customers' needs and ensuring that they grow together with the bank.

She said: "We are giving an upfront interest to enable our customers still run their businesses and daily activities without having to wait till the end of the tenure to earn it."

Acting Head of Treasury and global Markets, Luiza Paschal added: "We are also flexible to accommodate those that would prefer a quarterly, semiannual or annual interest payment besides the upfront. To us a customer

is a king and that's why we have created this flexibility to accommodate all our customers needs' she added.

She added that should a customer further wish to borrow against his or her fixed deposit, they can do that with us. We welcome all to customers to come enjoy this offer while it lasts.

"One just needs to call us on 0779111000 or visit any of our branches at Uhuru, Quality Centre, Kariakoo, Dodoma, Mwanza and Arusha, open a fixed account and they will get their interest paid instantly," she said.

She said the offer will apply to customers who open a fixed deposit account with BancABC for one year before the 30th of September this year.



Construction of Kitunda Bridge in progress yesterday as part of the implementation of the Dar es Salaam Rapid Transit Agency (DART) road project. Photo: Nasra Hussein TUDARCO

Over 200 women entrepreneurs from all regions in Tanzania get training on ways to work better

By Getrude Mbago

THE Equal Opportunities for All Trust Fund (EOTF) has brought together more than 200 women entrepreneurs from all regions in Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar to capacitate them with essential skills that will help improve their businesses.

Officiating the three-day workshop in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Permanent secretary in the Ministry of Trade and Industries Doto James said that educating and empowering women to engage in various economic activities including trade, will contribute immensely to the growth of the country's economy.

He noted that women's engagement in economic activities has raised in recent years something which contributes immensely in the country's economic development.

"Through their active participation in trade and business, entrepreneurship and agriculture activities, the country has also witnessed growth in various sectors, so we need to continue investing heavily

in this group for sustainable development," he said.

According to Doto, the government has for years been taking a number of strides to empower women economically, through implementation of various initiatives to address issues that thwart women's growth.

The PS further called on the general community to fight against all forms of violence and exploitation against women so as to enable them to remain strong; engage in economic activities for the country's development.

"If we will not put much emphasis in eradicating violence, some women will not be able to achieve their economic dreams, so the society has to be aware of the impacts of violence and thus be able to support women's economic struggles in their localities," he said.

Doto commended EOTF for organizing the workshop as this will enable them participate fully in the country's development but also become economically independent and produce more job opportunities for others.

Anna Mkapa, EOTF founder and

Chairman said that the workshop will among others educate the women on how to improve and brand their products so as to win national and international markets.

"Once you empower women, you help the community to alleviate poverty, improve livelihoods and is the most effective strategy to ensure the well-being and health of children as well as the long-term success of developing economies," she noted.

She commended various institutions which have supported the workshop as CRDB bank, the National Social Security Fund (NSSF), Public Service Social Security Fund (PSSSF), Tanzania Trade Development Authority (Tantrade), Tanzania Youth Alliance (Tayoa), the National Service (JKT), Kioo Limited and A to Z company.

The EOTF is an organisation that focuses on the advancement and betterment of the lives of the poor, with a particular focus on women and children. The organisation has three main pillars - women's economic empowerment, education and health care.

Experts recommend new approaches towards reduction of malaria deaths

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE Ifakara Health Institute (IHI) has recommended to malaria researchers in tropical countries to start thinking of novel approaches towards reduction to zero malaria cases and deaths.

Speaking to this paper, a Researcher at IHI, Dr Brian Tarimo said the move will save nearly \$3.0 billion spent annually in efforts to control and eliminate the disease.

He was concerned that some of the current interventions such as the use of bed nets have started to lose efficacy, hence the need to replace them.

He said the 2020 World Malaria report indicates that there were almost 229 million cases of malaria in 2019, with around 94 percent of them occurring in Africa. Out of the mentioned cases, 409,000 cases resulted in deaths with most of them being children under the age of 5 years.

"Hybrid mosquitoes are efficient because there is near 100 percent guarantee that they will have the genetic modification for suppressing/altering the target population which means 100 percent efficacy," he said.

He said hybrid mosquitoes are long-lasting because the genetic modification will exist from generation to generation as long as they are reproducing in the target population.

He added that hybrid mosquitoes are easily accessible because they can easily spread from one location to another and do not require any infrastructure to be in place.

He said hybrid mosquitoes could reach areas that are currently served by limited infrastructure and current interventions require adequate infrastructure such as warehouses for storing bed nets, roads and vehicles for transporting treatments and control tools.

Recent reports from the World Health Organisation (WHO), African Union and the Lancet Commission advocate for a cautious, stepwise approach in research and development of hybrid mosquitoes.

He described that there has never been a technology that is 100 percent free of any risks. However, if the potential benefits of the technology significantly outweigh its potential risks, then by all means it should be adopted.

"The World should not pass up the potential opportunity to reduce cases and deaths from malaria, especially among children below the age of 5 years," he said.

The researcher reiterated that the decision on whether or not to proceed with the new technology should be solely based on scientific results.

"Hybrid mosquitoes offer a

novel and uniquely transformative method of fighting malaria. It is time to pull behind our scientists, believe in their work and to stop the fear mongering," he added.

About three months ago, the National Institute of Medical Research (NIMRI) announced that it had embarked on a study aimed at establishing whether malaria parasites change into new variants, hence difficulties in treating the disease.

NIMRI Executive Director, Prof Yunus Mgaya told The Guardian over a telephone interview that research will be conducted for three-and-half years in 19 regions of Tanzania mainland.

"The hypothesis is that the plasmodium that causes malaria may have the ability to mutate, this study will prove or disprove this," he said.

"The outcome will be shared by stakeholders and whatever the outcome will lead to new ways and approaches in the fight against the disease," he added.

In the last Malaria Summit, London 2018, Tanzania reaffirmed its commitment to reduce malaria prevalence from 10 percent in 2012 to less than 1 percent in 2020.

The government also promised to continue providing and distributing mosquito nets to achieve universal access by 2020, and scale up larviciding and indoor residual spraying.



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

I. INTRODUCTION

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

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

Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01217	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF CUMMINS SPARE PARTS FOR ENGINES QSK19, KTA38 AND QSK45 MODELS.

II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	10%
COMMERCIAL	
Company Profile	1.25%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.25%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.25%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.25%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.25%
Company Shareholding Structure/Share structure of the company (ownership of shares in percentage (%))	1.25%
List of Directors	1.25%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.25%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	
Audited & certified financial statements (2018-2019)	2.5%
At least 2 references from the applicant's bankers regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Environment Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Safety and Environmental Policies	1.25%
PAST EXPERIENCE	
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered into with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.25%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.25%
Acceptance certificates/completion certificates (proof of the above) where applicable	1.25%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.25%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA	
Ability to carry Cummins parts warranty	20%
Dealership to Cummins as an added advantage	15%
Supply history of Cummins parts in Mining Industry	20%
OEM Maintenance Support to ENGENES QSK19, KTA38 and QSK45 Models	20%
Total	100%

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER of the service they intend to express interest on THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com not later than 0830 A.M 02TH JULY 2021 (the "LOI" Submission Deadline"). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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Tanga Regional Police Commander Blasius Chatanda listens as Nilkant factory employee Ally Ally airs grievances yesterday in connection with a strike staged by workers citing meagre salary and harassment by management. Photo: Correspondent Amida Kamchalla

It is illegal to engage children in tobacco farm work, warns Bashe

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THE government has forbidden farmers and companies from employing children in tobacco farming activities to avoid international litigation as it was the case with Malawi.

The proscription was given here yesterday by Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Hussein Bashe as he was addressing a tobacco stakeholders meeting that also launched a team tasked to develop the tobacco industry.

He said it was a great offence to use children to work in tobacco farms.

"I would not like seeing children working in tobacco farms else we could face international litigation as international law prohibits children to work in tobacco farms," he said.

He stressed that there was no reason at all to use children, saying adults can do the job professionally to develop the sector.

He explained that the

government does not like seeing any problems plaguing the tobacco industry, the stakeholders should do the job as they do in regard to other strategic crops such as cashew nuts.

In regard to the tree planting issue, Bashe said there were many open areas in which farmers can plant trees to protect tobacco farming as well as protect the environment.

"When you engage in tobacco farming one must have trees to create an environment for

improving the crop as the grade of Tanzania tobacco was plummeting due to lack of trees," Bashe said.

"We should plant trees in abundance to improve the crop's environment, we should not turn back, but make strides forward," the deputy minister added.

He said the team he had launched will work under the chairmanship of Nyasebwa Chimago who will join others to work for the development of the tobacco sector.

Govt tasks seed agency to support production of edible oil via higher supply of sunflower

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

THE government has tasked the Agriculture Seed Agency (ASA) to embark on a strategic project to produce enough sunflower seeds to be distributed to farmers at affordable prices.

Agriculture Minister, Prof Adolf Mkenda said the government is implementing a strategy that seeks to ensure Tanzania deters from acute shortage of edible oil within two years.

To ensure the initiative fetches fruitful results, the minister said the government in this financial year has increased budget allocation to ASA from 5.52bn/- to 10.58bn/-.

"Our focus is to empower the agency to engage in mass cultivation of sunflower seeds at its farms in order to supply them to farmers," he said.

Prof Mkenda added that plans are also to ensure ASA farms are installed with modern irrigation schemes as well as other necessary agricultural infrastructures, including modern warehouses.

"We want to see ASA making full utilization of all its 13 farms scattered at different areas countrywide, this will curb the shortage of quality sunflower seed varieties and other key crops," he said adding the ministry is looking for an extra land for ASAs farm expansion drive.

The minister expressed dismay that the government spends around 500bn/- annually to import edible oil while the country has a vast potential to manufacture sunflower seeds.

"Most farmers fail to engage into vast production of sunflower

due to unavailability of seeds, a situation which automatically frustrate local edible oil manufacturers," he added.

National Coordinator for Sunflower form the Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) Frank Reuben, said that until last week, the demand for edible oil in Tanzania was 650,000MT, whereby in a period from 2018-2020 the demand was 570,000MT.

He expressed that production of sunflower in the country is now at 290,000 tonnes compared to 205,000 tonnes in the past year. Sunflower contributes to at least 68.9 percent of all edible oil produced in Tanzania, whereby the remaining 30.1 percent are coming from other crops, including palm oil.

ASA Chief Executive Officer, Dr Sophia Kashenge said within four years, the agency has managed to improve its seed production levels from 557 tonnes in 2016/2017 to at least 1,750 tonnes in 2019/2020.

The production of improved seed varieties is projected to improve from the current 1750 to 3750 tonnes by 2022, she said.

She said the agency anticipates at improving its irrigation infrastructures, a project which will see installation of modern irrigation schemes to a tune of at least 250 acres at its different farms.

With a mandate to produce government seeds, ASA plus its land resources is currently contributing at least 28 per cent of all seeds produced in Tanzania.

Statistics shows that demand for seeds in Tanzania stands at 186,500 tonnes per year, but the amount that is being produced is 71,000 tonnes only.

Govt plans to increase production of tea to 60 million tonnes by 2025

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

THE government has said it intends to increase tea production from the current 37 million tonnes to 60 million by the year 2025 through reviving abandoned farms and establishing new ones.

Minister for agriculture Prof Adolf Mkenda made the remarks yesterday when launching a programme to improve the value chain for crops like tea, coffee, vegetables and fruits in a programme called Agri-connect which will be implemented in six regions of southern highlands and Zanzibar.

The programme is funded by the European Union (EU) at a cost of \$100 million (273bn/-) for a period of four years.

Prof Mkenda said researchers have found that Tanzania has vast land which is suitable for tea plantation compared to all

countries in the East African region, however production is still low.

He said the CCM manifesto has indicated various strategies to increase production for the crop to increase revenue.

"I will personally follow up on the matter to ensure the programme is implemented. I do not expect the money to end up in seminars and meetings but should be used to achieve the intended goal," he said.

He said out of the East African countries, Kenya is the leading nation with massive tea production estimated to be 500 million tonnes.

He said there are tea farms in Iringa which were abandoned adding that the government will revive them and open others to ensure production is increased.

EU ambassador to Tanzania Manfredo Fant said apart from

improving the crop's value chain, the programme will also build infrastructure such roads in rural areas so that farmers can access markets.

He said the roads will be improved to tarmac level and others will be improved to better status.

He also said that the programme is aimed at addressing malnutrition which has been a serious problem in the regions.

For her part, the chairman for the Parliamentary Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Water, Dr Christine Ishengoma hailed the EU for the support saying it had multiple benefits to the country.

The regions that are expected to benefit from the programme include Mbeya, Iringa, Njombe, Ruvuma, Songwe where more than 220,000 farmers are expected to be reached.

By Francis Kajubi, Dodoma

MINISTRY of Energy says it will accomplish all power projects in the Tabora and Katavi regions by 2025 as part of the government's targets of connecting all villages in the country to electricity.

The ministry made the pledge in the National Assembly yesterday following a question asked by Taska Mbodo, Member of Parliament for Special Seats CCM who questioned when the ministry will accomplish construction of the power main grid from Tabora region to Katavi region.

In his answer, Deputy Minister for Energy Stephen Byabato told the National Assembly that the government is going on with implementation of the construction project for the power main grid of 132 kilovolts with a length of 381 km from Tabora to Katavi.

According to him, the project

Villages across Tabora, Katavi to get electricity within 4 years

involves the construction of three 132/33 kilowatt power stations in Ipole, Inyonga and Mpanda.


Construction of the project is expected to be completed by August, 2023. The cost of the project is set at 64.5billion/-.

"The construction of another 400 kilowatt power transmission line from Iringa to Mbeya through Sumbawanga, Mpanda to Kigoma region with a length of 1,232 km, is expected to start in November, 2022 and will be completed in October, 2024. The cost of the project stands at 470.42billion/-," said Byabato.

The minister asserted that the government is working day and night to make sure that the whole country is connected to electricity not only for domestic use but

also encouraging investors who wish to come to the country by generating enough power for industries.

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Consultancy for a Socio-economic Study, Analysis and Capacity Training for Five Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) within Ruvuma Landscape, Southern Tanzania.

- 1. Introduction**
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- 2. Scope of Work**
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Nation holds its breath in hailing Dr Kaunda, Mwalimu's alter ego

AFRICAN countries, especially the southern Africa circuit, are collectively and individually immersed in the mourning Dr Kenneth Kaunda.

This the founder president of Zambia and one of the foremost regional allies - not to say personal friends - of Mwalimu JK Nyerere.

In many regards Dr Kaunda was an alter ego to the Father of the Nation, an illustration of the same spirit and public or leadership outlook, but with clear variations, not disparities, arising from their different political conditions and strategic positions.

Dr Kaunda is a father figure to the vast majority of the current adult generation, all but our more venerable elders.

Making a rapid account of the life and work of the deceased Zambian statesman, one elderly observer of the political scene contributing to international media broadcasts in our language recalled that Mwalimu's acceptance of multiparty democracy was in a way courtesy of President Kaunda's influence.

Mwalimu was visiting Zambia in one of his many post-retirement missions and had frank talks with the Zambian president, then still in office, and they agreed on the need for multiparty democracy.

It can be gauged that this would assist ANC President Nelson Mandela in his often difficult negotiations with post-apartheid authorities, to organise the first properly democratic polls there.

Up to that point Dr Kaunda and Nyerere had passed through smoke and fog in seeking to bring light to the difficult post-independence condition in Africa, first with racial despotisms in Southern Africa, and a flurry of coups and bestial conduct of rulers in various countries.

To this end, Mwalimu and Nyerere first pacted on the Nigerian-Biafran conflict, where they rejected the principle of non-interference in each other's affairs,

to insist on principles of humanism as necessary for peace and unity in Africa.

They were roundly howled, but divinity listened; despite grave tensions up to 1992 and beyond, Zambia is peaceful.

Mwalimu and Kaunda were most noticed as bosom friends during the half a decade or so of Frontline State meetings, from 1975 to 1980 when Zimbabwe became independent.

Mozambique had only rapid talks before reaching an accord after a coup in Portugal removed the 40-year-old fascist dictatorship, and diplomacy had little role in the transition.

However, the Nyerere-Kaunda alliance was pivotal in moral encouragement and clear strategic support for Frelimo, the liberation party in Mozambique.

It was Zimbabwe that was accessible to plenty of diplomacy, where Mwalimu by and large gave the key signals with President Kaunda at his side. The point of difference between Nyerere and Kaunda, as emphasized by some commentators, was that Nyerere peacefully retired, while Kaunda accepted multiparty democracy.

The latter, underestimating opposition influence and potential impact of longevity, thrust himself into the polls. The rest is history, but Kaunda remained the most principled leader Zambia has had across post-independence generations. Those who poured scorn on the elder statesman had their own round of disapproval after that period.

It is also useful to remember the touchline of the personal philosophy of the pastor's son who rose to become Zambia's national independence leader - that he avidly cherished the term 'humanism'. We have ingratiated ourselves with revolution for rather too long, if with fewer consequences than elsewhere in Africa. Reason enough to emulate Dr Kaunda by becoming humanists.

Parastatals: Key problem not profitability but productivity

INTERMITTENT reviews of the working of parastatal organisation structures continue, with substantial reorganisation being considered by their legal owner, the Treasury.

It is unlikely to be an easy or straightforward exercise for it is like evaluating one's son in school, where it isn't easy or helpful to hold the child responsible for his or her school performance.

When the government evaluates parastatals, it is faced with a take it or leave it situation. That is why it is hard to expect great things from the recent announcement that the government is initiating reviews on the wisdom of reorganising parastatals so as to make them operate more profitably.

The Office of the Treasury Registrar has formed a task force to assess the performance of government-owned agencies and recommend which ones ought to be left to continue and which one call for restructuring.

There was a plus in a meeting in that direction in Arusha early in the week, with deliberations on various projects that can operate independently using alternative means.

This highlights the government's intention of reducing reliance on direct revenue for development projects and seeking to engage the private sector.

The review and reorganisation of parastatal organisations is in implementation of a directive by President Samia Suluhu Hassan that steps be taken to ensure that state-owned business entities

operate profitably and pay dividends instead of draining state coffers via annual subsidies.

That objective is profound but it has yet to acknowledge alternatives to state ownership, and that is why reviews may not see much good.

To appreciate the extent of the problem, the Treasury Registrar said at the meeting that his office oversees 237 parastatals, with at least 31 operating on sound commercial premise - a mere 12 profitably and paying dividend to the government and 19 running basically at a loss.

What's worse is that the chronically loss-making ones were by and large defiant, with the Registrar saying that he regularly hears complaints from parastatals that the private sector outperforms them owing to "government bureaucracy".

Given that this exchange of views is being conducted within the public sector, it is not easy to expect realism on the issues, so the government has to think hard.

It is said that if a herder is in the bush tending sheep and a wolf emerges, if the flock is his property he will confront the wolf. However, if he is a mere employee he will run away and the wolf will scatter the sheep.

That is pretty much things sometimes go under private ownership relative to the public service scenario.

So the issue here is: even if the government may obtain dividends from time to time, how much tax revenue does it 'skip' given its inability to tax itself?

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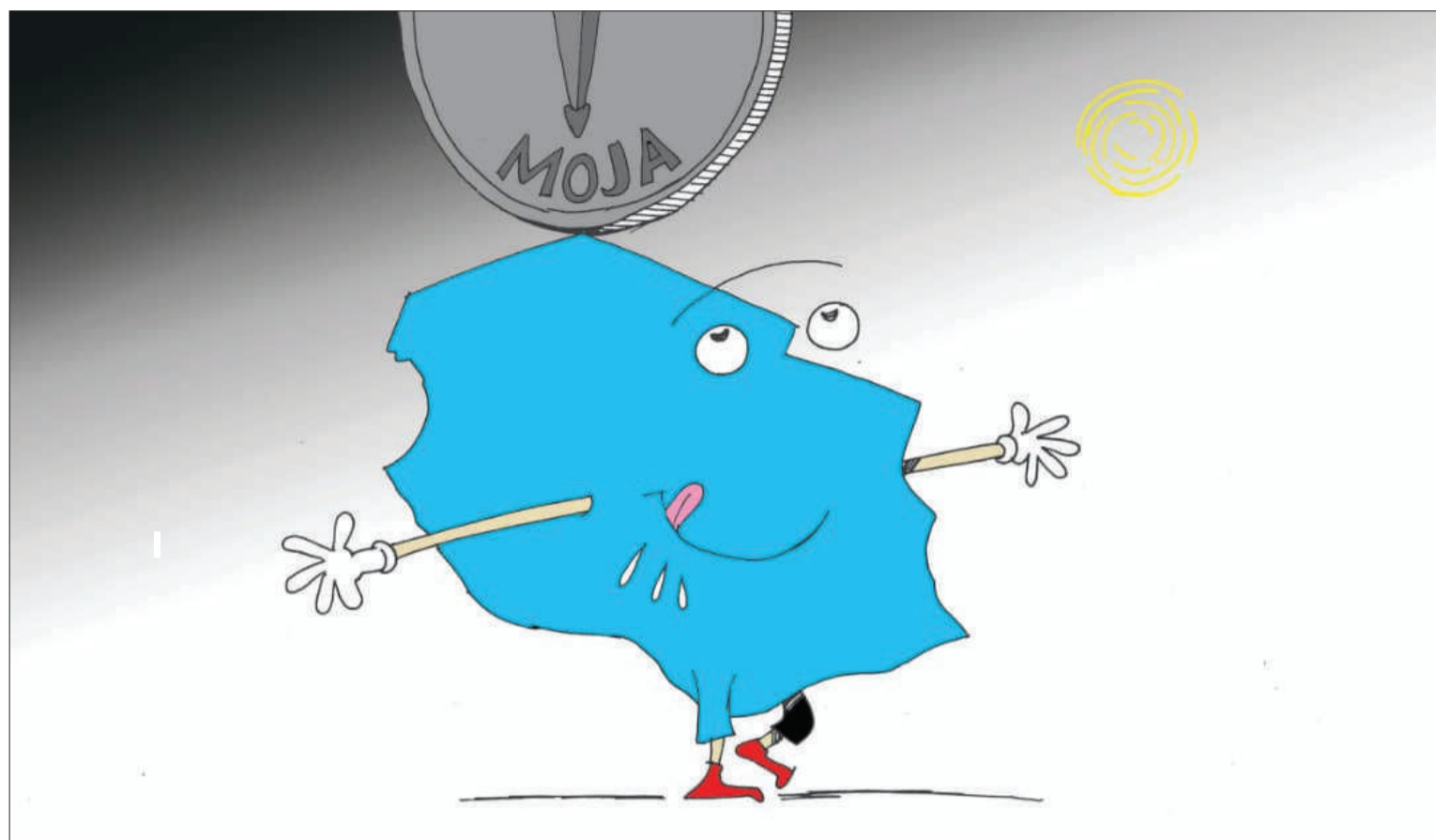
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By Boris Egorov

MOST allies of the Third Reich had no reason to join the war against the Soviet Union.

The Italians: Fascist Italy, the main ally of Nazi Germany in World War II, was largely responsible for the Mediterranean theater of war. Benito Mussolini, however, also wanted Hitler to give his soldiers a chance to prove themselves in the "Crusade against Bolshevism".

A 62,000-strong Expeditionary Corps was dispatched to the Eastern Front. It served as the basis of the 8th Italian army, numbering about 235,000 men, that would be formed in the summer of 1942.

The Germans, however, were not very impressed by the Italian units' combat readiness. The Italians proved completely unprepared for warfare: they lacked sufficient road vehicles, heavy weapons, ammunition and provisions.

You can read elsewhere about how the Italians fought in the Soviet Union up to their defeat on the River Don at the end of 1942, as well as about their relations with the local populations and discover which units of the Italian armed forces still managed to earn the respect of their German allies.

The Romanians: In 1918, Romania, taking advantage of the chaos of the Russian Civil War, annexed Bessarabia, which had been part of the Russian Empire since 1812. Moscow never forgot this loss and, in 1940, after putting pressure on Bucharest with Berlin's tacit agreement, regained control over Bessarabia.

At the same time, under German auspices, extensive Romanian territories went to Hungary and Bulgaria, which had claims to them.

On losing up to 40 per cent of its territory, Greater Romania ceased being "Greater" overnight. The Third Reich, having played a key role in this, immediately lured the weakened and traumatised country - which, until then, had been orientated towards the Western allies - to its camp.

For their participation in the then upcoming war against the USSR, the Romanians were promised not only the return of the lost region of Bessarabia (as well as Northern Bukovina, which had been ceded to the Soviet Union), but also the annexation of a significant part of Soviet Ukraine.

The Hungarians: The main motive which prompted the Hungarians to join the German campaign in the east was a desire not to lose what they already had - namely, Northern Transylvania - rather than acquire new territory.

Who fought alongside Hitler against the USSR in World War II and why?

This large region with a mixed Romanian-Hungarian population had been part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire until the end of World War I.

Annexed to Romania in 1918, it was assigned by the Germans to Hungary in the Second Vienna Award on August 30, 1940.

When Romanian armies invaded the USSR alongside the Wehrmacht (the unified armed forces of Nazi Germany from 1935 to 1945), the ruling circles in Budapest became seriously concerned that, if Hungary stayed out of the conflict, Hitler might reconsider the fate of Northern Transylvania in favour of the Romanians, who were supporting him.

The Finns: Finland viewed its participation in the German campaign against the Soviet Union as a continuation of the 1939-1940 Winter War, which had resulted in the country losing part of its territory - including the northern part of the Karelian Isthmus.

The Finnish forces, however, did not confine themselves to retaking the lost territories. They occupied a significant part of Soviet Karelia and also blockaded Leningrad from the north.

Overall, the Soviet-Finnish sector of the Eastern Front was the quietest throughout the war. There was even a joke doing the rounds in the Red Army about the Soviet troops who were opposing the Finns: "Only three armies in the world don't fight - the Swedish army, the Turkish army and the 23rd Soviet Army."

Finland did not share the same fate of Hitler's other allies, such as Romania, Hungary or Bulgaria. A pro-Soviet regime was never installed there.

The Swedes: During World War II, Sweden had to partly abandon its policy of neutrality, both under pressure from Germany and quite voluntarily following the Soviet Union's attack on Finland in November 1939.

Having proclaimed itself a "non-belligerent" state, Sweden began to actively supply the Finns with weapons and ammunition and facilitated the dispatch of a Swedish Volunteer Corps numbering over 8,000 men to fight the Red Army.

The Swedes, however, were much less willing to support the Continuation War, which Finland had launched against the Soviet Union, because it was no longer a fight for survival and independence. Still, Swedish volunteer units were dispatched to the Eastern Front again.

The Croatians: When, in April 1941, the so-called Independent

State of Croatia was established on the ruins of the defeated Kingdom of Yugoslavia, Croatian society split in two.

Some people joined the resistance movement that was rapidly gaining momentum in the Balkans while others - namely, supporters of Ante Pavelic, the leader of the Nazi Ustaše organisation, were happy to shadow the policies of the Third Reich.

Hitler did not initially intend to involve Croatian units in Operation Barbarossa, but eventually agreed to Pavelic's request to give them a chance to join the struggle "of all freedom-loving nations against communism".

The 369th Croatian Reinforced Infantry Regiment, numbering up to 4,000 men, left for the Eastern Front alongside the Croatian air force and naval legions. The Croatian regiment was the only foreign unit given a direct role by the Germans in the assault on Stalingrad.

The Spaniards: Germany's attack on the Soviet Union on June 22, 1941 touched off unprecedented excitement in Spain. On the same day, Foreign Affairs Minister Ramón Serrano Suñer informed the German ambassador in Madrid that his country welcomed what had happened and was ready to help the Third Reich by sending volunteers.

However, the motives of those who wanted to set off for the Eastern Front varied. Some wanted to settle old scores with the Russians for their interference in the Spanish Civil War, while others genuinely hated communism.

There were also those who saw it as a means of "atonement" for their Republican past and some, having secretly remained loyal to the defeated Republic, even hoped to flee to the Red Army side on arrival in the war zone.

A total of 50,000-70,000 Spaniards served as members of the 250th Infantry Division, also known as the Spanish Volunteer Division or simply the 'Blue Division', throughout the period of its involvement in the war against the USSR.

In addition, a "Blue Squadron" operated in the skies over the Soviet Union and was credited with downing more than 150 Soviet aircraft.

The Slovaks: In the spring of 1939, Nazi Germany dealt the final blow to a weakened Czechoslovakia after the latter was abandoned by Western powers and encouraged the declaration of an "independent" Slovak republic.

It was the Slovaks' first state in their entire history.

The trouble was that not all Slovaks were happy with the fact that their homeland had been turned into a totalitarian satellite state of the Third Reich.

The Slovaks had no reason to fight alongside the Soviet Union - and the Germans did not plan to involve them, merely regarding Slovakia as a transit zone.

Nevertheless, the government of President Jozef Tiso volunteered to fight side by side with the Nazis on the Eastern Front.

"In full solidarity with the Greater Germanic Reich, the Slovak people are taking their place in the defence of European culture," Slovak Interior minister Alexander Mach stated.

Slovak politician and Catholic priest Jozef Gašpar Tiso was president of the Slovak Republic, a client state of Nazi Germany during World War II - from 1939 to 1945. In 1947, after the war, he was executed for war crimes and crimes against humanity in Bratislava.

The reality differed sharply from the propaganda slogans. The Slovaks proved to be the most unreliable of Germany's allies on the Eastern Front.

They went over to the side of the Red Army and Soviet partisans en masse in order to fight against the Wehrmacht.

The French: "This war is our war and we shall see it through to the end, to victory," is how Jacques Doriot, the leader of the fascist French Popular Party, commented upon the German invasion of the Soviet Union in the summer of 1941.

Various collaborationist organisations operating on the territory of occupied France and the puppet Vichy regime were indeed the main driving force behind sending French troops to the Eastern Front.

French society as a whole, however, supported neither collaboration with the enemy nor the war against the USSR. In the whole period of the existence of the Legion of French Volunteers Against Bolshevism, no more than 7,000 people signed up.

German and Vichy propaganda ceaselessly repeated that the legion's soldiers were the heirs of Napoleon's "Grande Armée", 'called upon to restore the honour and glory of their ancestors'.

A Russia Beyond dispatch emailed to The Guardian by the Dar es Salaam-based Russian-Tanzanian Cultural Centre for publication. hyperlink to the original material.

'Covid-19 pandemic supports digital transformation but at huge cost'

By Teemu Henriksson

A just-released yearly report about news audiences' consumption patterns and attitudes shows that even though the demand for trusted and reliable information grew during the Covid-19 pandemic, the news industry faces significant business challenges.

This is the tenth edition of the Reuters Institute Digital News Report, an annual treasure trove of data and insight for anyone interested in the news industry's business and audience trends.

We highlight a few major themes that emerge from the wide-ranging report: read on for a summary of its main findings on trust, business models, digital subscription trends, news consumption on social media, and the news habits of the young.

Trust in news up almost everywhere

Reversing the downward trend of previous years, trust in news is growing: 44 per cent of survey respondents said that they trust most news most of the time - an increase of six percentage points from last year.

Additionally, 50 per cent said that they trust the news they consume themselves, up by four points. But the figures vary greatly between the surveyed markets, with Finland having the highest levels of overall trust in news (65 per cent), and the US the lowest (29 per cent).

On the other hand, the relatively low levels of trust in news from search engines and social media continues, meaning that the trust gap between news in general and news found on social platforms is widening.

Declines in print deep, digital growth slow

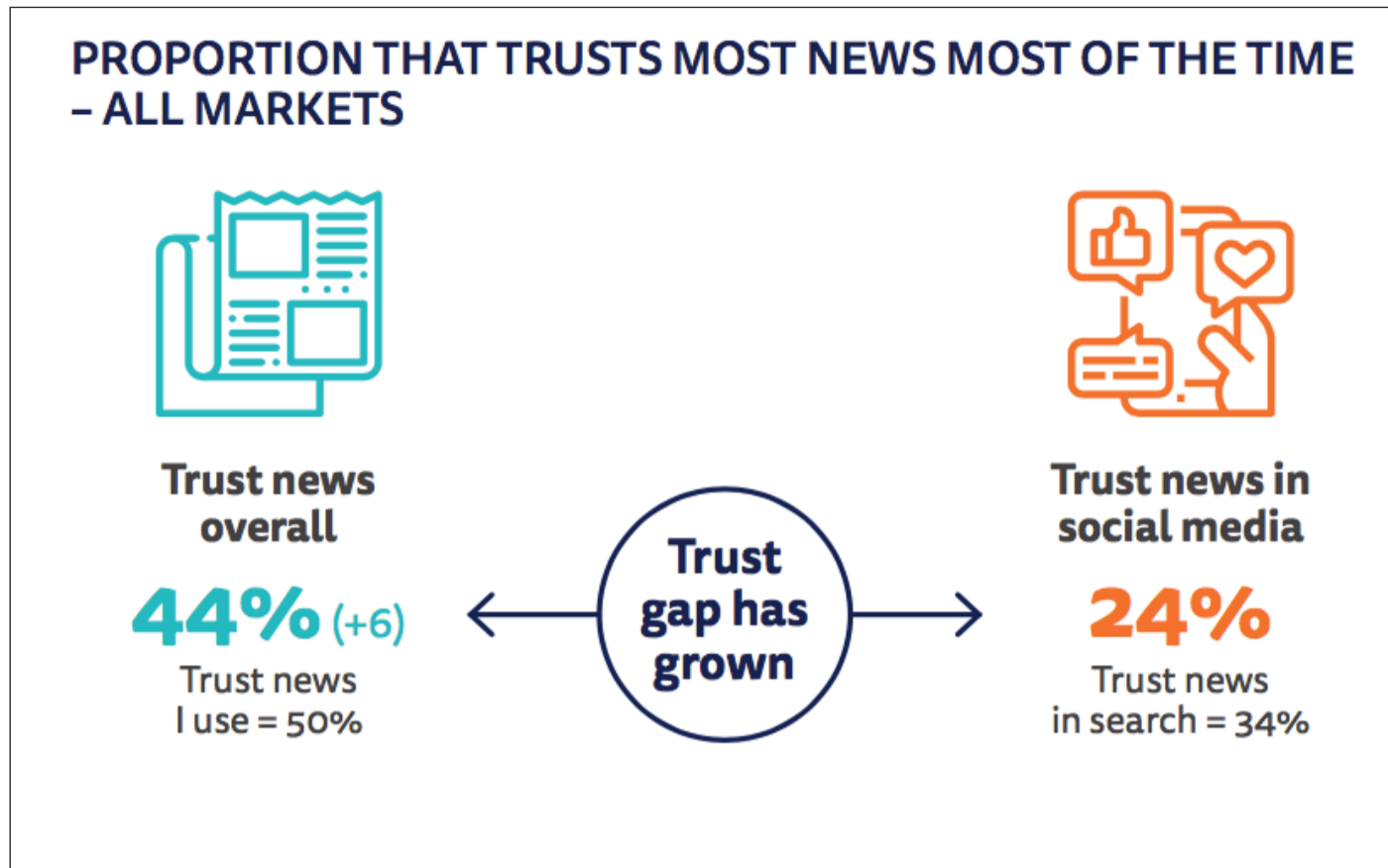
Print publications were hit particularly hard by Covid-19 almost everywhere, as lockdowns hampered physical distribution. Some of the steepest declines were in countries such as Switzerland and Germany, where circulation levels have traditionally been high.

On the other hand, the German newspaper publishers' association BDZV reported that print REACH in the country actually increased by 5 per cent last year, so perhaps in some markets the story on print readership declines is not as clear-cut as it may seem.

The switch from print to digital subscriptions continues, and a handful of wealthy countries with a history of strong print subscription levels are seeing the biggest increases in digital subscriptions.

But despite a few positive examples, it still remains the case that the great majority of news consumers choose not to pay for any online news: only 17 per cent of respondents said that they had paid for online news in the last year.

The number is growing, but slowly: it's up by 2 percentage points from year before, and five since 2016



(12 per cent).

The direction of travel is clear, however: many major publishers started paywalls during the pandemic, and publishers are increasingly turning to different forms of reader revenue - subscriptions, membership and donations - to reduce their reliance on advertising, which online mostly goes to Google and Facebook.

Digital subscriptions: few big brands dominate

The report also surveyed the number of online subscriptions that news consumers take out, the results showing that a large portion of digital subscriptions go to a few big national brands - reinforcing the winner-takes-most dynamic in the digital subscription space.

The pattern is fairly consistent across countries. For example, almost half of US subscribers pay for either the New York Times, Washington Post or Wall Street Journal.

In Finland, almost half of subscribers pay for just one publication, Helsingin Sanomat. But in some markets, such as Germany and Spain, the subscriptions are more evenly split.

For the news consumers who do pay for online news, the great majority take out just one subscription; the only exception is the US, where over half of those paying take out subscriptions to more than one title.

It may be possible that the pattern of multiple subscriptions will become more widespread, but the report's message on this is cautious: "Subscriptions are beginning to work for some pub-

lishers but it is not clear that they will work for all consumers. Most people are not interested enough in news, or do not have sufficient disposable income to prioritise news over other parts of their life."

Consumption patterns diverge across social networks

In terms of devices used to access news, smartphone use is still growing fast (73 per cent, up from 69 per cent in 2020), while the use of computers and tablets is stable or falling.

There are big regional differences, however: the EU average for using smartphone as the main news device is 54 per cent, but in some countries the figure goes up to 80 per cent.

The survey data also show that different social networks play very different roles in their users' lives generally and for news consumption specifically.

Sixty-six per cent of respondents use a social network or messaging app for news content, but the mix of networks is changing: Facebook has become less relevant, while WhatsApp, Instagram, TikTok and Telegram have attracted more news users.

When looking at people's motivations for using specific social networks, Twitter stands out as the platform that people choose for news content. Other networks are mostly used for other reasons such as entertainment - especially Instagram, Snapchat and TikTok.

This makes it very hard to engage audiences on these platforms with news content, the report points out, noting: "Newer

youth-orientated networks represent a significant challenge for mainstream media. News is largely incidental and the expectations of snappy, visual and entertaining content do not always come naturally to newsrooms staffed by older journalists with a focus on traditional formats."

The young are a different news breed

Speaking of young people, the report notes that the younger generations clearly stand out in terms of their relationship with news providers - or, rather, the lack thereof.

For instance, while 25 per cent of all respondents said that their main way of accessing news content is directly on a news publisher's site or app, the figure drops to 18 per cent among the under 35s, for whom social media and search engines are more relevant pathways.

The report also notes that the under 25s (the so-called GenZ) have "radically different habits" even when compared with the preceding generation, the millennials.

In addition to being less likely to visit websites, and more likely to use social media as their main source of news, this group also pays more attention to social media influencers who have an important role in framing conversations about news issues.

The same group also views the ideal of impartial and objective news differently, thinking that "impartiality" in the news coverage may not be an appropriate or desirable goal in some cases, for example on social justice issues.

The report concludes that connecting with this generation can be especially hard for publishers, noting: "Engaging these audiences is proving challenging for newsrooms that are mostly staffed by journalists who consume news in completely different ways."

• **A dispatch by the World Association of News Publishers.**

What do adversaries and threat actors think as they dive deep into your organisation's defences?

JOHANNESBURG

CYBER criminals come in many different flavours, but the majority of them are in it for one thing: financial pay-off. They want the money that comes with offering their tools or services, selling stolen data, extortion like ransomware or plain fraud.

And they all have one thing in common - your organisation is on their radar. Which is why, says Anna Collard, it is critical to understand how cyber criminals operate, the tools they use and the approaches they take to embed robust security within the organisation.

Collard, a senior content strategy executive with KnowBe4 Africa, elaborates: "With ransomware going rampant and victim organisations paying up to millions of US dollars to the extortionists, this problem is just going to get worse."

"The US government recently announced that ransomware is a national cybersecurity challenge and that there will be serious implications for anyone attacking the United States or their critical infrastructure.

"This may lead more criminals to shift their attention towards the emerging economies like Africa, where we do not have the government's support or capacities to stop and prosecute cyber criminals, making it a safer place to operate."

Social engineering or people hacking is a popular way to distribute ransomware - predominately by tricking people into falling for their phishing scams.

As is now well known, phishing is a type of social engineering where an attacker sends a fraudulent message designed to trick a human victim into revealing sensitive information to the attacker or to deploy malicious software on the victim's infrastructure like ransomware.

Collard says that another tech-

nique to be aware of is password spraying, explaining: "This is when the bad actor selects a common password, like the organisation's name, followed by the year, and tries it against every user in the organisation."

She adds: They scrape names of employees from LinkedIn and then, using this information, try the possible password against the list of names. Then it keeps on cycling until it hits a winning entry.

"This is a solid case for ensuring that every single employee uses proper passwords or a password manager and multi-factor authentication where possible.

"This level of attack really underscores how important it is to undertake consistent employee training and security skills development. No matter how secure your perimeter, no matter how much money is spent on high-end security systems, one poor password can open the doors to the threat actors."

Multi-factor authentication and robust training are not just invaluable for employees in the office, they are even more critical today as people work from home and multiple locations - particularly as employees migrate to coffee shops for power and Wi-Fi during load-shedding. Public Wi-Fi is wide open and home networks with poor passwords or out of date software are open doors.

"It is also really important to make sure that employees use a VPN, although that is also not a guaranteed protection" says Collard.

Meanwhile, a recent report by the Orange Cyber Defence team explains: "With home routers being vulnerable due to people not configuring them correctly or updating them, it might be worthwhile sending pre-configured routers and firewalls to employees' homes, especially for those who access highly confidential information."

Another challenge for the organisation is keeping up with vulnerabilities and patch management, which is a complicated task in bigger environments.

"Leading hackers and experts like Kevin Mitnick are drawing lines under the importance of putting people's understanding of these threats at the forefront," says Collard.

She adds: "Make sure that passwords are secure, that they are not stored in diaries or on open platforms like Slack or Google Hangouts, that they understand how to identify social engineering attacks and keep security hygiene at the forefront of all communication."

"People need to know what is out there, and that they have the skills to play an important role in protecting themselves and the organisation."

Today, the threat actors are organised and well paid. They benefit immensely from their pursuit of vulnerabilities, simple mistakes and human error.

It is crucial that organisations sit on the sharp end of the security stick with robust monitoring and detection systems, clear policies, consistent training and security boundaries.

Agencies



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INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR PROVISION OF STAFF MEDICAL INSURANCE.

Tanzania Health Promotion Support (THPS) is an indigenous NGO established under non-governmental organization act No 24 of 2002 in 2011. THPS works in partnership with the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children (MOHCDGEC) and Regional Administration and Local Government (PORALG), The Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Health (MoH) in Zanzibar with a goal of ensuring accessible high-quality health care services to Tanzanians; through strengthening of health and community systems for comprehensive quality health services including HIV/AIDS; Tuberculosis; prevention of GBV; reproductive, maternal, neonatal, child, and adolescent health (RMNCHAH) services; laboratory and health management information systems (HIMS).

Tanzania Health Promotion Support has set aside funds for the operations of the Organization during Financial Year 2021/2022. It is intended that part of the proceeds of the funds will be applied to cover eligible payments under the contracts. Now THPS intends to identify and enlist reputable and registered suppliers and service providers to enter in contracts for provision of Staff Health Insurance.

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- Note that the organization is not bound to accept the lowest, highest or any tender.
- The evaluation of bids will be conducted as per Tanzania Health Promotion Support (THPS) Procurement Guidelines.
- All bidders are advised to send questions/clarifications, through email address **tenders@thps.or.tz**, From 29th June 2021 through 6th July 2021, will be an open window for accepting questions, no questions will be accepted after the **6th July 2021**. Received questions will be responded together to all bidders who submitted questions.

Tanzania Health Promotion Support (THPS) provides equal opportunity to all bidders

SPECIFICATIONS

Lot 1. Provision of Medical Insurance.

Tanzania Health Promotion Support desires to use the services rendered by the Service provider to provide Medical Insurance to THPS staff located in all regions of Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar.

Scope of the work:

- Service provider should provide available options/categories of service and indicate price and benefits available in each category.
- The medical insurance cover will include Principle, Spouse and not more than **4 children**
- Expected number of people to be covered is 576 and service provider should provide quotes per person
 - Adult (294)
 - Children (282)
- The service Provider should mention the geographic Area/coverage of their services and indicate list of Hospitals and pharmacy contracted.
- The service provider should show clearly the coverage and limit of the following.
 - Inpatient & Day Care treatment
 - Out Patient Treatment
 - Maternity
 - Optometry
 - Dental treatment
 - Rescue and Evacuation
 - Fast tracking services
 - Other benefits

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South Sudan launches first-ever oil and gas licensing round

JUBA

SOUTH Sudan's Ministry of Petroleum (MoP) officially launched the country's first-ever oil and gas licensing round in Juba on Wednesday.

Hosted by the ministry and attended by industry executives and international stakeholders, the event signifies an historic moment in the country's budding oil and gas sector.

The launch precedes the country's highly anticipated national energy conference, South Sudan Oil & Power (SOS) 2021, organised by Energy, Capital & Power and taking place here on Tuesday and Wednesday next week.

Focused on accelerating exploration and production at new and existing blocks, and promoting the country as a competitive investment destination, the inauguration signified an historic moment in the country's competitive oil and gas sector.

With emphasis placed on political improvements, the improved legal framework, and the ongoing acquisition of new data, the launch has reaffirmed the country's commitment to advancing the sector.

"Oil licensing is a proof of stability and progress in South Sudan. These blocks are part of a vision for lasting peace in the country and we want to open up the energy sector for investment. The Ministry of Petroleum has

identified new exploration blocks with potential hydrocarbons for investors, operators, and other parties. We are inviting genuine investors and as mentioned in our Petroleum Act, we will try our best to be transparent," stated chief guest Petroleum minister Puot Kuang Chol.

Finance and Planning minister Athian Ding Athian meanwhile noted: "It is high time we helped to maximise the natural resources we have, and I applaud the MoP for what they are doing."

"The oil industry has had its ups and downs, but it is about time that these resources benefited the community, and everyone got their rightful entitlement of the development that is taking place in South Sudan."

The newly launched licensing round is primarily meant to attract international investors and partners to help expand South Sudan's exploration initiatives.

Built against a backdrop of peace and stability, it also seeks to lure investors while ensuring sustainable developments and community benefits.

"Certainly, one can say with confidence that South Sudan is doing well in maintaining peace and implementing peace agreements. For the first time we can really promote investment," James Wani Igga, Vice President and VP of the Economic

Cluster - the TGoNU (transitional government of national unity) said at the launch.

He added: "The country needs to rigorously enforce transparency and good governance. We need accountability to improve. I am glad that, with this new licensing round, the whole country will benefit."

The launch has also meticulously outlined the licensing process and schedule, providing insight into new and available blocks, technical capabilities and data.

By detailing crucial analytical data and information to assist operators and investors, it emphasized that South Sudan is officially open for business and, accordingly, is welcoming investors to its competitive sector.

Awow Daniel Chuang, under-secretary at the MoP, said: "Most of the areas being licensed had previously not been explored properly in terms of seismic data due to complications from the war."

"In 2019, we contracted PETROTECH to help with the data. The absence of data previously made it difficult to conduct licensing rounds, however, this licensing round today allows South Sudan to conduct a transparent tendering process with trustworthy data that is available."

The ministry has promised to use stringent criteria in its facilitation of the bid evaluation and investor selection



process. With the offered blocks falling between longitudes 25 and 36 and between latitudes 4 and 11, and the size of blocks ranging between 4,000 and 25,000km², the licensing round is expected to be highly competitive. The MoP is emphasizing the role of Nilepet in facilitating growth across the industry, with minister Puot Kang Chol saying: "If you look at

the producing blocks today, the percentage of Nilepet has gone to 10 per cent equity. We want investors but we also want to promote the capacity of Nilepet as the national oil company."

The newly launched licensing round is expected to be expanded on at the South Sudan Oil & Power (SSOP) 2021 conference, which MoP has endorsed.

The ministry will unpack the exploration of new and existing blocks as well as explain how it will further explore already producing areas.

The June 29-30 conference is expected to drive investment, promote engagement, and accelerate growth within South Sudan's oil and gas sector.

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Social media and the state: Online technology challenging the rules of engagement between government and citizens

By Akinola Olojo and Karen Allen

SOcial media platforms such as Twitter, Facebook and WhatsApp have increasingly become a stage on which the tension between state authorities and networked dissent plays out in Africa. The recent banning of Twitter by the Nigerian government is a timely reminder of that.

Differences expressed in online forums can generate responses in real-time, in the real world. This can create an environment in which the government's monopoly on free speech is questioned.

Some challenges accompany the use of platforms with massive audiences. Yet the benefits can outweigh the risks if governments recognise that it gives them greater reach to their citizens.

The relationships between technology, speed and politics aren't new. It's argued that technology is radically reshaping the nature of political engagement worldwide. In Africa, Nigeria is an interesting illustration. Between 2019 and 2025, social media use in the country is projected to increase

by more than 80%. This would result in over 44 million people using online forums in a country whose current population stands at over 200 million.

For political elites accustomed to manipulating electoral messages to secure votes, these platforms challenge their position of privilege – although those very same elites can also exploit them. Nigeria's Twitter ban seeks to deny access to a platform the government argues is being used to threaten the country's "corporate existence."

Meanwhile, critics of the ban insist that social media is a democratic tool that enables citizens to demand greater accountability. This played out at the height of the Nigerian #EndSARS campaign against police brutality in 2020. Recently, the Economic Community of West African States Court of Justice ruled to restrain the Nigerian government from imposing sanctions on citizens who use Twitter.

Nigeria's Twitter ban came after a post from President Muhammadu Buhari's account was taken down by content moderators because it violated Twitter's rules on abusive behaviour. The provocative tweet



threatened to punish members of the separatist Indigenous People of Biafra group following attacks on government buildings and electoral offices. The group denied involvement in these attacks.

There is a longstanding conversation at the core of the social contract between the Nigerian state and the eastern part of the country where the Indigenous People of Biafra is based. This remains a painful but necessary dialogue that authorities have swept under the carpet for decades.

The Nigerian government says Twitter will continue to be outlawed until it registers an of-

fice in the country. This reflects a move to ensure the platform is subject to Nigeria's media laws. But it could also shrink the democratic space by undermining public demands for improved governance in Africa's most populous nation.

Beyond Nigeria, clashes between online platforms and governing authorities are happening across the continent. Uganda's condemnation of Twitter's suspension of numerous accounts in the lead-up to elections is one of the most notable examples.

An increasingly networked society in Africa has implications not only for political en-

gagement but for economic development as well, not least in Nigeria – Africa's largest economy. The country relies on emerging technology to help power economic growth, and internet forums enable greater reach of many businesses to potential customers.

In an economy where an estimated 24.59 million people use social media and business owners operate on Twitter via direct advertising or user engagement, some scholars estimate that communication technology is responsible for at least 10% of Nigeria's gross domestic product.

Nigeria is among several

African countries seeking to introduce what human rights groups claim are punitive new laws to tightly regulate the online space, which would criminalise government criticism. Kenya is seeking to do the same. And rules introduced in Zambia in 2018 require WhatsApp group administrators to register with the authorities, subjecting them to similar codes of conduct as newspapers or media houses, or risk being arrested.

Some regulation is required to guard against hate speech and protect the most vulnerable in society from other forms of malicious communications. But the balance between free speech, privacy and security needs to be carefully calibrated.

Beyond the reach of traditional media, social media is arguably changing the relationship between governments and citizens. It challenges the notion that public debate can be moderated exclusively by the institutional might of the state. Rather than a top-down or hierarchical approach to setting free speech rules, these platforms accelerate the emergence of a bottom-up or networked approach.

As already noted, there are risks with such a framework as users have also evolved certain norms about content that's acceptable (or not). In some instances, this has created its own dynamic, including a 'cancel culture' whereby individuals are blacklisted from these forums for transgressing socially acceptable norms. This form of self-regulation is in itself controversial.

There is a certain inevitability about the online space. This was observed in how Nigeria's information ministry used Twitter to announce its ban of the platform – an irony that wasn't lost on the world's media.

So rather than adopting knee-jerk responses reflected in draconian laws, governments should recognise that these forums present a certain accessibility that citizens otherwise wouldn't have. It enables them to express legitimate concerns and engage more directly with those who govern.

Banning social media platforms deprives governments and their citizens of an important communication tool and questions the commitment of a country's leadership to transparent governance. **DM**

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Government 'unhappy' with local contractors

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE government has expressed displeasure at works with local contractors who are quick to lose heavy construction projects to their foreign competitors due to ineptitude and lack of competitiveness.

Minister for Works and Transportation Leonard Chamuriho made it clear recently when he was opening the local contractor's consultative meeting in Mwanza.

"There is urgent need to reverse the situation because as a result the money which is supposed to remain here and contribute to other economic activities goes outside the country," he lamented.

He said it is evident that if big projects are done by local companies huge amounts of funds would remain in the country and be used to implement other projects and contribute to the country's economy.

The minister advised local contractors to go for joint ventures so that they can be able to compete with foreign companies to implement big projects worth billions of money.

"Don't be selfish if you need to do big project you have no choice than joint ventures if you join them, is the place where you will have muscles to compete with foreign companies in technology and machines, even Chinese companies that you see implementing big project they are not alone it is because of joint ventures," he advised adding that many contractors have been lamenting about force account.

In a bid to remedy the situation, the government has pledged to continue to set aside construction projects as capacity building strategies to local contractors to enable them compete with foreign companies for big projects.

Chairperson of Contractors Registration Board (CRB) Engineer Consolatha Ngimbwa responding to the cry of her members, requested the government to reject force account and give tender to local contractors adding that the government decided to use force account after the allegations that many local companies tender applications are not realistic since they bid high prices.

She also said, CRB has been working to turn around the situation adding that they have so far held training on how to fill tender applications since 2018 in the region of Morogoro, Arusha, Njombe, Dar es Salaam, Bukoba and Mwanza in an effort to prepare them to file competitive prices when they bid for government projects.

"Many contractors attended the training and now they are ready to implement government projects it is our request to you honourable minister to give us projects we will implement by competitive prices and complete them within agreed time and quality," she said.

Meanwhile, the government also urged local contractors who implement construction projects under the joint ventures model to stop the habit of spending project money for buying luxurious things like posh



Works and Transport deputy minister Mwita Waitara has a word with to leaders of the Contractors Registration Board (CRB) shortly after closing a consultative meeting for local contractors which was held in Mwanza city over the weekend. From left is CRB deputy registrar Eng David Jere, CRB registrar Eng Rhoben Nkori, contractor Pasotry Masota and chairperson of the board Engineer Consolatha Ngimbwa. Photo: Joseph Mwendapole.

cars before the construction projects are completed.

Deputy minister for Works and Transportation, Mwita Waitara, made the remarks when he was closing the two days consultative meeting for Lake Zone local contractors which was organised by Contractors Registration Board (CRB). He said there is a tendency for some local contractors to fail to complete construction projects within agreed time and standards because of selfishness among partners who divide profit before the project is finished.

"I have visited a number of construction projects in different regions in the country and I found that most of them are implemented by Chinese people but it is be-

cause they have passion with their profession and have discipline, when they get tender they do it to the maximum and they don't temper with projects funds like what locals do," said Waitara.

He said selfishness is among the reasons behind why local contractors don't prefer joint ventures projects, arguing them to change the trend and work to gather strength so that they will be able to implement big projects in the future.

"Some local contractors when they do joint ventures project they divide the profit before even the start of the construction of the project. If they are in Mwanza for example they would take a flight to Dar es Salaam to spend and some of them buy unnecessary new cars

for them and their wives," he said. Waitara added that even if they implement a project under joint ventures and get profit they are not supposed to divide all the profit they get instead they are supposed to put aside some amount to help them in mobilisation when they win another tender.

He also urged local contractors to pay back loans they borrow from financial institutions to build trust so that other contractors can be trusted by financial institutions when they go there for assistance.

"I commend CRB for this initiatives because this is where you can discuss your challenges and move on and we in government value this meetings because it have multiply effects to local contractors whom

we are struggling to make sure they become competent and compete with foreign companies," he encouraged. Among big achievement recorded by CRB is the introduction of Contractors Assistance Fund (CAF) to help local contractors of all classes to get start up loans from financial institutions when they win construction tender.

CRB registrar engineer Rhoben Nkori said the fund has been of great importance to local contractors because they get bid security and advance payment Guarantees.

He underscored that in 2020, CRB negotiated with CRDB and agreed to guarantee local contractors of all classes up to 100 million when they need advance payment and bid security.

TFRA set for DITF to lure more investors into fertiliser production

By Guardian Reporter

FOR the first time, Tanzania Fertiliser Regulatory Authority (TFRA) is set to take part at the 45th Edition of Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF) to be held from 28th June to 13th July 2021 at Mwalim Julius Nyerere grounds Kilwa Road in Dar es Salaam.

Being in charge of regulating the manufacturing, importation, marketing, and use of fertiliser in the country, TFRA is determined to participate at this year's DITF themed; 'Industrial Economy for Sustainable Employment' in order to showcase its activities and how it can contribute to the government's industrialization agenda taking into account that the fertilizer sub-sector that is still considered to be the backbone of Tanzania's economy accounting for more than one-quarter of gross domestic product (GDP), providing 85 per cent of exports and employs about 80 per cent of the workforce.

Apart from ensuring that farmers get fertilizer at a reasonable price hence increase crop production, hence makes industrial raw materials readily available, TFRA also encourages investors to chip in manufacturing the key farm ingredients taking into accounts that over ninety percent of fertilizer consumed in the country is imported and less than 10 per cent is domestically manufactured by fifteen (15) fertilizer and fertiliser supplements manufacturers.

The manufacturers range from large to micro-scale with the largest manufacturer being Minjingu Mines and fertilizers Co. limited which manufactures about 80% of all domestically produced FFS.

Other manufacturers include ABM equipment and Dodoma Cement which produce fertilizer supplements (lime dolomite and gypsum), Kahela Traders, Keen Feeders Co. Limited, Sianga Agro Trade Company, Mlali Agrotraders and Amka feeder's manufactures liquid fertilizer.

"That's why it is important for us to take part at this year's trade fair so that inform and encourage local and foreign investors to explore the untapped investment opportunities in the sub-sector value chain by building more factories," said Joseph Charos, TFRA's acting director for domestic manufacturing promotions and bulk procurement.

Reports have it that Tanzania has a total arable land of 44,000,000ha out of which 14,520,000ha is cultivated.

The total fertiliser soil requirement in Tanzania is 1,089,964 MT and fertiliser utilization is estimated to be 23-25kg/ha equivalent to 50 percent of the Abuja declaration of using 50kg/ha fertiliser nutrients.

Utilisation varies between 300,000 - 400,000MT which is equivalent to 28 - 37per cent of the soil requirements, he said.

Among key issues to be addressed at this year DITF, according to Charos include in-

creasing awareness on the proper use of fertilizer and fertiliser supplements.

Other issues to be addressed include financial constraints especially during the cropping season, low crop market prices at harvest season, inadequate agro-processing facilities, and little market information for the rural population and high prices for fertilizer taking into account that 90 per cent of fertilizer are imported as among the main reason for low fertilizer utilization in Tanzania.

This year's trade fair will be a good platform for TFRA to unveils current opportunities in the fertilizer sub-sector include manufacturing and packaging, international trade, clearing and forwarding, domestic distribution, market linkages, storage, financing, quality assurance, and publicity.

According to TFRA managing director Dr Stephan Ngailo, the government through the Tanzania investment center (TIC) has opened windows for any investors in the fertilizer value chain—manufacturing, blending, and packaging.

"TFRA is hereby inviting more investors in fertilizer manufacturing, as there is a huge local and foreign market," he said, adding that domestic manufacturing will reduce fertiliser prices, create employment for Tanzanians and contribute to the national economy at large.

He also cited political will, ever-increasing population-assured fertiliser markets, presence of raw materials—natural gas and phosphates. Huge local and foreign markets, favorable infrastructures such as roads, railway, ports and, power, agro-processing industries financial institutions, labor are some of the enabling environment for domestic fertiliser manufacturing.

On international trade, he said: "The introduction of the BPS has made it possible for people with limited capital and experiences in the international trade dynamics to participate in the fertiliser import markets. This has been so by TFRA collecting all fertiliser requirements and awarding a tender to one pre-qualified supplier (domestic or international) to import fertiliser on behalf of others, importers to use bank guarantees and letters of credit (1 percent fee per 3 months) to enable them to pay within 180 days after receiving the bill of lading."

This has increased market competitiveness that contributes to lowering fertilizer prices while increasing quality and utilization, he said.

On clearing and forwarding Dr Ngailo said TFRA is currently mobilising demand-driven markets for fertilizer users (agro-processors, farmers' cooperative unions (FCU) and large-scale farmers) to participate in the fertiliser importation through BPS.

"Their newness in the port clearance processes, bagging and transportation of fertiliser to farm level creates an opportunity for experienced clearing and forwarding agents (CFA)



Agriculture minister Prof Adolph Mkenda (C) is briefed on fertiliser handling by Dar es Salaam Corridor Limited CEO Jesper Sorensen when he visited the Dar es Salaam port recently. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

to facilitate the processes."

He also said that fertilizer domestic distribution is done through roads, railways, and water. "Opportunities are available for investors in any of the distribution networks. Most of the roads are passable throughout the year to regions level and most of local government authorities. On the part of principal/agent relationships in fertilizer distribution TFRA has issued licenses to more than 4,000 fertilizer business premises across the country. These help in fertilizer distribution; however, not sufficient," he assured the prospectus investors.

On input/output market linkages, the government has instituted the warehouse receipt system (WRS) and farmers/agro-processors contract farming arrangements as a way of assuring farmers of reliable markets and better prices.

The same arrangements pose opportunities for farmers to be provided with inputs by off-takers and/or agro-processors through bank guarantees instead of expensive credit guarantees.

On storage, the official said that the increased fertiliser utilization has resulted in increased crop yield. "The increased yield results in increased supply in the markets leading to lower prices."

Low crop prices lower the farmer's fertiliser purchasing power in the following cropping season," he said, noting: "A need is perceived for more storage facilities to enable farmers get better to produce prices at least six (6) months after harvesting."

On financing, most farmers get money after selling their produce at the end of the cropping season.

He however revealed that in attaining its targets for the 2020/21 fiscal year, Tanzania Fertilizer Regulatory Authority (TFRA) has been able to inspect 2,190 fertiliser dealers in 24 regions over the legality of licenses and the quality of the fertiliser they distribute in the country.

Fertiliser dealers who were inspected were those from Mbeya, Iringa, Njombe, Songwe, Morogoro, Ruvuma, Rukwa, Katavi, and Coast regions. Other regions were Tanga, Mtwara, Lindi, Mwanza, Geita, Kagera, Shinyanga, Mara, Simiyu, Tabora, Kigoma, Arusha, Kilimanjaro, Dar es Salaam and Dodoma.

He said 18 fertiliser factories were also inspected and were found with various deficiencies and owners thereof were told to improve their services and increase production, especially in areas of registration and products' quality.

He said during the 2020/21 season the availability and distribution of fertiliser in the country was satisfactory as by April this year, a total of 454,905.02 tonnes of fertiliser was imported including 109,274, Urea, 95,444 tonnes DAP,

47,707 tonnes CAN, 95,660 NPK, 546.22 tonnes SA, 14,282 tonnes MOP and other types totaling 37,882 tonnes.

"TFRA continues working together with all stakeholders to ensure quality fertilizer is available at all times during a season," Dr Ngailo added.

In regard to fertiliser purchase system, he said up to April this year, training was provided to 458 cooperatives, under their cooperative unions.

He said the unions included UKU from Rukwa Region, IFCU (Iringa Region) NJORECU (Njombe), MBIFACU (Mbinga) including all primary cooperatives of small tea growers through Tanzania Smallholders Tea Development Agency (TSHTIDA), and coffee cooperatives under the supervision of Tanzania Tobacco Board (TTB).

He said as for now, TFRA is working together with institutions under the Agriculture Ministry including Tanzania Communication and Development Center (TCDC), National Food Reserve Agency (NFRA), and Cereals and Other Produce Board of Tanzania (CPB) in empowering trained farmers to enter into contracts with crops buyers to obtain banks' collateral for importing all types of fertilizer for the coming 2021/2022 season via one tender under the Bulk Purchase System (BPS).

In the next fiscal year, TFRA has prepared its Budget in accordance with the instructions given in the Planning and Budget Manual, CCM 2020 Election Manifesto, Third Five Year National Development Plan, Sector Development Plan Agriculture Phase II (ASDP II), National Development Vision, and Budget Act, Chapter 439 and its regulations.

He said the authority's priorities are more focused on ensuring the availability of quality, adequate and timely fertilizer for farmers in the country, and "we're targeting to ensure fertilizer quality control for input suppliers, producers and distributors are intact as well as conducting inspections of twenty-three (23) fertilizer companies and inspecting 2,918 fertilizer traders in regions with high crop production." We're also planning to provide fertilizer inspection training to agricultural officers (20) and capacity building fertilizer inspectors (35) of district councils and complete the construction and purchase of laboratory equipment, he said.

TFRA is also determined to facilitate and regulate the replacement of fertiliser amounting to approximately 600,000 tonnes and exporting about 150,000 tonnes, supervising the implementation of the Joint Fertiliser Import System (BPS) and encouraging 29 cooperatives to import fertilizer through the BPS system. In empowering fertiliser traders and cooperatives in running the fertiliser business, the official said the authority will provide training on quality, storage, use, and trade of fertiliser to 700 fertiliser dealers and cooperatives (29) in district councils.

The broad thrust of the act is to ensure that the fertiliser that farmers in Tanzania acquire for use meet the required standards. The motives for the establishment of TFRA include protecting the farming community and the general public against health hazards associated with the use of fertilizers and fraud in marketing.

As a regulatory body, TFRA is mandated to regulate the manufacturing, importation, and use of and trade in fertilizers, or fertiliser supplements—growth stimulators and regulators and similar products.

BANK DEBUTS 'HODARI' ACCOUNT FOR MID-SIZE BUSINESSES

By Property Watch Reporter

AN account targeting mid-size businesses has been introduced by CRDB Bank Plc and is aimed at implementing President Samia Suluhu Hassan's directive to banks to devise business friendly products.

CRDB's Chief Operating Officer, Bruce Mwile said in Dar es Salaam mid this week when launching the account that it is meant to support mid-size businesses grow and graduate into companies. "This account will have no administrative costs while transactions within the bank's network will also be free," Mwile said during the commencement of the bank's 'Tupo mtaani kwako' campaign this year.

He said 'Hodari' Account will also help business save and borrow easily using digital platforms without the need to visit physical branches hence advancing the government's financial inclusion agenda.

"Let me request entrepreneurs to seize this opportunity and open with us 'Hodari' Account to exploit benefits that come with it," he said while adding that petty traders such as food vendors and motorcycle taxi operators are the target.

The CRDB Chief Operating Officer fur-



Brand new CRDB Bank Plc utility vehicles ready for the 'Tupo mtaani kwako' campaign which was launched mid this week in Dar es Salaam. Photo courtesy of CRDB.

ther noted that with the 'Tupo mtaani kwako' campaign entering its second year, the bank expects to recruit more customers through digital platforms which is less demanding.

"Last year, apart from registering more customers, we also sold bancassurance products widely following a sensitization campaign," Mwile added saying the campaign which involved 20 regions managed to rope in over 100,000 new customers.

Among other things, the bank has deployed thousands of its staff members, mobile branch on trucks and utility vehicles across the country during the next three months. "You will see hundreds of CRDB branded cars in your street in addition to bank staff and performing artists," he added.

During the campaign the bank's staff will mobilise the public to open accounts digitally through SimBanking, SimAccount, Internet and CRDB Wakalas and ATM machines accessed through TemboCard.

"Currently, we have more than 20,000 agents countrywide but people can access banking services through smartphone use where one can register for a new account," Mwile added while noting that customers will also be encouraged to use TemboCard Visa, MasterCard and UnionPay to settle bills and buy goods to advance a cashless economy and avoid the coronavirus outbreak.

Zola Electric invests over 2.3bn/ solar equipment factory in Arusha

By Beatrice Philemon

THE novel coronavirus outbreak may have been a blessing in disguise for Zola Electric Limited, which because of disruption of supplies of solar energy equipment from China, forced the company to build a Zola Refurb factory worth US\$1 million (over 2.3bn/-) in Arusha.

Zola's Managing Director, Johnson Kiwango told a panel discussion organised by Tigo Tanzania Limited last week to discuss the impact of the Covid-19 among small and medium size businesses that in order to meet market demand, his company had to set up the facility to manufacture solar appliances

"Thanks to the government's bold decision to defy a global trend in lockdowns to stop the virus from spreading faster which in turn helped us to build our centre which instead of importing solar television, batteries, bulbs and other related accessories from Malaysia and China, right now we can manufacture them in Tanzania," Kiwango said.

He said the factory has been able to produce some 40,000 solar home systems for the market of

which 20,000 has already been sold across the country to consumers benefiting a record 100,000 people directly and indirectly.

Construction work of the factory was done between March and May last year hence employing directly and indirectly, over 100,000 people including agents that supply the products to the market. The Zola chief executive said so far the company has over a million customers in the country backed by more than 500 agents.

"As the company we are very glad for what we have achieved during this difficult period since last year because our sales have increased dramatically, so too agents who grew from 150 to 500 and staff also increased," he added.

He said the success has been made possible through partnership with Equity Bank Tanzania Limited which has been issuing affordable loans to customers who want to buy solar home systems especially in off-grid areas. The solar equipment supplying company is currently in discussion with CRDB Bank Plc and NMB Bank Plc to join Equity Bank in providing loans to clients.

Speaking at the event, Tigo Tanzania's Managing Director, Simon Karikari said his company



A Zola Electric Limited technician at work.

will continue to invest in latest innovative networks to ensure that customers, including SMEs like Zola, continue to access services

such as transacting through Tigo Pesa. "As a company, we will continue investing in this area because communication technology is

very important, it connecting people during this difficult period of the Covid-19 pandemic," he promised.

Australia's Fortescue in talks on giant Congo hydro project

KINSHASA

AUSTRALIA'S Fortescue Metals Group said on Tuesday, 15 June, it was in talks with the Democratic Republic of Congo's government to develop a hydroelectric power project that could become the largest in the world.

The discussions concern exclusive rights for Fortescue's green energy unit to develop the more than 40,000MW Grand Inga hydroelectric project, but no formal binding agreement has been concluded, Fortescue said in a filing to the Australian Securities Exchange.

Fortescue's involvement is the latest twist in Congo's decades-long quest to expand Inga, whose two existing dams - completed in 1972 and 1982 - have a combined installed capacity of nearly 1,800MW.

Six additional dams

The government has been looking to build six additional dams, but those plans have been repeatedly delayed by difficulties mobilising financing and disputes with partners.

The proposed expansion would be roughly double the size of China's Three Gorges dam, currently the world's largest. Total development costs have been estimated at up to \$80bn. In 2018, a Chinese consortium that includes China Three Gorges Corporation and a Spanish consortium signed a deal to develop a third dam, known as Inga 3.

Ground has yet to be broken because of questions



Grand Inga 3 dam.

over its financial viability, and one of the main Spanish companies in the deal, Actividades de Construccion y Servicios, withdrew from the project last year. It was not immediately clear whether Fortescue had discussed its plans with companies with existing interests in Inga 3. China Three Gorges did not immediately respond to a

request for comment.

In a memorandum of understanding signed between Fortescue and Congo in September 2020, which was seen by Reuters, Fortescue "acknowledges the existing potential rights held on Inga 3 by third parties."

"In the event that, for any reason, such rights to develop Inga 3 become available,

the government of the DRC undertakes to secure for Fortescue Future Industries an exclusive first option to develop Inga 3," it said.

A senior official at the government's Agency for the Development and Promotion of Grand Inga (ADPI), speaking on condition of anonymity, said the ADPI had not been involved in the talks with Fortescue.

Dalbit, BSL Infrastructure ink fuel storage deal with Tazama Pipelines

By Property Watch Reporter

ONE of the largest fuel depots in the country is set to be constructed at Kigamboni in Dar es Salaam for Tazama Pipelines Limited destined for Zambian market.

Dalbit International and BSL Infrastructure who have won the contract for the two years project due to start in August, said in Dar es Salaam this week that the depot will hold 80,000 cubic metres of diesel and 40,000m3 of petrol.

A spokesperson for Dalbit and BSL said, "We are delighted to begin construction on a project that will have such a transformational effect for the Zambian economy, while also providing exciting job opportunities for hundreds of Tanzanians."

Construction of the two-year project which will employ over 250 people will enhance local capacity building as well as technology and knowledge transfer complementing governments of Zambia and Tanzania's efforts to grow their economies.

Dalbit and BSL have undertaken construction of nine fuel depots since 2011 in the two countries adding nearly over 90 million litres of storage capacity involving over 2,000 local construction workers.

"Fuel storage is a vital part of any country's energy network, and we look forward to contributing towards the national development of both countries through the successful completion of this exciting public-private partnership," the spokesman added.

AZANIA BANK CHIEF LURES GEITA GOLD MINERS WITH BETTER PRODUCTS, SERVICES

By Property Watch Reporter

INVESTORS in Geita region's vibrant gold mining industry have been assured of continued better services and innovative products by Azania Bank Limited.

Azania Bank's Managing Director, Charles Itembe said in Geita mid this week during a collaborative dinner with the region's mining investors and managers which was also attended by Regional Commissioner, Rosemary Staki Senyamule that the bank has been one of the pioneers of serving them for many year.

"Azania Bank was one of the first banks in the country to open a major branch in the region because we wanted to serve you better," Itembe told the gold miners adding that as a vibrant mining region, Geita remains Azania Bank's important market in the country.

He assured the miners and regional officials that as a local bank owned by Tanzanians, the Dar es Salaam based lender will continue providing services and products of the highest standards to meet the market's expectations.

"We know that Geita's main product is gold hence decided to meet our customers in this field and listen to what they want us to provide going forward," he added while stressing that gold is the country's leading foreign currency earner which needs superior banking services.



Azania Bank Limited managing director, Charles Itembe addresses gold mining investors in the region during a working dinner organised by the bank mid this week. Photo courtesy of Azania Bank

The Azania Bank chief executive pleaded with the business community in the gold rich region to continue supporting the bank because it has invested heavily in digital platforms which allow clients to transact anywhere.

"Gold has maintained better prices at the global market at this period when the coronavirus pandemic is tormenting the world. This commodity is also a strategic commodity top our nation's national reserve because it's a better form storing value," Itembe noted.

He assured the miners that Azania will continue supporting the mining sector value addition chain through tailor made loans and more physical branch presence where foreign currency exchange shops will also be increased.

"We are the only bank that has given the gold mining value chain special attention from artisanal miners to dealers and refinery investors," he revealed saying the bank's products and services have target the entire network.

Speaking at the working dinner, RC Senyamule commended Azania Bank for providing quality and reliable products and services in her region saying the government will continue supporting private sector growth to create jobs and pay taxes.

"I know and appreciate that Azania Bank which is owned almost by 99 percent by pension funds while East African Development Bank has only one percent, this is truly a local bank which serves local needs of Tanzanians," she said while praising ABL management for rapid growth which has seen it become a Tier 1 capital bank recently.

She said the government is doing everything to address challenges facing the mining industry such as capital for equipment purchasing and paid tribute to Azania Bank's management for complementing state efforts.

Equity Bank now goes digitising transactions with introduction of Visa-enabled card

By Property Watch Reporter

IN a bid to speed up financial inclusion as per the government agenda, Equity Bank Tanzania Limited has digitised transactions with the launch of a Visa-enabled easy card.

Unveiling the new card in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Equity Bank Tanzania's Managing Director, Robert Kiboti said the new prepaid debit card is designed to offer a range of payment options that allow individuals and companies to control and improve the management of funds.

Kiboti said in addition, the new card is also aimed at providing customers and non-customers with an alternative banking card that allows for safe, secure and seamless electronic transactions hence doing away with cash payments.



Equity Bank Tanzania managing director, Robert Kiboti (L) and some senior staff during the launch of a Visa enabled easy card in Dar es Salaam earlier this week. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

"Equity Bank Tanzania is committed to extend financial inclusion for the unbanked and under-banked in the region. As the country is pushing towards a cashless payment's economy, it is our mission to provide secured and convenient financial solutions that permit seamless online transactions," he said.

According to Kiboti, customers and non-customers using the Equity Easy Card can only spend what is loaded on their cards for goods and services hence easily control unnecessary expenditure. "The card can be simply loaded with balance and used for expenditure such as purchases, payment for utility bills, online shopping, ticket bookings and cash withdrawal at ATMs," he added.

He revealed that in order to get the new card, one does not need to have an account with Equity Bank because it is not linked to any bank account. The Visa-powered card comes with a contactless EMV chip allowing customers to do tap-and-go payments for authorized amounts. The cards can be used for free on ATM cash withdrawals and online payments at merchants' platforms and point of sale terminals across the country.

Being members of the Visa International network allows Equity Bank pre-paid cardholders to use it worldwide for over 40 million points of sale terminals in over 210 countries and territories where VISA is accepted, the MD noted.

Speaking about means to load and replenish the cards, Mr. Kiboti said: "The card can be funded through our mobile banking services of easy banking and internet, Equity Bank wakala, mobile money or physical visit at any of the bank's branches.

About future innovative financial solutions, Kiboti said, "We remain focussed on building new partnerships and collaboration with government and private entities for continuous innovation to offer our customers and the whole market at large, a differentiated banking experience." In order to register for the new card, one needs to have a national identity number.

Equity Bank Tanzania Limited is a subsidiary of Equity Group Holdings Plc, which has other banking subsidiaries in Kenya, Uganda, South Sudan, Rwanda, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Equity Bank Tanzania Limited started operations in 2012 and has currently 15 branches across the country with over 3,500 agents serving a customer base of over 500,000 accounts.

Is converting office buildings to residential space the answer?

JOHANNESBURG

CONVERTING the expanse of vacant office space in South African cities to residential apartments, especially in a time when the current low interest rate environment favours first-time home buyers, seems like an attractive option for property developers, but is not that straightforward, says Chris Renecke, managing director of Renprop. "Conversions are not as easy as you think, and they don't always make sense. Converted buildings are never quite as good as a property purpose built for residents," he says.

While there is a case to be made for certain office to residential conversions in affordable nodes such as the Johannesburg CBD and Randburg, especially for lower-end rentals, Renecke adds that it becomes harder to make all the sums work in more expensive areas such as Sandton and Bryanston.

As it stands office vacancies are sitting at just over 14% across SA, thanks to a large amount of speculative development over the past few years before the pandemic. The fact that the economy has barely grown in the past five years means there are no new companies taking up the newly available space in nodes such as Sandton. "As a result landlords have been forced to lower rentals to draw tenants from other, often older properties. This, together with the Covid-19 pandemic that has kept workers from offices, has compounded the vacancy problems. Now



Braamfontein and Johannesburg CBD. Inside a building material shop in Johannesburg.

many companies are either downsizing or considering it at least," says Renecke.

This has left some landlords scratching their heads, wondering what to do with all the vacant space, with some wanting to repurpose their properties for residential use. But Renecke cautions that you cannot just simply convert an office building to a residential one.

One problem, he says, is that the office properties available for residential conversion tend to be older so-called B or C-grade properties, which are less popular with tenants and usually have the most vacancies. "The buildings are

of owners are looking for a high price which makes no sense for developers looking at a conversion. "Bryanston, for example, is not an option for residential conversion because it is so expensive. For a conversion to make sense, you need to buy a building at around R4,000/square metre or less area (area dependant), to be able to make it work," Renecke says.

While having a Sandton CBD address may be a must have for an up-and-coming company, this doesn't make it a good residential node. "It is not a great residential area as it lacks the pedestrianised walkways, outside restaurant culture and other amenities that make Rosebank so popular with office tenants and residents alike.

But even in Rosebank there has only been one office to residential conversion." There are so many important factors that need to fall into place to make a conversion worthwhile. More often than not, a purpose-built apartment block makes more sense," he says.

'TotalEnergies will 'assume its responsibilities' to companies'

MAPUTO

THE Mozambican government said on Wednesday that TotalEnergies will "assume its responsibilities" to the companies contracted for the gas project in northern Mozambique, admitting that it is "a process that will take some time." Total's commitment will be to assume its responsibilities," the Mozambican Minister for Mineral Resources and Energy, Max Tonela told Lusa.

The minister explained that the French oil company has assured the government that it has several teams working to assess the contractual nature of each company that was involved in the construction of the natural gas project in the Afungi peninsula, northern Mozambique, until the project was suspended on March 24 following armed attacks on Palma district. "Given that there are hundreds of contracts, between large and small, it is a process that will take some time to determine," he said.

Max Tonela noted that there are companies involved in the Afungi project whose situation will be easier to assess, in terms of rights, because they had not yet started activity, but there are others in a more complex situation, because they were involved in construction, production and supply of goods and equipment. "I want to believe that part of the com-

plaints [from Mozambican companies] come from contracts signed not directly with Total, but with various subcontractors," he emphasised. Max Tonela admitted that the assumption of charges by Total in relation to companies directly involved in the natural gas production project will have a "cascading effect," resulting in the payment of commitments made with subcontractors.

On 16, the Confederation of Economic Associations of Mozambique (CTA), the country's main employers' association, argued that problems between oil company TotalEnergies and Mozambican companies should be resolved in local arbitration to avoid a "legal war."

At issue is the suspension of the Cabo Delgado gas project, which was the biggest private investment underway in Africa, and the resulting losses for local companies supplying goods and services, with investments made, goods bought and loans taken out with banks.

Of a total of 45 Mozambican companies affected, 28 responded to a CTA survey and, amongst these alone, US\$18 million [14.85 million euros] in debts and US\$43.6 million (35.96 million euros) of "imported or purchased goods, which are in now in storage" on which TotalEnergies has yet to make a statement, according to the employers' confederation.

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SAUDI ARABIA'S RED SEA PROJECT AWARDED CONTRACTS WORTH 14.5BN RIYALS LAST YEAR

RIYADH

THE Red Sea Development Company (TRSDC) awarded contracts worth 14.5 billion Saudi riyals (\$3.86bn) in 2020 as the company pushes ahead with the construction of a mega tourism project on the country's west coast.

In total, the company awarded 500 contracts, with local companies clinching 70 per cent of the deals, TRSDC said in its inaugural sustainability report on Monday. Some of the key contracts awarded in 2020 include the delivery of an airside package of works to an all-Saudi joint venture, as well as for construction of coastal village workers' accommodation, as well as management accommodation, studio apartments and townhouses on the same site. Contracts were also awarded for the construction of a hotel and for site-wide wastewater and sewage treatment.

TRSDC worked with the kingdom's General Authority for Small and Medium Enterprises, also known as Monsha'at, to encourage local companies to bid for work and is also encouraging local investors to take part. "The Red Sea Project offers numerous investment opportunities, enabling companies of different sizes and sectors to contribute to this one-of-a-kind development, elevating the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's position as a global investment powerhouse," TRSDC's chief executive John Pagano said in the report.

TRSDC, which is owned by the kingdom's Public Investment Fund, is developing 16 hotels with 3,000 rooms across five islands and two inland sites as part of the first phase of the project on Saudi Arabia's west coast. The project is expected to welcome its first guests by the end of 2022, when the international airport and first hotels are due to open. Upon completion in 2030, The Red Sea project



A bird's eye view of the Red Sea Development Project.

will comprise 50 resorts, offering up to 8,000 hotel rooms and more than 1,000 residential properties across 22 islands and six inland sites.

The project is expected to generate 22bn riyals of revenue annually by 2030 and 464bn in cumulative revenues through its construction cycle and its 10 years of steady operation by 2040, according to the report. It is also expected to support 70,000 jobs by 2040. The Red Sea Project is designed to enhance the natural environment for future generations. Courtesy The Red Sea Development Company

It will be powered by 100 per cent renewable energy and will house the "largest off-grid renewable energy systems in the world and the world's largest tourism destination to be powered solely

by renewable energy," according to the report.

Last year, the company signed a 25-year PPP agreement that includes the delivery of sustainable energy to power utilities covering phase one of the project. "Through this PPP, we expect to generate up to 650,000 megawatt hours of 100 per cent renewable energy to supply the destination and other utility systems over the course of the concession agreement," it said.

The company is currently exploring various options to capture large amounts of carbon dioxide each year by adopting large scale marine microalgae production farms, enhancing biologically diverse habitats, adopting nature-based solutions for removing carbon and direct air capturing.

Earlier this month, Saudi Arabia's Acwa Power signed an agreement with Dubai-based Neutral Fuels to supply net-zero biofuel - a clean form of fuel that lowers emissions - to power transportation work at the site.

In April, TRSDC secured 14.12bn riyals in funding through the first locally-denominated Green Financing credit facility. The developer raised the capital through term loans and revolving credit facilities from four banks in Saudi Arabia to fund construction work.

Evergrande raises cash selling stakes in Tencent JV, Calxon

BEIJING

CHINA Evergrande Group, the country's most indebted property developer, is raising some quick cash this week by selling off assets ahead of a scheduled repayment of a \$1.47 billion offshore bond maturing next week.

The Shenzhen-based company led by billionaire Xu Jiayin offloaded a stake worth \$570 million in its Hong Kong-listed internet division, HengTen Networks Group, according to a Monday filing with the stock exchange.

Meanwhile, Evergrande will sell over half its stake in smaller developer Calxon for close to \$400 million, giving up its control of the company, Reuters reported. The fundraising moves by Evergrande come as China continues to clamp down on credit to its highly leveraged real estate sector, with other developers including China Fortune Land also having suffered cash crunches in the past year.

In its HengTen equity disposal, Evergrande sold 738.8 million shares in the firm to the owner of Pumpkin Films, a video app that HengTen bought last year. Hong Kong-listed HengTen is a mainland internet joint venture formed by Evergrande and Tencent in 2015 that went public through a backdoor listing that same year.

As of 31 December, Evergrande held a 55.64 per cent stake in the company and Tencent had 19.32 per cent. Together the shares sold to Ke Liming, who founded Pumpkin Films, represent about 8 per cent of the internet firm's issued ordinary shares. Ke was already the owner of 36.99 per cent of HengTen at the end of 2020 and will see his stake rise to about 45 per cent of the company, while Evergrande's slice drops to just under 48 per cent.

In its sell-down of its Calxon holding, a unit of Evergrande that owns 57.75 per cent of the Shenzhen-listed builder will sell 29.9



China Evergrande Centre in Wanchai.

percent of the company to private equity firm Shenzhen Huajian Holdings for an undisclosed amount and give up its voting rights, according to a Tuesday filing by Calxon.

Shenzhen Huajian is a unit of Shenzhen Huachao Industrial which is also known as Guoxiang Holdings - an entity with close ties to the Shenzhen city government. Evergrande has a history of deals with Shenzhen Huachao, with the investment firm having been among the original backers when the developer agreed to purchase Calxon in 2016 as part of a scheme to secure a mainland listing. Based on the Friday closing price of Calxon's now-suspended stock, the sale of its shares in Hangzhou-based Calxon will earn Evergrande RMB 2.5 billion (\$388 million).

Evergrande's assets sales come as the highly leveraged developer reels from its sagging stock price, a ratings downgrade and a report that several large mainland banks have restricted the group's access to further credit.

Fitch Ratings on Tuesday cut the long-term foreign-currency issuer default ratings of Ever-

grande and subsidiaries Hengda Real Estate and Tianji Holding to B from B+, with a negative outlook. Fitch also lowered the senior unsecured ratings of Evergrande and Tianji to B- from B and the Tianji-guaranteed senior unsecured notes issued by Scenery Journey Ltd to B- from B. The negative outlook reflects Evergrande's weakened access to debt capital markets and heavy reliance on trust loans, the ratings agency said.

Also on Tuesday, Bloomberg revealed that three banks with a combined RMB 46 billion of credit exposure to Evergrande as of June 2020 decided in recent months not to renew loans to the company when they mature this year. The news agency cited sources asking not to be identified discussing private information.

Evergrande's Hong Kong-listed shares tumbled Wednesday in the wake of Fitch's comments and Bloomberg's reporting, down 3.9 per cent in afternoon trade. The stock's price has plunged nearly 30 per cent this year to HK\$10.46 (\$1.35).

Reuters reported on Monday

Global passenger airlines seen 'moderately positioned' to adapt to carbon neutral future

PARIS

GLOBAL passenger airlines are only "moderately positioned" to adapt to a low-carbon future, with technological challenges proving to be a major hurdle, Moody's said in a report.

The ratings agency surveyed 21 rated passenger airlines for carbon transition assessment and rated them CT-7, which indicates a moderate positioning on its 10-point scale. "Our assessments reflect our view that global passenger airlines face technological challenges in the transition to a low-carbon future," said Ram Sri-Saravanapavaan, an analyst at Moody's.

"We expect aviation to be subject to increasing pressure from governments and shareholders to reduce emissions in order to deliver on net-zero targets." The global aviation sector has increasingly come under the spotlight as countries strive to curb emissions amid the pandemic.

The aviation sector currently represents 2 per cent of global CO2 emissions, according to the International Civil Aviation Organisation - a figure that could rise as air travel resumes as movement restrictions ease across the world. But the industry has been struggling to navigate a successful transition due to the inherent structural and technological challenges. Several initiatives are being

undertaken to help airlines adopt sustainable fuels such as biofuel or hydrogen in place of jet fuel, which is a crude product.

"Global passenger airlines face technological challenges in the transition to a low-carbon future, as the likelihood of achieving low or zero-emission engines for aircraft of the size of the industry's current fleet is low and because it will take decades for the output of sustainable aviation fuel to come close to the global industry's annual fuel consumption," Moody's said in the report. The agency also recommended buying into eligible carbon offsetting programmes until sustainable aviation fuels are developed at scale to power future flights.

Earlier this month, Rolls-Royce, which makes engines for planes and ships, said it planned to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050 through making its aircraft engines capable of running on sustainable aviation fuels (SAFs) and by decarbonising all new products.

The British engineering company outlined its green goals last week and pledged all new products will be compatible with net-zero targets by 2030. Rolls-Royce also said its engines will be able to operate with 100 per cent sustainable aviation fuels by 2023, which produce less carbon than traditional jet fuel. It further committed to make its entire business carbon-neutral by 2050 at the latest.



A passenger jet ready to take off.

Jebel Hafeet comes third among the world's most picturesque road routes

ABU DHABI

PENTAGON Motor Group analysed more than seven million Instagram hashtags to determine the world's most beautiful road trip routes, based on photos per mile. The Great Ocean Road in Australia emerged as the most Instagrammed road trip route, followed by Big Sur in California and, in third place, Jebel Hafeet.

With many people still wary of international travel and staycations continuing to rise in popularity, Pentagon Motor Group set out to discover the most visually arresting journeys that travellers could take from the comfort of their cars.

There are an impressive 1,321,570 hashtagged images of the 253-kilometre Great Ocean Road on Instagram, meaning about 8,418 pictures are taken for every 1.6 kilometre stretch of road. Constructed in 1932, the route runs along the south-eastern coast of Australia, between the cities of Torquay and Allansford, and continues to be one of the most popular tourist attractions in Australia.

The US is home to the highest number of scenic routes. Big Sur is the most popular, with 5,226 pictures per 1.6 kilometres, but Blue Ridge Parkway, Going-To-The-Sun Road, Route 66, California's Tioga Pass and Hana Highway also appear in the top 20.

Route 66 is the longest route on the list, covering 4,000 kilometres, cutting through eight American states - California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri and Illinois - and spanning three time zones.

Driving to Abu Dhabi's highest peak

Meanwhile, 4,840 pictures per 1.6 kilometres were posted of Jebel Hafeet. Standing at the border between Al Ain and Oman, and rising to a height of 1,249 metres, Jebel Hafeet is Abu Dhabi's highest peak, and the second tallest mountain in the UAE. The craggy limestone peak offers expansive views of Al Ain and has also been the site of significant fossil discoveries.

"Despite the looming question over international travel, road trips are still on the cards, thanks to the luxury and convenience of our wheels," says Jonathan Lingham, marketing director at Pentagon Motor Group.

"As there are so many driving holiday destinations around the globe, we were curious to find out which route is officially the most beautiful. It's great to see so many bucket-list-worthy road trips cropping up from all around the world - from the UK to Australia, and Norway to the US. It proves that everyone can jump in their car and embark on an epic adventure."

WORLD

Blinken visit to Pope will reset US-Vatican ties after Trump years

VATICAN CITY

THE last time a U.S. secretary of state visited the Vatican, the diplomatic sparks flew and Pope Francis declined to receive Mike Pompeo.

servative Catholic journal that has been highly critical of Pope Francis and whose editor in 2019 wrote a long critique titled "A Failing Papacy".



Merkel tells Putin Germany thankful for 'reconciliation hand' after WWII

BERLIN

GERMAN Chancellor Angela Merkel had a telephone conversation with Russian President Vladimir Putin on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of the beginning of Nazi Germany's aggression against the former Soviet Union.

"The chancellor stressed that the sufferings caused by crimes committed by Germans in Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, and other former Soviet republics are felt by millions of families. The chancellor is deeply thankful that so many citizens of these countries extended a reconciliation hand [to Germany]," he said.

"The question is 'will the U.S. let the Vatican be exempt from criticising China just because of its deal on the bishops?'" he told Reuters.

CLIMATE CHANGE

One of the main points of contention between the Vatican and the White House while Donald Trump was U.S. president was climate change. Trump was dismissive of the problem as he dismantled climate policies and regulations on fossil fuels.

China ready to forge closer BRI partnerships - Xi

CHINA stands ready to forge even closer Belt and Road partnerships with various sides and follow a path of unity, cooperation, connectivity and joint development to jointly promote the building of a community with a shared future for mankind, President Xi Jinping said on Wednesday.

fresh impetus for the cooperation and development of different nations. Over the past eight years, 140 countries have signed cooperative agreements with China on jointly building the Belt and Road, he noted.



with the BRI and passing on confidence and strength to the international community, Xi said. The president reaffirmed the principles of extensive consultations and joint contributions for shared benefits during the joint building of

the Belt and Road. It is important to uphold an open, green, clean and cooperative concept and stay committed to a goal of cooperation that pursues high-standard and sustainable development that benefits the people, he said.

development phase, carrying out a new development philosophy and fostering a new development paradigm, the nation will offer more market opportunities and opportunities for investment and growth for its Belt and Road partners, Xi said.

Ex-Philippine president Aquino dies of renal failure at 61

MANILA

FORMER Philippine President Benigno Aquino III died peacefully in his sleep. His death certificate pronounced his death at 6:30 am due to renal disease secondary to diabetes," the family said in a statement read by Pinky Aquino Abellada, one of four surviving sisters of Aquino.

Benigno Noynoy Aquino III died peacefully in his sleep. His death certificate pronounced his death at 6:30 am due to renal disease secondary to diabetes," the family said in a statement read by Pinky Aquino Abellada, one of four surviving sisters of Aquino.



"He tried to do what was right, even when it was not popular," she said in a statement. "He worked quietly and tirelessly for the good of everyone. He will be missed."

port to the presidency after the 2009 death of his mother, the revered "People Power" leader Corazon Aquino, who was herself president from 1986 until 1992. His namesake father, a senator who staunchly opposed the rule of strongman Ferdinand Marcos, was assassinated when he returned home from political exile in 1983.

Flags were flying at half mast on the senate building and at the House of Representatives in Manila yesterday. In a statement, Senator Imee Marcos, daughter of the late dictator, paid tribute to Aquino for his "kind and simple soul" and said he would be deeply missed.

'Woods+medicinal herb+beekeeping' model increase people's income while improving environment

THANKS to a "woods+medicinal herb+beekeeping" model, which enables residents to make the best of local geographical and resource advantages in development, Wufeng Tujia autonomous county in Yichang city, central China's Hubei province, has harvested a virtuous cycle of increasing people's income while improving ecological environment.

In Wufeng Tujia autonomous county to try the innovative model. In the past, residents in the village relied on coal industry for their livelihood. The number of coal mines of various sizes in the village once exceeded 20. Coal mining devastated mountains, leaving dark holes everywhere, said Deng Feng, secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) branch of Qiaoping village.

and keeping bees near medicinal herbs. Qiaoping village has grown trees including Chinese dove trees and golden cypresses, and medicinal herbs like wild Gastrodia elata and Paris polyphylla. In spring, as wild flowers blanket mountains, swarms of eastern honey bees collect nectar.

Keeping bees near medicinal herbs has enabled local residents to increase their income, and by gathering nectar, honey bees can help pollinate medicinal herbs and boost their production, according to Deng. Many residents in Qiaoping village have grown Chinese medicinal herbs in woods with suitable conditions, and Han Meiwu is one of them.

eastern honey bees. "Our current income is something we couldn't imagine in the past," said Han. The villager's family used to live on a low income mainly from growing traditional crops such as corn and potatoes. Since they started to grow Chinese medicinal herbs and raise honey bees, the family has got rid of poverty and moved in a new house in two years.

Concrete activities

"We look forward to these concrete activities trickling down at country level, rural areas level and urban areas which have the most populations and where there are poverty alleviation and building inclusive prosperity challenges," he said. Albert Muchanga, the AU commissioner for trade and industry, proposed that China through its ambassador to the AU come up with a strategic program of collaboration on poverty reduction in Africa for 2021-2030 to enable the continent to meet the commitment of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

village. Last year, the annual output value of the cooperative reached nearly two million yuan (\$309,600). By taking the lead in exploring new techniques for seedling breeding and the cultivation of Chinese medicinal herbs and sharing them with villagers, the cooperative has enjoyed increasing appeal among villagers. At present, the acreage of woods with Chinese medicinal herbs in Qiaoping village has surpassed 4,000 mu (about 267 hectares).

Israel's return to normal hits bump with virus surge

ISRAEL can expect to start donning masks again and has put off the reopening of its borders to foreign tourists, its bid to return to a post-COVID-19 normal hobbled by a surge in infections linked to the highly transmissible delta variant.

"A decision was taken that once we had more than 100 new cases on average a week that we would reinstate the wearing of masks in closed spaces," public health chief Sharon Alroy-Preis said, according to the Ynet website.

"I imagine this will happen as soon as Sunday given the very rapid trend we're seeing." Mask-wearing had been scrapped earlier this month.

New cases were down to the single digits in mid-June, but this week topped 100 for three days straight.

Most of the new cases have been unvaccinated children and people returning from abroad. Some of the sick had been fully vaccinated with the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine.

While the delta COVID-19 strain, first reported in India, is the most infectious to date, almost all cases in Israel have

been asymptomatic or mild, and the number of critically ill has remained around two dozen. Businesses have remained open.

Late Wednesday, Israel postponed the reopening of its borders to foreign tourists until Aug 1, a monthlong delay.

"We have decided to treat this as a new outbreak. We intend to cut it off here, take a pail of water and douse the flames while they are still small," Prime Minister Naftali Bennett said Tuesday at the national airport, which throughout the pandemic has been a vector of the disease. Bennett's swift action pointed to a lesson learned from Israel's devastating reopening of the economy after its first lockdown, under then-premier Benjamin Netanyahu.

A low caseload led to an abandonment of caution then, and new infections ballooned to more than 11,000 a day, tamed only by further lockdowns and the world's most aggressive vaccination campaign.

More than half of Israel's population has been inoculated. Israel approved



A boy receives a dose of the Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine at the Clalit Healthcare Services in the Israeli city of Holon near Tel Aviv on June 21, 2021, as Israel begins coronavirus vaccination campaign for 12 to 15-year-olds. (JACK GUEZ / AFP)

vaccines for 12- to 15 year-olds early this month, but only several thousands have been immunized.

The number of active coronavirus cases in Israel has

more than tripled in the past two weeks, the ministry of health said Wednesday.

A total of 146 new coronavirus cases were reported on Wednesday, raising the total caseload in

the country to 840,225.

The death toll from the virus remained unchanged at 6,428, and the number of patients in serious condition remained 26, out of 50 hospitalized patients. **Agencies**

Russia hopes to hold strategic stability consultations with US in July, says diplomat

SOCHI

CONSULTATIONS between Russia and the United States on strategic stability can take place in July, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Ryabkov said yesterday.

"I very much hope for that. We do not conceal that we are interested in this event to take place without delays," the senior Russian diplomat said, responding to a question about whether the first round of consultations with the United States on strategic stability could take place in July.

"The logic itself suggests this. These are complex issues and time is running out. The United States has its own internal calendar, and midterm elections will take place next year.

They [the Americans] have not yet completed their analytical work on reviewing and, perhaps, somewhat re-assessing various aspects of nuclear policy.

But this should not impede us from starting to discuss substantive issues, all the more so as assessments of the situation, including its crisis aspects and risks existing in this sphere need to be discussed," the high-ranking Russian diplomat explained.

Russia and the United States also need to discuss, how the sides will organize their work, he stressed.

"It would be wrong to delay the launch of this dialogue," Ryabkov said. **Agencies**

Russia summons British envoy, to issue tough demarche over warship incident – diplomat

MOSCOW

BRITISH Ambassador to Russia Deborah Bronnert has been summoned to the Russian Foreign Ministry yesterday over the incident with the British destroyer HMS Defender in the Black Sea, and a tough demarche will be delivered to her, Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova told Rossiya-24 TV channel.

"We said yesterday that the British envoy would be summoned. She will be in the Foreign Ministry

today. A tough demarche will be issued to her," Zakharova (pictured) stated.

The diplomat stressed that the upcoming meeting would be unpleasant for the British side. "Such rude moves should receive a respective response," Zakharova pointed out.

Zakharova also drew attention to the contradictions in the British side's interpretation of the situation.

"At first, they said that there was nothing at all. Later it was stated



that the Russian side was reporting the events incorrectly, and then they started speaking about some innocent passage of [the destroyer]," she explained.

A BBC reporter shared some

facts with the corporation, which he saw and heard with his own eyes and ears. "Some weird situation occurred and here it's evident that [London] lies. But we often see and catch our Western partners red-handed. Apparently, London is the best performer here."

On June 23, the Russian Defense Ministry said that the Black Sea Fleet, acting in cooperation with the border guard force of the Russian Federal Security Service (FSB), stopped a violation of the state border by the British destroyer HMS

Defender off Crimea's Cape Fiolent. The destroyer ventured three kilometers into Russia's territorial waters. A border guard patrol ship fired warning shots and a Sukhoi-24M bomber dropped bombs ahead of the destroyer. After that, the HMS Defender left Russia's territorial waters.

The Russian Defense Ministry later described the British ship's actions as a gross violation of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea and urged the British side to investigate the crew's actions. **Agencies**

Probe into Native American schools' dark past

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oklahoma – The US government will investigate its past oversight of Native American boarding schools to "uncover the truth about the loss of human life and the lasting consequences" of policies that broke up families, US Interior Secretary Deb Haaland said on Tuesday.

The unprecedented work will include compiling and reviewing records to identify past boarding schools, locate known and possible burial sites at or near those schools, and uncover the names and tribal affiliations of students, Haaland said.



US Interior Secretary Deb Haaland speaks during a news briefing at the White House in Washington on April 23, 2021. (File photo)

"To address the intergenerational impact of Indian boarding schools and to promote spiritual and emotional healing in our communities, we must shed light on the unspoken traumas of the past no matter how hard it will be," she said.

A member of New Mexico's Laguna Pueblo and the first Native American to serve as a cabinet secretary, Haaland outlined the initiative while addressing members of the National Congress of American Indians at the group's midyear conference.

Starting with the Indian Civilization Act of 1819, the United States enacted laws and policies to establish and support Indian boarding schools across the nation. For over 150 years, indigenous children were taken from their communities and forced into boarding schools that focused on assimilation.

Haaland talked about the federal government's at-

tempt to wipe out tribal identity, language and culture and how that past has continued to manifest itself through long-standing trauma, cycles of violence and abuse, premature deaths, mental health issues and substance abuse.

The recent discovery of children's remains buried at the site of what was once Canada's largest indigenous residential school has magnified interest in the troubling legacy both in Canada and the United States.

In Canada, more than 150,000 First Nations children were required to attend state-funded Christian schools as part of a program to assimilate them into society. They were forced to convert to Christianity and were not allowed to speak their languages. Many were beaten and verbally abused, and up to 6,000 are said to have died.

Statistics cited

After reading about the unmarked graves in Canada, Haaland recounted her own family's story in a recent opinion article published by The Washington Post.

Haaland cited statistics from the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition, which reported that by 1926, more than 80 percent of indigenous school-age children were attending boarding schools that were run either by the federal government or religious organizations. Besides providing resources and raising awareness, the coalition has been working to compile additional research on US boarding schools and deaths that many say is sorely lacking.

Interior Department officials said that aside from trying to shed more light on

the loss of life at the boarding schools, they will be working to protect burial sites associated with the schools and will consult with tribes on how best to do that while respecting families and communities.

As part of the initiative, a final report from agency staff is due by April 1, 2022.

Chuck Hoskin Jr, principal chief of the Cherokee Nation in Oklahoma, which had about 80 boarding schools, called the announcement encouraging and said anything that can be done to address those "troubling chapters of history" is a positive thing.

"I hope we don't discover gruesome incidents like were discovered in Canada. I just think it's good in this country to have conversations about what happened to Native American children," Hoskin said. **Agencies**

President Biden unveils new anti-crime strategy amid soaring gun violence in US

WASHINGTON,

U.S. President Joe Biden on Wednesday launched a new crime prevention strategy amid soaring gun violence across the country, focusing on illegal sale of firearms, law-breaking gun dealers and better community support.

"Crime historically rises during the summer and as we emerge from this pandemic, with the country opening back up again, the traditional summer spike may even be more pronounced than it traditionally would be," Biden said in a speech from the White House. "Folks, this (gun violence) shouldn't be a red or blue issue," Biden said. "It's an American issue."

The president said that cities and states can use their portions of 350 billion U.S. dollars in direct aid from the COVID-19 rescue plan, which was approved by Congress in March, to enhance public safety, including hiring more police officers and other law enforcement officials.

Public schools can also use their share of 122 billion dollars in rescue money in community violence intervention programs and other public safety strategies, Biden said.

"This is not a time to turn our backs on law enforcement or our communities," said the president, distancing himself from progressive calls for "defunding the police."

Under the plan, the U.S.



Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives will revoke federal licenses of gun dealers the first time they violate the federal law.

Violations could include selling firearms to a prohibited buyer, failing to run required background checks and falsifying firearm transaction forms or other records.

The Justice Department plans to create multi-jurisdictional "firearms trafficking strike forces" to reduce the illegal flow of firearms to high-crime areas like New York City, Chicago, Los Angeles, Washington D.C., and the Bay Area. "So legal guns sold from the backdoor of a gun shop in Virginia don't end up in a murder scene in Baltimore," Biden said.

The Biden administration is collaborating with 15 jurisdictions that have seen high rates of gun crime to bolster community violence intervention programs. **Xinhua**

Among the partner locales are Chicago, Atlanta, Austin, Baltimore, Baton Rouge, Los Angeles, Detroit and St. Louis. The strategy also includes Labor Department programs to expand summer employment and programs for youth and to help formerly imprisoned people enter the workforce.

"We know that summer jobs, training and recreation for young people work," Biden said. "They help make sure young people pick up a paycheck instead of a pistol."

The president again urged Congress to pass sweeping gun control legislations, including an expansion of background checks for firearm purchases and a federal ban on assault weapons, though little progress on those policies has been made in the evenly split Senate. Ahead of Biden's speech, Attorney General Merrick Garland met with a group of local law enforcement officials and community leaders in the White House.

The murder rate in the country rose from five murders per 100,000 people in 2019 to roughly 6.2 per 100,000 in 2020, though still well below the rates of previous decades, showed preliminary data from the Federal Bureau of Investigation. A sample of 37 U.S. cities with data for the first three months of this year saw an 18 percent spike in murders compared with the same time period in 2020, according to a New York Times report. **Xinhua**

Africa may not achieve affordable, clean energy goal - report

ADDIS ABABA

A new study unveiled by the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) has reported that 600 million people in Africa do not have access to electricity, while 900 million have no access to clean cooking fuel.

The study, unveiled on Tuesday during a virtual ministerial meeting, was entitled "Energy Prices in Africa: Transition towards Clean Energy for Africa's Industrialization."

Fewer than half the population

in 24 countries have access to electricity, according to an ECA statement issued Wednesday.

The report said Liberia, Malawi, the Central African Republic, Burundi, and South Sudan have stagnated or reversed in electricity access. Countries like Nigeria and Ethiopia reportedly have the biggest electricity access deficits. "There's no way Africa can build forward

better if we do not make adequate investments in energy and ensure affordable access for all," said ECA Executive Secretary Vera Songwe.

The United Nations under-secretary-general urged countries to ensure that there's cost reflective pricing in the energy sector.

Moderating the session, Oliver Chinganya, director of the African Center for

Statistics (ACS) noted that the access to cheap and clean energy is an essential component of Africa's transformation and industrialization.

"In the context of AfCFTA deployment and implementation, supplying economies with affordable fuel is integral to supporting actions for faster achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and Africa's Agenda

2063," Chinganya said, referring to the African Continental Free Trade Agreement.

The report deplors the fact that Africa relies mainly on fossil fuels and biomes instead of diversifying its primary energy supply, given its plethora of resources.

"Households use 86 percent of biofuel and waste energy for cooking, while the transport sector con-

sumes 78 percent of oil. Natural gas is mainly used in industrial sector," it said.

In his presentation, Anthony Monganeli Mhlangu, an ECA economic affairs officer, pointed to the urgent need to invest in electricity infrastructure, diversify electricity supply and embrace modern renewables.

He said "high energy production costs, transmission and distribution

losses, at 18-25 percent, means that utilities need to be constantly bailed out and subsidies implemented for users."

According to the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 7 tracking report, at this rate, Africa will not meet the SDG 7 targets due to limited supply and access to electricity.

About 40 billion U.S. dollars worth of investments per year is needed to meet the continent's energy needs. **Xinhua**

SPORT



Tanga Women Combine's captain, Hudaa Mrisho (L), receives the best player of the clash prize from Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA)'s official, Eunice Moyo, shortly after the cricketer's team faced Dar Women Combine in this season's National Women T20 Championship in Tanga early this week. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TCA

Tanga Women Combine demolish Dar Women Combine in National Women T20 Championship

By Guardian Reporter

TANGA Women Combine's cricketers have boosted their pursuit of the 2021 National Women T20 Championship top honour after notching a nine-wicket win over Dar Women Combine in Tanga on Wednesday.

The tournament hosts have, as a result, won five out of six games they have taken part in to take hold on the top spot, settling for a 1.3306 net run rate.

They have so far suffered a loss in only one clash, conceding a three-wicket loss to Moro Women Combine on Tuesday.

In the Wednesday duel, Dar Women Combine went in to bat first, recording 120 runs and losing six wickets in 20 overs.

They had opted for a slight tactical change in their batting unit, as skipper Neema Justine, who regularly plays as an opener, was pushed to number five.

Irene Ramadhan was deployed as the opening batter in the game and she linked with fellow opener, Monica Paschal.

Both openers, nevertheless, hardly had a good game, given they were dismissed after mere two overs, leaving the team with 13 runs and two wickets taken.

The experienced Monica exited for duck, she was caught by Tanga Women Combine's wicket-keeper, Swaumu Deo, from Nasra Nassoro's bowling.

Irene was, a few minutes later, run out by Nasra from Jenipher Gabriel's bowling, with the batter recording four runs.

Top order batter, Nasra Hamza, deployed at number three, had Dar Women Combine, thereafter, seeking to stay in control with her 41 runs, clearing the boundary once.

Mwanaidi Ibrahim, once again, made her experience count as she executed skilful shots and helped Dar Women Combine wade off Tanga Women Combine bowlers' challenge.

The experienced batter ended with an

impressive score, in which she notched 39 runs, cracking five fours.

Neema made her presence felt with a solid showing, ending with 23 runs.

Zena Hassan and Happy George made their way back to the pavilion with the bat in hand, with Zena notching five runs not out, clearing the boundary once.

Tanga Women Combine's Nasra had the most wickets, ending with three wickets in four overs.

Tanga Women Combine, led by captain Hudaa Mrisho, thereafter, smoothly mounted a successful chase, notching 121 runs, losing one wicket in 18 overs.

Hudaa, who had opened the hosts' innings, was in good form, catapulting them to the win in grand fashion.

The opener surpassed the half-century mark and went on to notch 66 runs not out, clearing the boundary on five occasions.

Dar Women Combine briefly delayed Tanga Women Combine's chase with the other opener Swaumu Godfrey's dismissal, she had notched 12 runs in her short stint.

Jenipher, deployed at number three, partnered Hudaa to make certain of the chase, notching 31 runs not out, which included a boundary.

Hudaa was presented with the best player of the tie's prize for her impressive displays with the bat.

Second-placed Dar Women Combine has, thus, suffered defeat in two outings, settling for a 0.6148 net run rate.

Arusha Women Combine's cricketers were set to lock horns with Moro Women Combine in the second match of the day.

Four regional outfits, namely Arusha Women Combine, Dar es Salaam Women Combine, Morogoro Women Combine, and Tanga Women Combine, take part in the showpiece overseen by Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA).

The TCA is as well using the showpiece to select players set to form the national U-19 women squad which will take part in the coming ICC Africa U-19 Women showdown.

Tokyo 2020 organisers ban alcohol, defend allowing spectators

TOKYO

WITH 30 days to go until the start of an Olympic Games dogged by the coronavirus pandemic and by controversy, Tokyo Olympics organizers decided on Wednesday against selling alcohol at venues while defending plans to allow thousands of spectators.

Media reports that organizers were considering allowing alcohol consumption in Olympics venues provoked a public outcry earlier this week, with the hashtag "cancel the Olympic Games" garnering tens of thousands of tweets.

"Following experts' advice, the organizing committee decided against selling and drinking alcohol drinks at the venues so as to prevent spread of infections," Tokyo Olympics President Seiko Hashimoto told reporters,

adding that sponsor Asahi Breweries agreed with the decision to ban alcohol sales.

Alcohol sales have been restricted in and around Tokyo after health officials warned drinking would encourage close contact, loud speaking and mingling in bars that could help spread the virus.

Earlier, Hashimoto defended the organizers' decision to allow spectators into Olympic venues.

Japanese medical experts said last Friday that banning spectators was the least risky option but also included in their report recommendations on how to host the Games if spectators were admitted.

Organizers said on Monday up to 10,000 domestic spectators would be allowed into venues. Foreign visitors are banned.

SPORTS

How social media is beginning to rewrite the rules for entertainers, youths generally

By Correspondent Michael Eneza

A routine chatter moment at a morning FM radio station roundtable may have been nothing more than that to its participants, as another moment to pay attention to what is being said on social media, especially on Twitter and WhatsApp for networking groups, etc.

The focal point was the attitude shown by an intimate friend and now apparently an expectant father after his girlfriend, an entertainer named 'Tunda' by her fans, announced she is pregnant and the fellow is her partner.

Participants expressed admiration for the guy's achievement, to bring the still vibrant young woman to accept the pregnancy, insisting it was not an accident.

That sort of reception of pregnancy is what can be called the 'third wave' of social media altering and in a sense permanently changing social norms, as up to now the chatter has been around fidelity and non-fidelity among people who date or live together.

In the latter context it was still expected that the two entertainers if they do not live together would eventually do so, and in that context have a kid or two.

Not many would be asking when they would 'bless' that marriage as that would be going rather far, given the fact that the attention of their fans and onlookers or colleagues is a steady friendship, not rituals.

It is unclear if these values will someday be transmitted to entertainers in the West, or perhaps to emerge as a rule, that the acme of a relationship is to have a child so that the lien is anchored in memory forever.

Its opposite is a strictly playful affinity that may last long or short depending on circumstances, but it has little to be remembered for, even if it lasted for one decade, and that is what seems to be the norm in many instances, especially in developed or rich countries where birth rates are plummeting, and powerful or busy women find it hard to have kids.

It is not the norm totally if one has heard of the Kardashians, etc.

Already China is facing the threat of an aging population, and surprisingly, just one year after it signaled to youths that two children per family are not bad, it has now upped the ante to say that three children are alright.

Still, even the likelihood of two chil-



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

dren is at a low ebb based on what observers notice, that there is no hurry whatsoever, indeed any urge to go in that direction, as kids ordinarily cement links with one's parents rather than with a partner.

With entertainers there has to be a different source of energy or impetus to 'cross the river and have a child, as it is next to being married, tied to someone permanently.

When attention is given to other roadblocks, like the 50-50 work and rank distribution paradigm, which has to apply to music as well, it is unclear how an entertainer who wants to be on the stage and compete will get the will and impetus for procreation.

There has to be fervent friendship bordering on marriage and which thus needs to be cemented by having a kid, as in entertainment and many other fields parents are no longer around to praise a pregnancy.

Instead, such announcements are being put to social media and elicit a variety of reactions depending upon the popularity of that individual, and the young artiste is important.

What is not being noticed is that this social media parameter just adds to other phenomena that are on the verge of totally changing the old society, though the latter model is still vibrant about school norms for instance.

The only area where pregnancy is held in controversy is when it strikes a schoolgirl, as in that context aspirations and ability to achieve them are unquestionably disturbed.

Yet not many have signaled that girls who have children early in life stand a chance of a more deliberate approach to life than those who skip their most presentable or vibrant age, as later suitors start drying up if one has to finish university and well beyond for such intimations to start.

With adults one can have relationships based on mu-

tual respect and trust, but only with real young girls can one expect to find a traditional wife.

So this social media event is likely to be a role model or path breaker in the Magfuli era of Tanzanian society, where all young girls who can understand secondary school lessons will find a seat there and study.

It is prohibited to seek they are being attached to some enterprising and ready to deliver fellow, that is, who can promptly place the right number of cows or write enough zeroes on a paycheck, for the father to be elated enough to take the girl out of school, that is history.

What was not programmed at the time when universal secondary school came up was that it pushes Tanzania to modernity, where girls are forbidden to marry when they are wanted most, and if they can have their say at 26, fewer men will be interested.

Serengeti Blasters maintain impressive run in 2021 TCA Dar es Salaam U-18 tourney

By Guardian Reporter

SERENGETI Blasters' youngsters have kept on putting pressure on the 2021 Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA) Dar es Salaam U-18 Tournament's leaders, Manyara Heroes, after trouncing Mikumi Hitters by 35 runs in the city on Tuesday.

Serengeti Blasters had the chance to bat first, posting 113 runs for nine wickets in 20 overs.

Sayan Vijay Jobanputra, who had opened the innings, was five runs short of a half-century as expressed their plan to post an imposing total known.

The opening batsman nailed three fours in his stint.

Two quick dismissals of the team's top order batsmen had seen them reach 22 runs after 3.5 overs.

Abubakar Juma, slotted in at number three, could only end up notching six runs, he was trapped for leg before wicket by Mikumi Hitters' Abdulrazak Mohamed.

Captain Ally Hafidh that had a great day at the crease in a past clash chipped in with 16 runs against Mikumi Hitters.

Arnold Tarimo as well notched a two-digit score, given he notched 15 runs consisting of two fours.

Omary Seleman was three runs short of a two-digit figure, ending with not out showing, as was the case for Ashiri Hamisi that scored two runs not out.

Mikumi Hitters' captain, Emmanuel Laurent, had the most wickets, he ended with three wickets, giving away runs in three overs.

Mohamed and Darpan Jobanputra were the other bowlers with impressive stints, as they ended with two wickets apiece.

Mohamed bowled three overs and gave away 14 runs, settling for 4.67 in economy rate.

Jobanputra gave away 30 runs in



Serengeti Blasters' cricketer, Sayan Jobanputra (L), poses for a photo with Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA) information officer, Atif Salim, after the cricketer had been presented with the best player of the tie's prize when his side faced Mikumi Hitters in this season's Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA) Dar es Salaam U-18 Tournament's game which took place on Tuesday. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TCA

four overs, ending with a 7.50 economy rate.

Serengeti Blasters solidly defended their total, as they restricted Mikumi Hitters to 78 runs, dropping nine wickets in 20 overs, during the latter's turn with the bat.

They got off to a wobbly start, losing their opening batsmen in the opening over. Abdulqadir Jivajee ended with 10 runs, clearing the boundary twice, as Serengeti Blasters continued putting pressure on Mikumi Hitters' batting unit.

Ali Raza Asghar, deployed as middle-order batsmen, was, in the end, the outfit's top run-getter as he notched 19 runs, nailing a four.

Mikumi Hitters' remaining batsmen could not withstand Serengeti Blasters' onslaught, making their way back in quick succession.

Darpan was four runs short of a two-digit figure, with his stint ending with the batsman cracking a boundary.

Mikumi Hitters' hopes of mounting a successful chase went up in smokes after low order batsman Salman Yasser's exit.

The dismissal had left them with 78 runs after 19.6 overs with nine wickets taken. Serengeti Blasters' Dylan Manish Thakrar posted two wickets, as was the case for Sayan Vijay Jobanputra, in their respective four-over spells.

SPORT

England will need to score more if they're to win Euro 2020

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Al-Madrasa Tus Saifen hockey squad's players (in green jerseys) take on Buza Secondary School squad as this season's Likizo Cup tournament, organized by Tanzania Hockey Association, raged on at JMK Youth Park in Dar es Salaam on Tuesday. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

Sports associations' delay in submitting plans irks NSC

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

THE National Sports Council (NSC) has reached out to the national sports associations which have so far not submitted their strategies for 2020/2021 despite the exercise being required to be completed in March.

It should be noted that, as of March this year, 39 associations had submitted their strategies, prompting the NSC Acting Executive Secretary, George Msonde, to give out seven more days that ended on March 12 for all sports associations in the country to submit their plans.

The NSC official noted the associations' failure to meet the required deadline will be deemed as a violation of the government's order and action would be taken against them.

Msonde's order was a continuation of the original order issued by the Permanent Secretary in Ministry of Information, Culture, Arts and Sports, Hassan Abbas, at the beginning of December last year when he opened and then gave a presentation at a seminar for information officers and spokespersons of various associations, federations and sports clubs on how to speak and broadcast sports issues.

Malya Sports Development College's Dar es Salaam Campus hosted the presentation.

In his order, Abbas claimed that they have identified that one of the reasons why the national teams do not perform well internationally is that some of the associations and federations that manage national teams are considered private.

Abbas stated the bodies fail to fund the national sides' preparations for international competitions, a situation which leads to poor performance.

The reason, in this case, prompted him to issue the order which was officially closed on December 31, where more than 20 associations presented their strategies which were analyzed by sports officials who, after completing the work, submitted to the ministry for implementation.

Despite the deadline date, they continued with the exercise of receiving documents of strategies of the associations and federations which were delayed in submitting the due date with Abbas making it clear that the government still considered it prudent to continue receiving strategies presented by those who were late in submitting.

But a statement issued by the NSC information officer, Frank Mgunga made it clear that so far there are 39 submissions which are from Tanzania Wheelchair Basketball Association (TWABA), Tanzania Ladies Golf Union (TLGU), Tanzania Wrestling Federation, Tanzania Sports Medicine Association (TASMA), Tanzania Kabaddi Sport Association (TKSA) and Tanzania Tennis Federation.

There are also Tanzania Netball Association (Chaneta), Tanzania Football Federation (TFF), Fitness Instructors Association of Tanzania, Tanzania Body Building Federation, Tanzania Baseball and Softball Association, Tanzania Pool Association, Tanzania Cricket Association, Athletics Tanzania (AT), Association of Taekwon-du, Tanzania Professional Boxing Regulatory Commission, Tanzania Handball Association, Traditional Sports Association (TASCA), Tanzania Basketball Federation (TBF), as well as Tanzania Swimming Association.

Others are the Special Olympics Association, Sports Association for the Deaf, Judo Association, Tanzania Paralympic Committee (TPC), Tanzania Olympic Committee

Volleyball Association sets sight on African Championship

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIA Volleyball Association (TAVA) has now shifted its strategies to the African Championship after the national beach volleyball team had failed to travel to Morocco for the Africa Cup of Nations.

The continental competition as well as well served as Africa Sub Zonal V Olympic Qualifiers.

The Olympics will take place in Tokyo, Japan from July 23 to August 8, 2021.

Over the weekend the team was forced to break up their camp for more than a week due to the inability to travel to Morocco for the tournament which, after Tanzania's withdrawal, now includes 23 men's and 17 women's teams.

Tanzania successfully qualified for the second stage after excelling in the previous competition held at Lido beaches in Entebbe, Uganda from December 18-22, 2019.

Victories over Uganda, Kenya, and Sudan kept the national beach volleyball team on top of their group, followed by Kenya who also qualified for the second round with Sudan in third place and Uganda ending last.

After that, they managed to get the hosting of the tournament which was later postponed several times due to the Covid-19 pandemic that hit the world and caused various activities including sports to be suspended.

Alfred Selengia, TAVA secretary general, stated after failing to send the team to Morocco, they are very quickly moving plans to the African Championship.

Selengia, who is also the national beach volleyball team's tactician, stated the reason for the rapid start of preparations for the tournament in September is the lessons they have learned after their trip to Morocco failed to materialize so they do not expect it to happen again.

"The Olympic qualifier was abrupt after being postponed several times due to the impact of the Covid-19 so we are now in the process of quickly starting preparations for the African Championship and what we are waiting for now is the organizer to announce the official start of the tournament and where it will take place," he said.

In addition to the Africa Cup of Nations, Selengia said they are also in the process of preparing for the annual club championship, slated for July 21-25 in Mbeya.

"At the moment we are also back to continue implementing our annual calendar where in July we will have a national championship club championship to be held in Mbeya as well as regional associations elections," the TAVA official noted.

TFF Election Committee now keeps on reviewing objections



Tanzania Football Federation Election Committee's vice-chairman Benjamin Kalume.

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

THE Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) Election Committee has officially begun hearing the objections raised by various stakeholders for the candidates towards the federation's election scheduled for August 7 in Tanga.

On June 21 at around 04:00 pm the committee officially closed the process of receiving various objections an exercise that lasted for three days from June 19.

The objections will apply to 20 candidates for the federation's presidency as well as candidates for the Executive Committee posts who passed the preliminary rounds.

It is moreover expected that some of the objections will be made by the 12 shortlisted candidates.

So far the remaining candidates for the presidency are Hawa Mniga,

Evance Mgeusa, and Wallace Karia.

Athumani Kambi, Lameck Nyambaya, and Hosseah Lugano are contesting for Zone number one while Khalid Mohamed and Zakayo Mjema have been shortlisted for Zone number two.

Candidates who passed for Zone number three are Abousufian Silia, James Mhagama, and Mohamed Mashango, Zone number four contestants are Hamisi Kitila, Mohamed Aden, and Osuri Kosuri while for Zone number five formed by Geita, Kagera, Mara, and Mwanza, contestants are Salum Chama, Vedastus Lufano, and Salum Kulunge.

Zone number six, comprising Katavi, Kigoma, Rukwa, and Tabora, is contested by Blassy Kiondo, Issa Bukuku, and Kenneth Pesambili.

Following the completion of the exercise, the interview of the candidates who passed the preliminary round will be held from June 25-27.

The preliminary results of the interview will be posted on June 28 and the Secretariat will, from June 30 to July 2, submit ethical issues to the Ethics Committee.

The election committee will, from July 3-7, receive, hear and reach a decision on ethical issues.

The TFF Ethics Committee will announce the results of the decision on July 10.

Contestants will, from July 11-13 be presented with the opportunity to appeal to the ethics decision issued by TFF Election Committee.

The committee is, from July 14-18, expected to start hearing appeals, the appeals period against the election committee will start on July 22-24 and will be heard from July 24-28.

Candidates and the Election Committee will be notified of the committee's decision on July 29-30.

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