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Ole Sabaya is charged with armed robbery, economic sabotage

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

FORMER Hai district commissioner Lengai ole Sabaya yesterday appeared before the Arusha Magistrate's court charged with armed robbery, corruption and money laundering.

Sabaya (34) was charged alongside his five 'aides' Silvester Stanslaus, Enock Togolani, John Odemba, Daniel Gabriel and Waston Mwakomange who the prosecution alleged took part in the same criminal activities on diverse dates and places.

The prosecution team made up of state attorneys Tumaini Kweka, Abdallah Chavula and Tresla Gervas also submitted that Sabaya and his co-accused led a criminal gang.

The team told Senior Resident Magistrate Martha Mahumbuga that the accused persons used intimidation to extort money from individuals, levelling threats of using weapons.

The group committed the crimes between January 20 and February 9 this year, the prosecution alleged.

Chavula told the court that the five accused persons obtained money through corrupt means and laundered the cash, noting that such acts constitute econom-

"On January 20 within Arusha and Dar es Salaam regions, Sabaya solicited and obtained 90m/- from businessman Francis Mroso with a promise of helping him end a tax evasion case he was facing," Chavula told the court.

The armed robbery charge faces Sabaya and his two bodyguards, Silvester

Embattled Hai district commissioner Lengai ole Sabaya (R), currently suspended, and his fellow suspects (squatting) pictured shortly before appearing at the Arusha Resident Magistrate's Court yesterday charged with, among other things, economic sabotage and armed robbery. Keeping a close watch over them are police and Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau offic-

By Henry Mwangonde, Dodoma

THE government has dismantled 95 poaching syndicates and foiled hundreds of planned incidents of wildlife plunder during the current

The Minister for Natural Resources and Tourism, Dr Damas Ndumbaro, told the National Assembly here yesterday that wildlife authorities working with other security agencies thwarted 302 poaching attempts across the country's wildlife protected areas

Tabling the ministry's budget estimates for the next financial year in the capital pegged at 571.6bn/-, he said that an aerial elephant census revealed that the jumbo population in the Serengeti ecological system increased from 6,087 in 2014 to 7,061 in 2020.

"Measures aimed at eliminating poaching included beefing up patrols and reinforcement of communications in wildlife protected areas," he said, asserting that the government has reduced poaching by 90 percent.

Wildlife authorities intensified security including patrols using intelligence information, managing to arrest

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NBS in resource drive ahead of 2022 Census

By Correspondent James Kandova

THE National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) has said it needs 400.000 tablets among other resources to enable it to conduct the 2022 Population and Housing Census in three days across the

Statistician General Dr Albina Chuwa made this remark in Dar es Salaam yesterday upon receiving 60 tablets priced at over 19m/,- donated by the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) to complement government efforts in preparing for the census exercise.

She said currently, the government was in the process of procuring 300 laptops, in which case the business community and stakeholders need to find means of contributing the needed gadgets to support the census.

The 2022 census is expected to register 64m on the basis of current estimates and it will be done at an equally estimated cost of \$2.16 per person.

For the first time in local census history, the forthcoming exercise will include a set of migration- related questions to

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Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation minister Liberata Mulamula (in specs) makes remarks as she toured the newsroom of The Guardian Ltd, publishers of The Guardian and Nipashe newspapers, in Dar es Salaam yesterday. She later also visited other IPP media outlets. Others are TGL director Joyce Luhanga (R), Nipashe managing editor Beatrice Bandawe (2nd-R), senior HR manager Ayoub Semvua (L) and TGL legal and HR manager Emmanuel Matondo (behind the minister). Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

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'Media must live Brand Tanzania' By Alima Nkwong, HMC

try to attract more investors, enhance tourist numbers and register speedier development. Liberata Mulamula, the Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, made this

appeal yesterday in a tour of IPP

MEDIA organs countrywide

must do more in promoting

'Brand Tanzania' for the coun-

It is a good opportunity for Foreign Affairs to show that we need to work together for the common interest of our country and people

Media, her first media tour as Tanzania's top diplomat.

The veteran ambassador and career diplomat said media organs have a key role pushing each country's development agenda, affirming that the mandate of the ministry is to build good relations between Tanzania and other nations, where the media can help.

Media organs constitute a wide network the government needs to rely upon to reach the public here at home and also in the Diaspora, she stated..

"It is a good opportunity for Foreign Affairs to show that we need to work together for the common interest of our country and people," the minister affirmed, speaking of her media

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Govt admits pitched battle with poachers

1,518 poaching suspects and 70 elephant tusks.

Patrols and raids recovered 62 wildlife particles among them 411 heavy pieces, five shotguns and five sub-machine guns, the minister noted, asserting that authorities were battling another kind of adversary in protected areas.

The ministry was continuing with efforts aimed at eliminating invasive plant species in wildlife zones as they are hazardous to animals, via the National Invasive Species Strategy and Action Plan, billed to last ten years, from 2019

In the current financial year, invasive plants covering 2,269 hectares were uprooted, he said, indicating that the plants had invaded most protected areas, including Arusha, Kitulo, Serengeti, Katavi, Mahale mountains, Lake Manyara, Mikumi, Udzungwa mountains, Tarangire and Gombe national parks.

Uprooting invasive species

was being undertaken by the Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority (NCAA) in collaboration with the Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology, the Tanzania Wildlife Research Institute (TAWIRI) and the Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA), he said.

Close to 40 per cent of the Ngorongoro Crater has been infested by the invasive species, much to the worry of wildlife experts since the Makutiani weeds, for instance mimicked the usual grass that herbivores like to eat, but being hard and tough, they cause the animals to hurt their mouths and lose their teeth in the process, the minister said in illustration..

The ministry awaits a report from recently conducted researches regarding invasive weeds, to be used to formulate a strategy to deal with the problem at present and in due course, he added.

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Stansilaus and Daniel Gabriel, with the prosecution alleging that the trio committed the crime on February 9.

The armed trio handcuffed Sombetini Ward councilor Bakari Msangi and robbed him of 390,000/- and went ahead to intimidate, beat up and rob Ramadhani Rashid of his cellphone and 35,000/-, the court heard.

President Samia Suluhu Hassan suspended the DC to pave jaro Regon by the late President way for investigations which led Joihn Magufuli on July 28, 2018.

to his arraignment yesterday.

The suspension came after a series of complaints against the DC were posted online by people who claimed to victims of his crimes, mostly businessmen based in Arusha and Kilimanjaro

The contents appealed to the president to put the muscled leader aside and allow justice to take its course.

Sabaya was appointed District Commissioner for Hai, Kiliman-

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tour and discussions.

The minister saluted the job done by IPP media highlighting issues pertaining to the ministry's work, that it is heard nationally and beyond our borders, expressing the wish that IPP Media and other organs or agencies keep working hand in hand with the government in that regard.

"We have found this partnership very important and as you can see we have a very close relationship. Without you I don't

You have good content, so avoid plagiarism and stick to your message because people need to connect to what you are broadcastthink that people will know the role of the foreign affairs ministry," she affirmed.

She also expressed satisfaction with the modern technological facilities where IPP Media outlets conduct their work, encouraging owners to ensure that the quality of media houses is maintained at all levels.

The minister tasked Tanzanian journalists with collaborating among themselves and with those from different countries especially within the East African Community (EAC) so as to widen their scope of information and interact with the various shades of the regional public.

Further, she cautioned home based media to keep holding on to local content principles, in view of the fact that this helps attract a wider audience as well articulated local content is not

"You have good content, so avoid plagiarism and stick to your message because people need to connect to what you are broadcasting," the minister underlined.



President Samia Suluhu Hassan has an audience at Chamwino State House in Dodoma yesterday with the outgoing Chinese Ambassador to Tanzania, Wang Ke, who was bidding her farewell. Photo: State Hous

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capture migration-related indicators to consolidate migration data for development planning.

The just donated tablets will be distributed equally between the Mainland and Zanzibar, while at the

census proper, each tallying officer shall have one tablet to count five to six households and load the data to a centralised system, she further noted.

"It is a waking call to the business community across the country, stakeholders rural areas and about 5,000 and development partners to lend their support," the director declared, elaborating that .the data collected will be used for planning at the national level and too update data about Tanzania in global statistical bases in view of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal (SDGs).

The trial exercise will involve marking geographical areas for trials ending late April 2022, involving neighbourhoods 67,000 (encompassed by a street) in

streets in urban areas will be identified and enumerators allocated to them, to ease the census exercise later.

Dr Oasim Sufi, the IOM Chief of Mission on his part commended NBS preparations and design for the coming census, especially as it will capture migrationrelated indicators.

He said Tanzania needs migration-related data to report on ongoing global processes and population or regionally based frameworks such as the SDG and the Global Compact for safe, orderly and regular migration.

Dr Sufi said the global

processes present a key opportunity to improve the capacity to collect, monitor, report, analyse and improve data relating to migration. Tanzania needs to collect

data for migration-relevant indicators and take apart this data to find out the migratory status in various localities, how this indicator relates to other indicators, he stated.

This is in line with objec-

tive 1 of the global census objectives, that is the need to collect and utilise accurate and disaggregated data as a basis for evidence-based

policies, he said. "IOM is honoured to support NBS which is taking strides to improve national data collection, analysis and dissemination by integrating migration relevant questions in the national census. This is key to support Tanzania reporting and monitoring for global development processes," he added

Natural Resources and Tourism minister Dr Damas Ndumbaro (L) receives the ministry's Budget estimates for financial year 2021/2022 from his deputy, Mary Masanja, shortly before tabling them in the National Assembly in Dodoma city yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

'Covid-19 eats up 85 pc of natural resources revenue'

By Henry Mwangonde, Dodoma

THREE government agencies that collect revenue from natural resources missed their target by 85 per cent in the 2020/2021 financial year, mainly due to COVID-19 disruptions, the National Assembly heard yesterday.

Tabling 2021/22 budget estimates, Natural Resources and Tourism Minister Dr Damas Ndumbaro said that

the Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA), the Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority (NCAA) and the Tanzania Wildlife Management Authority (TAWA) were given a combined target of collecting a total of 584,626,710,590/- but managed only 15 percent of it

This means the agencies missed over 495bn/- which they would have collected if the disruptions did not take

"Failure to meet the target is mainly due to COVID-19," he

In another development, the minister said in addressing conflicts between human and wildlife, the ministry has prepared a plan to address which will begin 2020 to 2024.

The plan, according to the minister, is aimed at creating friendliness but also training people surrounding national parks and game reserves on

how to contain and live in harmony.

In implementing the plan, the ministry is providing civic education on how to contain the animals in various ways.

"The ministry has been using various technologies to track down movements of elephants, lions and hyenas through inserting radio calls in their necks to know their directions," he said.

In ensuring that the plan

is effective, a total of 42 elephants in Serengeti ecological systems, Lake Natron, Tarangire in Manyara and 17 groups of lions in the Ruaha-Ruangwa ecological systems have been inserted with communication devices to track their move-

According to the minister, in collaboration with Karatu district council the ministry conducts patrols as well as trains residents on how to destroy

the animal's bases.

He said in the initiatives, the ministry has paid 1.2bn/- as compensation to families and communities victims of wildlife invasions.

Due to various challenges that emerged during the previous year, the government has prepared various plans to address them.

"On COVID-19, the minister said the ministry was implementing various initiatives

including creating guidelines on how to return the sector to its good old days before the covid-19 outbreak," he said.

Other plans include construction of a five star hotel at the Julius Nyerere International Airport in Dar es Salaam which will be owned by the ministry in collaboration with the Tanzania Airport Authority which is the owner of the area.



Mohamed Mchengerwa, Minister of State in the President's Office (Public Service Management and Good Governance) speaks at the 33rd Tanzania Public Service College graduation held in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

Govt conducts operations to nab illegal immigrants

By Henry Mwangonde, Dodoma

THE government has announced a two-week national operation against illegal immigrants hiding in various parts of the country.

Home affairs minister, George Simbawene, said the campaign being run by the immigration department and police force started on June 1 to 15, this year will cover all regions.

Moreover, he reminded the public that having a national identification authority card (NIDA) is not a guarantee that they should not be questioned on their origin when need arises

He gave the clarification in House here yesterday when responding to a supplementary question by Assa Makanika (CCM-Kigoma North) who queried why was the government conducting patrols and inspections of citizenship even to people holding NIDA

Simbachawene said NIDA cards have categories since even foreigners are given them thus having it is not a guarantee that you are a Tanzanian

However, he said, the government will question and when need arises will also conduct search and inspection to get details of place of origin of any person whose citizenship is ques-

The Home Affairs minister said in the past three months, the government has nabbed over 1,000 illegal immigrants and the exercise will be ongoing.

He insisted that the government will keep on conducting such patrols now and then as he advised the public especially those living along the borders to report on illegal immigrants in their

He said the Immigration department will keep with its mission to facilitate and control movements of persons through implementation of relevant laws and regulations in order to safeguard national security and economic interests.

In ensuring smooth enforcement of the activities, the Immigration department has been undertaking a number of operations, patrols and search to control persons who enter the country illegally.

Simbachawene said following the move, those nabbed in the operations have to be interrogated for due diligence of their places of origins and thus make both parties be comfort-

The operations, he said, are not only being taken in Kigoma Region but across the country.

WB approves USD142 million to boost access to electricity in Z'bar

By Guardian Reporter

NEARLY 400,000 Zanzibaris are set to access new or improved electricity services in a project that will also see the Isles experience a reduction in annual unplanned system outages and associated losses.

Thanks to a new International Development Association (IDA) financing approved yesterday by the World Bank.

"Zanzibar made modest pro-

gress in reducing the population living below the poverty line since 2010 but, like everywhere else in the world, this achievement is being tested by the COVID-19 pandemic," said Mara Warwick, World Bank country director in a state-

"With a median age of 17 years and only 57 per cent of citizens accessing electricity currently, investments in energy are urgently needed to concapital, remove constraints to more and better jobs, and enhance productivity."

The USD142 million financing for the Zanzibar Energy Sector Transformation and Access Project (ZESTA), whose development objectives are to expand access to reliable and efficient electricity services and to scale up renewable energy generation in the archipelago, comprises

tribute to improved human a \$117 million credit from IDA, a \$22 million loan from the Clean Technology Fund (CTF), and a \$3 million CTF

> "ZESTA supports investments in renewable energy generation, electricity grid strengthening, and energy access scale-up to support Zanzibar's targets towards universal electricity access and renewable energy development. These investments

and institutional strengthening activities supported under the project will help lay the foundations for the future scale-up of renewable energy generation through private sector participation in Zanzibar," said Kabir Malik, World Bank Senior Economist and Task Team Leader.

"Investments under the project will also contribute to broader gender and climate resilience related goals. The project will support improved career opportunities for women in the Zanzibar energy sector, and help in strengthening climate resilience both in terms of mitigation and adaptation, supporting Zanzibar's Climate Change Strategy," said Mbuso Gwafila, World Bank senior energy specialist and task team leader.

ZESTA, the first engagement by the World Bank in the Zanzibar energy sector, ministry of water, energy and minerals, the Zanzibar Electricity Corporation (ZECO) and the Zanzibar Utilities Regulatory Authority, and is structured in three components: namely renewable energy and storage infrastructure development, modernization and access scale-up and institutional strengthening and project implementation support.

is to be implemented by the

Govt, BWM Foundation dispatch 2,946 health staff to rural areas

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE government in collaboration with Benjamin William Mkapa Foundation has employed 2,946 health workers in different cadres to improve healthcare services in remote

The deputy Permanent Secretary responsible for Health at the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments), Dr Grace Magembe told reporters in Dar es Salaam yesterday that the move also aimed at improving services to mother sand children.

She was representing Ummy Mwalimu (pictured), the minister for State in the President Office -Regional Administration and Local Government when highlighting success achieved by the government in the period ended may this year.

She said out of those, 960 were health workers in different cadres while 1986 were Community Health Workers (CHW) employed on one year contract apart from 2720 employed recently.

Dr Magembe said that the success achieved was one step ahead to eliminate shortage of health workers in health centers and dispensaries.

"This figures of staffs has come at a right when the government is struggling to improve services to fight against communicable and Non Communicable Diseases (NCD).We built health centers, dispensaries, health centers and hospitals countrywide," she said

"It is a joint effort between the governments in collaboration with development to ensure all people have access to quality healthcare," she added.

She said out of 960 workers, 595 have been employed through Resilient Sustainable Systems for Health (RSSH) implemented by Benjamin William Mkapa Foundation, under



the sponsorship of (Global Fund.

Dr Magembe said the workers were allocated in 75 district councils in 12 regions of Tanzania Mainland. She said that others employed

365 in different cadres and 1986 as community health workers and were employed by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), Irish Aid and United Nations Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) who have been allocated in 21 regions of Tanzania

She said that 1986 workers employed as CHW were allocated in seven regions namely Mwanza, Arusha, Kilimanjaro, Mbeya, Songwe, Simiyu and Coast region to increase awareness among others including Cov-

"PO-RALG thanks the Global fund, UNICEF, Irish Aid and the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) that supported fund through the Benjamin William Mka-

pa Foundation Despite the great support, the demand for quality health care is still

high calling for other stakeholders to join hand efforts made by the above

Dr Magembe further called on stakeholders to support government priorities based on increasing infrastructure, employing health workers in primary healthcare and the procurement of medical facili-

For her part, Chief Executive Officer, Benjamin Mkapa Foundation Dr Ellen Senkoro said that the foundation used 19bn/- for paying salaries and other workers incentives.

She said the foundation will continue working closely with the government to ensure every one access quality healthcare services in his or her respective area.

On april 21, this year, it was reported that out of 44,096 civil servants in the 2021/2022, a total of 11,215 will be in the health cadre..

Mohamed Mchengerwa, the Minister of State in the President's Office (Public Service and Good Governance) said this when tabling estimates for the coming financial year.



REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF ZANZIBAR

MINISTRY OF BLUE ECONOMY AND FISHERIES

NAME OF PROJECT: South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Governance and Shared Growth Program (SWIOFish)- Credit No. 5589-TZ

Invitation for Quotations

Quotation Document Supply of Research Equipment Reference No. TZ-MANRLF-8259-GO-RFQ

- 1. The United Republic of Tanzania has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Governance and Shared Growth Program (SWIOFish), and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the quotation for Supply of Research Equipment.
- The Ministry of Blue Economy and Fisheries Zanzibar now invites sealed quotations from eligible suppliers for Supply of Research Equipment. The procurement of goods under this Tendering is divided into two (2) lots as detailed below and suppliers may submit quotations for any one or all lots. Evaluation will be done lot by lot.

No.	Lot	Description of Goods
1.	Lot (1)	Research Equipment
2.	Lot (2)	IT Equipment

- Tendering will be conducted through the Open Quotation (OQ) procedures as specified in the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Asset Act 2016, and is open to all eligible suppliers as defined in the Regulation.
- Interested eligible suppliers may obtain further information from the Secretary Tender Board, Ministry of Blue Economy and Fisheries, Maisara, ZURA Building, PDMU Office and inspect the Quotation documents during office hours. 07:30 to 15:30 hours at the address given below
- A complete set of Quotation documents in English may be purchased by interested eligible suppliers upon the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of Tanzanian Shilling 50,000/= or in a convertible currency. The method of payment will be Bank Account No. 0768266003 of Principal Secretary, Ministry of Blue Economy and Fisheries.
- Quotations must be delivered to the address below on or before 11:00 am 16th June, 2021. Electronic quotation will not be permitted. Late quotations will be rejected. Quotations will be publicly opened in the presence of the suppliers' designated representatives and anyone who choose to attend at the address below on 11:15 am 16th June, 2021.
- All quotations must be accompanied by a Tender Securing Declaration.
- The address referred to above is:

Secretary, Tender Board, **Ministry of Blue Economy and Fisheries** Maisara, ZURA Building, Zanzibar P.O. Box 149 Zanzibar Town, Tanzania.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Guardian



Construction of classrooms in progress at Musoma District's Etaro Primary School, which has only nine but needs a total of 23, as caught on Thursday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Environment Day: Rufiji Basin water board to plant 1,000 trees

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya, Iringa

THE Rufiji Basin Water Board (RBWB) is aiming at the World Environment Day (WED) to plant a total of 1,000 trees at water sources in Iyofyi-Lungemba and Iringa- Kibena in Mafinga town respectively.

This was stated by acting water officer of the Rufuji Basin Water Board Eng. Geofrey Simkonda during a press conference in Iringa yesterday.

He said that in commemorating the World Environment Day, the RBWB intends to join hands with other Tanzanians to save the ecosystem by planting trees in water sources to replenish them and the natural vegetation damaged by human ac-

Eng. Simkonda also appealed to the community, especially those living in the catchment areas and all stakeholders in general to unite in conserving water resources and promoting conservation of forests and natural vegetation to continue to contribute to the flow of water for their own benefit and national development in

Tanzania joins other nations in the world in celebrating World Environment Day which is celebrated every year on 5 June. This celebration is based on the resolution made by the United Nations in

Internationally this celebration will be held in Pakistan with the motto, "Ecosys-

tem Restoration". And nationally this celebration is guided by the motto, "Use renewable energy, to guide the ecosystem."

The slogan encourages communities to use renewable energy to save water resources, forests and vegetation that continue to be degraded as massive use of charcoal energy continues to cause serious damage to the environment and water resources. Thus it leads to a decrease in water flow in water sources and a lack of access to clean and safe water.

So far RBWB has identified 277 water sources in the Rufiji Basin and about 47 of them have been protected to give way for water and hydropower projects to be implemented respectively.

While various countries are marking WED, farmers in Iringa region have been advised to abandon conventional farming and instead switch to conservation agriculture (CA) based on climate change, with the aim of increasing productivity in the agricultural sector, a major contribution to the economy of the region and the nation as a whole.

During the WED event communities around the world are encouraged to take care of the environment against the various challenges currently facing the world.

This day is special because society has the opportunity to talk about sustainable development that is environmentally friendly and biodiversity, with the theme, 'Improving ecological systems.'

EA Radio's new show to hit airwaves Monday

By Francis Kajubi

EAST AFRICA Radio will from next Monday start airing its rebranded morning show dubbed SUPA Breakfast that had already enjoyed massive audience under East Africa Breakfast name.

The show is designed in such a way that brings new in-

sights to the young generation that also appeal to the adults and elderly audiences, especially the modern youth.

Chris Lugoe, Bobby Mongi and Evans Bukuku are the new broadcasters who will run the show, which runs from 9AM to 10AM, Mondays to Fridays.

In an exclusive interview

with The Guardian in Dar es Salaam, yesterday, Lugoe said based on their experience in the field for about 15 years, it would be a source of making the show better than before.

"This union of experienced broadcasters will make the show a fantastic one to catch more listeners especially in the morning when everyone need to know what's going on in the world," said Lugoe.

His point of views were supported by Bobby who said that the experience they have will make a difference and that despite the growing access to information through social media, radio listeners still have a unique opportu-

who listens to the radio, will nity to access verified information.

> "Since the establishment of the show, preparations have already been made, with social media reporting, but the radio is providing complete, verified and accurate information," said Bobby.

> Also, Evans said the show, which is loaded with new in

novations including entertainment, news reports as well as various interviews within the studio, will begin on Monday next week.

"New segments are coming with rebranded episodes that will help to unravel the current issues that dominate the internet and everywhere in the media industry. SUPA

Breakfast introduces the listener to the day as well as gives them the latest developments in the country and the world, "said Evans.

The SUPA Breakfast show features a mix of several events, including live chat with listeners, via the show's social networks and by phone.

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Institute to encourage Lake Zone farmers to cultivate orange-fleshed sweet potatoes

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

THE Institute of Rural Development Planning (IRDP) is implementing a programme to assist farmers in the Lake Zone regions to cultivate orange -fleshed sweet potatoes

Being executed in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the initiative also seeks to impart the beneficiary farmers with better skills on additional value chain of the key food crops.

Orange-fleshed sweetpotatoes (OFSP) are a special type of bio-fortified sweet potatoes that contain high level of beta-carotene. Beta- carotene is an organic, red- orange pigment abundant in plants and fruits.

IRDP's senior lecturer and projects coordinator, Bonamax Mbasa yesterday told The Guardian that the helpful project was a result of a research conducted by the stateowned institute among farmers in Lake Zone

"The research established that most famers' households in rural areas were prone to famine and poverty due to crop failure, being results of effects of climate change," he

With an eye to spur diverse socioeconomic development in rural areas, Mbasa informed that the high learning institution was concentrating on conducting thorough research to establish setbacks haunting communities

in rural areas, and thus, implementing viable project to remove the setbacks.

The project which has so far impacted more than 500 farmers, involves provision of free short - term but hybrid seed varieties for the orange -fleshed sweetpotatoes as well as training farmers on recommended agronomic practices.

He named the varieties as Naspot12 and 13, Ejumula, and Kabode.

"The varieties are three -month oriented and they are enabling the farmers to yield bumper," he said adding establishment of relevant professional demo plots have assisted the farmers to acquire useful practices from extension officers.

The institute admission officer -cum- assistant projects coordinator, Christopher Mdoe added farmers have been assured of a reliable market, whereas they will sell their products to Maswa Sweet potatoes processing factory.

"The factory has entered into contract with the institute to procure all the potatoes to be produced by farmers," he explained.

According to him, apart from improving livelihood amongst farmers, the project played a vital role in helping to contain the rate of malnutrition in the Lake Zone regions.

"The farmers are also doubling their incomes through producing diverse food products such as breads by using the orange fleshed sweetpotatoes flour," he added.



Tanzania Tourist Board chairman Judge (rtd) Thomas Mihayo (L) listens to Pilgram Group managing director Miguel Pilgram (C), who visited the board's offices in Dar es Salaam on Thursday for an update on investment in the tourism sector in the country. With them is the TTB marketing director Mindi Kasiga. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

Government outlines strategies to tackle youth unemployment

By Guardian Reporter,

Dodoma

THE government has outlined a number of strategies and programmes to address unemployment among youth in the country, the National Assembly was told yesterday.

Among the strategies, the government has prepared a national strategy which promotes investments to facilitate creation of jobs as a way of curbing unemployment.

Minister's Office Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disability Ummy Ndeliananga said in a written response to a question by Musoma Urban MP Vedastus Manyinyi. Among issues in the strategy, the minister said the government was implementing an internship progarmme for three years where 5,975 have been empowered with labour skills.

She said the government was culture practices," she said.

also providing apprenticeship Deputy minister in the Prime training programmes to various professionals for youth graduates in which in the last three years 28,941 participants had benefited.

According to her, the government was implementing a programme on modern agriculture especially greenhouse for graduates.

"Through the programme we have sent 126 youth to Israel to receive training on better agri-

In response, minister Nde- certificates after the trainings liananga said the government has established various programmes including provision of vocational training under the Prime Minister's Office including apprenticeship and internship.

The minister said in collaboration with the President's Office they will conduct studies on manpower survey and labour force survey.

She said the government has received the advice to make so that they should be used as collateral for accessing loans.

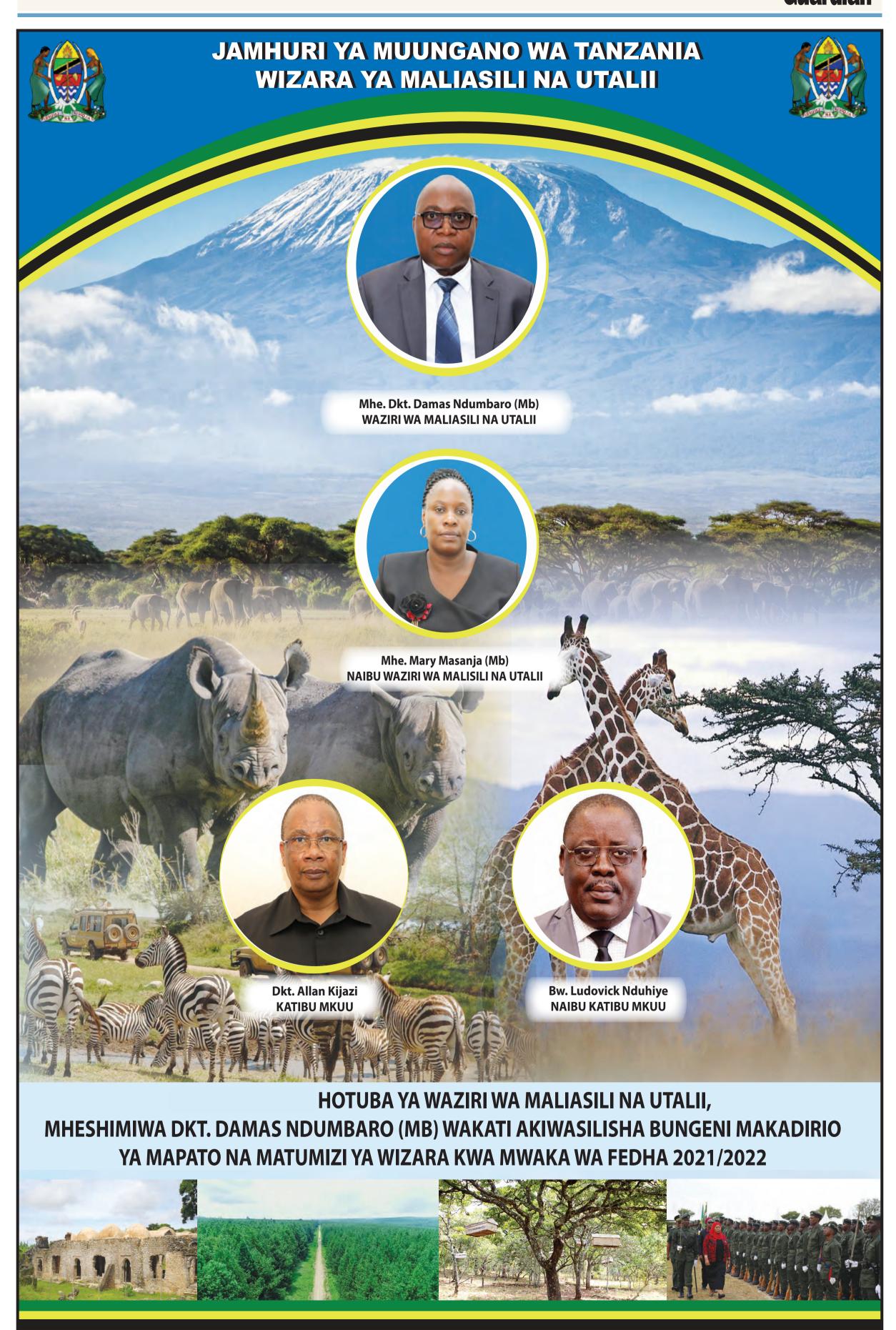
The MP had in her preliminary question wanted to know the government's plan to curb unemployment among the youth in the country.



Among issues in the strategy, the minister said the government was implementing an internship progarmme for three years where 5,975 have been empowered with labour skills.

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HOTUBA YA WAZIRI WA MALIASILI NA UTALII, MHESHIMIWA DKT. DAMAS DANIEL NDUMBARO (MB.), WAKATI AKIWASILISHA BUNGENI MAKADIRIO YA MAPATO NA MATUMIZI YA WIZARA KWA MWAKA WA FEDHA 2021/2022

1.0 UTANGULIZI

- Mheshimiwa Spika, baada ya kupokea taarifa iliyowasilishwa na Mheshimiwa Mwenyekiti wa Kamati ya Kudumu ya Bunge ya Ardhi, Maliasili na Utalii, ninaomba kutoa hoja kwamba, Bunge lako Tukufu sasa likubali kupokea Taarifa ya Utekelezaji wa Bajeti kwa mwaka wa fedha 2020/2021, pamoja na kujadili na kupitisha Mpango na Makadirio ya Mapato na Matumizi ya Wizara ya Maliasili na Utalii kwa mwaka wa fedha 2021/2022.
- 2. Mheshimiwa Spika, awali ya yote, napenda kutumia fursa hii kumshukuru Mwenyezi Mungu kwa kutujalia afya njema, na kuniwezesha kuwasilisha hotuba hii kwa mara ya kwanza nikiwa Waziri wa Maliasili na Utalii. Aidha, kwa namna ya pekee na kwa masikitiko makubwa naomba niungane na wenzangu kutoa pole kwa Mheshimiwa Samia Suluhu Hassan, Rais wa Awamu ya Sita wa Jamhuri ya Muungano wa Tanzania; Mheshimiwa Dkt. Philip Isdori Mpango, Makamu wa Rais wa Jamhuri ya Muungano wa Tanzania; Mheshimiwa Dkt. Hussein Ali Mwinyi, Rais wa Serikali ya Mapinduzi Zanzibar; Mheshimiwa Job Yustino Ndugai (Mb.), Spika wa Bunge la Jamhuri ya Muungano wa Tanzania; Mheshimiwa Kassim Majaliwa Majaliwa (Mb.), Waziri Mkuu wa Jamhuri ya Muungano wa Tanzania; Mheshimiwa Prof. Ibrahim Hamis Juma, Jaji Mkuu wa Jamhuri ya Muungano wa Tanzania wote kwa ujumla kwa kuondokewa na mpendwa wetu, Hayati Dkt. John Pombe Joseph Magufuli, aliyekuwa Rais wa Jamhuri ya Muungano wa Tanzania katika Awamu ya Tano (5)
- 3. Mheshimiwa Spika, hakika uzalendo, uchapakazi na umahiri wake katika kuliongoza Taifa letu pamoja na mchango wake mkubwa katika kulinda, kutetea na kuimarisha shughuli za uhifadhi wa maliasili na uendelezaji utalii nchini, hautasahaulika kamwe na utaendelea kukumbukwa na kuenziwa daima. Miongozo na maelekezo yake yameiwezesha Wizara na Taifa kwa ujumla kupata mafanikio na kusonga mbele katika maeneo mbalimbali. Vilevile, natoa pole kwa Watanzania wenzangu kwa kuondokewa na Viongozi wengine Wakuu wakiwemo: Mheshimiwa Maalim Seif Sharif Hamad, aliyekuwa Makamu wa Kwanza wa Rais wa Serikali ya Mapinduzi Zanzibar; na Mheshimiwa Balozi Mhandisi John William Herbert Kijazi, aliyekuwa Katibu Mkuu Kiongozi. Sisi sote ni wa Mwenyezi Mungu na kwake tutarejea, Mwenyezi Mungu azilaze roho za marehemu mahali pema peponi, Amina.
- 4. Mheshimiwa Spika, naungana na Waheshimiwa Wabunge wenzangu kutoa salamu za pole kwako binafsi, Bunge lako Tukufu, wananchi na familia za marehemu kwa kuondokewa na Waheshimiwa Wabunge wafuatao: Mheshimiwa Mhandisi Atashasta Justus Nditiye aliyekuwa Mbunge wa Jimbo la Muhambwe; Mheshimiwa Khatib Said Haji aliyekuwa Mbunge wa Jimbo la Konde Zanzibar; na Mheshimiwa Martha Jachi Umbulla aliyekuwa Mbunge wa Viti Maalum, Mkoa wa Manyara. Vifo vya Wabunge hao vimeleta majonzi makubwa kwa Waheshimiwa Wabunge na Taifa kwa ujumla kutokana na kukosa michango yao muhimu katika utendaji wa Bunge letu. Aidha, natoa pole kwa ndugu, marafiki na watumishi wote wa Wizara kutokana na baadhi ya watumishi kupoteza maisha, na wengine kujeruhiwa wakiwa wanatekeleza majukumu ya uhifadhi wa maliasili. Vilevile, ninatoa pole kwa wananchi ambao wamepoteza maisha na waliopata madhara kutokana na wanyamapori wakali na waharibifu. Namuomba Mwenyezi Mungu awaponye majeruhi na azilaze roho za marehemu mahali pema peponi, Amina.
- 5. Mheshimiwa Spika, napenda kutoa pongezi za dhati kwa Mheshimiwa Samia Suluhu Hassan kwa kuapishwa kuwa Rais wa Awamu ya Sita wa Jamhuri ya Muungano wa Tanzania. Vilevile, nampongeza Mheshimiwa Dkt. Philip Isdori Mpango kwa kuteuliwa kuwa Makamu wa Rais wa Jamhuri ya Muungano wa Tanzania, Mheshimiwa Kassim Majaliwa Majaliwa (Mb.) kwa kuendelea kuaminiwa kuwa Waziri Mkuu wa Jamhuri ya Muungano wa Tanzania; na Mheshimiwa Balozi Hussein Athman Kattanga kwa kuteuliwa kuwa Katibu Mkuu Kiongozi. Pia, nawapongeza Waheshimiwa Mawaziri na Naibu Mawaziri wote kwa kuteuliwa kusimamia majukumu ya Sekta mbalimbali. Aidha, ninawapongeza Mheshimiwa Spika, Naibu Spika, Wenyeviti wa Bunge na wenyeviti wa Kamati za Kudumu za Bunge kwa kuliongoza Bunge letu Tukufu kwa umahiri mkubwa.
- 6. *Mheshimiwa Spika*, kwa dhati kabisa, niishukuru Kamati ya Kudumu ya Bunge ya Ardhi, Maliasili na Utalii inayoongozwa na Mheshimiwa Dkt. Aloyce Andrew Kwezi (Mb.) na Makamu Mwenyekiti Mheshimiwa Dkt. Pius Stephen Chaya (Mb.) kwa ushirikiano, maoni na ushauri wanaoendelea kutoa kwa Wizara. Maoni na ushauri wao umeendelea kuwa chachu ya mafanikio katika kuhifadhi na kusimamia matumizi endelevu ya maliasili, malikale na kuendeleza utalii. Wizara itaendelea kushirikiana kikamilifu na Kamati hii na Bunge lako kwa ujumla katika utekelezaji wa majukumu yake na utatuzi wa changamoto mbalimbali zinazojitokeza katika
- 7. Mheshimiwa Spika, napenda kutoa shukurani zangu za dhati kwa Mheshimiwa Samia Suluhu Hassan, Rais wa Jamhuri ya Muungano wa Tanzania kwa kuniamini na kunipa dhamana ya kusimamia Wizara hii ambayo ina mchango mkubwa katika kukuza uchumi wa nchi yetu. Aidha, ninawashukuru viongozi wenzangu wa Wizara akiwemo Mheshimiwa Mary Francis Masanja (Mb.), Naibu Waziri; Dkt. Allan Herbert Kijazi, Katibu Mkuu; na Ndugu Ludovick James Nduhiye, Naibu Katibu Mkuu; kwa ushirikiano wanaonipa katika kutekeleza majukumu yangu. Vilevile, ninawashukuru Watendaji Wakuu na watumishi wa Wizara; na wadau wote wa Sekta ya Maliasili na Utalii kwa ushirikiano wanaoendelea kutupatia katika kutekeleza majukumu ya Wizara. Pia, kwa namna ya kipekee ninaomba kuishukuru familia yangu ikiongozwa na mke wangu mpendwa Bibi Florah Ndumbaro na Wananchi wa Jimbo la Songea Mjini kwa kuendelea kuniunga mkono katika kutekeleza majukumu yangu ya kila siku.
- 8. Mheshimiwa Spika, baada ya maelezo hayo ya utangulizi, ninaomba sasa kuwasilisha hotuba yangu ambayo imejikita katika Utekelezaji wa Mpango na Bajeti ya Wizara ya Maliasili na Utalii kwa mwaka wa fedha 2020/2021 pamoja na Mpango na Makadirio ya Mapato na Matumizi ya Wizara wa mwaka wa fedha 2021/2022.

2.0 MCHANGO WA MALIASILI NA UTALII KATIKA UCHUMI NA VIWANDA

9. Mheshimiwa Spika, Tanzania imejaliwa kuwa na rasilimali nyingi za maliasili na malikale zenye mchango mkubwa katika uendelezaji utalii, ukuaji wa uchumi, ustawi wa jamii na uhifadhi wa mazingira. Mathalan, utalii huchangia wastani wa asilimia 17 ya Pato la Taifa; asilimia 25 ya fedha za kigeni na huzalisha ajira takriban milioni 1.6 za moja kwa moja na zisizo za moja kwa moja kwa mwaka. Kwa upande mwingine, sekta ya misitu na nyuki huchangia asilimia 3.5 ya Pato la Taifa; asilimia 5.9 ya mapato yatokanayo na biashara ya nje na ajira takriban milioni 4 kwa mwaka. Sekta hii inachangia zaidi ya asilimia 90 ya nishati ya kupikia nchini kutokana na miti (mkaa na kuni). Kutokana na mchango huo, rasilimali hizo zitaendelezwa na kusimamiwa ipasavyo ili ziendelee kuchangia zaidi katika uchumi na maisha ya wananchi kwa ujumla.

3.0 UTEKELEZAJI WA MPANGO NA BAJETI KWA MWAKA 2020/2021

3.1 UKUSANYAJI MADUHULI

10. Mheshimiwa Spika, katika mwaka wa fedha 2020/2021, Wizara ilikadiria kukusanya kiasi cha Shilingi bilioni 218.55 kutokana na vyanzo vinavyosimamiwa moja kwa moja na Wizara. Hadi kufikia mwishoni mwa mwezi Aprili 2021, Wizara imekusanya jumla ya Shilingi bilioni 147.28 sawa na asilimia 67 ya lengo. Aidha, taasisi za Wizara ambazo makusanyo yake yanapitia TRA ambazo ni TANAPA, NCAA na TAWA ziliidhinishiwa kukusanya jumla ya Shilingi bilioni 584.63. Hadi mwishoni mwa mwezi Aprili 2021, Taasisi hizo zilikusanya jumla ya Shilingi bilioni 89.57 sawa na asilimia 15 ya lengo la makusanyo. Kutofikiwa kwa malengo hayo kulisababishwa kwa kiasi kikubwa na uwepo wa mlipuko wa ugonjwa wa COVID-19

3.2 MATUMIZI YA KAWAIDA NA MAENDELEO

11. Mheshimiwa Spika, katika mwaka wa fedha 2020/2021, Wizara iliidhinishiwa kutumia jumla ya Shilingi bilioni 114.59 kwa ajili ya matumizi ya kawaida na miradi ya maendeleo. Kati ya fedha hizo, Shilingi bilioni 69.57 zilikuwa za matumizi ya kawaida na Shilingi bilioni 45.02 zilikuwa za miradi ya maendeleo. Hadi mwezi Aprili 2021, Wizara ilipokea na kutumia jumla ya Shilingi bilioni 64.59 sawa na asilimia 56 ya bajeti iliyoidhinishwa. Fedha zilizopokelewa zinajumuisha Shilingi bilioni 48.85 za matumizi ya kawaida na Shilingi bilioni 15.74 za miradi ya maendeleo.

3.3 MAFANIKIO

12. *Mheshimiwa Spika*, katika utekelezaji wa majukumu yake kwa mwaka wa fedha 2020/2021, Wizara imepata mafanikio mbalimbali yakiwemo:

(i) Kuboresha Miundombinu ya Utalii

Mheshimiwa Spika, katika kipindi cha mwaka 2020/2021, Wizara imefanikiwa kuboresha miundombinu ya huduma za utalii katika maeneo yaliyohifadhiwa ambapo barabara zenye jumla ya urefu wa kilometa 73.4 zimejengwa na kilometa 8,599.8 zimekarabatiwa; kambi za kitalii na loji zenye jumla ya vitanda 670 zimejengwa; njia za utalii wa kutembea kwa miguu zenye urefu wa kilometa 927 zimejengwa; na malazi ya kitalii ya gharama nafuu yenye jumla ya vitanda 105 yamejengwa. Katika hatua nyingine, Wizara imenunua kivuko cha MV Rubondo Island chenye ukubwa wa tani 25 ambacho kina uwezo wa kubeba magari manne (4) na watu 25 kwa wakati mmoja. Hatua hizi zitasaidia kuongeza idadi ya watalii na mapato zaidi kwa Serikali.

(ii) Kuendelea kwa Shughuli za Utalii katika Kipindi cha COVID-19

14. Mheshimiwa Spika, Tanzania imeendelea kupokea watalii licha ya uwepo wa mlipuko wa ugonjwa wa COVID-19 ambapo watalii 620,867 kwa mwaka 2020 walitembelea nchini ikilinganishwa na matarajio ya watalii 437,000 yaliyokadiriwa awali kwa kuzingatia uwepo wa ugonjwa huo, sawa na asilimia 142 ya lengo. Aidha, jumla ya watalii wa ndani 571,353 walitembelea vivutio mbalimbali vya utalii nchini. Mafanikio hayo yalitokana na mikakati mbalimbali ikiwemo kuandaliwa kwa Mwongozo wa Uendeshaji wa Shughuli za Sekta ya Utalii - SOPs katika kipindi cha COVID-19. Kwa upande mwingine, Tanzania imefanikiwa kuwa miongoni mwa nchi chache za Afrika zilizofanikiwa kupata Muhuri wa Safe Travel wa Baraza la Usafiri na Utalii Duniani (WTTC).

(iii) Kuongezeka kwa Umaarufu wa Hifadhi za Tanzania Duniani

15. Mheshimiwa Spika, kufuatia jitihada za Wizara za kuboresha shughuli za uhifadhi na kutangaza utalii kwenye masoko mbalimbali, Tanzania imepata tuzo za kimataifa zifuatazo: Hifadhi ya Taifa Serengeti kuwa hifadhi bora barani Afrika, kuwa mshindi wa pili Afrika na wa 12 duniani kwa kuwa na idadi kubwa ya wafuatiliaji wa ukurasa wake katika mtandao wa kijamii wa Instagram kwa mwaka 2020. Hifadhi hii pia imetambuliwa na Gazeti Maarufu la Forbes la nchini Marekani kama kivutio cha pili (2) duniani miongoni mwa vivutio bora 21 vya kutembelewa mwaka 2021. Aidha, Hifadhi za Taifa Kilimanjaro, Serengeti na Tarangire zimeshinda tuzo ya Traveler best of the best 2021. Kwa upande mwingine, Kiwanja cha Ndege cha Msembe katika Hifadhi ya Taifa Ruaha kimefanikiwa kuwa kiwanja chenye mandhari nzuri zaidi Afrika kwa mwaka 2020. Sambamba na hilo, TANAPA imetangazwa kuwa mshindi wa kundi la dhahabu miongoni mwa washindi 51 kutoka nchi 39 duniani wa tuzo ya huduma za viwango kwa mwaka 2020.

(iv) Kuendeleza Mazao Mapya ya Utalii

Mheshimiwa Spika, ili kuongeza wigo wa mazao ya utalii na kuvutia watalii, Wizara imefanikiwa kuendeleza mazao mbalimbali yakiwemo utalii ikolojia; utalii wa jiolojia; utalii wa faru; utalii wa kuona wanyamapori nyakati za usiku; utalii wa farasi; utalii wa kupiga makasia; na uvuvi wa kujiburudisha. Aidha, katika kuendeleza utalii wa malikale, Wizara imeanzisha makumbusho mpya katika eneo la Urithi wa Dunia la Kilwa Kisiwani. Sambamba na hilo, Wizara imefungua fursa za shughuli za utalii katika Ukanda wa Kaskazini Magharibi kwa kuanzisha utalii wa maji katika Ziwa Victoria na Ghuba ya Speke. Jitihada hizo, zitachangia ongezeko la idadi ya watalii, wastani wa muda wa mtalii kukaa nchini na mapato yatokanayo na shughuli za kitalii.

(v) Kupandishwa Hadhi Maeneo ya Hifadhi

17. Mheshimiwa Spika, katika jitihada za kuhifadhi rasilimali za misitu, Wizara imepandisha hadhi Msitu wa Essmingori uliopo Wilaya ya Monduli wenye hekta 6,070 kuwa Hifadhi ya Msitu ya Mazingira Asilia na hivyo kuongeza hifadhi za misitu ya mazingira asilia kutoka 19 hadi 20. Aidha, Wizara imepandisha hadhi maeneo 30 mapya ya misitu yenye ukubwa wa jumla ya hekta 139,869 kuwa hifadhi. Sambamba na hatua hiyo, hifadhi za nyuki sita (6) zenye ukubwa wa hekta 19,134 zimetangazwa na hivyo kuongeza idadi ya hifadhi za nyuki kutoka moja (1) hadi paha (7).

(vi) Kuongezeka kwa Mashamba na Upandaji Miti

18. Mheshimiwa Spika, katika kipindi cha mwaka wa fedha 2020/2021, Wizara imeanzisha mashamba mapya mawili (2) ya miti ya Makere Kusini lililopo katika Wilaya ya Kasulu lenye hekta 30,000 na Mwanhala lililopo Wilaya ya Nzega lenye hekta 3,000 na hivyo kuongeza idadi ya mashamba ya miti ya Serikali Kuu kutoka 23 hadi 25. Kwa upande mwingine, Wizara imefanikiwa kuzalisha jumla ya vipando vya mikoko 52,790 na miche ya miti milioni 32.33 iliyopandwa katika mashamba ya Serikali, taasisi za umma na binafsi. Sambamba na hilo, Wizara kwa kushirikiana na wadau wakiwemo wananchi imepandwa jumla ya miche milioni 3.51 katika maeneo tofauti ya Jiji la Dodoma. Jitihada hizi zimelenga kukabiliana na athari za mabadiliko ya tabia nchi na kuhakikisha upatikanaji wa mazao ya misitu kwa matumizi mbalimbali.

(vii) Kuboreshwa na Kuimarika kwa Vituo vya Malikale

19. Mheshimiwa Spika, katika kuhakikisha maeneo ya malikale yanaimarika na kuvutia watalii, Wizara imeboresha vituo vya malikale kwa kujenga barabara yenye urefu kwa kilomita tano (5), ukuta na njia ya watembea kwa miguu katika Kituo cha Kolo; kuweka umeme katika Kituo cha Mapango ya Amboni; na kukarabati jengo la kihistoria la soko la watumwa katika Kituo cha Mikindani. Sambamba na hilo, Wizara imeanza kuhifadhi taarifa za maeneo ya malikale, mikusanyo na urithi wa utamaduni kidijitali, hatua ambayo itasaidia kuimarisha uhifadhi na kujitangaza kidiitali

(viii) Kupungua kwa Ujangili na Uvunaji Haramu wa Maliasili

20. *Mheshimiwa Spika*, Wizara imeendelea kuimarisha ulinzi wa rasilimali za maliasili kwa kudhibiti ujangili, biashara haramu ya nyara na uvunaji haramu wa mazao ya misitu. Mathalan, matokeo ya sensa ya mwaka 2020 yameonesha kuongezeka kwa idadi ya tembo katika Mfumo Ikolojia Serengeti kutoka 6,087 mwaka 2014 hadi 7,061 mwaka 2020. Kwa ujumla mafanikio haya yamechangiwa pamoja na mambo mengine, kuendeshwa kwa siku doria 746,413; kuvunjwa kwa mitandao 95 ya ujangili; na kuzuiliwa kwa matukio 302 ya ujangili kabla hayajatendeka. Kutokana na juhudi hizo, ujangili umepungua kwa takriban asilimia 90.

3.4 UTEKELEZAJI WA MAJUKUMU YA WIZARA SEKTA YA WANYAMAPORI

- **21.** *Mheshimiwa Spika*, Sekta ya Wanyamapori ina jukumu la kuhifadhi, kusimamia, kutoa mafunzo na kufanya tafiti za wanyamapori ndani na nje ya maeneo yaliyohifadhiwa. Katika mwaka wa fedha 2021, Wizara imetekeleza shughuli mbalimali kama ifuatavyo: -
- 22. Mheshimiwa Spika, katika kukabiliana na migogoro baina ya binadamu na wanyamapori wakali na waharibifu, Wizara imeandaa na kuzindua Mkakati wa Kitaifa wa Utatuzi wa Migogoro baina ya Wanyamapori na Binadamu (2020 2024). Sambamba na hilo, Wizara kwa kushirikiana na uongozi wa Halmashauri mbalimbali imeendelea kufanya doria na kutoa elimu kwa wananchi kuhusu namna ya kukabiliana na wanyamapori wakali na waharibifu. Kwa namna ya kipekee naomba nitaarifu Bunge lako Tukufu kuwa kwa mara ya kwanza Wizara ilizindua namba maalum za simu (hotlines) ambazo siyo za kulipiwa kwa ajili ya kupata taarifa kwa haraka kuhusu matukio hayo.
- 23. Mheshimiwa Spika, katika kuimarisha ulinzi, usimamizi na matumizi endelevu ya rasilimali za wanyamapori, Wizara imekamilisha maandalizi ya Kanuni na Amri za Jumla za Jeshi la Uhifadhi la Wanyamapori na Misitu; na kuandaa Mtaala wa Jeshi la Uhifadhi wa Wanyamapori na Misitu utakaotumika kutoa mafunzo kwa watumishi. Aidha, Wizara imefanya mapitio ya Kanuni za uwindaji wa wenyeji; mashamba, bustani na ranchi za wanyamapori; uuzaji wa nyamapori; uwindaji wa kitalii; na maeneo maalum ya uwekezaji kwenye hifadhi za wanyamapori SWICA. Vilevile, Mkakati wa Kitaifa wa Kupambana na Ujangili na Biashara Haramu ya Nyara umefanyiwa mapitio kwa ajili ya kuandaa Mkakati mpya.

i) Shirika la Hifadhi za Taifa Tanzania - TANAPA

24. Mheshimiwa Spika, Shirika la Hifadhi za Taifa lina jukumu la kusimamia uhifadhi na uendelezaji utalii kwenye hifadhi za Taifa 22. Katika kutekeleza jukumu hilo, Shirika imetekeleza shughuli mbalimbali ikiwa ni pamoja na: kuboresha mahusiano kati ya hifadhi na jamii ambapo elimu ya uhifadhi imetolewa kwa vijiji 402; kuvijengea uwezo vikundi 54 vinavyopakana na hifadhi za Taifa kwa lengo la kuviwezesha kushiriki katika kukabiliana na ujangili; na kuwapatia watumishi 460 mafunzo ya ukarimu kwa wateja. Katika hatua nyingine, Shirika limetenga maeneo mapya 45 ya huduma za malazi yenye uwezo wa vitanda 3,250 kwa ajili ya uwekezaji katika hifadhi za Taifa. Sambamba na hilo, madaraja mawili (2) katika Hifadhi ya Taifa Tarangire na Kitulo yamejengwa, kilometa 7,100 za

barabara katika hifadhi za Taifa 18 zimekarabatiwa na kiwanja cha ndege katika Hifadhi ya Taifa Mto Ugalla kimejengwa.

25. Mheshimiwa Spika, Kazi nyingine zilizotekelezwa na Shirika ni pamoja na: kununua boti mbili (2) na injini mbili (2) za boti kwa ajili ya kuimarisha doria katika Hifadhi ya Taifa Nyerere; na kununua magari 35 kwa ajili ya kuimarisha shughuli za uhifadhi na uendelezaji utalii katika hifadhi za Taifa. Sambamba na hilo, Shirika limefanya jumla ya siku doria 251,926 kwa ajili ya kuimarisha ulinzi katika hifadhi. Jitihada hizi zimewezesha kudhibiti ujangili ndani ya hifadhi za Taifa na hivyo kufanya rasilimali hizo kuendelea kuchangia ipasavyo katika uchumi wa nchi.

(ii) Mamlaka ya Usimamizi wa Wanyamapori Tanzania - TAWA

- 26. Mheshimiwa Spika, Mamlaka ya Usimamizi wa Wanyamapori Tanzania ina jukumu la kusimamia uhifadhi na kuendeleza utalii katika mapori ya akiba, mapori tengefu na maeneo matatu ya ardhioevu pia ni mwangalizi na mshauri wa shughuli za uhifadhi katika maeneo 38 ya Jumuiya za Hifadhi za Wanyamapori WMAs, mashamba, bustani, ranchi na Kituo cha kulelea wanyamapori wenye matatizo mbalimbali. Katika kipindi cha mwaka 2020/2021 Mamlaka imetekeleza shughuli mbalimbali ikiwa ni pamoja na: kufanya siku doria 99,341; kutoa elimu kwa wananchi kuhusu namna ya kuepuka na kujikinga dhidi ya wanyamapori wakali na waharibifu; na kuanzisha vituo vya Askari vya kudumu kwa ajili ya kuimarisha doria za kudhibiti wanyamapori wakali na waharibifu katika maeneo
- 27. Mheshimiwa Spika, kazi nyingine zilizotekelezwa na Mamlaka ni: kukamilisha ujenzi wa njia za watembea kwa miguu zenye urefu wa mita 850 katika eneo la Hifadhi ya Magofu ya Kilwa Kisiwani (mita 700) na Pori la Akiba Mpanga Kipengere (mita 150); na kuendesha minada kwa njia ya kielektroniki badala ya utaratibu wa awali wa ugawaji vitalu kupitia kamati maalum. Aidha, Mamlaka imeendelea kutumia kikosi cha mbwa wanusao katika viwanja vya ndege vya kimataifa vya Kilimanjaro (KIA) na Julius Nyerere (JNIA) ili kudhibiti usafirishaji haramu wa nyara za Serikali.

(iii) Mamlaka ya Hifadhi ya Eneo la Ngorongoro - NCAA

28. Mheshimiwa Spika, Mamlaka ya Hifadhi ya Eneo la Ngorongoro ina jukumu la kusimamia shughuli za uhifadhi, uendelezaji wa utalii na ustawi wa jamii zinazoishi ndani ya eneo la Hifadhi. Katika kutekeleza jukumu hilo, Mamlaka imefanya kazi mbalimbali ikiwa ni pamoja na: kujenga barabara yenye urefu wa kilometa 4.4 ya kushuka kreta kwa kiwango cha tabaka gumu la mawe na barabara ya kutoka Golini hadi Ndutu yenye urefu wa kilometa 23 ya kiwango cha changarawe; kukarabati barabara zenye jumla ya kilometa 271 ndani ya hifadhi; na kuimarisha nyanda za malisho ndani ya hifadhi kwa kuendelea kutekeleza Mpango Mkakati wa Kutokomeza Mimea Vamizi kwenye eneo la hifadhi. Aidha, kupitia programu ijulikanayo kama Ngorongoro Crater App jina la Hifadhi ya Ngorongoro limepata mwitikio mkubwa kwa kufuatiliwa na watu takriban bilioni 1.8 kupitia mitandao mbalimbali ya kijamii. Kupitia utaratibu wa masoko mtandao, idadi ya watu duniani wanaofuatilia vivutio vya utalii vilivyopo eneo la Ngorongoro imeongezeka kutoka milioni 1.35 mwezi Juni, 2020 hadi watu milioni 6.96 kufikia mwezi Aprili, 2021. Sambamba na hatua hizo, Mamlaka imeimarisha mfumo wa ukusanyaji wa taarifa za ujangili, ufuatiliaji wa kila siku wa mtawanyiko wa tembo, faru na wanyama wengine walio hatarini kutoweka kwa kuwawekea vifaa maalum vya kufuatilia

(iv) Taasisi ya Utafiti wa Wanyamapori - TAWIRI

29. Mheshimiwa Spika, Taasisi ya Utafiti wa Wanyamapori ina jukumu la kufanya na kuratibu utafiti wa wanyamapori nchini. Katika kutekeleza jukumu hilo, kwa kipindi cha mwaka 2020/2021 Taasisi hii pamoja na kazi nyingine imeidadi wanyamapori katika Mfumo Ikolojia Serengeti; hifadhi za Taifa Burigi - Chato na Kigosi; na Pori la Akiba Moyowosi. Matokeo ya zoezi hilo yanaonesha kuwa kuna idadi ya tembo 7,061, nyati 69,075 na twiga 6,680 katika Mfumo Ikolojia wa Serengeti; na pundamilia 182, pofu 209 na swala pala 251 katika Hifadhi ya Taifa ya Burigi - Chato. Aidha, Taasisi imeendelea kufuatilia afya za wanyamapori kwa kutoa tiba kwa takriban wanyamapori 36 katika mifumo ikolojia mbalimbali; na kufanya utafiti wa ugonjwa unaoathiri twiga katika hifadhi za Taifa za Tarangire, Serengeti na Ruaha. Taasisi pia imefanya uchunguzi wa sababu ya vifo vya viumbe hai mbalimbali wakiwemo faru na tembo (Eneo la Hifadhi ya Ngorongoro na Mkomazi), viboko (Mto Koga) na ndege maji na samaki (Ziwa Natron). Matokeo ya awali yanaonesha kuwa wanyamapori wakubwa walikufa kwa kula mazao ambayo yalikuwa yamenyunyiziwa viuatilifu ambavyo ni sumu kwa wanyamapori.

(v) Chuo cha Usimamizi wa Wanyamapori - CAWM Mweka

30. Mheshimiwa Spika, katika mwaka 2020/2021, Chuo cha Usimamizi wa Wanyamapori - Mweka kimedahili jumla ya wanafunzi 929 katika ngazi mbalimbali. Aidha, Chuo kimetoa mafunzo ya muda mfupi ya uhifadhi na uongozaji utalii kwa jumla ya washiriki 480. Vilevile, Chuo kimekamilisha ujenzi wa ukumbi wa mihadhara wenye uwezo wa kuhudumia wanafunzi 200. Sambamba na hilo, Chuo kimekarabati majengo ya utawala, zahanati, mgahawa, madarasa manne (4), hosteli mbili (2) na barabara za ndani. Katika hatua nyingine, Chuo kimeboresha miundombinu katika eneo la mafunzo kwa vitendo lililopo Kwakuchinja wilayani Babati kwa kuweka umeme katika nyumba tatu (3) za watumishi na kambi ya mafunzo; na kuchimba kisima cha maji na kujenga vyoo vya kisasa. Pia, magari makubwa mawili (2) yamenunuliwa kwa ajili ya mafunzo kwa vitendo.

(vi) Taasisi ya Taaluma ya Usimamizi wa Wanyamapori Pasiansi

31. *Mheshimiwa Spika*, Taasisi ya Taaluma ya Usimamizi wa Wanyamapori Pasiansi ina jukumu la kutoa mafunzo ya uhifadhi wa wanyamapori na himasheria katika ngazi ya Astashahada. Katika kutekeleza jukumu hilo, Taasisi imedahili wanafunzi 343 wa fani za uhifadhi wanyamapori na himasheria, uongozaji watalii na usalama kwa ngazi ya Astashahada. Aidha, Taasisi imeandaa mitaala miwili (2) kuhusu uongozaji wa watalii na usalama katika ngazi ya Astashahada na kuboresha mitaala ya usimamizi wa wanyamapori na himasheria. Pia, Taasisi inaendelea kuboresha miundombinu ya kufundishia ikiwa ni pamoja na ujenzi wa maktaba.

(vii) Kituo cha Mafunzo ya Uhifadhi wa Maliasili kwa Jamii, Likuyu-Sekamaganga

32. *Mheshimiwa Spika*, Kituo cha Mafunzo ya Uhifadhi wa Maliasili kwa Jamii, Likuyu - Sekamaganga kina jukumu la kuzijengea uwezo jamii zinazoishi jirani na maeneo yaliyohifadhiwa kushiriki katika uhifadhi na matumizi endelevu ya maliasili. Katika kutekeleza jukumu hilo, Kituo kimeanzisha kozi mpya ya Astashahada ya Awali ya Waongoza Watalii. Aidha, Kituo kimetoa mafunzo ya usimamizi wa rasilimasili za maliasili kwa askari wa wanyamapori 151 wa vijiji katika Maeneo ya Jumuiya za Hifadhi za Wanyamapori pamoja na maeneo ya misitu ya Serikali. Vilevile, Kituo kimejenga bwalo na jiko na kununua vifaa vya mafunzo kwa ajili ya kufundishia.

SEKTA YA MISITU NA NYUKI

- 33. Mheshimiwa Spika, Sekta ya Misitu na Nyuki ina jukumu la kusimamia uhifadhi na matumizi endelevu ya rasilimali za misitu na nyuki. Katika kutekeleza jukumu hilo, sekta ya misitu na nyuki imetekeleza shughuli zifuatazo: kuendelea kutoa elimu, kuhamasisha na kuwezesha wadau mbalimbali kuanzisha viwanda vya kuongeza thamani mazao ya misitu na nyuki; kuandaa mipango 37 ya uvunaji wa mazao ya misitu katika misitu ya vijiji na matajiwazi; na kununua mashine mbili (2) za kisasa za kuchakata magogo ili kuongeza thamani ya mazao ya misitu; kukarabati njia za asili za watalii zenye urefu wa kilometa 73.3, barabara zenye urefu wa kilometa 128.8 na ujenzi wa maeneo mawili (2) ya kuweka mahema ya muda ya kitalii katika hifadhi za misitu ya mazingira asilia; na kuandaa Kanuni za Uwekezaji wa Utalii kwenye maeneo ya hifadhi ya misitu.
- 34. Mheshimiwa Spika, kazi nyingine zilizofanyika ni: kufanya tathmini na mapitio ya miongozo ya sera za sekta za misitu na nyuki na kuandaa mikakati ya utekelezaji wake; kuandaa kanuni za Uendeshaji wa Tafiti za misitu kwa Taasisi ya Utafiti wa Misitu Tanzania za mwaka 2020, Tozo ya Mazao na Huduma za Misitu za mwaka 2020 pamoja na Kanuni za Mfuko wa Misitu za Kusimamia Utoaji wa Ruzuku za mwaka 2021. Vilevile, Wizara imeandaa miongozo minne (4) ya Kusimamia Shughuli za Uendeshaji wa Mashamba ya Miti wa mwaka 2021, Mafunzo na Huduma za Ugani za Ufugaji Nyuki wa mwaka 2020, Uanzishaji na Usimamizi wa Hifadhi za Nyuki na Manzuki wa mwaka 2021, Taratibu za Utoaji Mafunzo na Huduma za Ugani katika Ufugaji Nyuki za mwaka 2021 pamoja na mwongozo wa Matumizi ya Miti ya Misaji na Miti Mingine wa mwaka 2021. Miongozo hii itaimarisha usimamizi na uendelezaji wa sekta ya misitu na nyuki na kuongeza tija pamoja na mapato ya Serikali.
 - (i) Wakala wa Huduma za Misitu Tanzania TFS



- 35. Mheshimiwa Spika, Wakala wa Huduma za Misitu una jukumu la kusimamia, kuhifadhi na kuendeleza rasilimali za misitu na nyuki katika maeneo ya misitu 463 iliyohifadhiwa kisheria. Katika kutekeleza jukumu hilo, Wakala umeimarisha shughuli za ukaguzi wa mazao ya misitu na nyuki kwa kufanya siku doria 3,529 katika misitu yote ambayo ipo chini yake. Aidha, Wakala umeandaa mipango mipya ya usimamizi wa misitu 11 yenye jumla ya hekta 243,508. Katika hatua nyingine, Wakala umeendelea kutekeleza na kuwezesha shughuli za upandaji miti katika mashamba ya Serikali, maeneo ya watu binafsi na taasisi mbalimbali. Katika hatua hiyo, tani 7.78 za mbegu bora za miti zimezalishwa, miche 32,331,910 na vipando 52.790 vya mikoko vimeoteshwa.
- 36. Mheshimiwa Spika, Wakala pia umeimarisha mipaka ya misitu kwa kuhakiki kilometa 97, kusafisha kilometa 1,219, kuweka vigingi 595 na kuweka mabango 180 katika misitu mbalimbali. Sambamba na hilo, Wakala umesafisha njia za kudhibiti moto kwenye misitu ya asili na mashamba ya miti yenye urefu wa kilometa 2,433. Katika hatua nyingine, Wakala umeendelea kuhudumia manzuki 181 ambazo zimeweza kuzalisha tani 12.9 za asali na kilo 601.86 za nta. Aidha, Wakala umeanzisha vikundi vipya 54 vya ufugaji nyuki na kutoa elimu ya ufugaji bora wa nyuki kwa wafugaji 1,751 ili kuwawezesha kujiongezea kipato.
 - (ii) Taasisi ya Utafiti wa Misitu Tanzania TAFORI
- 37. Mheshimiwa Spika, Taasisi ya Utafiti wa Misitu Tanzania ina jukumu la kufanya na kuratibu utafiti na kutoa ushauri wa kitaalamu wa misitu na ufugaji nyuki nchini. Katika kutekeleza majukumu yake, Taasisi imefanya utafiti ili kubaini ubora na thamani halisi ya spishi saba (7) za miti ya mbao. Utafiti huo ulihusisha spishi za miti ya mkuruti, mgonga chuma, mgama, mbebeti, mnangu mweusi, mtunda na mnake mweusi. Matokeo ya utafiti yanaonesha kuwa mbao za miti hiyo zina viwango vya ubora kwa matumizi ya ujenzi wa madaraja, nyumba, boti na kutengeneza samani. Miti hii itapunguza utegemezi wa matumizi ya mbao zilizozoeleka za miti ya mninga na mkongo na kuongeza mchango wa sekta ya misitu katika Pato la Taifa. Aidha, Taasisi imefanya utafiti wa miti inayotumika kama dawa na iliyo hatarini kutoweka kwa lengo la kuitambua na kuihifadhi. Kufuatia utafiti huo, miti ya aina ya nengonengo, mlungulungu na mzima imebainika kutumiwa na wenyeji kama dawa asilia kwa magonjwa mbalimbali ya binadamu.
 - (iii) Vyuo vya Taaluma ya Misitu na Ufugaji Nyuki
- **38.** *Mheshimiwa Spika,* Katika kipindi cha mwaka 2020/2021, Chuo cha Misitu Olmotonyi kimedahili wanafunzi 867 na kuboresha miundombinu kwa kuendelea na ujenzi wa jengo la utawala. Chuo cha Viwanda vya Misitu kimedahili wanafunzi 224 na kimekarabati madarasa matatu (3), geti moja (1) na kujenga kingo za barabara za ndani ya Chuo. Aidha, Chuo cha Mafunzo ya Ufugaji Nyuki kimedahili wanafunzi 408 na kinaendelea kuboresha miundombinu kwa kujenga jengo la kiwanda cha kuchakata mazao ya nyuki pamoja na ukarabati wa jengo la utawala.

SEKTA YA UTALII

- 39. Mheshimiwa Spika, Sekta ya Utalii ina jukumu la kusimamia, kuendeleza na kutangaza utalii nchini. Katika kutekeleza jukumu hilo, Wizara imetekeleza shughuli mbalimbali ikiwa ni pamoja na: kuendeleza mazao ya utalii ya kimkakati nchini ambayo ni utalii wa mikutano na matukio, fukwe, meli, michezo na utamaduni; kuainisha maeneo ya fukwe yanayofaa kwa ajili ya shughuli za utalii; na kuandaa Mwongozo wa Uendelezaji wa Miundombinu ya Utalii wa Meli katika Bandari ya Dar es Salaam. Pamoja na jitihada hizo, Wizara pia imeendelea kushirikiana na wadau mbalimbali katika kuendeleza na kukuza utalii kupitia matukio ya michezo na utamaduni. Kwa ujumla, matukio hayo yamekuwa yakitoa fursa ya kutangaza vivutio vya utalii katika maeneo ya malikale, wanyamapori, misitu na nyuki na hivyo kuwa chachu ya kuhamasisha makundi mbalimbali ya kijamii kushiriki katika utalii wa ndani. Juhudi hizo zitaongeza la idadi ya watalii na ukusanyaji mapato na hivyo kuongeza mchango wa sekta ya utalii katika kukuza uchumi.
- 40. Mheshimiwa Spika, katika jitihada za kuhamasisha utalii wa ndani, Wizara kwa kushirikiana na wadau imeendelea kuanzisha na kuendesha programu na kampeni mbalimbali. Kupitia kampeni hizo, wananchi wamehamasika kutembelea hifadhi, maeneo ya malikale na makumbusho. Kwa upande mwingine, Wizara imeendelea kuendesha mashindano mbalimbali yanayolenga kuibua vipaji na uhamasishaji utalii wa ndani, hususan kwa wanafunzi wa vyuo vya elimu ya juu nchini. Sambamba na hilo, Wizara imeendelea kuimarisha huduma za malazi za bei nafuu katika maeneo yaliyohifadhiwa kwa ajili ya kuchochea utalii wa ndani. Katika hatua nyingine, Wizara kwa kushirikiana na Mamlaka za Serikali za Mitaa imebaini vivutio 51 vya utalii vilivyopo katika mikoa ya Geita, Kagera na Mwanza. Sambamba na hilo, Wizara imehakiki na kuhuisha orodha ya huduma za malazi zinazopaswa kulipa Tozo ya Kitanda Siku. Kazi hii imefanyika katika mikoa 19 na kuwezesha ongezeko la huduma za malazi kutoka 1,238 mwaka 2015 hadi 1,815 mwaka 2020.

(i) Bodi ya Utalii Tanzania - TTB

- 41. Mheshimiwa Spika, Katika kipindi cha mwaka 2020/2021, Bodi ya Utalii Tanzania ilitekeleza shughuli mbalimbali ambazo ni pamoja na: kuandaa na kuzisambaza video mbalimbali za kutangaza utalii kupitia mitandao ya kijamii ambapo jumla ya watu 8,791,000 walifuatilia; kufanya vikao katika kanda sita (6) za kimkakati na Balozi 36 za Tanzania katika nchi mbalimbali duniani kwa njia ya mtandao kwa lengo la kueleza utayari wa Tanzania katika kupokea wageni wakati wa mlipuko wa ugonjwa COVID -19. Vilevile, Bodi kwa kushirikiana na balozi hizo imefanya vikao na wakala wa utalii katika nchi 11. Kutokana na juhudi hizo, nchi imeendelea kupokea makundi ya watalii kutoka nchi mbalimbali duniani.
 - (ii) Chuo cha Taifa cha Utalii NCT
- 42. Mheshimiwa Spika, katika kipindi cha mwaka 2020/2021, Chuo cha Taifa cha Utalii kimedahili jumla ya wanafunzi 1,087 katika ngazi ya Astashahada na Stashahada. Aidha, Chuo kimetoa mafunzo ya muda mfupi kwa wadau katika mnyororo wa utalii wapatao 220. Kwa upande mwingine, Chuo kimeanzisha Kampasi mpya ya Mwanza yenye uwezo wa kudahili wanafunzi 550. Sambamba na hilo, Chuo kimefanya mapitio ya mitaala tisa (9) na kuandaa mitaala mipya minne (4) katika fani ya Ukarimu na Utalii. Katika hatua nyingine, Chuo kimefadhili wasichana 35 kushiriki mafunzo ya utalii ngazi ya Astashahada katika Kampasi ya Mwanza.

SEKTA YA MAMBO YA KALE

vijavyo.

- 43. Mheshimiwa Spika, Sekta ya Mambo ya Kale ina jukumu la kusimamia uhifadhi na uendelezaji wa malikale. Katika kutekeleza jukumu hilo, kwa mwaka 2020/2021, Wizara imebainisha fursa za uwekezaji katika maeneo 18 ya malikale na vituo vya Makumbusho katika mikoa ya Dar es Salaam, Ruvuma, Mara na Arusha. Shughuli za uwekezaji zitakazofanyika katika maeneo hayo ni pamoja na migahawa ya kisasa, studio, maduka ya zawadi, bustani, huduma za kifedha, maduka ya bidhaa za asili na utamaduni na maeneo ya kuweka kambi za utalii za muda. Kutokana na fursa hizo, wadau mbalimbali wanakaribishwa kuwekeza katika maeneo yaliyobainishwa. Vilevile, Wizara imeanzisha mfumo wa kidijitali wa kuhifadhi mikusanyo ya malikale na urithi wa utamaduni katika Makumbusho ya Taifa. Mfumo huu utasaidia kuonesha na kuhifadhi uhalisia wa mikusanyo na maeneo ya malikale kwa muda mrefu. Lengo la Serikali ni kuhakikisha kuwa taarifa za malikale na urithi wa utamaduni zilizopo zinahifadhiwa kwa manufaa ya kizazi cha sasa na
- 44. *Mheshimiwa Spika*, Wizara imefanya tathmini katika vituo vya malikale vya Kalenga, Isimila, Kunduchi, Bagamoyo na Kilwa Kisiwani. Kufuatia tathmini hiyo, uhakiki wa mipaka umefanyika katika eneo la magofu ya Enguruka wilayani Monduli na kituo cha Zana za Mawe cha Isimila Iringa ili kuwezesha maeneo hayo kupata hati miliki. Aidha, upimaji wa mipaka umefanyika katika Kituo cha Kalenga, Iringa na Hati ya umiliki kutolewa. Kwa upande mwingine, Wizara imebainisha na kuandaa taarifa za maeneo 34 ya malikale katika mikoa ya Dar es Salaam, Ruvuma na Lindi ili kuhuisha rejesta ya maeneo ya malikale. Sambamba na hilo, Wizara kwa kushirikiana na wadau mbalimbali imeratibu matamasha ya Kumbukizi la Vita vya Majimaji, Kuenzi Azimio la Arusha na Siku ya Kimondo Duniani ambapo elimu ya uhifadhi na uendelezaji wa malikale na urithi wa utamaduni ilitolewa.

(i) Shirika la Makumbusho ya Taifa Tanzania - NMT

- 45. *Mheshimiwa Spika*, katika kipindi cha mwaka 2020/2021, Shirika la Makumbusho ya Taifa limeandaa mpango wa jumla wa uhifadhi na uendelezaji wa maeneo 90 ya malikale. Aidha, ukarabati wa jengo la Soko la Watumwa katika Mji Mkongwe Mikindani umefanyika na kanzidata ya taarifa za mikusanyo ya mji huo imeandaliwa. Pamoja na hatua hiyo, Shirika limeboresha miundombinu ya vituo kwa kukarabati nyumba za asili za baadhi ya makabila kwa kufuata ramani ya Tanzania katika Kituo cha Kijiji cha Makumbusho. Katika hatua nyingine, Shirika limeandaa onesho la historia ya Tanzania kabla ya ukoloni, wakati wa ukoloni na wakati wa harakati za kudai uhuru wa Tanzania. Vilevile, katika kutambua mchango wa wanawake katika harakati za ukombozi wa nchi za Kusini mwa Bara la Afrika, Shirika limeboresha onesho hilo kwa kujumuisha historia ya wanawake walioshiriki katika harakati za ukombozi.
- 46. Mheshimiwa Spika, Shirika limeendelea na zoezi la kukusanya taarifa za kihistoria za Marais kwa ajili ya kutumika kama kumbukumbu kwenye Makumbusho ya Marais itakayojengwa Jijini Dodoma. Aidha, Shirika limeanza maandalizi ya programu ya kuenzi historia na falsafa ya Baba wa Taifa, Mwl. Julius Kambarage Nyerere inayofahamika kama Mwl. Nyerere@100. Sambamba na hatua hiyo, Wizara kupitia Makumbusho ya Taifa imeanzisha klabu za historia na uzalendo mashuleni. Katika kuhakikisha somo la historia na uzalendo linawafikia wanafunzi ipasavyo

mashuleni, kwa mwaka wa fedha 2020/2021, Wizara imefanikiwa kufungua klabu 16 za historia na uzalendo katika mikoa ya Ruvuma na Dar es Salaam.

3.5 MIRADI YA MAENDELEO

- 47. Mheshimiwa Spika, katika mwaka 2020/2021 Wizara imeendelea kutekeleza miradi sita (6) ya maendeleo ambayo ni: Mradi wa Usimamizi wa Maliasili na Kuendeleza Utalii Nyanda za Juu Kusini REGROW; Mradi wa Kujenga Uwezo wa Maeneo ya Hifadhi, Mapori ya Akiba na Kikosi Dhidi ya Ujangili; Mradi wa Kuzuia na Kupambana na Ujangili na Biashara Haramu ya Nyara; Mradi wa Panda Miti Kibiashara; Mradi wa Kujenga Uwezo wa Taasisi za Mafunzo ya Misitu na Ufugaji Nyuki; na Mradi wa Kuongeza Thamani kwa Mazao ya Misitu FORVAC.
- **48.** *Mheshimiwa Spika*, maelezo ya kina kuhusu utekelezaji wa Mpango na Bajeti kwa mwaka 2020/2021 yamefafanuliwa kuanzia ukurasa wa 9 hadi ukurasa wa 102 katika Kitabu cha Hotuba.

3.6 CHANGAMOTO NA UTATUZI

- 49. Mheshimiwa Spika, pamoja na mafanikio yaliyopatikana katika kipindi cha mwaka 2020/2021, Wizara imekabiliwa na changamoto mbalimbali ikiwa ni pamoja na: mlipuko wa ugonjwa wa COVID-19 duniani ambao kwa kiasi kikubwa umeathiri sekta ya utalii na hivyo kupungua kwa mapato yanayotokana na sekta hiyo; kuwepo kwa mimea vamizi katika baadhi ya maeneo ya hifadhi, hali iliyosababisha kuathirika kwa uoto wa asili na kupungua kwa malisho ya wanyamapori; uvamizi wa maeneo yaliyohifadhiwa kwa shughuli za kibinadamu; uwepo wa migogoro kati ya binadamu na wanyamapori; mlipuko wa magonjwa kati ya binadamu na wanyamapori; na uwepo wa matukio ya moto katika maeneo ya hifadhi.
- 60. Mheshimiwa Spika, katika kukabiliana na changamoto zilizojitokeza katika kipindi cha mwaka 2020/2021, Wizara imeandaa Mwongozo wa Uendeshaji wa Shughuli za Sekta ya Utalii katika kipindi cha COVID-19; na kuandaa Mpango wa Kuirejesha Sekta ya Utalii Nchini katika Hali ya Awali kabla ya Kuathiriwa na COVID-19. Aidha, Wizara imeendelea kuchukua hatua mbalimbali za kukabiliana na mimea vamizi ndani ya maeneo ya hifadhi kwa kufanya tafiti na kutekeleza Mpango Mkakati wa Kutokomeza Mimea Vamizi. Vilevile, Wizara imeendelea kuimarisha mipaka ya maeneo hayo, kushirikisha jamii katika uhifadhi, kuwawezesha wananchi kuanzisha miradi ya kijamii na ya ujirani mwema na kutoa elimu kwa jamii kuhusu umuhimu wa maeneo ya hifadhi za maliasili na malikale.
- 51. Mheshimiwa Spika, katika kukabiliana na uwepo wa migogoro kati ya binadamu na wanyamapori wakali na waharibifu kwa wananchi na mali zao, Wizara imeendelea kutekeleza mikakati mbalimbali ya kuimarisha udhibiti wa wanyamapori husika. Mikakati hiyo ni pamoja na kuimarisha vikosi vya kudhibiti wanyamapori hao, kutumia mbinu za kielektroniki za kufuatilia mienendo ya makundi ya wanyamapori kwa kuwafunga vifaa maalum hasa katika maeneo yenye matukio mengi pamoja na kutoa elimu ya namna ya kujikinga. Katika hatua nyingine, Wizara imezindua namba maalum za simu (hotlines) kwa ajili ya kupata taarifa kwa haraka kuhusu matukio hayo. Sambamba na hatua hizo, Wizara imeandaa mipango ya usimamizi na udhibiti wa moto na kuendelea kutoa elimu kwa jamii zinazopakana na maeneo yaliyohifadhiwa.

MPANGO NA BAJETI KWA MWAKA WA FEDHA 2021/2022

52. *Mheshimiwa Spika*, Wizara imeandaa Mpango na Makadirio ya Mapato na Matumizi kwa mwaka 2021/2022 kwa kuzingatia miongozo mbalimbali ikiwemo Mpango wa Tatu wa Maendeleo wa Taifa wa Miaka Mitano (2021/2022 - 2025/2026); na Ilani ya Uchaguzi ya Chama Cha Mapinduzi ya 2020 – 2025. Maeneo ya mpango huo ni Pamoja na:-

3.7 UKUSANYAJI MADUHULI

53. Mheshimiwa Spika, kwa mwaka wa fedha 2021/2022, makadirio ya maduhuli yatakayokusanywa na Sekta ya Maliasili na Utalii ni jumla ya Shilingi bilioni 689.34. Kati ya fedha hizo, Shilingi bilioni 478.01 zitakusanywa kupitia Mamlaka ya Mapato Tanzania (TRA) kutokana na vyanzo vya TANAPA, NCAA na TAWA na Shilingi bilioni 211.33 zitakusanywa kupitia Wizara na Taasisi zake. Utaratibu wa ukusanyaji wa mapato umezingatia marekebisho ya Sheria ya Fedha ya Mwaka 2020 ambapo mapato yanayotokana na rasilimali za maliasili na utalii yanakusanywa na Wizara ya Maliasili na Utalii pamoja na Wizara ya Fedha na Minango kupitia TRA

3.8 MATUMIZI YA KAWAIDA NA MAENDELEO

54. *Mheshimiwa Spika*, katika mwaka 2021/2022, Wizara na Taasisi zake inakadiria kutumia jumla ya Shilingi bilioni 571.63. Kati ya fedha hizo, Shilingi bilioni 418.86 ni kwa ajili Matumizi ya Kawaida na Shilingi bilioni 152.77 za Miradi ya Maendeleo. Aidha, naomba kulitaarifu Bunge lako tukufu kwamba, Bajeti ya Wizara mwaka 2021/2022 imeongezeka kwa Shilingi bilioni 457.04 sawa na ongezeko la asilimia 399 ikilinganishwa na bajeti ya mwaka 2020/2021 ambayo ilikuwa Shilingi bilioni 114.59. Ongezeko hili pamoja na mambo mengine limetokana na kujumuishwa kwa bajeti za TANAPA, NCAA na TAWA katika Bajeti Kuu ya Serikali kupitia Wizara ya Maliasili na Utalii.

3.9 KAZI ZITAKAZOTEKELEZWA NA WIZARA NA TAASISI ZAKE SEKTA YA WANYAMAPORI

- 55. Mheshimiwa Spika, Katika mwaka 2021/2022, Wizara itatekeleza mipango mbalimbali ikiwa ni pamoja na: kuandaa Mpango Mkakati wa Kitaifa wa kuhifadhi Wanyamapori (2021/2022- 2031/2032); kukamilisha uandaaji wa Mpango Mkakati wa Kitaifa wa Kupambana na Ujangili na Biashara Haramu ya Nyara (2021/2022 2031/2032); kuendelea kudhibiti matukio ya wanyamapori wakali na waharibifu; kuratibu utatuzi wa migogoro ya ardhi baina ya wananchi na maeneo ya hifadhi; kuboresha usimamizi wa shoroba za wanyamapori na kufanya tathmini ya hali ya mapori tengefu ili kupunguza migongano baina ya binadamu na wanyamapori. Aidha, Wizara itachimba visima nane (8) katika hifadhi za Taifa za Ruaha na Katavi na kufanya ukarabati wa mabwawa matano (5) yenye jumla ya mita za ujazo 98,065 katika hifadhi za Taifa Serengeti, Mkomazi na Saadani kwa ajili ya upatikanaji wa maji kwa wanyamapori wakati wa kiangazi; kupanua wigo wa uwekezaji kwenye hifadhi za Taifa kwa kutenga maeneo 103 ya ujenzi wa loji na kambi za kudumu kwa ajili ya malazi ya wageni yenye uwezo wa vitanda 4,604 katika hifadhi za Taifa mbalimbali zikiwemo Mkomazi, Kitulo, Nyerere, Ruaha, Ibanda Kyerwa na Rumanyika Karaowe.
- **56.** *Mheshimiwa Spika,* pamoja na shughuli hizo, Wizara itaendelea kuboresha huduma za utalii zikiwemo ujenzi wa barabara mpya zenye urefu wa kilometa 2,532 katika Hifadhi ya Taifa na eneo la Hifadhi ya Ngorongoro na kukarabati njia za watalii kutembea kwa miguu zenye urefu wa kilometa 841; kujenga viwanja vipya vya ndege 14 katika hifadhi za Taifa Ruaha, Mikumi na Nyerere na vituo vya utalii vitano (5) katika hifadhi za Taifa Serengeti, Ruaha, Mikumi, Milima ya Udzungwa na Nyerere. Kwa upande mwingine, Wizara itapandisha hadhi msitu wa hifadhi wa Matogoro kuwa hifadhi ya mazingira asilia. Hatua hii inatokana na umuhimu wa ikolojia na bioanuai zilizopo ndani ya hifadhi ya msitu huo na uwepo wa milima ya Matogoro yenye miamba iliyofanyiwa tafiti kwa ajili ya utalii jiolojia (*Geopark*).
- **57.** *Mheshimiwa Spika,* katika kutekeleza Ibara ya 67(a)(i) ya Ilani ya Chama cha Mapinduzi ya 2020 - 2025 inayoielekeza Wizara ya Maliasili na Utalii kukuza na kuimarisha utalii wa uwindaji wa wanyamapori, Wizara imebuni mkakati unaovutia mitaji mikubwa na kwa muda mrefu katika maeneo maalum ya vitalu vya uwindaji uiulikanao kama Special Wildlife Investment Concession Area (SWICA). Katika kutekeleza mkakati huo. Wizara imetunga kanuni za kuongoza uwekezaii huo (The Wildlife Conservation - Special Wildlife Investment Concession Areas) Regulations, 2021). Pamoja na masuala mengine, kanuni hizo zinatoa utaratibu wa uwekezaji unaolenga kuimarisha Uhifadhi wanyamapori, kuendeleza biashara ya utalii na kuboresha huduma za utalii nchini kwa kushirikisha jamii. Kwa kutekeleza mpango huo, mapato yanayotokana na uwindaji wa kitalii yataongezeka takriban mara tatu ya uwezo wa sasa wa uzalishaji wa vitalu hivyo na kuongeza fursa za ajira kwa Watanzania. Hii ni kutokana na upembuzi yakinifu wa modeli ya kifedha (financial model) iliyofanyika. Aidha, shughuli nyingine zitakazofanyika zinazojumuisha utafiti, mafunzo na uendelezaji wa uhifadhi kwa ujumla zitatekelezwa na Wizara kupitia TAWIRI, Chuo cha MWEKA, Taasisi ya Pasiansi na Chuo cha Likuyu Sekamaganga.

SEKTA YA MISITU NA NYUKI

- **58.** *Mheshimiwa Spika*, katika kuimarisha sekta ya misitu na nyuki, Wizara itafanya mapitio ya Sheria ya Misitu na Ufugaji Nyuki za Mwaka 2002 na itatafsiri Sheria, Kanuni na Miongozo ya Idara kwa lugha ya Kiswahili; kuandaa mikakati ya Kitaifa ya uendelezaji uongoaji wa ardhi, uwekezaji kwenye biashara ya mazao ya nyuki pamoja na Mpango wa Utekelezaji wa Usimamizi Shirikishi wa Misitu ya Jamii; kuandaa mwongozo wa usimamizi wa mashamba ya miti pamoja na rejesta ya wafugaji nyuki. Aidha, Wizara itaendelea kuratibu siku ya upandaji miti Kitaifa, siku ya misitu duniani na siku ya nyuki duniani; na kuwezesha utoaji wa mafunzo kwa vyama vya ushirika na wadau wengine wa ufugaji nyuki.
- **59.** *Mheshimiwa Spika*, Wizara itaendelea kuhudumia mashamba 23 ya miti yenye ukubwa wa hekta 445,354.7 kwa kuzalisha tani 22 za mbegu bora za miti; kuotesha miche 33,185,000; kupanda miti kwenye eneo lenye ukubwa wa hekta 7,833; kupalilia hekta 44,430; kupogoa miti hekta 13,773; kuanzisha mashamba mawili

mapya ya miti yenye ukubwa wa hekta 84,500 pamoja na kukamilisha taratibu za kuhifadhi kisheria maeneo mapya yenye ukubwa wa hekta 121,100. Kwa upande mwingine, Wizara itashirikiana na Tume ya Taifa ya Matumizi Bora ya Ardhi kuandaa mipango shirikishi ya matumizi bora ya ardhi katika vijiji 40. Vilevile, mipaka ya misitu 183 itaimairishwa kwa kupima upya na kuhakiki mipaka yenye urefu wa kilometa 314.84, kusafisha mipaka yenye kilomita 2,592.28, kuweka vigingi 1,452 na mabango 1,958. Aidha, katika kuimarisha ulinzi na kudhibiti uharibifu wa misitu, Wizara itaandaa mipango ya usimamizi wa misitu 58 yenye ukubwa wa hekta Milioni 1.27. Pamoja na hatua hizo, TFS itaendelea kuchangia shughuli za maendeleo ya jamii kwa kutoa vifaa vya ujenzi katika Serikali za vijiji vitano (5), shule 578 na taasisi 206.

- 60. Mheshimiwa Spika, Katika mwaka 2021/2022, TFS itatoa mafunzo ya usimamizi wa misitu kwa Kamati za Maliasili za Vijiji 97 kwa ajili ya kuziongezea uwezo wa kulinda na kusimamia rasilimali za misitu. Aidha, wananchi na wadau wengine wa mazingira watashirikishwa kupanda miti 7,070,000 katika maeneo mbalimbali ikiwemo mashambani, maeneo yaliyoharibika pamoja na kandokando ya vyanzo vya maji. Kati ya miche hiyo, miche 1,000,000 itapandwa katika maeneo mbalimbali ya Jiji la Dodoma katika kuendeleza kampeni ya Dodoma ya Kijani. Vilevile, TFS Itaendelea kuimarisha rasilimali za nyuki kwa kusimamia manzuki 181 za nyuki na kuzalisha tani 96 za asali na tani saba (7) za nta Pamoja na kuanzisha mashamba matatu (3) maalum ya nyuki katika wilaya za Kondoa, Songea na Manyoni. Pia, Wakala utapandisha hadhi maeneo yenye ukubwa wa hekta 630.8 kuwa hifadhi za nyuki. Kwa upande mwingine, Wakala utatoa mafunzo ya mbinu bora za ufugaji nyuki kwa taasisi 20, vikundi 138 vyenye wafugaji 1,490 na kutoa mizinga 1,000 na seti 100 za mavazi.
- 61. Mheshimiwa Spika, Katika kuchangia uendelezaji wa viwanda nchini, Wakala utaendelea kuzalisha malighafi kwa ajili ya viwanda vya misitu ambapo unatarajiwa kuuza mita za ujazo 1,082,903 kutoka mashamba ya miti 13 na zaidi ya mita za ujazo 700,000 kutoka misitu ya asili. Aidha, katika kuongeza ufanisi wa sekta ya misitu na nyuki shughuli za utafiti, utoaji mafunzo, uendelezaji wa mazao ya misitu na nyuki na uwezeshaji zitaendelea kutekelezwa na Wizara kupitia Taasisi ya TAFORI, Chuo cha Viwanda vya Misitu, Chuo cha Misitu Olmotonyi na Chuo cha Ufugaji Nyuki Tabora na Mfuko wa Misitu Tanzania.

SEKTA YA UTALII

- 62. Mheshimiwa Spika, katika mwaka wa fedha 2021/2022, Wizara itaendelea kufanya mapitio ya Sheria ya Utalii Sura 365 na Kanuni zake pamoja na kukamilisha Mkakati wa Utekelezaji wa Sera ya Taifa ya Utalii ya mwaka 1999. Kwa upande mwingine, Wizara itaendelea na jitihada za kuendeleza mazao ya utalii ya kimkakati ikiwemo utalii wa fukwe, utalii wa meli pamoja na kutekeleza Mradi wa Kuendeleza Utalii wa Mikutano na Matukio. Katika hatua nyingine, Wizara itaendelea kushirikiana na wadau mbalimbali kuchukua hatua za kuirejesha sekta ya utalii katika hali yake ya awali baada ya athari za COVID-19. Hatua hizo ni pamoja na kuendelea kutekeleza Mpango wa Kurejesha Sekta ya Utalii katika Hali ya Awali (2020/2021 2024/2025) baada ya milpuko wa janga la COVID-19. Sambamba na hatua hizo, Wizara itaimarisha mfumo wa kielektroniki wa kupanga huduma za malazi nchini katika daraja za ubora AserT pamoja na kutoa mafunzo kwa watoa huduma za malazi katika mikoa 12 kuhusu mfumo huo.
- 63. Mheshimiwa Spika, Wizara itaendelea kuimarisha ushiriki wa wadau katika kuendeleza sekta ya utalii nchini kupitia jukwaa la majadiliano baina ya sekta ya umma na sekta binafsi pamoja na mikutano ya Kamati ya Uwezeshaji wa Masuala ya Utalii. Aidha, Wizara kupitia TTB itatumia mbinu mbalimbali kutangaza utalii ndani na nje ya nchi kwa kuratibu na kushiriki maonesho ya utalii katika masoko ya msingi, kimkakati na yale yanayoibukia yakiwemo Marekani, Urusi, China, India, Australia, Israel, nchi za Bara la Ulaya, Falme za Kiarabu na Kanda ya Afrika. Vilevile, itaimairisha ushirikiano na Ofisi za Balozi za Tanzania nje ya nchi na kuanza utaratibu wa kuzishindanisha kwa kutoa motisha ili ziendelee kutangaza utalii kwa ufanisi zaidi. Katika hatua nyingine, Wizara itaendelea kutangaza utalii kupitia maonesho na matamasha mbalimbali yakiwemo: Karibu Kili Fair, Siku ya Utalii Duniani na Karibu Kusini; matamasha ya Majimaji na Siku ya Vimondo Duniani; Rock city Marathon, Kili Marathon na Mbeya Tulia Marathon, Majimaji Selebuka Festival, East Africa Trade Fair na Lamadi Utalii Festival.
- 64. Mheshimiwa Spika, kwa namna ya kipekee naomba nilitaarifu Bunge lako Tukufu Serikali kupitia Wizara itaanzisha utalii mahsusi wa lugha ya kiswahili (Swahili Tourism Package). Katika aina hii ya utalii, mtalii ataunganishiwa vifurushi mbalimbali vya utalii ambavyo vinaendana na lugha husika. Mathalan, mtalii ataweza kulipa mara moja na kuwezeshwa kupata muda wa kujifunza lugha ya kiswahili kwa hatua ya awali; kununua bidhaa za Kitanzania (mfano vitenge, khanga na vinyago); na kuandaliwa matukio mbalimbali ya kiutamaduni yakiwemo ngoma na vyakula vya asili. Aidha, Wizara kupitia Chuo cha Taifa cha Utalii itaendelea kutoa mafunzo katika fani za ukarimu na utalii kwa lengo la kuboresha huduma za utalii pohini.

SEKTA YA MAMBO YA KALE

65. Mheshimiwa Spika, katika sekta ya mambo ya kale, Wizara itatekeleza masuala mbalimbali yakiwemo: kufanya mapitio ya Sheria ya Mambo ya Kale Sura 333 na Sheria ya Makumbusho ya Taifa Sura 281; kuandaa miongozo ya uhifadhi wa malikale, utafiti na uwekezaji; kuandaa mkakati wa utekelezaji wa Sera ya malikale; na kuhakiki na kupima mipaka ya maeneo 15 ya malikale. Aidha, Wizara kupitia Shirika la Makumbusho ya Taifa itatekeleza shughuli mbalimbali zikiwemo: ujenzi wa Makumbusho ya Marais itakayojengwa Jijini Dodoma; kuweka onesho la Kudumu la Tembo katika Makumbusho ya Elimu Viumbe Arusha; kuendelea kushirikisha wadau katika uhifadhi na matumizi endelevu ya maeneo ya malikale; na kuendelea kutangaza vivutio vya malikale na makumbusho. Aidha, Shirika litaendeleza programu mbalimbali za kutoa elimu ya historia na uzalendo nchini kwa kufungua klabu 220 katika mikoa ya Morogoro, Dar es Salaam, Dodoma na Singida.

MIRADI YA MAENDELEO

- 66. Mheshimiwa Spika, katika mwaka 2021/2022 Wizara itatekeleza miradi nane (8) ya maendeleo ambayo ni: Mradi wa Usimamizi wa Maliasili na Kuendeleza Utalii Ukanda wa Kusini (REGROW); Mradi wa Kujenga Uwezo wa Maeneo ya Hifadhi, Mapori ya Akiba na Kikosi Dhidi ya Ujangili; Mradi wa Kuzuia na Kupambana na Ujangili na Biashara Haramu ya Nyara; Mradi wa Panda Miti Kibiashara; Mradi wa Kujenga Uwezo wa Taasisi za Mafunzo ya Misitu na Ufugaji Nyuki; Mradi wa Kuongeza Thamani kwa Mazao ya Misitu (FORVAC); Mradi wa Uendelezaji wa Utalii wa Mikutano na Matukio (MICE); na Mradi wa Kuwezesha Mnyororo wa Thamani wa Mazao ya Nyuki (BEVAC).
- 67. Mheshimiwa Spika, maelezo ya kina kuhusu shughuli na miradi itakayotekelezwa katika Mpango na Bajeti ya Wizara kwa mwaka 2021/2022 yamefafanuliwa kuanzia ukurasa 106 hadi ukurasa 152 katika Kitabu cha Hotuba.

4.0 SHUKRANI

68. Mheshimiwa Spika, ninapenda kutumia nafasi hii tena kuwashukuru Mheshimiwa Spika, Naibu Spika na wenyeviti wa Kamati za Kudumu za Bunge kwa ushirikiano mnaotoa katika kuliongoza Bunge letu Tukufu. Pia, ninawashukuru wadau wote kwa ushirikiano wao katika utekelezaji wa majukumu ya Wizara. Kipekee, nizishukuru nchi marafiki, washirika wa maendeleo, mashirika ya kimataifa, taasisi za kiserikali pamoja na wadau wengine wakiwemo sekta binafsi. Nachukua fursa hii kutaja baadhi yao kama ifuatayyo: Serikali za Canada, China, Korea Kusini, Marekani, Norway, Ubelgiji, Ufini, Ujerumani, Uswisi na Jumuiya ya Umoja wa Nchi za Ulaya. Mashirika na taasisi za Kimataifa ni pamoja na: AfDB, AWF, AWHF, FAO, FZS, GEF, GIZ, ICCROM, ICOM, ICOMOS, ILO, IUCN, KfW, NORAD, PAMS Foundation, Trade Aid, UNDP, UNESCO, UNWTO, USAID, WCS, WHC, WTTC, World Bank, Wild Aid, WMF na WWF. Aidha, ninapenda kuwashukuru wananchi wote walioshiriki kikamilifu katika shughuli za uhifadhi wa maliasili, malikale na uendelezaji utalii. Ninatoa rai kwa wadau wote kuendelea kutoa ushirikiano wa dhati kwa Wizara ili iweze kutekeleza majukumu yake kikamilifu. Ni matumaini yangu kuwa kupitia ushirikiano huu malengo ya uhifadhi yatafikiwa kwa haraka na kwa ufanisi zaidi

5.0 MAOMBI YA FEDHA KWA MWAKA 2021/2022

- **69.** *Mheshimiwa Spika,* ninaomba Bunge lako Tukufu liidhinishe jumla ya **Shilingi 571,632,424,000** kwa matumizi ya **Fungu 69** Wizara ya Maliasili na Utalii kwa mwaka wa fedha 2021/2022. Kati ya fedha hizo, **Shilingi 418,859,544,000** ni kwa ajili ya matumizi ya kawaida na **Shilingi 152,772,880,000** ni za miradi ya maendeleo
- 70. Mheshimiwa Spika, fedha za matumizi ya kawaida zinajumuisha Shilingi 153,537,684,000 za mishahara na Shilingi 265,321,860,000 za matumizi mengineyo. Aidha, fedha za miradi ya maendeleo zinajumuisha Shilingi 113,893,184,000 fedha za ndani na Shilingi 38,879,696,000 fedha za nje.

6.0 HITIMISHO

- 71. Mheshimiwa Spika, napenda kuhitimisha kwa kutoa shukrani zangu za dhati kwako wewe na Waheshimiwa Wabunge wote kwa kunisikiliza. Hotuba hii inapatikana pia katika tovuti ya Wizara ya Maliasili na Utalii: www.maliasili.go.tz
- 72. Mheshimiwa Spika, naomba kutoa hoja.

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Investment in hotels, low cost rental flats welcome

rather quickly in the investment front these days, as it is hard to keep track of new investment exploration visits and the number of agreements being struck. It isn't surprising that this situation is being seen, as investment is a contest between the one with savings and the country to which he or she belongs. whether it offers the best conditions for a return on capital invested, that is, in the shortest possible period. When an investor sees an advantage in this or that country, chances are that he will direct the money in that country, as investment seeks a profit rather than making a welfare point, etc.

That impression comes up when one pays attention to what chief executive officers of two American companies who jetted into Tanzania the other day said, that they intend to scout for investment opportunities in hospitality and real estate business, among others. One was named as Roslyn Parker, CEO of Affinity Travel Group and Miguel Pilgram, CEO of The Pilgrim Group who went straight into business upon touching down at the Julius Nyerere International Airport. Even as they drove to town they were already talking business, as they were received by officials from the Tanzania Tourism Board (TTB) and Kilimanjaro International Tourism and Safaris Inc. (KITS), coordinating the visit. It was all smiles.

Accounts of their first day said they were immediately led to the offices of the Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC) whose officials made a presentation on readily available opportunities, convincing Pilgram to start with manufacturing of industrial sugar. That doesn't sound like it would have been reached

EVENTS follow one another ther quickly in the investment of the year, as bureaucracy was rife when someone wishes to set foot, this or that regulator trying to figure out how the concerned public authority makes the most of the deal, if any. Now they are under orders that they must facilitate investment, not act as 'men whose decisions are final.'

Pilgram said his intention was to invest in hospitality and affordable housing but after the TIC presentation, he decided to start with industrial sugar, which means the other sights are not lost to him, but there is a charming starting point which ought to be taken up. That is good news, not just because we soon may cover the 70 per cent gap in industrial sugar which is imported annually but that the early post-independence experience of houses being built for renting out to people at low cost and after 10 years of tenting one has more or less purchased the house may come back again. Even if they are city flats rather than double room or single bedroom, kitchen and verandah old self contained units; a bit nostalgic, this.

If local tourists can visit national parks and stay in hotels for a few days, not just foreign visitors, that is good. That investors have some cash to go around goes without saying when one takes note of what Pilgram said after a TIC Senior Investment Officer explained Tanzania has that massive deficit in demand for industrial sugar. That investment needed is \$500,000 which Pilgram said his firm can manage four times over. Evidently it isn't just the cost of raw materials but mainly of land and then of labour, in which case critics of a competitive economy ought to know that these assets must be fielded to move forward.

Environment Day ought to see us working more to save planet Earth

WORLD Environment Day is a campaign established to bring some positive environmental changes all over the world to make life better and more natural. Environmental issues are big issues now-a-days to which everyone must be aware and give their positive efforts to solve such issues.

The Day is celebrated on 5 June every year, and is the United Nations' principal vehicle for encouraging awareness and action for the protection of global environment. The Day has also grown to become a global platform for public outreach, with participation from over 143 countries annually.

First held in 1974, it has been a flagship campaign for raising awareness on emerging from environmental issues to marine pollution, human overpopulation, and global warming, to sustainable consumption and wildlife crime.

In other words biodiversity is the variety and variability of life on Earth. Biodiversity is typically a measure of variation at the genetic, species, and ecosystem level. Terrestrial biodiversity is usually greater near the equator, which is the result of the warm climate and high primary productivity.

Biodiversity is not distributed evenly on Earth, and is richest in the tropics. These tropical forest ecosystems cover less than 10 per cent of earth's surface, and contain about 90 per cent of the world's species. Marine biodiversity is usually highest along coasts in the Western Pacific, where sea surface temperature is highest, and in the mid-latitudinal band in all oceans. There are latitudinal gradients in

species diversity. Biodiversity generally tends to cluster in hotspots, and has been increasing through time, but will be likely to slow in the future.

Rapid environmental changes

typically cause mass extinctions. More than 99.9 per cent of all species that ever lived on Earth, amounting to over five billion species, are estimated to be extinct. Estimates on the number of Earth's current species range from 10 million to 14 million, of which about 1.2 million have been documented and over 86 per cent have not yet been described. More recently, in May 2016, scientists reported that 1 trillion species are estimated to be on Earth currently with only one-thousandth of one per cent described. In July 2016, scientists reported identifying a set of 355 genes from the Last Universal Common Ancestor (LUCA) of all organisms living on Earth. The age of the Earth is about 4.54 billion years.

World Environment Day has grown to become a global platform for public outreach, with participation from over 143 countries annually. Each year, WED has a new theme that major corporations, NGOs, communities, governments and all celebrities worldwide adopt to advocate environmental causes. The theme for last year's year's World Environment Day was 'Celebrate Biodiversity.'

World Environment Day was established by the UN General Assembly in 1972 on the first day of the Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment, resulting from discussions on the integration of human interactions and the environment

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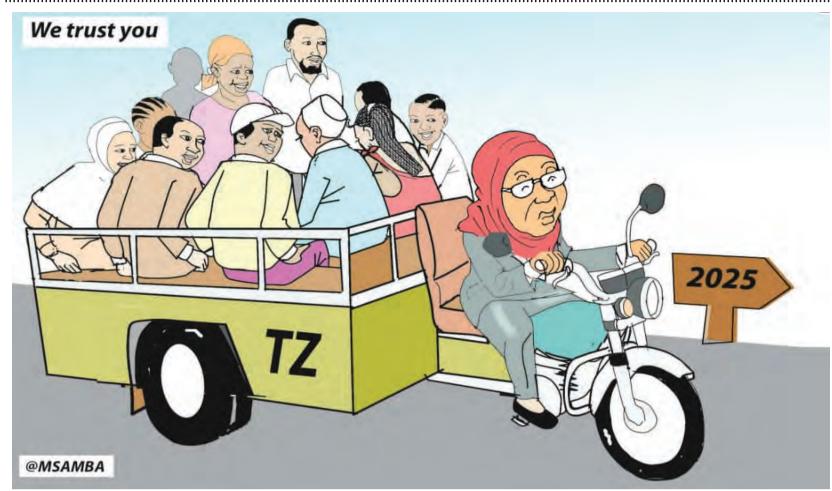
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Takeaways from President Buhari's visit to France

By Garba Shehu

THE first official visit to Europe since the COVID-19 pandemic saw President Muhammadu Buhari going to Paris, France to participate in a summit convened by Emmanuel Macron, his counterpart in France, on the financing of African post-COVID economies.

The beginning of the idea of this meeting is traced to a conversation between the Kenyan President, Uhuru Kenyatta and his French counterpart, Emmanuel Macron. The conversation started like this: How would Africa come out of the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic?

It is a notorious fact that COVID-19 has led to unprecedented economic and health challenges all over the world. Africa which has recorded continuous growth in the last 25 years suffered its worst recession in 2020.

The International Monetary Fund, IMF postulates that the continent needed a whopping USD 285 billion between 2021 and 2025 to achieve the growth momentum lost to the pandemic. Where do they start from?

That is why President Macron called this important summit, bringing together about 20 African leaders, about a dozen others from Europe and Asia as well as an impressive gathering of all the big players in the global financial system, the AfDB, the World Bank, the IMF and others. Also present were the G7 and G20 groups of countries, the World Trade Organization, WTO, the Organization for European Cooperation and Development, OECD and very many operators in the Financial Sector as well as investment and manufacturing.

The meeting ended with a strong resolve to make African states attractive to investment. This should change the existing notion that investment on the continent is risky and something to be avoided.



That is one of the reasons why many African countries had turned towards China. From here going forward, Macron is promising that there would be in place, a guarantee scheme to make it less risky to invest in Africa.

The Macron-Africa summit also scored big on the issue of debt forgiveness. It made a strong case for debt cancellation or a new relationship between Africa and Europe.

Equally significant is the decision to support the private sector financially to form partnerships between the players in Europe and their counterparts on the African continent.

An important resolution of this summit is the agreement for the formation of an Alliance for Entrepreneurship in Africa "to help mobilize all partners ready to support, through technical and financial resources, the development of African Private Sector, Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs) including women entrepreneurs promoted by the Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa (AFAWA)."

To actualise this major aspiration, President Macron plans to host an African Business Summit later in the year. Nigerians and other African Businessmen will sit together with their European counterparts to address the issues of partnerships, the problem of African financing needs and supporting vibrant private sector initiatives on the continent.

It is hoped that this summit will open the channels to more private financing for Africa and lead to a reduction in poverty levels, boost jobs and employment among youths, and widen the donor base, especially for climate change initiatives.

Climate change is very important to both Nigeria and France. For Nigeria, President Buhari is of the strong view that recharging the Lake Chad, which shrank in size to only 10 per cent of its original size, with water from the Central African rivers will be actualised if and when France comes on board the idea

Another important issue the summit addressed is the inequitable access to COVID-19 vaccines. Nigeria and all African countries face the danger of a COVID-19 crisis similar to that of India without the western nations opening the doors to a fairer vaccine access. France, which is believed to hold a surplus of COVID-19 vaccines, says it will help Nigeria.

In the area of business, France and Nigeria agreed that outside of Morocco, Nigeria is the biggest destination for French Foreign Direct Investment, FDI.

There are 120 active French businesses in Nigeria with oil giants, Total leading the pack. Altogether, they have investments worth more than USD 7 billion.

The two countries agreed to increase trade and investment especially in agriculture, aviation, consumer goods, the creative arts and renewable energy, among others.

The important issue of security in Nigeria, the Lake Chad Basin area and the entire stretch of the Sahel was also enthusiastically discussed. Both countries agreed that security is an important part of our relationship.

France already participates in the Abuja-based intelligence fusion center which brings the West Europe

President Macron promised a strong solidarity with Nigeria as the country squares up to the security challenges in many parts of the country. He also expressed support for the emergency meeting of the countries of the Lake Chad Basin Commission, LCBC coming up on Tuesday 25th of May, to discuss the demise of Idris Deby-Itno and the future that lies ahead for Chad, its new leaders and the ongoing war against terrorism in the sub-region.

In addition to the summit and the bilateral with the French leader, President Buhari held six meetings including with the Nigerian community in France.

He met Total, the largest French investor in Nigeria; the Dassault Systems, a leader in digital communications and software development; and Airbus, makers of airplanes and a prospective-partner in the new national airline starting in 2022. Airbus is also doing so much with the Nigerian Air Force and other players in the aviation sec-

He also met Danaflex, a spare parts manufacturer in France, founded by a proud, inspiring Nigerian from the South East.

Is the Netanyahu era ending in Israeli politics?



By Elizabeth Roche

is Israel's longest-serving leader, having been in power for 12 years. But Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's tenure could come to an end with far-right party leader Naftali Bennett saying he will support a 'unity govern-

He is Israel's longest-serving leader, having been in power for 12 years. But Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's tenure could come to an end with far-right party leader Naftali Bennett saying he will support a "unity government". Mint looks at the recent twists in Israeli politics:

The background to the political drama

No political party has managed to win a clear mandate in last four elections in the span of two years. In the last elections held in March 2021, 71-year-old Netanyahu's right-wing Likud party led with 30 seats in the 120-member parliament. However, he failed to form a governing coalition after far-right partners refused to work with Arab factions. Former finance minister and an ex-TV personality Yair Lapid's centre-left party Yesh Atid (which means 'There is a Future') came second with 17 seats. Wednesday is the deadline for Lapid, who was given four weeks to form a government.

What are the odds of a "unity" government?

The chances of the opposition forming a unity coalition of 61 lawmakers brightened after far-right politician Naftali Bennett whose Yemina ("Rightward") party has seven seats, said he would join hands with Lapid. The ex- Netayahu aide said his decision was aimed at preventing Israel from sliding into a fifth poll in two years. News reports, however, warn that an anti-Netanyahu alliance would be fragile and require backing by Palestinian-Israeli MPs who oppose much of Bennett's agenda. It includes settlement expansion in occupied West Bank and its partial annexation.

Who besides Bennett could join Lapid's coalition?

A Lapid government would also include the centrist Blue and White party of Netanyahu's rival Benny Gantz and the hawkish New Hope party of Gideon Saar. Avigdor Lieberman's pro-settlement Yisrael Beiteinu party, as well as historically powerful Labour Party and the dovish Meretz party, are also expected to join.

So, is it curtains for Netanyahu?

Hard to say. Netanyahu faces trial on fraud, bribery, and breach of trust charges. The cases concern his ties between 2008-2017 with businessmen: Arnon Milchan, a Hollywood filmmaker, Australian billionaire James Packer, Arnon Mozes, who controls Yedioth Ahronoth media group, and Shaul Elovitch, controlling shareholder of Israel's biggest telecom firm Bezeq. Under Israeli law, a sitting PM is not obliged to resign when chargedonly when convicted. He could still split Lapid's coalition to form a government.

The challenges before the new government

Post-covid economic recovery for one. Dealing with the new US administration's policy towards the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and a return to the 2015 nuclear deal with Iran are others. Ties with India are unlikely to change whoever becomes prime minister in Israel, say analysts, citing the breadth and depth of the relation-ship two nations have forged since 1992. Last week, India abstained on a UN resolution calling for a permanent commission to probe human rights violations in Gaza, West Bank, and Palestine. Agencies

Sugar Industry Development Trust Fund (SIDTF)



Retainer Accounting Firm/Authorised Accountant

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The Accounting firm/individual Certified Public Accountant shall perform professional level accounting duties involving preparing, maintaining, analysing, verifying, reconciling financial transactions, preparing financial statements, records, and reports. The Accounting Firm/Certified Public Accountant shall guide Accounting personnel of SIDTF and ensure that financial statements are prepared in compliance with applicable accounting standards and statutory requirements.

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For Accounting Firm: Authorised Professional Accounting Firm with more than three years' experience in Accounting and Finance undertakings.

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Compensations:

Retainer Fee: Retainer fee for provision of accounting services is negotiable. An indication of remuneration expectations should be included in the application.

Mode of Application:

Applicants are required to submit their applications together with profiles/CV on their Professional Accounting experiences to the SIDTF Fund Secretary, at the email address below, not later than 15th June 2021.

> **Fund Secretary Sugar Industry Development Trust Fund** Sukari House, 3rd Floor, **Sokoine Drive/Ohio Street** Email: sidtf@cats-net.co.tz

Sugar Industry Development Trust Fund (SIDTF)



Employment Opportunity: LEGAL OFFICER

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Desirously of developing the Sugar Industry and ensure its growth and sustainability, Key Stakeholders of Sugar Industry, established the SIDTF for funding Sugar Industry Research and Training activities, through contributions from sugar manufactured, as determined by the Trust Fund. The SIDTF is managed by the Board of Trustees representing the Government (Ministry of Agriculture and the Sugar Board of Tanzania), Tanzania Sugar Producers Association (TSPA) and Cane Growers AMCOS.

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- Perform all other duties as assigned

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Competences:

Strong analytical skills and ability to carry out legal activities on a range of issues, including those of complex nature. Proficiency in legal writing and expression and ability to prepare legal opinions and a variety of legal instruments and related documents. Sound judgment in applying legal expertise to sensitive and complex legal issues would also be essential. Ability to work collaboratively with colleagues to achieve organisational goals. Must be computer literate.

Work Experience

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- Experience in professional legal work relating to procedural and institutional issues within a corporate organization is desirable.
- Experience in professional legal work relating to funding of economic projects and activities is desirable.

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Young entrepreneurs from Hong Kong, Macao flock to S China's Guangdong to start up businesses

By Cheng Yuanzhou

OUNG entrepreneurs from China's Hong Kong and Macao Special Administrative Regions are flooding into entrepreneur hubs in south China's Guangdong province as China speeds up the construction of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (Greater Bay Area).

With a series favorable policies and supportive measures, they are going all out to pursue their dreams in this megalopolis that consists of nine cities in Guangdong province and the two special administrative regions in South China.

Three years ago, young entrepreneur Shay Liu from Hong Kong came to Guangdong with a new optical material her company had independently developed. Now, she has become a star entrepreneur at the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (Guangdong) Innovation and Entrepreneurship Incubation Base.

"The Greater Bay Area has created an extremely huge development platform for young people from Hong Kong and Macao. Young people like me should try our best to not fail the times," she said.

At the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Youth Innovation and Entrepreneurship Workshop, an entrepreneur base located in Futian district of Shenzhen, Guangdong province and covers an area of 3,500 square meters, every startup can enjoy individualized services that cover the whole industrial chain.

The young entrepreneur base, which is less than three years old, has attracted 21 business teams that have close connection with Hong Kong and Macao, in AI, Internet of Things (IoT), medical technology, and new materials industries. Six of them have generated over 10 million yuan (\$1.55 million) of output.

At the entrepreneur base, Ding Ke, a graduate of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, founded the Shenzhen HinYeun, Technology Co., Ltd., a firm that develops AI products.

The entrepreneur base enjoys a series of advantages, such as a solid industrial foundation, complete supply and industrial chains, rich scitech resources, and a sound environment of entrepreneurship, Ding told People's Daily.

Xie Zhiheng from Hong Kong runs a company that has deployed busi-



Young entrepreneurs from Hong Kong pose for a picture at the Shenzhen section of a Shenzhen-Hong Kong science and technology innovation cooperation zone, south China's Guangdong province. (File Photo)

ness teams in Hong Kong, Shenzhen and Dongguan, Guangdong province.

According to him, the Hong Kong team, in cooperation with local universities, is responsible for algorithm researches, while the Shenzhen team focuses on software designing. The Dongguan team manages production and supplier relations. Now his products have been purchased by over 60 hospitals.

As a frequent traveler among the three cities, the man now calls the Greater Bay Area his home. "Scitech innovation is a synergetic process, and it's not

very possible that a single city can meet all demands,"

After graduation, Zhang Siyuan from Macao joined the ZLF Law Office in Hengqin New Area, Zhuhai, Guangdong province as an apprentice lawyer.

The law firm is run under Chinese mainland-Hong Kong-Macao cooperation, and has three lawyers from the mainland, 11 from Macao and 16 from Hong Kong.

The abundant opportunities there are drawing many young people from Macao, Zhang pointed out, adding that he hopes it can be a place where his dreams come true.

In recent years, a comprehensive transport network has been taking shape in the Greater Bay Area, enabling a "one-hour traffic circle" for major cities in the region, which has ushered in a new era for the integrated development of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao.

The Guangzhou-Shenzhen expressway, which was officially put into operation on July 1, 1997, the day that marked Hong Kong's return to the motherland, is the first expressway jointly invested in and constructed by Guangdong and Hong Kong.

Connecting Guangzhou and Shenzhen's Huanggang port with just a 1.5-hour drive, it not only bridges the two metropolitan areas of Guangzhou and Shenzhen, but also serves as a "gold channel" that facilitates the flow of innovation resources and production factors among Hong Kong, Macao, and the nine cities in Guangdong involved in the Greater Bay Area.

The busy expressway is of great significance for powering the economy in Guangdong province and Hong Kong, said Wang Wei, an executive with the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Zhuhai Expressway Co., Ltd., the operator of the express-**People's Daily** way..

Israel's Naftali Bennett: Rise of a nationalist set to be PM

AFTALI Bennett, who appears likely to become Israel's next prime minister, is a former commando and self-made tech millionaire who says he is further to the right than Benjamin Netanyahu and rejects the concept of a Palestinian state.

Bennett has long held ambitions to be prime minister, but his expected nomination is remarkable given his right-wing nationalist party, Yamina, won only a handful of seats in the last general election.

Despite his faction coming joint fifth, with seven MPs, Mr Bennett was propelled into the position of kingmaker, with his support vital if either of the two rival blocs competing for power were to be able to form a viable governing

He was offered the premiership as a shared role by both Mr Netanyahu, who has been in power since 2009, and the centrist opposition leader Yair Lapid. In the end, Mr Bennett sided with Mr Lapid, despite their wide ideological differences.

Naftali Bennett, 49, was once considered a protégé of Netanyahu, whom he served as chief of staff from 2006 to 2008, until the pair fell out. He left Mr Netanyahu's Likud party and joined the right-wing national religious Jewish Home party, entering parliament after leading it to success in the 2013 election.

He went on to serve as a minister in every coalition government until 2019, when his newly formed New Right alliance failed to win any seats in that year's election. Just 11 months later, Mr Bennett reversed the loss, returning to parliament as head of Yamina (Hebrew for "rightwards").

Often labelled an ultra-nationalist (he has described himself as "more right-wing" than Mr Netanyahu), Naftali Bennett is outspoken in his advocacy of Israel as the Jewish nation state and Jewish historical and religious claims to the West Bank, East Jerusalem and the Syrian Golan Heights - territory occupied by Israel since the 1967 Middle East war.

He has long championed the West Bank (he was once the head of the Yesha Council, the political representative group for Jewish settlers), although he has said Israel has no claims on Gaza (from which Israel withdrew troops and settlers in 2005). More than 600,000 Jews live in about 140 settlements in the West Bank and East Ierusalem, considered illegal by almost the entire international community, though Israel disputes this.

The fate of the settlements is one of the most contentious issues between Israel and the Palestinians, who seek their removal and the establishment of an independent state in the West Bank and Gaza, with East Jerusalem as its capital.

Interfering in, let alone halting, settlement activity is anathema to Mr Bennett, who considered the pro-settlement Mr Netanyahu as untrustworthy on the issue.

Fluent in English and mediasavvy, Mr Bennett frequently appears on foreign TV networks, defending Israel's actions. Blunt talking and combative, in a domestic television debate he once admonished an Israeli Arab member of parliament for saying Jews had no right to settle in the West Bank, telling him: "When you were still swinging from trees, we had a Iewish state here."

Mr Bennett rejects the notion of the creation of a Palestinian state alongside Israel - the so-called two-state solution to the Israeliright of Jewish settlement in the Palestinian conflict (an issue he has likened to "shrapnel in the buttocks") advocated by much of the international community, including US President Joe Biden.

> "As long as I have any power and control, I won't hand over one centimetre of land of the Land of Israel. Period," he said in an interview in February 2021. Rather, Mr Bennett advocates strengthening Israel's hold on the West Bank territory he refers to by its Biblical Hebrew name of Judea and Samaria - by annexing most of it.

> Mr Bennett has also taken a hard line towards dealing with the threat from Palestinian militants, for whom he has said he supports the death penalty. This has never been applied in Israel apart from



Naftali Bennett's support became crucial for the formation of a coalition government after the last election.

in the case of Adolf Eichmann, a Nazi architect of the Holocaust who was convicted in Jerusalem in 1961 and hanged the following

He objected to a truce with Gaza's Hamas rulers which ended a flare-up of fighting in 2018, and accused the group of effectively murdering dozens of its own civilians killed in Israeli air strikes carried out in response to rocket fire from Gaza in renewed hostilities in May 2021.

The theme of Jewish pride and

which Mr Bennett, who wears the kippah head-covering of religious Jews, has made his signature. In a 2014 party campaign, he parodied the New York Times and Israel's left-wing Haaretz newspaper for criticising Israeli actions, appearing in a social media video disguised as a hipster Israeli repeatedly saying "sorry", before revealing himself and declaring: "Starting today, we stop apologising."

Mr Bennett's political ascent

national self-confidence is one follows earlier distinctions in the military and in business. He served in two branches of the Israeli special forces during his army service, before setting up and selling hi-tech companies, becoming a multi-millionaire in the process.

> Speaking about his wealth in an interview in 2014, he said: "I don't eat 17 steaks and I don't have a private plane or yacht. It simply bought me freedom to do what I want."

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'It was a war': Ethnic killings cloud Ethiopia's June 2 election buildup

By Special Correspondent

What you need to know:

The destruction continues a pattern of unrest that has blighted the tenure of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, winner of the 2019 Nobel Peace Prize, and now threatens to disrupt elections in which he'll seek a new term.

As gunfire crackled outside, Genet Webea huddled with her husband and seven-year-old daughter, praying they would be spared in the latest bout of ethnic strife to rock central Ethiopia.

But that morning in April, around a dozen gunmen broke down the front door and, ignoring Genet's pleas for mercy, fatally shot her husband in the chest and stomach.

He was one of more than 100 civilians to die in a recent flare-up of violence in the town of Ataye that also saw the assailants torch more than 1,500 buildings, leaving once-bustling streets lined with charred and twisted metal.

The destruction continues a pattern of unrest that has blighted the tenure of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, winner of the 2019 Nobel Peace Prize, and now threatens to disrupt elections in which he'll seek a new term.

Ethiopia's polls are scheduled for June 21, but officials say insecurity and logistical challenges make voting impossible -- at least for now -- in at least 26 constituencies across the country.

That includes Ataye, where Abiy's vision of unity for Ethiopia's diverse population of 110 million can seem like a distant dream.

Since Abiy became Prime Minister in 2018, the town has endured at least six rounds of ethnic killings, and ties between members of the country's two largest groups, the Oromos and Amharas, have visibly frayed, said mayor Agagenew Mekete.

Genet, an ethnic Amhara, told AFP that since the April attack she blanches when she hears the language of her husband's ethnic Oromo killers, saying it conjures the painful image of him bleeding out on their kitchen floor.

"I don't want to see or hear them," she told AFP.

'It was a war'

A lowland farming town 270 kilometres (167 miles) northeast of Addis Ababa, Ataye's population of 70,000 is majority Amhara, but it borders Oromo settlements in three directions.

For Agagenew, the mayor, the relentless violence reflects tensions over



Internally displaced people socialise at the temporary shelter where they live, in Debre Berhan, Ethiopia, on May 14, 2021. More than 100 civilians died in a recent flare-up of violence in the town of Ataye that also saw the assailants torch more than 1,500 buildings.

lush land used to grow wheat, sorghum and maize. Ethiopia is Africa's second most-populous country, with different ethnic groups living cheek by jowl in some areas, straining ties as they jostle for land and resources.

In recent years tensions have worsened in parts of the country, leading to deadly violence and displacing millions.

Abiy took office vowing to put an end to the government's iron-fisted rule, yet this has created space for violent ethno-nationalists to wreak havoc, Agagenew said.

"There has been a looseness after Abiy came to office, in the name of widening the democracy," he said. "There is looseness in enforcing the rule of law." More on this: Tigray War: A tale of genocide, rape and starvation

Also read: Ethiopian Orthodox leader denounces Tigray 'carnage'

Like Genet, he blames the killings partly on the Oromo Liberation Army (OLA), a rebel group that lawmakers last month designated a terrorist organisation.

But the OLA denies any presence in the area and says officials falsely invoke the rebels to justify "ethnic cleansing" against ordinary Oromos. Boru, who gave only his first name for safety reasons, is one of several Oromo residents of Ataye who said the OLA were not involved. Instead, he said, the carnage was set off when Amhara security forces shot dead an Oromo imam outside a mosque, then prevented mourners from retrieving the body.

"It did not come out of the blue," he said. "It was a war. Each side was attacking the other."

This jibes with accounts from officials in nearby Oromo communities, who note that the violence extended beyond Ataye and claimed many Oromo victims.

Ethiopia's chief ombudsman, Endale Haile, told AFP more than 400 were killed in total and more than 400,000 displaced, declining to provide an ethnic breakdown.

Election apathy

Whoever bears responsibility, there is no was safe to leave.

disputing the killings have left Ataye resembling a ghost

The hospital and police station were both ransacked, and demolished storefronts offer only scattered clues -burnt shoeboxes, the ripped sign of a beauty salon -- to what they once contained.

Most residents have fled, with crowds gathering only when officials hand out sacks of wheat as food aid.

Ethiopia's electoral board insists voting will take place in Ataye and other violence-wracked constituencies before a new parliamentary session opens in October.

But no preparations are under way and residents have little enthusiasm.

"Why would we vote in elections? We have no interest in elections," said 19-year-old Hawa Seid. "We've lost our homes.'

'Politicised' deaths

The Ataye violence spurred days of protests in cities across the Amhara region, where the bloodshed could shape the election.

"For people whose basic existence is questioned and being violated, I think the security of Amharas all over Ethiopia will determine how people vote," said Dessalegn Chanie, senior member of the National Movement for Amhara, an opposition party.

The Amhara Association of America, a Washingtonbased lobbying firm, says more than 2,000 Amharas have been killed in dozens of massacres going back to last July. The regional spokesman, Gizachew Muluneh, accused rival parties of "trying to politicise the killings and get something from the deaths of others," adding, "It is not morally good."

Read: Ethiopian diplomat in US resigns over Tigray war Genet, whose husband was shot dead in their kitchen, participated in the protests herself.

"I was happy to be there because I wanted to show how much they are hurting us and to ask the government to stop the Amhara genocide," she said.

But she hasn't given up on the idea that Amharas and Oromos could one day live together in harmony.

She noted that after her husband was killed, Oromo neighbours briefly housed her and her daughter until it

DR Congo declares third wave of COVID-19

KINSHASA

THE Democratic Republic of Congo has announced the third wave of COV-ID-19, dealing a new blow to local efforts to convince people to take the vaccines.

In a message to the Congolese people on Thursday, the Minister of Health, Hygiene and Prevention announced that there has been a rise in new infections in the DRC.

"Dear compatriots, the current situation of the COVID-19 pandemic in our country is very worrying. Indeed, there has been a considerable increase in cases and deaths in the past four weeks.

"In my capacity as Minister of Public Health, Hygiene and Prevention, I officially announce the occurrence of the third wave of the COVID-19 pandemic in our country, with the city province of Kinshasa as the epicenter, " Dr Jean-Jacques Mbungani said.

"The combination of certain risk factors is at the origin of the increase in observed cases. The main factors are as follows: the relaxation of compliance with the barrier measures put in place, the importation of cases following the movements of populations at our borders, low vaccine coverage against COVID-19."

In the DRC, several Indians tested positive a few weeks ago, importing a new variant of the coronavirus, which was

first detected in China in December 2019. The authorities fear that the Indian variant, deadlier than the original one, is already in Kinshasa.

However, many people in Kinshasa believe the pandemic no longer exists in the DRC and have ignored the public safety instructions issued by the Health ministry. Faced with the third wave, the Health minister reminded the people to respect measures taken by political and

health authorities to eradicate this disease. He also urged the Congolese population to get vaccinated.

"This is the opportunity to remind the population to strictly respect all current measures and those that may be taken subsequently to curb the health crisis," the minister said.

"This includes the correct and compulsory wearing of masks, hand-washing or the use of hydro-alcoholic solutions, maintenance of social distancing and respecting the 10pm curfew. In addition to all these aforementioned measures, vaccination remains an effective means to protect the population and our economy." In the Democratic Republic of Congo, only a few people have turned up to be vaccinated.

After more than a month of vaccination, only 20,000 people have received the Oxford/AstraZeneca jab.

Among those vaccinated, most are expatriates living in the country.

The Congolese remain wary of the vaccine and it appears poor communication from the government worsened their fears. The disease has already killed 789 people in the country since March 2020.

More than 2,73m people in Somalia face food crisis - UN

UNITED NATIONS

DROUGHT and a rain deficit is pushing more than 2.73 million people in Somalia toward the crisis level of acute food insecurity, UN humanitarians said

The annual Gu rains of early spring came late in some parts of the country and were mainly below average, the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (Ocha) said. Subsiding in mid-May, the critical Gu crop planting season was significantly affected.

"Approximately 2,73 million to 2.83 million people across Somalia are expected to face crisis ... or worse outcomes between April and September 2021. reflecting the deteriorating food security situation in the country," the office The government, consulting with the United Nations, on April 25 declared

a drought. Moderate to severe drought conditions affected more than 80 per cent of the country. A few days later, Gu rains started, but only in parts of the country, trigger-

ing riverine and flash flooding that affected 400,000 people, of whom 101,300 were displaced, Ocha said. Humanitarian organizations continue to respond in locations with the high-

est needs, including distributing water and critical sanitation and hygiene material, non-food items, cash and food supplies, the office said. The double climate disaster is in the context of decades of conflict and inse-

curity in Somalia.

A serious gap in relief funding remains for the humanitarian operation in the country, Ocha said.

The 2021 Somalia Humanitarian Response Plan requires 1.09 billion US dollars to assist 4 million people but is currently only 20 per cent funded.



A file picture taken on January 19, 2012 shows displaced Somalis queueing as they wait for food-aid rations at a distribution centre in the capital Mogadishu, during a visit by the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (Ocha) to assess the progress of relief efforts.

EACC goes for high-profile asset recovery as quicker way to punish corrupt individuals

By Special Correspondent

The Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) has filed a recovery suit for assets worth Ksh74 million against Migori Governor Okoth Obado. This is the latest among a series of high-profile asset recovery cases by the Kenyan anti-corruption body. Migori county has lost close to Ksh2 billion to corruption.

Asset recovery is part of EACC's 2018-2023 strategic plan, which also focuses on high-impact investigations.

For EACC, the criminal approach to high-profile corruption cases tends to be complex, requiring the Commission to interact with other stakeholders, such as the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) and the Judiciary. "In criminal cases, the standard of proof is high; beyond reasonable doubt," says Mr Phillip Kagucia, Advocate, Assistant Director and Head of Corporate Communications at EACC.

The asset recovery approach, on the other hand, follows a civil process where the standard of proof is lower. "As an advocate, what I need to show is that someone has acquired an asset illegally," says Mr Kagucia. This is a win for EACC, especially in corruption cases against highprofile individuals. It yields results quicker with fewer ob-

Still, according to Mr Kagucia, asset recovery is not easy. EACC follows the process because it is provided for in the law. There are other provisions in the law, such as Article 2(6) of the Constitution, which states that international treaties that have

been ratified by Kenya also become part of the law. This is one of the many tools that EACC uses to fight corruption within the courts.

Corruption, says Mr Kagucia, is a crime of calculation. Before engaging in corruption, many individuals will have already calculated the risks and the rewards. EACC knows this too well. "If the risk of being sent to prison is low and the reward is high, a corrupt individual will steal. However, using asset recovery, EACC is taking away the reward," Mr Kagucia states matter-of-factly. Asset recovery therefore becomes a disincentive to corruption.

In July 2019, two years after Mr Kagucia had successfully argued cases on forfeiture of unexplained wealth, EACC won big against corruption when the High Court ordered former Nairobi City Council Finance Executive Jimmy Mutuku Kiamba to forfeit Ksh317 million worth of unexplained assets. Anti-Corruption Court judge Hedwig Ong'udi ruled that Kiamba had failed to satisfactorily explain the source of

his assets. EACC had told the court that it had investigated activities of Kiamba's 11 bank accounts, dating from August 2009 to January 2015, and had found that the deposits were way beyond his legitimate income.

To put the figure into perspective, Ksh317 million is just about the same amount of money that the national government spent in July 2019 to purchase and distribute relief food in 15 drought-stricken regions in Garissa, Mandera, Wajir, Marsabit, Tharaka Nithi, Isiolo, Kitui, Makueni, Tana River, Laikipia, Embu, Kilifi, Nyeri, Lamu and Baringo counties. EACC has also recovered Ksh112 million from former Senior Assistance Accountant General at the Interior Ministry Thomas Njogu. And in April 2020, the com-

mission succeeded in recovering Ksh18 million from Dr Salome Munubi, a former land valuation director with the National Lands Commission. The unexplained money had been confiscated from her house in 2017 by EACC officials.

FEATURE

Guardian

Urban South Africa and metros ill-prepared as climate crisis storm draws nearer

By Alize le Roux

OUTH Africa is no stranger to the devastating impacts of weather-related hazards such as floods, wildfires, storms and droughts. These events have wreaked havoc on infrastructure and communities, causing devastating economic and social losses. Without urgent adaptation measures, South African cities and towns will be hard hit, leaving millions exposed and vulnerable to climate change.

Recent disasters such as the Western Cape drought, the 2017 Knysna fires and floods in KwaZulu-Natal and Gauteng in 2019 illustrate just how susceptible our cities and towns are to these dangers. Only five months into 2021, all nine provinces have experienced floods on top of a series of devastating fires in the Western Cape.

These incidents are not isolated or new. The International Disaster Database recorded 90 noticeable weather-related disasters in South Africa since the early 1980s (see graph). These events caused R95-billion in associated economic losses and directly affected around 22 million South Africans.

While it's clear that these hazards are a frequent occurrence, it is worth noting that there has been a 57% increase in recorded events over the past two decades compared to the preceding two. Climate scientists also warn that this growing trend of economic and social costs will likely continue into the next couple of decades.

Three prominent factors in the risk equation will increase disaster losses in South African cities and towns. The first is the direct impact that climate change will have on weather-related hazards.

While global efforts and investments in cleaner technologies are picking up speed, they still fall short of what is needed to achieve the 1.5 C temperature threshold set by the Paris Agreement. This places the world on an in-



Thunder and Lightning in Johannesburg, South Africa. Illustrative image. (Photo: Adobestock)

termediary mitigation trajectory.

For South Africa, this trajectory will translate to temperature increases across the country by as much as 3 C in the northern provinces of North West and Northern Cape. Heatwaves and extreme temperature days will increase for all non-coastal settlements. Storms are likely to become more severe in KwaZulu-Natal, the Eastern Cape and Free State.

A second contributing factor is that communities are more exposed to weather disasters than before. The building inventory created by GEO-TERRAIMAGE lists 4.8 million informal dwellings across South Africa in 2021. This is a staggering growth of 146% over the past two decades, compared to a population increase of only 32%. Many of these dwellings are severely exposed to heatwaves, floods and wildfires and are located on marginalised and risk-prone land.

Current projections are for a further population growth of 24 million people over the next three decades, most of which will occur in urban areas. This expected increase coupled with poor land-use practices, housing backlogs and slow economic growth will expose even more people to the impacts of floods, wildfires and droughts.

The third factor is the growing vulnerability of communities and infrastructure. Urban planning and infrastructure development have been slow to mainstream climate change adaptation into their practice.

The current design and construction of roads, bridges and storm-water systems, for example, use drainage manuals that consider historical rainfall data. The manuals do not yet look at the future impact of climate change on flood and run-off calculations. Infrastructure built

with observed historical conditions in mind is less likely to be resilient for future situations. This will contribute significantly to the damage experienced in the next couple of decades.

Current costs are already eroding development gains at an alarming rate. Only 16% of the R95-billion losses due to weather-related disasters in the past four decades were covered by insurance, leaving governments and communities unable to build

Simultaneous failure in all three areas outlined above will wreak havoc on South African cities by the middle of the century. The rise in the frequency and intensity of weather disasters combined with a growing and urbanising population, poor land-use practices, growing informal settlements and slow deployment of resilient infrastructure is likely to result in significant losses.

The CSIR's Green Book made publicly available in 2019 has quantified these risks. It estimates that under a low mitigation scenario and without mainstreaming adaptation in urban planning (a type of worst-case scenario), all of South Africa's 1,600+ towns will likely experience some degree of economic and social loss by 2050.

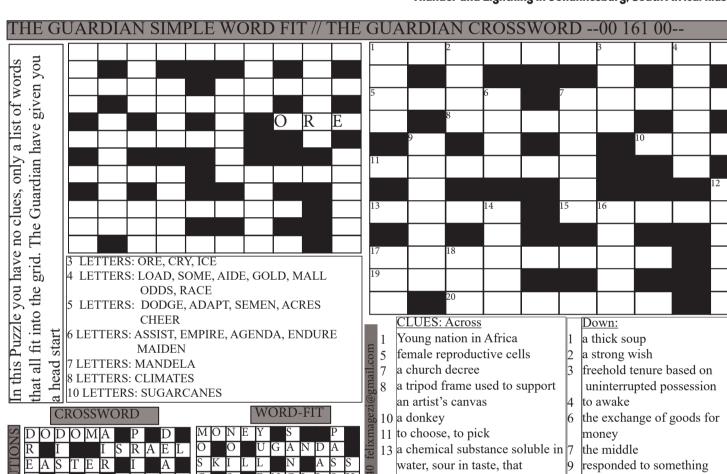
The Green Book risk map for cities and towns considers the impact of a changing climate and growing population on resource use and risk exposure. The analyses highlight that four of the eight metros in South Africa – Cape Town, Tshwane, Johannesburg and Nelson Mandela – will experience extreme increases in disaster losses. Nine of the 10 most at-risk cities and towns in 2050 will be located in the Limpopo province.

The Green Book highlights that 22% of settlements across the country (highlighted with red and orange in the map above) need to urgently mainstream climate adaptation into local planning practices to avoid significant economic and social losses.

Action must be taken without delay. South Africa has a well-developed National Climate Change Adaptation Strategy (NCCAS) that outlines nine strategic interventions for transitioning to a climate-resilient country. These aim to build climate resilience at all levels of society, integrate adaptation responses into all sectors and plans, improve the understanding of driving forces and ensure the resources and systems are in place to enable implementation.

The actions have been outlined but implementation is slow and ad hoc. Although the private sector and civil society are mentioned throughout the strategy, their roles are critically undervalued. To achieve a level of adaptation that will safeguard communities and infrastructure. these two sectors must be more involved.

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Warren Schewitz, Founder and CEO of Goodleaf and Jody Aufrichtig, Founder of **Highlands Investments.**

PROGRESSIVE

Major SA cannabis companies agree on R650 million merger

CAPE TOWN

One of South Africa's first commercial cannabis brands, Goodleaf, has merged with Highlands Investments in a deal they value at approximately R650 million. The newly-announced partnership follows several high-profile developments in South Africa's cannabis industry, with neighbouring Lesotho playing a vital role.

Less than a year after the Constitutional Court decriminalised the personal, private use of cannabis, South Africa's first legal, commercial CBD store was opened in the centre of Cape Town in May 2019. Goodleaf, which focuses exclusively on selling and marketing Cannabidiol (CBD) products as opposed to Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) which has heightened psychoactive properties - has since opened another store in Cape Town and one in Johannesburg.

It's portfolio of more than 30 CBD products includes oils, vapes, skincare products, water-soluble sachets, and beverages which are all sold in stores and online. Highlands Investments, which was formerly owned by Canada's Canopy Growth Corporation, has a foothold in Lesotho and was one of the first companies to be awarded a commercial cultivation license by the government in 2017.

Highlands has traditionally invested in grow operations, exporting medicalgrade CBD and THC to Australia, Europe, the Middle East, and South Africa where the raw cannabis flower is processed into commercial products.

More than R470 million has been invested in Highlands' two cultivation facilities in Lesotho. The Kolojane facility produced its first 11-hectare crop in 2020. The 9-hectare facility located near Maseru's airport has produced nearly 350kg of high-quality THC since

"Consumers are increasingly looking for a seed-to-shelf solution where they have a deep understanding of the qual-

ity of products and the source of origin that they are putting into their bodies," says Warren Schewitz, the founder and chief executive officer of Goodleaf, in detailing the merger with Highlands Investments.

"As we continue to scale, it's imperative that we have access to a high-quality, reliable [and] low-cost source of supply that we can integrate into our supply chain for global exports. Highlands has an excellent reputation in producing high-quality, low-cost flower... the growing conditions are pristine and the regulatory environment in Lesotho is very progressive." The partnership will see Highlands' shareholders own 35% in the merged entity, with Goodleaf the majority shareholder at

This mergerncomes after a string of similar developments in the sector, coinciding with the drafting of "cannabis masterplan" which proposes regulatory reprieves. The department of agriculture, land reform and rural development aims to increase South Africa's capacity for local production and foreign export in an industry estimated to be worth R27 billion by 2023.

Labat Africa, a JSE-listed holding company, recently offered R11.25 million for a 75% stake in Leaf Botanicals. Leaf is one of the few local companies to hold a cannabis production license awarded by the South African Health Products Regulatory Authority (Sahpra). Labat also recently partnered with American company Ace and Axle to produce and sell "CBD smokables" in South Africa.

A Lesotho-based cannabis cultivator, MG Health, was recently granted good manufacturing practice (GMP) approval which allows medicinal cannabis flower to be exported to the European Union as an active pharmaceutical ingredient (API). MG Health said it was keeping a close eye on developments in South Africa and "hoped to see restrictions" eased to stimulate entry into

Vitamin D may not provide protection against Covid susceptibility - research

QUEBEC

From the early days of the pandemic, Vitamin D has been touted as a superstar in the fight against Covid-19, the disease caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus. But, according to the latest study results by researchers from McGill University in Quebec, Canada, there is not enough evidence that it protects people against severe Covid disease or susceptibility.

The study specifically focused on genetic evidence. The researchers conducted a randomisation study using genetic variants strongly associated with increased vitamin D levels. "In multiple

analyses, our results consistently showed no evidence for an association between genetically predicted vitamin D level and Covid-19 susceptibility, hospitalisation, or severe disease," they wrote. Their paper was published in PLOS Medicine this

'Other therapies should be prioritised' The genetic variants of 4 134 people with Covid and 1 284 876 people without Covid, from 11 countries, were included in the research. The aim was to determine whether having a genetic predisposition for higher vitamin D levels was linked to less severe Covid infection.

ALERT

Experts link paracetamol to child autism, hyperactivity

BARCELONA

pregnancy, women are usually careful about what they consume or do, so as to avoid harming the unborn baby in any way.

Despite being extremely cautious, expectant women may sometimes go through certain ailments or complications that result in immense physical pain. In such circumstances, some usually rely on paracetamol, which is also known as acetaminophen, to get pain relief.

This is a commonly used nonprescription drug that can be purchased across the counter in most shops. The drug is considered to be largely safe for use during pregnancy to treat fever and pain. But health experts are now calling on pregnant women to exert caution when using the medicine as it could lead to a myriad of development challenges in children.

Indeed, findings from a new study published in the European Journal of Epidemiology have linked the use of paracetamol during pregnancy to symptoms of autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and attention-deficit (hyperactivity) disorder in children.

The ASD is a developmental ailment that affects communication and behaviour. Although the condition can be diagnosed at any age, its symptoms generally appear in the first two years of life. They include difficulty with communication or interaction with other people, as well as restricted interests and repetitive behaviours.

The symptoms associated with the disease can hurt the affected child's ability to function properly in school, work and other areas of life. Attention-deficit disorder on the other hand, includes a combination of persistent problems such as difficulty sustaining attention, hyperactivity and impulsive behaviour.

Children with the condition may also struggle with low selfesteem, troubled relationships and poor performance in school. There is no cure for autism or attention deficit disorder. But treatments - typically involving medications and behavioural interventions - can help alleviate some of the symptoms.

The new study, which was



Paracetamol tablets.

done by researchers from the Barcelona Institute for Global Health (ISGlobal), found that children exposed to paracetamol before birth were 19 percent and 21 percent more likely to develop autism symptoms and suffer from attention deficit disorder problems respectively, compared to those who were not exposed to the drugs through their mothers during pregnancy.

"Our findings are consistent with previous research. We also found that prenatal exposure to paracetamol affects boys and girls in a similar way, as we observed practically no differences," said Sílvia Alemany, the lead author of the study and researcher at the Barcelona Institute for Global Health.

the During study, the researchers analysed data from 73,881 children that had been exposed to paracetamol during pregnancy. These were children who had also suffered from at least one symptom of autism or attention deficit disorder and related conditions.

About 14 percent to 56 percent

of the mothers of the selected children reported taking paracetamol while pregnant. They were based in the following European countries: the United Kingdom, Denmark, the Netherlands, Italy, Greece and Spain.

"Considering all the evidence on the use of paracetamol and development, neurological with previous agree recommendations indicating that while paracetamol should not be suppressed in pregnant women or children, it should be used only when necessary," stated Jordi Sunyer, another author of the study from the Barcelona Institute for Global Health.

According to the study, the widespread use of paracetamol during pregnancy is largely due to the fact that there has not been any strong evidence associating the drug with birth defects or developmental challenges in chil-

Aside from autism and attention deficit disorder, a growing body of research also suggests that the use of the drug among expectant women may actually increase the

unborn child's risk of developing asthma, having low immunity and suffering from compromised brain development.

Nevertheless, health experts that reacted to the study noted that further research is required to offer an in-depth understanding of the link between the intake of paracetamol in pregnancy and the associated development challenges in children. Since paracetamol is an important drug for reducing high body temperatures, which can also have devastating effects on pregnancy, they state that affected women can still take it during such moments, as they are no other alternative medica-

"But they should first seek advice from health practitioners and avoid the long-term use of the medicine." Some of the natural fever reduction techniques that women can try out before opting for drugs include: taking a tepid birth or shower, keeping clothing and covers light, as well as drinking plenty of water and other cold beverages to cool down the body and prevent dehydration.

ACTIVISM

President Cyril Ramaphosa goes bike shopping across Cape Town

CAPE TOWN

June 3 was World Bicycle Day, and even the president is a keen cyclist. Despite being a busy man, President Cyril Ramaphosa found some respite in his schedule to go bicycle shopping in Cape Town earlier this week.

The president ambled into Revolution Cycles on Bree Street, which happens to be a Specialized dealer with some authentically revolutionary branding. Possibly attracted by the Revolution Cycles logo, which is a graphic of Che Guevara, the president modestly stepped inside. His security detail were at pains to be subtle and not disrupt customers already in the store.

Stan, one of Revolution Cycles' young sales assistants, was first to oblige Ramaphosa's entourage. The president was shown an array of options, and with Specialized having one of the most diverse portfolios of bicycle products, there was no poverty of choice.



The president - at left - with his Specialized Rockhopper being checked by **Revolution Cycles mechanic Percy.**

After seeing what was available, a very reasonable pricing spectrum the president eventually settled on of R9 500 to R19 000. This might one of Specialized's most proven be Specialized's most affordable bikes, the Rockhopper, which has mountain bike but it doesn't sufinclude hydraulic disc brakes, a front suspension fork and contemporary frame geometry.

President Ramaphosa was shopping with his daughter and purchased two Rockhoppers - one new and the other pre-owned. As one would expect from a lockdown leader, the president gave the new Rockhopper mountain bike to his daughter, selecting the second-hand version, which is in mint condition, for himself.

Revolution Cycles' mechanic, Percy, ensured that the president's Rockhopper was correctly configured and ready to roll. Before leaving Revolution Cycles, the president and his daughter ensured that they had the appropriate PPE for riding, in the guise of new helmets and gloves.

The president was particularly thrilled with his new Revolution Cycles hydration bottle, which features the iconic Che Guevara image, captured by Alberto Korda. As cycling surges in global popularity, with more people embracing active commuting and riding as a choice fitness activity, it's good to know that the president is part of the two-wheeled revolution.

BUSINESS NEWS

ENTERPRISING

Rusamaza on quitting a well-paying corporate job to start her business

hey say wherever you look there is a business opportunity but for any business idea to succeed, there must be demand first and a supply gap to fill.

Such was the case for Daniella Rusamaza, the founder of Iwacu Diaspora Network (IDN), a local company created in 2019 to help Rwandans abroad access local services with ease, efficiency and

In creating the company, she sought to bridge the gap that existed where members of the Rwandan diaspora who needed to do some activities back home and follow up on their projects but lacked the right people to help them fulfil their dreams.

The 30-year-mother of one saw an opportunity and started the company which offers property management services, mortgage advisory, administrative services and other services that members of the Rwandan diaspora cannot easily get without being on the ground themselves.

Rather than keeping her white-collar corporate job in a bank, Rusamaza, who holds a master's degree in Project Management from the University of Kigali, took a risk to venture out



Rusamaza, a former banker, during the interview

own business.

But it was from her bank job that she saw the opportunity and she has since not looked back. "The idea came while I was still working in a bank where I had a good opportunity to man-

there and start her age accounts of a big number of Rwandans in Diaspora.

"I discovered that most of them who invest especially in real estate often do not have someone on ground to take care of their properties especially with

maintenance, rent, tenants, property tax or any other administrative services and it tends to be a burden. The urge to help them made me resign at the bank to create IDN," says Rusamaza.

Seizing the opportunity By starting the company, Rusamaza sought to address the challenges people living outside of Rwanda were facing whenever they needed a service back home but didn't know how to go about or where to go, or simply would prefer to pay someone else to do the activity for them.

In doing so, many encountered challenges, got ripped off or could not achieve whatever they wanted to do. Rusamaza seized the opportunity to bridge that gap since many Rwandans living abroad increasingly wanted

someone to help them. "Rwanda is a stable, secure country with a growing economy and upward mobility of its citizens. There are many Rwandans that have relocated to other countries to pursue successful careers or businesses. "They are proud of their motherland and want to participate in the success.

They have the money, but often do not have the time or knowledge of how to get the necessary things done," says Rusamaza.

The ambitious businesswoman says from the market research she did, members of the diaspora are willing and able to pay for convenience, quality and to outsource time consuming tasks if somebody is willing to do them on their behalf. "My experience and my extensive network within Rwanda give IDN an opportunity to provide these services in a top-quality manner," she says.

Challenges

As any other business, there are ups and downs, some days are good, others bad but when you are determined to do something, nothing can stand in your way, not even Covid-19. "The journey has been good so far. There are days where things are great, and there are days that are very challenging as with any job or business but the company is growing, and we try to do our job well in order to reach our clients ultimate

"One of our key mile-

assisted 43 Rwandans from Europe, America, Asia and Africa," the former banker says. However, the feedback they get from the clients

they have already served

helps them to keep going. "We receive a lot of positive feedback and most of our clients have all come from word-of-mouth referrals, especially from the satisfied customers. This makes us feel as the go-toperson for the Diaspora. "Covid-19 has been an opportunity for us to serve a big number of diaspora as they couldn't travel yet they needed local services," Rusamaza says.

Rusamaza hopes to turn her budding company IDN into one of the leading Investment firms in Rwanda where Rwandans in diaspora and foreigners could access all the necessary information on investment opportunities with ease as well as the management of those investments. "As IDN grows, we also plan to extend our network of partners and create employment opportunities for many," the determined entrepreneur says.

COMPENSATION

Grandchildren sue an Eldoret tycoon seeking share of empire

NAIROBI

Grandchildren of an Eldoret-based businessman want the court to compel their grandfather to include them in the sharing of his Sh7 billion empire that includes clothing stores, Jade Collections.

In the succession matter before Justice Stephen Githinji at the Eldoret High Court, Kevin Wakaimba and Ivan Wakaimba want their grandfather, Mzee Samwel Mburu, a father of eight, not to sideline them in the distribution of their extended family's wealth.

Mzee Mburu's vast business empire, estimated to be worth more than Sh7 billion is spread in Eldoret, Nakuru and Nairobi and includes several flats, business premises, hundreds of acres of land in Rift Valley and developed prime plots in major towns across the country.

Besides the assets, Mr Mburu also owns Jade Collections, a clothing business that has branches spread in Eldoret, Kisumu, Nakuru and Nairobi. Mr Kevin and Mr Ivan want to be given a share of the wealth, saying they had fees to clear for their university and college education.

Kevin, who was pursuing a degree course in Film production at one of the universities in South Africa, told the court he was forced to terminate his studies last year due to a lack of fees. His young brother, who was training as a pilot in Malindi, was sent home after he failed to raise the fees at the aviation school, the two grandchildren told the court.

The two claim that their grandfather started discriminating against them after their father, Sammy Wakaimba, passed on 31 years ago in a road accident. The two claim that their grandfather lodged an insurance claim following Wakaimba's death.

Through their lawyer, Angu Kiptigin, the two argued that it was unfair for their grandfather to exclude them from the administration of their late father's estate, terming his action as fraud. They have also faulted him for evicting them from their late father's multimillion-shilling 100-acre flower farm in the outskirts of Eldoret town where he was buried.

One of the other courses included is the Startup Launch Program. This cater for students who only have ideas and need help launching their business, and the Founders Circle, for those who have launched but are still not making

The Startup Launch Program, which costs \$895 (R12,200) helps students interview customers to find out if they would indeed buy what the startup wants to sell. This helps avoid starting a business that might get little to no support. "We teach them to talk to customers before they build anything. If the customers say they will pay, you get them on a waiting list.

"Once investors see that there are people willing to pay once you launch, then they become more interested. It's good to not build something that no one would buy," said Phiri. After this two month course, entrepreneurs will be ready to pitch in front of investors.

COMPETITIVENESS

This SA startup school says it can help you get investors, in 3 minutes - for R16,300

JOHANNESBURG

Circle says it is helping connect South African entrepreneurs with investors, and - using threeminute pitches - land the money they need, without a business plan.

Learning how to do that will set vou back R16,500. The school - which launched in 2020 and now counts 5,000 students in 50 different counties - takes practical approach, culminating in 10-slide pitch

According to Startup Circle founder Sandras Phiri, a lot of accelerators and incubator programs that teach entrepreneurship archaic," said Phiri. "Nobody reads business plans and yet most of them are taught to write those things.

"A lot of them can't write business plans. They pay people to write the business plan, they send the business plans and nobody reads them," he said. Instead of writing business plans, students at Startup Circle are taught to pitch to investors and answer questions about their business.

"We teach them to create a 10-slide pitch and then they present to our investor. We teach them what investors are looking for. "Just last week on our demo day, one

focus mostly on teaching of our students pitched students how to write to investors and received Business school Startup business plans. "That's so investment on the spot because they answer exactly what investors are looking for," said Phiri.

> Student who already have businesses and want to pitch to investors would have to enroll in the Ignition course which costs \$1,195 (R16,300). After the two month course, they will be ready to pitch to investors for a chance to get investment of between \$250,000 (R3.4 million) and \$1 million (R13.6 million)

Investor-ready checklist

"Profit doesn't matter too much, but mostly revenue," says Phiri. The founder also highlighted the importance of not just showing up with



Startup Circle founder Sandras Phiri.

missing are people who can actually make things happen," he said.

In just a year, the school has had some successes. Five students managed to

ideas. "Ideas are so many, but what is raise over \$1 million for their businesses during the lockdown. The school itself has also managed to raise money from Enygma Ventures, a US venture capital

IMPRESSIVE

Forbes Africa announces 30 Under-30s for year

LAGOS

Showcasing the continent's talent pipeline, Forbes Africa has released its annual 30 Under-30 list, as a special June/July issue that's out on shelves now. It marks the seventh edition of the list featuring Africans under the age of 30 who are innovative entrepreneurs, tech geeks, sports stars and influential creatives leading a pandemic-hit Africa.

In previous years, the list has featured names such as Mr. Eazi, Lloyd Harris, Siya Kolisi, Sho Madjozi, Bruce Diale, Karabo Poppy, Thuso Mbedu, Nomzamo Mbatha, Burna Boy, Nthabiseng Mosia, Davido, Shamim Nabuuma Kaliisa, Nasty C and WizKid.

This year's list marks a historic turn as many businesses and brands were adversely affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. The editorial team curating the list sifted through countless nominations looking for resourcefulness and resilience in candidates, so crucial at this time in rebuilding and contributing

to the African growth story. Their founder of FarmerTribe Company; extensive research was also vetted by audit partner, SNG Grant Thornton, and a panel of judges and subject-matter experts on the continent.

"The Forbes Africa 30 Under 30 list is our most coveted list of the year, and what makes this year's compilation even more compelling is the fighting spirit of the candidates who made it through a turbulent year. They need to be honoured for their tenacity as leaders charting a non-linear trajectory to success, and they are also representative of Africa's greater talent trove that they will in turn help shine a light on," says Renuka Methil, managing editor of Forbes Africa.

The Forbes Africa 30 Under 30 list for 2021(in no particular order): Cleo Johnson, South Africa, founder and director of NUECLEO; Timilehin Bello, Nigeria, CEO and founder of Media Panache; Lebohang Moeletsi Phadi, South Africa, CEO of Basadi Logistics; Sepenica Darko, Ghana,

Deborah Mutwemwa, Zambia - South Africa, founder and CEO Tsumbo Scott Incorporated; Bontle Tshole, South Africa, CEO and founder of BAAA Health; and Brian Kakembo, Uganda, founder, and CEO of Weye Clean Energy Co. Ltd.

Others are: Hertzy Kabeya, DRC South Africa, founder and CEO of The Student Hub; Temidayo Oniosun, Nigeria, founder of Space in Africa; Felix Byaruhanga, Uganda, founder of Skyline media and Management LTD; Harrykrishna Niadassen Poonoosamy Padiachy, Mauritius, founder of NKH Energy; Shakemore Timburwa, Zimbabwe, founder of Energy Plus; Mihlali Ndamase, South Africa, creative and digital influencer; Amarachi Nwosu, Nigerian self-taught visual artist, storyteller, and CEO of Melanin Unscripted; Divine Ikubor (also known as Rema), Nigeria, musician; and Reinhard Mahalie, Namibia, fashion stylist and founder of RM Fashion Styling.

The list also includes: Tendai Kevin Zhou, Zimbabwe, founder of VP Hostings; Kabelo Motha (also known as Kabza De Small), South Africa, producer and DJ; Kgaogelo Moagi (also known as Master KG), South Africa, music artist and producer; Ifan Ifeanyi Michael, Nigeria, Creative artist and filmmaker; Li-Chi Pan, South Africa, art director and digital influencer; founder of Li Chi Pan Studios; Hayze Engola, Malawi, musician, creative, and founder of KNQR Investments; Wale Lawal, Nigeria, founder and editorin-chief of The Republic; Tilka Paljk, Zambia, swimmer; Lukhanyo Am, South Africa, rugby player; James Kang'aru MwangI, Kenya, founder and CEO of Epitome School of Chess; Julio "Beast" Bianchi, South Africa, e-gamer, FIFA Player; Cheslin Kolbe, South Africa, rugby player; Thabo Moloi, South Africa, e-gamer, FIFA Player; and Antonio Depina, Cape Verde, founder, Overseas Basketball Connection, Praia League.



Renuka Methil, managing editor of Forbes Africa.



Somali-Norwegian model Rawdah Mohamed has been named fashion editor for the upcoming 'Voque Scandanavia.'

DIVERSIFICATION

Model behind 'hands off my hijab' post is named editor of 'Vogue Scandinavia'

OSLO

awdah Mohamed, a Somali-Norwegian who coined hashtag #handsoffmyhijab earlier this year, was named fashion editor of the upcoming Vogue Scandinavia.

The model announced the news on social media, stating that she was proud of her new role. "I'm hoping to be a cultural force with lots of learning, growing and facing challenges that comes with it," she said. Vogue Scandinavia, the 28th global edition of Vogue, will launch this August, with the aim of curating fashion, beauty and culture from Scandinavia and the Nordics. Mohamed's new role will make her the first hijab-wearing person of colour helming the fashion magazine in the west.

Known for her eclectic, colourful style, Mohamed is often seen mixing streetwear with high couture, and has collaborated with a number of big fashion brands in the past. Lately, she's also developed a reputation for her activism. In April, she shared a picture of herself with the words "hands off my hijab" with her 133,000-plus followers on Instagram, which went viral, sparking an international outcry, and a trend on Twitter, Instagram and TikTok.

The purpose of the hashtag was to protest the proposed French ban on minors wearing the hijab in public. "I strongly believe the only antidote of hate crime is activism. Many governments have been on the wrong side of liberation and equality before. It is our duty as the people [to] stand up and fight for each other's rights," she said.

She also recalled incidents of being bullied in school, with teachers suggesting she stop wearing her hijab as a remedy, and being rejected for jobs because of her head cover. "I have lost count of the many times I was rejected for a job because of my hijab and not because of my lack of skill. The many times French clients share their worries about booking someone who looks like me while assuring me they are [supportive] of me.

The campaign struck a chord with people around the world sharing the hashtag in solidarity with Muslim women. To date, the hashtag has been used over 5,000 times on Instagram, while its French version #pastoucheamonhijab has been posted over a 1,000 times on the social media platform.

Princess Diana's ivory gown and its 25-foot train now on display at Kensington Palace

LONDON

Just a month shy of what would have been Princess Diana's 60th birthday, her wedding dress complete with its oversize sleeves, miles of silk and longest train in royal wedding history – has gone on display at Kensington Palace for the first time in decades.

The famous ivory gown was worn by the 20-year-old when she married heir-to-the-throne Prince Charles in July 1981, during a lavish ceremony at St. Paul's Cathedral that was watched by an estimated 750 million people around the

With permission from her two sons, Prince William and Harry, the design can be viewed up close by visitors as part of a temporary exhibition titled "Royal Style in the Making." It will run until early next year and seek to highlight some of the most memorable fashion designs in British royal

At the request of the princess, the dress was designed by David and Elizabeth Emanuel, who incorporated bows, lace a fitted bodice and squares of antique lace that once belonged to Queen Mary. To this day, the dress continues to divide opinion.

Speaking to the "Good Morning Britain" television program on Thursday, Elizabeth Emanuel described the design as "very 80s," admitting that the process of making "the ultimate fairy-tale princess dress" was "stressful."

While some consider the dress to be exquisite, others find it hard to forget just how creased the creation appeared as the princess stepped out of the carriage she had been crammed into alongside her father, as well as that neverending train ahead of the vows.

Photographs from the wedding



Princess Diana's wedding dress is displayed, complete with its spectacular sequin-encrusted train

day show Diana entering St. Paul's with the crumpled fabric cascading around her. The scene stunned many watching

including the designers who have since told British media they were "horrified" when they saw how wrinkled the garment had become during the journey to the cathedral.

"I actually felt faint," Emanuel recalled, adding that a dress rehearsal had taken place before the nuptials but that a different, less delicate material had been

One of the most striking things about Harry and Meghan's official royal wedding photos

Amid swirling rumors that Prince Charles had been unfaithful to Diana with Camilla Parker Bowles, the royal couple's fairytale romance began to fall apart as the world's media documented every crack in their union.

Photos taken of them during a trip to South Korea in 1992 showed the pair visibly unhappy in one another's company. Their separation was announced later that year by John Major, Britain's prime minister at the time.

After years of separation, Prince Charles and Diana officially divorced in 1996, a breakup that forced Diana to forfeit her title of royal highness. A year later, she was killed in a car crash in Paris while being chased by paparazzi.

At the time of her death, Prince William was 15 years old and Prince Harry was 12.

Both men have openly discussed the devastating impact the loss of their mother has had on their lives and their mental health. Harry recently told the Armchair Expert podcast that his wife, Meghan, had encouraged him to get therapy to confront his grief and lingering family problems.

As a tribute to Diana on what would have been her 60th birthday, a statue commissioned by her sons will be unveiled on the grounds of Kensington Palace on July 1. The princes are expected to reunite for the occasion – despite a tumultuous year for Britain's royal family. During a two-hour televised interview with Oprah Winfrey, Harry and Meghan stunned viewers with numerous allegations about their lives as senior royals, driving a wedge between them and the family.

The princes have not been seen in public together since the funeral in April of their grandfather, Prince Philip, the husband of Queen Elizabeth II. Harry returned to the United Kingdom that month from California after more than a year away from the family.



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18:00 Jiji Letu 18:15 Manishi Matukio va wiki 18:30

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CAPITAL

Sat 17 April

08:00 Al jazeera Rev rpt

09:00 09:30 Turning the Spotlight rpt Culinary delight rpt

10:30 Innovation rpt 11:00 Out n'about rpt Sports Gazette rpt

12:00 Shamba Lulu rpt 12:30 Eco@Africa rpt 13:00B usiness edition rpt 13:30 Korean Drama rpt: The slave

Telenovela rpt: Lover her to

Tanzania Yetu rpt Bundesliga kick off

Capchat rpt 19:15 Mizengwe 19:30 The Decor 20:00 Korean Drama: Iris

Out n' About Movie: Grindstone Road(tape no:5593)

23:00 Series rpt: Beats of Love

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Morning Jam (Via Capital 07:00 Radio) Lete Raha (Via Capital Radio)

13:00 Telenovela rpt: Lover her to death 14.00 Club 101 (via Capital Radio)

16:00 Series rpt: Beats of Love

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WORLD

Netanyahu rivals unveil deal for coalition govt

JERUSALEM

ISRAELI opposition leader Yair Lapid announced on Wednesday that a deal has been reached to form a coalition government that would end the 12-year rule of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

The statement by centrist Lapid and his main partner, nationalist hard-liner Naftali Bennett, came about 30 minutes before a midnight deadline to put together a new governing coalition following elections on March

An official statement issued by President Reuven Rivlin's office said that Lapid informed the president that "he has been able to form a government".

Under the coalition deal, Lapid, leader of centrist party Yesh Atid, and Bennett, who heads the nationalist Yamina party, will rotate the premiership, with Bennett serving first as prime minister, according to the statement.

The new coalition also includes Ra'am, an Islamic party headed by Mansour Abbas, marking the first time an Arab party is part of a coalition.

The coalition would comprise a diverse coalition of additional small parties, including the centrist Blue and White party, headed by Defense Minister Benny Gantz that partnered with Netanyahu to form the outgoing government, the right-wing parties of Israel Our Home and New Hope, the center-left Labour party and the leftist Meretz party.

The Haaretz newspaper reported that Israel's parliament, the Knesset, is expected to be convened for a confidence vote for the new government by next Wednesday.

Lapid wrote on Twitter that the new government "will work in the service of all Israeli citizens, those who voted for it and those who did not. It will respect its opponents and do everything in its power to unite and connect all parts of Israeli society".



Naftali Bennett (left), leader of the Yamina party, shares his thoughts with Yair Lapid, of the Yesh Atid party, in a special session of Israel's parliament on Wednesday. (AP)

The right-wing nationalist Bennett, 49, would serve first as prime minister in a rotation agreement, with Lapid to take over after two years.

Political deadlock

The move comes amid a series of inconclusive elections and a lingering political deadlock.

The deal paves the way to the end of the rule of Netanyahu, Israel's longest-serving prime min-

For months, Bennett vexed Israel's political establishment by refusing to say whether he and his Yamina party would get behind Netanyahu. Now the tech millionaire and former Netanyahu protege is poised to become his successor.

His rise to Israel's top job marks a historic turn for the 73-year-old nation after four inconclusive elections and a brutal 11-day war with Hamas' militant rulers in the Gaza Strip. Agencies

to establish Russian-US dialogue – Kremlin ST. PETERSBURG MUTUAL respect and

Attempts at diktat may undermine attempts

consideration of each other's interests serve as a necessary condition for the improvement of the Russian-US relations. On the other hand, attempts at diktat or mentoring are



doomed to fail, as they may disrupt the dynamic of establishing dialogue, Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov told Channel One on the sidelines of the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF).

He reminded that Russian President Vladimir Putin is in favor of improving the current state of relations between Russia and the US. "However, the only thing that makes it possible is prioritizing mutual respect and considering each other's interests," the spokesman stressed.

He added that "it will be impossible [for the countries] to build any relations without it." "Any attempts at diktat or mentoring are doomed to fail, and what is more, they will disrupt the hesitant dynamic towards establishing some kind of dialogue," the Kremlin official concluded.

Earlier, the Kremlin and the White House announced that the much-awaited summit between Russian President Vladimir Putin and his US counterpart Joe Biden would take place in Geneva, Switzerland, on June 16.

This will be the first face-to-face meeting between Putin and Biden since the 46th US president took office. It will also be the first Russian-US summit since July 2018, when Putin met with then US President Donald Trump in Helsinki, Finland.

According to the Kremlin, the heads of state will discuss the conditions and prospects for further fostering Russian-US relations, strategic stability matters as well as pressing issues on the international agenda, which include cooperation in fighting the pandemic and regulating regional

On May 30, Biden stated that he plans to discuss the topic of human rights during the summit.

HarmonyOS offers new choice in digital world

CPC leads China's impressive success, brings global benefits - Iraqi ex-interim PM Allawi

BAGHDAD

THE Communist Party of China (CPC) and the Chinese people have attained remarkable achievements over the past 100 years, bringing benefits to all mankind, former Iraqi interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi has

"This is really something that has never occurred in the globe before," 77-year-old Allawi (pictured), also former Iraqi Vice President and the founder of the Iraqi National Accord party, told Xinhua in a recent interview.

"It is very interesting to see how the growth is happening in China," Allawi said, recalling his visit to China in 2019. "I saw

something unbelievable, very outstanding really.'

He attributed the success to "the resolve of the CPC leadership," which led the Chinese to move in the right direction that matches the trend of the world.

Embracing socialism with Chinese characteristics, the CPC leadership has accomplished a lot, including eradicating extreme poverty in the world's most populous country, said Al-

Allawi views as very important the declaration that extreme poverty was eliminated in China. "It shows how dedicated the Chinese are in improving their situation. It also shows the



Speaking of the ongoing CO-VID-19 pandemic, Allawi said vaccination. China has provided tangible assistance to many countries, proquality of leadership that China duced vaccines, and pledged to

make them global public goods to address the uneven global

"Many countries are using the Chinese vaccines, which means again in this field that China

made the vaccines available to the international community, Allawi said, adding, "China is trying to help the people throughout the world.

However, instead of facing their own problems, Western governments and mainstream media are trying to tarnish China by distorting its intentions, making China "a scapegoat," Allawi said.

"They accuse China of various things, but China is proving itself otherwise," he said.

The fact that China is helping the world with its very significant vaccines "indicates the Chinese level of ethics in dealing with the pandemic," Allawi added.

Canada's former senator calls for independent investigation in indigenous residential schools

OTTAWA

FORMER Canadian senator and Chair of Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Murray Sinclair called for an independent investigation into the sites of indigenous children of Canada's residential school system on Thursday.

Speaking before the Indigenous and Northern Affairs Committee of the Canadian parliament, Sinclair (pictured) said a search must be conducted outside the purview of a government department.

"In order for us to deal with this properly, we need to ensure that there is an independent study that is done into that question of those burial sites, where they are, and what the numbers are going to tell us," he told the committee.

On May 28, the Tk'emlups te Secwepemc First Nation confirmed the discovery of the remains of 215 indigenous children buried at the site of the former Kamloops Indian Residential School, which operated between 1890 and 1978, housing as many as 500 children at its peak.

Over the course of more than 100 years, some 150,000 indigenous children were ripped from their families and forced to attend church-run residential schools, where many suffered physical and sexual abuse, malnutrition, and neglect. More than 4,000 are believed to have died.

Following the discovery, indigenous leaders, residential school survivors, and opposition parties have called for the government to fund the research and excavation of



all sites of former residential schools for unmarked graves in the country.

Sinclair said he has spoken with "about 200 survivors" over the course of the last few days, who have expressed their "grief, their feelings of anger, their feelings of frustration" over the situation.

The Canadian government has been criticized for failing to fully implement all sections of the 2015 TRC report with calls to address the missing children and unmarked graves at residential schools.

The report includes maps showing the location of deceased residential school children; appropriate ceremonies, markers, and reburials; procedures for the ongoing identification, documentation,

maintenance, tion, and protection of residential school cemeteries or other sites at which residential school children were buried.

Sinclair, who is also an indigenous lawyer, said an independent probe should be "overseen by a parliamentary committee that will ensure that it's done in a proper way as opposed to having anyone within the justice department or the department of Indigenous affairs controlling the process.'

"They're now beginning to question those who have made this story available and unfortunately, in a typically heavyhanded and ham-handed police way, they are simply intimidating people, rather than helping them," Sinclair said during the hearing.

BEIJING HUAWEI officially unveiled its own operating system, Har-

monyOS, for smartphones on Wednesday, offering a brand

new choice for global customers in a digital world. The Chinese name of the system, Hongmeng, is borrowed from the country's mythology, meaning breaking free from

chaos and starting something new from scratch. That is exactly the meaning Huawei intends to give to its new product. The launch of HarmonyOS marks a breakthrough in Huawei's drive in ecosystem development by itself in the face of Washington's aggressive and unfounded

It also marks a significant step in China's independent tech innovation amid potential risk of a technological decoupling between the two countries pushed by Washington. In addition to developing a new operating system, Huawei is also working on in-car software and cloud computing, pivoting to software and service business that does not rely on U.S. supply chains.

Given China's massive domestic market, Huawei has rather ample space to nurture its own ecosystem in collaboration with diverse application developers and device manu-

While the roll-out of Huawei's operating system does not aim to replace other mainstream peers, the rise of HarmonyOS can be considered as the first step for Chinese tech companies to break the Western monopoly on operation systems. In a sense, the fledgling system was born thanks to immense external pressure that is still seeking to stifle Hua-

For quite some time, the United States has been hyping up groundless national security charges against Huawei and other Chinese tech firms, imposed round after round of embargoes and coerced its allies, notably those in Europe, into elbowing Huawei out of their 5G industries.

What those fearmongers and zero-summers in Washington have been obsessive about is to let China remain technologically inferior to the United States for as long as it can.

However, Washington's moves to deny China's legitimate rights to develop in a technological capacity have shown themselves to be ineffective as well as destructive.

On the one hand, attempting to shut out Chinese tech companies in an increasingly digitalized and highly-connected world is hardly possible. The birth of HarmonyOS is one example.

Also, healthy competition between Chinese and American tech firms can lead to progress and is good for both sides and the rest of the world. On the other hand, pushing Chinese firms out of the Western market and the semiconductor supply chain would leave those countries behind in the digital slow lane, damage their own industries, disrupt the global industrial and supply chains and harm market openness in Western countries.

Moving toward sustainability and prosperity in Inner Mongolia

RECENTLY, more than 160 calves were born in Honggelbatel's Modern Joint Family Ecological Ranch, which will bring him an annual income of approximately 2 million yuan (\$310,794).

Honggelbatel, a herdsman from Zarut Banner, China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, runs a family ecological ranch together with his brother and sister, which was gradually developed into a demonstration base for grassland ecological restoration in Horqin dis-

In 2014, the joint ranch had more than 1,000 sheep and 300 cattle. However, the increase in the number of livestock also led to pressure on the pastures and the severe decline of the grassland ecology. Faced with the dual pressure of protecting the grassland and increasing income, Zarut Banner began to implement a policy of reducing sheep and increasing cattle.

While other herders were still waiting to see, Honggelbatel made up his mind to sell all of his sheep. He adopted measures such as scientific livestock breeding, grassland grazing, and breed improvement. He also began to shift toward ecotourism.

"Sheep eat a lot of grass and shave grass roots, but cows eat the tip, which will not affect the growth of the grass. The same grassland, different pressure. I used to raise more sheep, and it took nearly a million yuan to buy forage. Under the guidance of the government and experts, we continue to improve the breeds, to raise fewer but better cattle, which not only improves economic efficiency but also protects the ecological environment," Honggelbatel said.

"Living a happy life is the primary human right," as President Xi Jinping pointed out in his congratulatory letter to the symposium marking the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. China embraces a human rights philosophy that centers on the people, and regards the rights to subsistence and development as the basic human right of paramount importance.

Contrary to the unfounded allegations in Western media in recent years, the facts in the Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region show that the cause of human rights in China has made headway on all fronts. Several measures proved that the Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region has been fully committed to implementing China's Human Rights Action Plan from 2016 to 2020, respecting and safeguarding the rights of ethnic minorities to use

and develop their own cultures and languages, and protecting and caring for the rights of dis-

advantaged groups. Nowadays, the family ecological ranch of Honggelbatel is continuously expanding, with modern facilities readily available. Relying on beautiful natural scenery and transportation advantages, Honggelbatel has built several yurts on the ranch and started a pastoral tourism industry, receiving thousands of tourists every year. He took the initiative to provide stable jobs

for the surrounding poor households and lead them to improve their lives together.

The Mongolian herder Hein helps out on the ranch from May to October every year during the peak tourist season. With the help of the government's poverty alleviation policy, he moved from an earthen house to the new building, and now he has a stable job. "Thanks to the good policies of CPC and government, there is nothing to worry about in my life," Hein said.

People's Daily

Claims of 'steady progress on vaccinations' mask wide-spread hesitancy across Europe

COPENHAGEN

PRESIDENT of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen has said that the European Union (EU) is making "steady progress on vaccinations" against COVID-19 as the bloc is on track to deliver enough doses to vaccinate 70 percent of its adult population by the end of July.

In contrast to the optimism about vaccine take-up, the prevailing attitude across the whole region has actually been characterized by a certain hesitancy about the vaccine.

TOWARD "HERD IMMUNITY"

Confidence in "herd immunity" is backed by 300 million doses of COV-ID-19 vaccines received by the EU and 245 million doses administered since the onset of the pandemic, which, as Von der Leyen estimated last week, would provide at least one dose to 170 million adults up until May 30, or about 46 percent of the EU's adult population.

"If we continue like this, we have confidence that we will be able to safely reopen our societies," she told journalists after a special EU summit in Brussels on May 25. Malta, with a half million population, has seen a greater vaccine take-up than other EU

More than 300,000 Maltese have received at least one dose of the vaccine, while over 180,000 people are now fully vaccinated, according to the latest data issued by Malta's health au-

"Malta is the first country in Europe to achieve herd immunity," said Malta's Health Minister Chris Fearne on May 24. Britain has seen a greater willingness to be vaccinated, which has resulted in a phenomenal reduction in hospitalizations and deaths related to

The latest data from Public Health England's real-world study revealed that vaccinations had contributed to saving more than 13,200 lives and prevented more than 39,700 hospitalizations up to May 13.

WILLINGNESS GAP ON

VACCINATION

However, according to a survey published on May 10 by Eurofound, the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions, over a quarter of adults in the EU said they were "very unlikely" or "rather unlikely" to get vaccinated.

The survey also found that the main reason for the "vaccine hesitancy" was a lack of trust in the safety of vaccines. In addition, the survey found indications of an east-west divide across the EU, with the willingness to be vaccinated standing at over 60 percent in western EU member states, except Austria and France, but much lower in eastern EU countries.

Noting there is "a need for clear political and scientific communication about vaccine safety," the survey said, "an unclear political stance about vaccines and a less than straightforward communication over their safety may have a detrimental effect on public trust in vaccines.'

In France, which is experiencing a "third wave" of the pandemic, vaccinations are marked by fears of side affects and general indifference. French authorities have been accelerating a non-compulsory vaccination campaign for weeks.

President Emmanuel Macron on Monday spearheaded the drive by announcing that he has been vaccinated. France expects to vaccinate 30 million



citizens with the first dose by mid-June. In Sweden, a discernible apathy towards the vaccine has also made the country lag far behind the EU's vaccination objective. Immigrant population's unwillingness to be vaccinated is especially a matter of concern in Sweden. However, Swedish authorities hoped that everyone will be offered a jab by Sept. 5. It is a different story in neighboring Finland, where the takeup of vaccinations has been less hindered by speculation, with over 40 percent of the population having received

Meanwhile, in the east of the EU, Romania had expected to vaccinate 5 million, or 30 percent of the population, by June 1. However, official data on Sunday showed the country only managed to

at least one dose.

administer 4,299,481 doses, equivalent to 26.8 percent of the popula-

Resistance and lingering doubts about the vaccine were only partly to blame, as Romanian health authorities attributed the main reason for the slowdown of the vaccination program to the considerable number of people in the country who have developed antibodies after being infected and consequently are temporarily not in need of a vaccine.

Poland has offered an innovative solution comprised of a lottery with prizes in an effort to dispel fears and encourage vaccinations. The Polish vaccine lottery will cost the government 140 million zloty (38 million U.S. dollars). Other prizes include hybrid cars, electric scooters and vouchers.

CHINESE VACCINES HELP WITH RECOVERY

On Tuesday, the World Health

Organization (WHO) validated CoronaVac COVID-19 vaccine developed by Chinese pharmaceutical company Sinovac for emergency use. CoronaVac is the second Chinese vaccine in the WHO Emergency Use Listing after the previous one developed by another Chinese manufacturer Sinopharm. China's timely delivery of COVID-19 vaccines for Hungary, the first EU member to recognize and use Chinese vaccines, has protected lives of Hungarian people.

The Hungarian foreign ministry said in May that many lives were saved and the country "gained a month and a half" in vaccinations thanks to the vaccines from China as well as Russia.

"Without the Eastern vaccines, the number of vaccinated Hungarians would not have reached 4 million by last Friday, only in mid-June," said Tamas Menczer, state secretary from Hungary's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, in a Facebook video.

In the Mediterranean, the island nation of Cyprus announced on May 20 that it was also adding the Chinese Sinopharm vaccine to its list of approved vaccines accepted for free entry of vaccinated people into the country.

In Serbia, Chinese vaccines were praised for playing an indispensable role in fighting the pandemic in the country. As the final batch of the Chinese Sinopharm vaccine arrived at Belgrade airport last week, Serbian Prime Minister Ana Brnabic expressed gratitude for the reliability that "no one could have expected in difficult times and circumstances."

Xinhua

Pakistan Stream gas pipeline construction to finalize in 2025, says Russian minister

ST. PETESRBURG

COMPLETION of the Pakistan Stream gas pipeline construction is expected in 2025 in case of stable financing of the project, Energy Minister Nikolai Shulginov said on the sidelines of the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum oyesterday.

"In case of stable financing we expect the project to be fully implemented in 2025," he said, adding that the Russian side will be responsible for construction of the gas pipeline, while the Pakistani side - for gas sources and construction of the regasification terminal.

The intergovernmental agreement on construction of the 1,100-km-long North-South (changed its name to Pakistan Stream) gas pipeline with the capacity of 12.4 bln cubic meters of gas per year was signed by Russia and Pakistan in October 2015.

The sides were to sign commercial agreements in 2016, whereas it was planned to deliver the project by 2018, though the project's implementation has been rescheduled several times.

Nikolai Shulginov and Pakistani Ambassador to Russia Shafqat Ali Khan signed a document enabling to start practical implementation of the Pakistan Stream gas pipeline construction project on May 28, 2021.

The St. Petersburg International Economic Forum, organized by the Roscongress Foundation, is taking place on June 2-5. The topic of this year's forum is "Together Again -Economy of New Reality".

China's smart electric vehicle industry speeds up

RECENTLY, a video clip of a self-driving test for a vehicle backed by Huawei solution went viral on the internet. In the video, a car is cruising on the roads of Shanghai's Pudong New District, switching lanes, turning and giving way to pedestrians without any intervention from the safety supervisor sitting in it.

The vehicle is the Polar Fox Alpha S Huawei HI (Huawei Inside) Edition, which is equipped with Huawei's autopilot system. It officially debuted on April 21, a few days ahead of the 19th Shanghai International Automobile Industry Exhibition (Auto Shanghai 2021). The model was ordered by over 1,000 customers in just four days after it hit the market.

At the Auto Shanghai 2021, smart electric vehicles were not exhibited in concept models. Almost all participating foreign and Chinese automakers have launched production smart vehicles at the event.

Given this trend, the sales volume of new energy vehicles (NEVs) in China might exceed two million, and even 2.5 million units, said an expert at the Auto Shanghai 2021.

According to the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers (CAAM), a total of 515,000 NEVs were sold in China in the first quarter of this year, including 433,000 pure electric vehicles, 2.8 times and 3.1 times of those from a year ago, respectively.

"The outstanding Q1 figure



Automobile Industry Exhibition, April 19, 2021. (File Photo)

electric vehicle industry has preliminarily transited from policy-driven to market-driven," said Lei Xin, chief brand officer of Voyah, a premium electric vehicle brand launched by Chinese automaker Dongfeng Motor. This has laid a user base foundation for the development of smart electric vehicles, he added.

"It's a vast blue ocean market," said Yang Xiaodong, vice president of Chinese auto giant SAIC Motor and general manager of SAIC Motor's passenger vehicle branch.

"Five to six million passenger vehicles priced between 200,000 yuan (\$31,008) and 500,000 yuan are sold in China sistance systems have become

well explains that the Chinese each year, most of which are traditional vehicles. Many of them will be gradually replaced by smart electric vehicles," Yang said.

Apart from market acceptance, core technologies and maturity of industrial chain also have an influence over the development of smart vehicles.

"Augmented reality head-up display, laser radars, 4D millimeter wave radars and chips of more than 400TOPS were usually concepts. But now, they are in mass production," Liu Changdong, executive president of Dongfeng Sokon Motor. Intelligent network technologies, such as smart voice control, smart cabin and driver-asstandard option for smart electric vehicles.

As of the end of 2022, at least 30 models around the world will have been equipped with laser radars, half of which will be from China, said Hu Xiaobo, chairman of board and chief executive officer of Leishen Intelligent System, a global leading provider in LiDAR and application solutions based in Shenzhen, south China's Guangdong province.

The process is three years ahead of what was expected, he added. Along with the market expansion is a drop of laser radar price, which will hit \$500 per unit or even lower, Hu not-

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G7 finance ministers meet in London to broker global tax deal

Rohingya refugee boat lands in Indonesia after 113 day voyage



Evacuated Rohingya people from Myanmar sit on the shorelines of Lancok village, in Indonesia's North Aceh Regency on June 25, 2020. (AFP)

A boat carrying dozens Project, a group that moniof Rohingya refugees that set sail in February but had been adrift in the Andaman Sea with engine failure has landed on an Indonesian island after a voyage of more than 100 days, a human rights official said yesteriday.

The vessel sailed on Feb 11 from Cox's Bazar in Bangladesh carrying 90 Rohingya refugees, most of them women and children, with the hope of reaching Malaysia.

But the boat's engine failed four days after leaving Cox's Bazar, where refugee camps house hundreds of thousands of Rohingya Muslims who have fled neighboring Myanmar.

"We have learnt that the 81 (refugees) were fine, they landed on Idaman Island in Aceh (Indonesia)," said Chris Lewa, director of the Arakan vors on the boat.

tors the Rohingya crisis.

"They are not 100 percent safe there yet. We hope they will not be pushed back," Lewa told Reuters.

Of the 90 people who set out on the voyage, eight were found dead by Indian Coast Guards who had tracked and later repaired the vessel in February.

Indian authorities provided food and essential supplies to survivors but refused to let them set foot on their shores. Bangladesh, too, denied re-entry to 81 survivors.

Over the last three months, international aid agencies and family members of those onboard have made repeated appeals to India, Bangladesh, Myanmar and Malaysia for information about the fate of the survi-

Authorities in Indonesia were not immediately available for comment on Friday. The Rohingya are a mi-

nority group, most of whom are denied citizenship by Buddhist-majority Myanmar, which considers them illegal immigrants from Bangladesh.

More than 1 million Rohingya refugees from Myanmar are living in teeming camps in Bangladesh, including tens of thousands who fled after Myanmar's military conducted a deadly crackdown in 2017.

Human traffickers often lure Rohingva refugees, persuading them to travel on rickety vessels with the promise of work in Southeast Asian countries like Malaysia.

Agencies

LONDON

Finance ministers from the G7 group of rich nations will meet in London on Friday for two days of talks aimed at moving closer to a global deal to raise more tax from the likes of Google, Facebook and Amazon.

The gathering, chaired by British finance minister Rishi Sunak, will be the first time all seven ministers will meet face-to-face since the start of the coronavirus pandemic.

US President Joe Biden's willingness to raise taxes on large businesses also creates more chance of an international consensus than under his predecessor Donald Trump.

"I'm hugely optimistic that we will deliver some concrete outcomes this weekend," Sunak said in a statement released late on Thursday.

Sunak stressed the importance of his fellow ministers from the United States, Japan, Germany, France, Italy

and Canada being able to

meet face-to-face in Lancaster House, an ornate 19thcentury mansion almost next door to Buckingham Palace.

"You need to be round a table, openly, candidly talking through things," Sunak told Reuters in an interview this week.

Due to COVID restrictions, ministerial delegations have been cut down and there are few travelling journalists. Seating plans have been redesigned with the help of public health officials.

But the bigger challenge remains reaching an agreement on tax reform which could then be presented to a broader group of countries,



Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer Rishi Sunak (left) meets with US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen, at Lancaster House in London on Thursday, on the eve of the G7 Finance Ministers

the G20, at a summit in Ven- of the meeting that an agreeice in July.

ment would be a "decisive French finance minister step" which he thought was Bruno Le Maire said ahead "within reach".

However, Japanese finance more tax where they make minister Taro Aso said on Monday that he did not expect agreement this week on a specific minimum tax rate.

The US Treasury expects a fuller agreement to come when Biden and other heads of government meet at a secluded beach resort in southwest England on June 11-13.

Minimum 15 percent rate The United States has proposed a minimum global corporate tax rate of at least 15 percent. If a company paid tax somewhere with a lower rate, it would probably have to pay top-up taxes.

But just as important for Britain and many other countries is that companies pay their sales - not just where they book profits, or locate their headquarters.

The United States wants an end to the digital services taxes which Britain, France and Italy have levied, and which it views as unfairly targeting US tech giants for tax practices that European companies also use.

British, Italian and Spanish fashion and luxury goods exports to the United States will be among those facing new 25 percent tariffs later this year if there is no compromise.

The United States has proposed levying the new global minimum tax only on the

world's 100 largest and most profitable companies.

Britain, Germany and France are open to this approach but want to ensure companies such as Amazon which has lower profit margins than other tech firms - do not escape the

"All of them, and without exception" must be covered by the new rules, German finance minister Olaf Scholz told Reuters.

Daniel Bunn, an expert on global taxation at Washington's Tax Foundation think tank, said this was likely to lead to more complex regulation.

"A lot of those rules are going to be, I think, politically based rather than principles-based," he said.

Some large companies might even be incentivised to acquire less profitable subsidiaries to reduce their overall profit margin and dodge the new

tax, he added.

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Yanga seek to rope in AS Vita Club defender

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA's soccer big guns, Yanga, are linked to a move to sign Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) fullback, Djuma Shaban, who plays for AS Vita

A source from Yanga who opted for anonymity given he is not the club's spokesperson said the club has finished all contract negotiations with

There was no official comment from the club on the matter, however, the source said, the player has been signed on recommendations from head coach Nassredine Nabi who wants to add new talents to his side.

He said Yanga is committed to boosting its squad for next season's lo-

cal and international games.

The source further said coach Nabi is confident that Shaban is a professional, talented and experienced player who would adapt quickly to Yanga's

"The club wants to add depth to the squad, so they have finished negotiations with Shaban (Djuma) who is a dependable player in AS Vita Club."

"He cannot be unveiled now as the new season's registration window has not been opened," he noted.

If the deal goes through, Shaban will join compatriots, Tuisila Kisinda and Mukoko Tonombe, at Yanga.

Tonombe and Kisinda, who had in the previous season joined Yanga from AS Vita Club, have turned out to be influential performers in the club.



Tanzania's former President, Jakaya Kikwete, prepares to take a shot as he launched a modern basketball court's construction at Coast Region's Minaki Secondary School, situated in Kisarawe District. Others in the photo include Tanzania Basketball Federation (TBF) president, Phares Magesa (3rd L), Kisarawe District Commissioner, Jokate Mwegelo (R), and other district officials. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

KMC FC all out to edge Dodoma Jiji FC in VPL

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

KINONDONI Municipal Council (KMC) FC is continuing to focus on preparations for the club's remaining Premier League matches.

The Dar es Salaam club will next come up against Dodoma Jiji FC in a duel, which will take place at the latter's backyard, Jamhuri Stadium, on June 17.

KMC FC's head coach John Simkoko and his assistant Habibu Kondo are seeking to ensure that the team performs well and thus continues to move to a good position in the top flight.

The squad will further be seeking to make sweet revenge, as the side was knocked out of this season's Federation Cup's round of 16 by Dodoma Jiji FC that recorded a 2-0 victory.

In the two clubs' first-round league clash, which took place at Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam, KMC FC posted a 1-0 victory over Dodoma Jiji FC.

The KMC FC, alias 'Kino Boys', currently has five games left in the Premier League of which four will be played at home while the one against Dodoma Jiji FC will be an away fixture.

The KMC FC's leadership is keeping on planning to ensure that the team performs well and thus finish the season in a good position in the league's

The remaining league matches for KMC FC will see the club lock horns with Dodoma Jiji FC, Mtibwa Sugar, JKT Tanzania, Simba SC, and Ihefu FC.

The Dar es Salaam outfit has taken part in 29 outings and collected 41 points, sitting fifth in the standings.

Simkoko stated: "We are continuing with the preparations, all players are in high spirit, determined to ensure that they are implementing the instructions issued by coaches."

He revealed: "It is possible for us to win the remaining clashes, much as all of them are tricky."

Bocco, Kagere, or Mugalu- which Simba SC forward enjoys the best season?

IMBA SC is going to win the 2020/21 Vodacom Premier League title. The Msimbazi Street-based side is currently six points clear of second-placed Yanga, having played two fewer matches.

The top-flight leaders can afford to lose their two games in hand and still top the table on a superior goal difference.

Their attacking charge has been built on the forward-line cutting edge.

Simba's attacking record is phenomenal, having scored a staggering 64 goals so far.

By a distance, that is the highest figure in the league.

While Luis Miquissone and Clatous Chama are crucial to the way Simba play, the three strikers John Bocco, Meddie Kagere, and Chris Mugalu have been in front of the goal.

In the previous two seasons, Kagere was the dominant striker but it appears he has a big fight in hand with Bocco having 14 while Mugalu just and Mugalu showing they are behind him on 13. That is a ready to overturn the table.

Recently Bocco took centerstage with a series of key goals. He has scored seven goals in the last four games in all him an impressive average of competitions for Simba.

forward right now. There is no debating this.

CAF Champions League, and Federation Cup?

be made for each one, so we struggle many still believe have delved into the statistics when a fellow player gives to try and settle the debate. according to the numbers.

The definite currency to



Simba SC players participate in training in Dar es Salaam recently to prepare for a CAF Champions League's last eight's duel against Kaizer Chiefs, which was held in Dar es Salaam last month. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

judge a striker is goals, so who Lusaka Dynamos of Zambia all season is precise because comes out on top?

Individually, Bocco led the way with 18 goals with Kagere combined total of 45 goals.

Since the beginning of this campaign, Bocco has featured in 26 games giving 1.4 goals per game. When you He is the league's best play Bocco he is most likely to

Kagere who has won the But which of the trio is golden boot back to back having the best season in the has made 32 competitive Vodacom Premier League, appearances but the majority being a cameo.

He has fallen in the pecking There is an argument to order. Despite his recent Kagere a big chance, it is more likely that he is going to bury it.

Mugalu who was signed from

at the start of this season has made the fewest appearances.

He had a slow start but managed to fight his way to being accepted as the default lone striker in CAF Champions League matches. Despite only scoring two goals he excelled in his role of knitting attack and helped the team qualify out of the group as leaders ahead of Al Ahly, Al Merreikh, and AS Vita Club.

So, which of Simba's forwards is having the best season? The answer is, perhaps frustratingly, all of them.

Bocco and Kagere are excelling with scoring goals and being a threat in the final third, Mugalu is the best lone striker in tough games and has the most balanced role.

The main reason Simba has been so unrelentingly brilliant they have shared the burden of performance amongst the entire team.

Everyone is performing superbly so one player does not have to be superhuman, and nowhere is this better expressed than in the Msimbazi Street outfit's fabulous front

It should also be noted, however, that for much of the campaign they did not operate as a regular front three

Perhaps the best-attacking trio in the Vodacom Premier League in recent years was the Simba trio of Emmanuel Okwi, Bocco, and Kagere, who had one season together in 2018/19.

In that campaign, Kagere scored 23 league goals while Bocco had 16, with Okwi's 15 not far behind.

GP Pak Stars widen points' margin in DC Kazim Nasser League's Division B

By Guardian Reporter

THE GP Pak Stars cricketers have kept on showcasing their dominance in 2021 Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Kazim Nasser Memorial League (KNML) Division B after commanding a 30-run victory over K&P Constructions outfit in the city recently.

The GP Pak Stars are, as a result, still holding on to top position i KNML Division B's Group B, they have notched a victory in four clashes they have featured in.

Skilful all-rounder, Salmini Yusuph, displayed stellar performance at the crease when GP Pak Stars went in to bat first, ending with 105 runs, dropping eight wickets in 20 overs.

They did not get off to a good start, given four of their top order batsmen were sent back to the pavilion in quick succession.

Openers, Sheraz Khan and captain Muzamil Hussain, exited the crease for 2.1 overs, leaving the squad with paltry three runs.

Goodluck Andrew, deployed at number three, could hardly improve the score as he too did not last long.

He was sent back to the pavilion by K&P Constructions outfit's Shaik Abdul Shaheel, leaving GP Pak Stars with four runs after three overs. Yusuph later sought to restore

confidence with skilful shots, he registered 61 runs not out which consisted o six fours and two six-The youthful cricketer had tak-

en the crease after Sameed Ijaz's dismissal after 5.3 overs, which had left GP Pak Stars with eight runs. Yusuph almost single-handedly

boosted by the presence of Zahid Naveed in the closing stages. Naveed, who recorded 20 runs

pushed his team's score, he was



The GP Pak Stars' all-rounder, Goodluck Andrew, in action against Shree Kutchi Leva Patel SC (SKLPSC) side in the previous season's regional tournament which took place in Dar es Salaam.PHOTO: COURTESY OF CARAVANS

not out which consisted of two fours, forged a solid stand with Yusuph, seeing to it the squad ends with a respectable figure.

Naveed had taken the crease after the dismissal of Sagib Ul Hassan, which had left GP Pak Stars with 64 runs after 14.3 over with eight wickets down.

Abdul Shaheel, Bogineni Prasad, Harish Munuganti, and Ramalingaiah Neelam took two wickets each as K&P Constructions outfit worked hard to keep GP Pak Stars batting unit in check.

The GP Pak Stars then smoothly tamed K&P Constructions' cricketers when they went for the chase, as the latter were skittled for 75 runs in 19.3 overs.

The K&P Constructions team's quest for turning tables on GP Pak Stars was dealt a blow within the first four

Mamillapalle and Nassoro Zahoro, exiting the crease early.

Top order batsman Naga Gurijala was two runs short of a two-digit score, as GP Pak Stars kept on putting pressure on K&P Constructions team's batting unit.

Suman Emuru and Nageswara Ila Rao were ultimately the cricketers with significant contributions in the fruitless chase, as they notched 16 runs and 13 runs respectively.

Wickets, later on, kept on tumbling, with K&P Constructions squad's remaining batsmen failing to withstand the opponents' bowling unit's

challenge. The GP Pak Stars' Hussain displayed an impressive showing, making up for his below-

par batting showing. The experienced all-round-

overs, with openers, Chetan er finished his spell with four wickets, giving away 16 runs in 3.3 overs.

> Medium pacer, Andrew, and spinner, Tambwe Rashid, compounded K&P Constructions squad's woes, ending with two wickets apiece.

The DC-organized showpiece is an annual tournament, aiming at boosting the promotion of the sport in the country.

Harab Motors Company, Shamsu Pharamacy, and Swepac Imports International are the tournament's sponsors.

The tournament is also backed by Imports International, 3M Pharmacy, and Funcity that is presenting free vouchers to players in divisions B and C events' knockout stages.

Zidane and Real Madrid: Where it went wrong and what's next

INEDINE Zidane leaving Madrid surprised nobody. After all, he'd done it before. Twice. As a player in 2006 and as manager in 2018, he walked away from the club, with no fuss and with no interest in negotiating a payoff. So when the news broke that Zidane had decided to leave again -- on the evening of May 26, while the football world was watching Villarreal beat Manchester United on penalties in the Europa League final -- there was no feeling of shock, though it was surprising to see Carlo Ancelotti return as his replacement.

If you'd been paying attention, you knew that Zidane was never going to settle down and build a dynasty at Real Madrid. He isn't that sort of coach and Real, with its sky-high ambitions, big spending and shortterm decision-making, isn't that sort of club.

The signals could not have been much clearer, either. Months and months of hints -an impending need for change, an insistence on living in the moment, a dismissal of meaningless, long-term contracts -had left little room for misinterpretation.

It was more of a surprise on Monday when, having turned down the club's offer of a farewell news conference, made a second decision: to explain himself in an open letter published in the newspaper Diario AS.

carefully chosen words, Zidane set out why he felt he had no choice but to leave. Bernabeu wondered. He wasn't "abandoning ship," he said. He wasn't tired. He was going because the relationship of trust between him, the club and president Florentino Perez had

broken. Zidane is leaving with his conscience clear, sources close to him have told ESPN, convinced that he and his players did everything possible to deliver on the pitch in an extraordinarily challenging 2020-21 season. There is disappointment and regret too, as well as a feeling of unfinished business, that he was unable to see the project he'd envisaged when returning to the club in 2019, less than 12 months after his first exit.

ESPN has spoken to multiple sources close to Zidane and inside Real Madrid, from the board room to the dressing room, to dissect his

departure. How angry is he with Perez and the relentless Madrid media? How close did he come to being fired before he abruptly resigned? Which were the key relationships, and relationship breakdowns, that influenced his decision? And what comes next for coach and club?

"I'm leaving because I feel the club is no longer giving me the trust I need. It isn't offering me the support to build something in the medium to long term... I would have liked my relationship with the it, either.

club and the president in recent months to have been a little different than that of other coaches." -- Zinedine Zidane, May 31, 2021

Zidane's relationship with Perez is complex. There is genuine gratitude for signing him as a player -- "I can't say no to the president," he said on his return in 2019 to manage a second time -- and the perception of a debt owed. Zidane's family have been based in Madrid ever since he arrived as a player in 2001, with all four of his sons also passing through the club's academy. "Spending 20 years

at Madrid has been the most beautiful thing that has happened to me," he wrote in Monday's open letter. "I know that I owe it exclusively to Florentino Perez who took a chance on me in 2001, who fought for me when certain people were against it... I will always be grateful to the presi for that. Always." Perez valued Zidane's

role as a legendary

player, a Galactico

("out of this world," in reference to the players Real Madrid always look to sign) icon and a global ambassador for the brand. He also grew to appreciate his knack for winning Champions Leagues: Zidane and Real not only won it in consecutive seasons, but then won it a third straight time. But there were plenty of questions from the start, the most fundamental being: was Zidane actually a good manager? His charismatic aura was undeniable, but surely that wouldn't be enough at the highest level, senior figures at the

In January 2016, they were willing (or desperate) enough to take a chance. Those doubts were undermined as Zidane's managerial achievements rapidly piled up, reaching their pinnacle with 2017's league and Champions League double, but they never entirely went away. It didn't matter that he'd won more European titles than any other Real Madrid manager before him; this group of players were so experienced and so talented that some executives felt they essentially managed themselves. It didn't really matter who was in charge, as long as they didn't rock the boat. Zidane was aware of

that perception. Even when he left, successors Julen Lopetegui and Santiago Solari failed and Zidane came back again to put out the fire -- something he didn't have to do, risking his Champions League legacy as one of just three coaches in men's soccer history to win three European titles, and as the first ever to do it in three consecutive seasons -- he continued to be taken for granted. He received a "lack of support" from the very top of the club, sources told ESPN, and felt "alone" at key moments. He didn't mind being the only voice speaking up on the club's behalf in news conferences -- "it's part of the job", a source said -- but he didn't enjoy



Perez, left, and Zidane, right had a cordial but tense relationship, one that fractured as Zidane felt his boss was undermining him via leaked reports to the Real Madrid-friendly media. (Agencies)

lack of support Zidane had identified turned into something darker relationships began to sour. Namely, Zidane felt he was being deliberately undermined via leaks to journalists close to Perez about just how close he was to losing his job; sources told ESPN that this was what had most irritated Zidane, a fact confirmed by his open letter's pointed complaints "messages intentionally leaked to the media."

The friction between Perez and Zidane felt worthy of a soap opera or prestige drama, and three moments during his second spell in charge stand out. First, a Champions League group stage match with Galatasaray in October after Madrid 2019, had been beaten by Saint-Germain unconvincing of a return for Jose Mourinho -- out of a job at the time and for whom Madrid's president still from 2010 to 2013 -- was raised by El Mundo, a newspaper with close links to Perez.

Twice in the 2020-21 season did reports surface in the media of an imminent manager change, and both angered Zidane. First in October 2020, before a must-win Clasico in Barcelona (they did win, 3-1), and again in December when a firstever Champions League group stage elimination looked likely.

Zidane, for his part, insisted he would not resign under any circumstances. "I've never thought I was untouchable," he said in December. "The club will do what it has to do, as always."

"I'll never be Madrid's [Sir Alex] Ferguson, that's for sure," he chuckled later that month, referring to Manchester United's iconic manager after Zidane and Real Madrid racked up three job-saving wins you're out tomorrow." against Sevilla, Borussia Monchengladbach and Atletico Madrid in the span of a week. "I don't know how long I'll be here, so I don't even think about it."

Throughout the 2020-21 season, a crisis

It was only when the to Athletic Bilbao in the Spanish Supercopa, and be knocked out of the Copa del Rey by thirdtier Alcovano, before Zidane tested positive for COVID-19. He had to self-isolate, which he later described as "being locked in a cage for two weeks." Zidane had time to reflect and, crucially, read more reports of how close he was to losing his job after a loss to Levante on Jan. 30 left Real 10 points off league leaders Atletico. first His news

conference back on Feb. 5 was incendiary, at least by Zidane's standards. The usually taciturn manager had some premeditated things to get off his chest.

"We deserve to be here until the end of the season," he snapped. "After that, a lot of things will happen. But as a team we're not going to give up... Are you and scrapped to an serious, asking me if I'll draw resign? Everyday people with Club Brugge. Out say I'm out. Last year we of nowhere, the spectre won the league. We did, Real Madrid. We have the right to fight for our title this year at least.

"Next year they'll have held a torch despite a to do things, change, divisive three-year spell maybe. But this year, we have the right to fight. Let us fight. This squad won the league last year, not 10 years ago. A bit of respect for that... Say it to my face: I want you to go. We want you to go. But you have to say it."

> Zidane's rant had been aimed at Perez and the press, not the players, but the team responded, going on a 19-game unbeaten run. Yet senior figures at the club told ESPN that Zidane "couldn't complain" about anything, as they saw it. He had been given near "free reign" over two-and-ahalf years, they said. Rumours about his future didn't go away, but that was down to Zidane's own refusal to commit, not leaks from higher up.

"I don't look beyond what I'm doing now. I don't plan ahead at all," he said in March after fielding further questions about his future. "You could sign here for 10 years and

By early May, Zidane's mind was more or less made up. He planned to leave, however the season turned out. "What I can say is I'll make it easy for the club, always," he let slip on May 8. A week later, he was never far away. A veered off script. "I'm perfect storm in Jan. sorry, I know what I say 2021 saw Madrid lose is boring, but it's true,

I don't know what will happen." he began. "You talk about me leaving in 2006 and as coach (in 2018)," he said, "You might think I walk away from responsibility or leave when things get complicated, but no, never.

"What I do is give everything, to the end, and then the moment comes to change, not just for me, for the good of the players too... I don't leave because it's easy. No, there are moments when you have to stay, and others when you have to go."

Twelve days after that, he was gone.

Zidane's big-game record as manager was extraordinary, something that was true from the very start. He won his first game in charge. He won his first Champions League game. He won his first Clasico. And he never looked back.

But he also dislikes much of what goes along with being a top-level modern manager: the media noise, the shorttermism, the posturing. But he loves being on the training ground with his players. Hardly a session went by at Valdebebas without the 48-year-old coach getting involved in the introductory rondos, or passing moves, that form part of the warm-

He has said before that in his head, he's still a player, and for that reason, Zidane always prioritised squad harmony above everything else. "Everyone is important," he would repeat endlessly. The atmosphere had to be right.

That meant his return as coach in 2019 came with strings attached, as Zidane expected a series of conditions to be met. Near the top of that list was what one source termed an "immediate" departure for Gareth Bale. The relationship between the two had

already reached its crisis point around the 2018 Champions League final. Zidane dropped Bale in Kiev, only to see him come on and score twice to win the trophy, almost in spite of his coach. Zidane left days later, and Bale stayed. When Zidane returned, there was no prospect of reconciliation.

A speedy resolution to the Bale problem wasn't the only demand that went unmet. Zidane wanted the club to prioritise the signing of a powerful box-tobox player that he felt necessary to complete the team's midfield.

"He had Marcos Llorente and didn't want him," a source inside the club told ESPN. The coach would have preferred Paul Pogba, with his staff pointing to data they said proved Pog-Llorente "in top-level else of a similar profile. Zidane had to use Federico Valverde, a promising player but at an earlier stage of his career, in the role.

There were frustrations from the club's side, too. A long-standing complaint, endlessly voiced by senior club sources, was Zidane's alleged mismanagement and lack of faith in expensive young stars, as he preferred the players he could rely on.

captain Sergio Ramos, for example, was one of mutual respect. The pair had briefly played together, a teenage Ramos joining Madrid in 2005 in time for Zidane's final season. Karim Benzema -- the most important forward in the squad after the 2018 departure of Cristiano Ronaldo -- idolised Zidane, describing him as "like an older brother."

Zidane called Benzema the best French striker of all time.

The midfield trio of Casemiro, Modric and Toni Kroos loved Zidane too. And he loved them. When the coach's job was saved by the 2-0 Madrid derby win in Dec. 2020, Zidane couldn't contain himself. Kroos, Modric and Benzema were "f--ing great," he gushed.

Zidane's loyalty was, in the club's view, a weakness. He persevered with Isco and Marcelo -outstanding in 2016 and 2017 -- long after their on-field performances attitudes drastically deteriorated. also backed goalkeeper Keylor Navas when Florentino Perez wanted to sign Kepa Arrizabalaga from Athletic Bilbao in Jan. 2018, forcing the club to ditch a deal that was just waiting to be signed off.

When it came to players such as Vinicius Iunior, Zidane's staff called for "patience". That wasn't acceptable to senior figures at the club, who were exasperated by the lack of involvement for a number of expensive youngsters. These prospects had to become "realities" and soon, club sources said, as they doubted Zidane was the man for the job.

How many young

players had truly improved under him? How many had left, permanently or on loan. only to prove their worth elsewhere? The friction over this issue was a steady, background hum of discontent throughout Zidane's two spells in charge. The club cited his handling ba would out-perform of forward Luka Jovic, a player Zidane had games." But Pogba was specifically asked for deemed too expensive and quickly gave up by the club, and never on. Midfielder Martin arrived. Nor did anyone Odegaard was another case in point, recalled early from his successful Real Sociedad loan at Zidane's insistence, only to become frustrated at his limited opportunities and leave again, joining Arsenal for the 2020-21 season.

When the going got tough, Zidane turned to his tried and trusted veterans, time and time again, and hoped that their legs could take it. Over 60 injuries -- counting those that His relationship with forced players to miss games -- in 2020-21 suggested that what had previously been his greatest strength, making the most of his squad, had failed him.

After they exited the Champions League with defeat to Chelsea in the semifinals, there was, if anything, surprisingly little criticism of Zidane and the team. The consensus was that an exhausted squad's limits

had been reached, as much as the limits of Zidane's own tactical acumen up against Thomas Tuchel and the eventual winners.

Each Real Madrid manager tends to be a reaction to the last. A tough guy is often followed by a soft touch, and vice versa. There is a yearning from club president Perez for mano dura -- "a strong hand" -- and for someone to take back the power from the dressing room, putting the players in their place. That explains the appeal of Mourinho after all these years. It also explains the longstanding links to Antonio Conte, vetoed by the dressing room in Oct. 2018, when Sergio Ramos famously said that "respect is earned, not imposed."

The return of Carlo Ancelotti this week con-

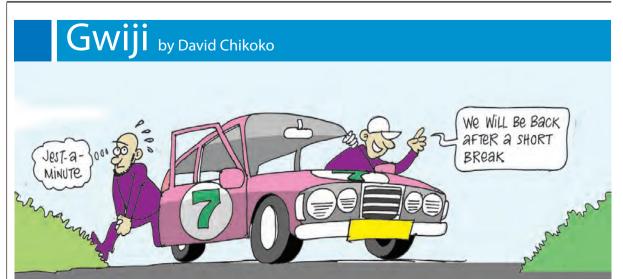
tradicts all that. The chief complaint against the Italian -whom everybody likes -- when he was sacked in 2015 was that his sessions weren't demanding enough, that there was a lack of rigor and discipline, the players instead allowed to rule the roost. Yet Ancelotti's rehiring is only really possible because he left on good terms. Zidane did that the first time, but he won't be back again. His open letter was rich with intent: it was an explanation of why he walked, an exercise in self-justification for his actions and, most importantly, it was a call for cultural change at Real Madrid. It was also a burning of bridges, as Perez does not tolerate such public dissent.

Zidane has always been an unconventional football figure. It was true as a player -- who moves the way he did? -- and it's been true since. He is not subject to the same incentives or restraints his managerial contemporaries, though that's not to suggest that Zidane doesn't care. He does, passionately. He isn't defined by the job, nor beholden to it. He doesn't need it. He just loves staying close to football, working alongside top players.

"I appreciate it every day," he said this month. "The best thing is being with the players. I love watching them play. I get emotional."

His options to operate at a similar level -coaching the best of the best -- are now limited and only two jobs really make sense: Juventus, who have just opted for Max Allegri, and the France national team. It remains to be seen if, or when, he'll try again.

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Stadium.

By Correspondent Joseph

ANZANIA's senior national football team 'Taifa Stars' enters camp today

to prepare for an international friendly match against Malawi

slated for next week at Dar

es Salaam's Benjamin Mkapa

squad to face Malawi in the

duel which will take place on

friendly as preparations for

the 2022 World Cup qualifiers slated for later this year.

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previous squad, said the match

against Malawi is crucial as it

will give him a clear picture of

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"The game against Malawi

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qualification clashes.

Poulsen will use the Malawi

The Danish coach who

Taifa Stars' head coach Kim Poulsen named a 27-member



Mtibwa Sugar now seeking victory in remaining **VPL** fixtures

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

MOROGORO's Mtibwa Sugar said they are targeting two wins to make certain of their presence in next season's Vodacom Premier League.

Mtibwa Sugar is currently sitting 11th with 34 points and the squad's head coach Mohammed Badru said they are looking for six points to remain in the league.

The team will play away to relegated side Mwadui and the head coach said they have intensified preparations at their home turf, Manungu.

He said his main target at the club is to save it from the jaws of relegation from the Premier

"For us to remain in the league we need six points, so we have intensified our preparations so that we get those points," he said.

Badru joined Mtibwa Sugar from Gwambina FC and he has started his task on a good note.

He is also tasked to coach youth teams of the club.

Mtibwa Sugar information officer, Thobias Kifaru recently said due to the youth football experience that coach Mohamed has, he has been tasked with making Mtibwa Sugar the best team in the land, produce performers worth featuring for the national team.

He is further responsible for nurturing players that are good enough to make the grade in local and overseas leagues.

He said in the youth teams, Mohamed will be assisted by Awadh Juma and goalkeeping coach Sudi

According to the official, the coach will work closely with his assistants with the view to build their capacity.

Kifaru revealed: "We have brought

Badru Mohammed as our head coach, the tactician is one of the best coaches, we have tasked him with overseeing the youths' teams, U-17 and U-20."

"We want to groom well-organized youth teams, and the good thing with Badru is that he has experience in that field, he was in Germany for more than 15 years working with youth teams," he said.

Mtibwa Sugar, which is famed for producing many players who have garnered popularity in various local outfits and other sides elsewhere, is currently not doing well in the Mainland Premier League.



international friendly

Senior national soccer team 'Taifa Stars' players participate in training in Dar es Salaam recently to shape up for the 2021 Africa Cup of Nations' qualifiers. PHOTO: TFF

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for local clubs.

technically and mentally strong to play for the Taifa

"We are starting our early preparations for the World Cup qualifiers. We will play Malawi, one of the teams that qualified for the next edition of Total Africa Cup of Nations. This game will show us a way forward," he said.

The squad includes four foreign-based players, namely Mbwana Samatta (Fenerbahce, Turkey), Simon Msuva (Wydad AC, Morocco), Nickson Kibabage (Youssoufia FC, Morocco), and Novatus Dismas (Maccabi Tel Aviv, Israel).

Taifa Stars to play Malawi in

Others are Aishi Manula (Simba SC), Metacha Mnata (Yanga), Juma Kaseja (KMC FC), Shomari Kapombe (Simba SC), Mohamed Hussein (Simba SC). Israel Mwenda (KMC

FC), Edward Manyama (Ruvu Shooting FC), Erasto Nyoni (Simba SC) Kennedy Juma (Simba SC), Bakari Mwamnyeto (Yanga), and Dickson Job (Yanga) have as well made the selection.

The squad also include Mudathir Yahya (Azam FC), Mzamiru Yassin (Simba SC), Feisal Salum (Yanga),

Salum Abubakar (Azam FC) Bryson Nkulula (Azam FC), Idd Selemani 'Naldo' (Azam FC), John Bocco (Simba SC), Abdul Suleiman (Coastal Union), Ayoub Lyanga (Azam FC), Denis Kibu (Mbeya City), Meshack Abraham (Gwambina FC), and Yusuph Mhilu (Kagera

According to media reports, Malawi started training on Monday and head coach Meck Mwase named a 24-member squad.

The Malawi squad includes 10-foreign-based players while the rest play

foreign-based players are South Africabased Limbikani Mzava, Frank 'Gabadinho' Mhango, Richard Mbulu, Gerald Phiri Jnr, Dennis Chembezi, and Khuda Muyaba.

Charles Petro and Peter Banda who are based in Moldova, Mozambiquebased John 'CJ' Banda, and Tawonga Chimodzi, who plies his trade in Cyprus are as well the team's foreignbased footballer.

The Malawi coach is reported to have said, Taifa Stars is improving and it is a good team for them to measure themselves.

Technical errors cost Ruvu Shooting, says coach Mkwasa

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

RUVU Shooting's head coach, Charles Mkwasa, has blamed his squad's 3-0 loss to Simba SC in a Vodacom Premier League match at CCM Kirumba Stadium in and two red cards flashed to his players.

Mkwasa said his players made errors which Simba capitalized on and the situation was made worse once his two players were red-carded

Shooting's Ruvu defender, Juma Nyoso was red-carded on the 72nd minute and fifteen minutes later keeper Abdallah Rashid was shown a straight yellow card when he fouled Simba's midfielder, Bernard Morrison, in the 18 yards me that we just conceded box.

In a monitored radio interview, the coach conceded that with two we were good, we tried, we players being dismissed, played and had a spirit that

it was difficult for them to they showed today."

Mkwasa disclosed the Premier League defending champions are very good at capitalizing on opponents' mistakes.

"We started very well, Mwanza on technical errors I think what affected us more is the red card and the technical errors which my players made, after that everything went out of our hands," he said.

However, the former Yanga tactician praised his troops for playing well.

He stated: "But I have to give credit to the players. They did well, they fought. They showed character, we have to say we tried our best."

"If you look at the goals we conceded, it looks to cheaply, some individual errors, it is one of those things. You keep on going,

The defeat saw Ruvu Shooting move to 10th place with 37 points from 30 games and the coach promised that his charges will keep on fighting to win their remaining games.

"If we continue and work on the mistakes that we made today (Thursday) then I think we can do well in our remaining premier league games.'

The Thursday results were revenge by Simba who lost 1-0 to Ruvu Shooting in the first round of the premier league at Dar es Salaam's Uhuru Stadium.

Simba's goals were scored by John Bocco who scored a brace in the 17th minute and 88th minute through penalty and Chris Mugalu scored the second goal in the 61st minute.

The win saw Simba cling to the Premier League's top spot with 67 points.



Ruvu Shooting head coach Charles Mkwasa

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