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The Zanzibar leader said East African countries, like many other countries in the world, are facing serious environmental challenges which need to be addressed to reduce their impacts on social and economic development

By Guardian Reporter

ZANZIBAR President Dr Ali Mohammed Shein yesterday called on East African magistrates and judges to work together as a basis for promoting democratic governance and protecting standards of integrity and ethical behavior among various professionals in the regional judiciary system.

Dr Shein made the call when addressing the 7th Annual Conference of the East African Magistrates' and Judges' Association (EAMJA), held in the Indian Ocean archipelago.

Based on the theme 'Land and Environment for sustainable Economic Growth in East Africa,' the conference brought on board more than

400 judges, magistrates, jurists, legal practitioners and other civil society stakeholders from EAC member states.

He told the delegates from Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and South Sudan that this year's theme is relevant as it is linked with existing policies and strategies pursued by East African countries with regard to land-use planning and management.

Dr Shein said by working together the judges will always be well equipped and positioned to promote the rule of law as it is instrumental in efforts to pursue economic integration.

"This should go hand in hand with the wish to harmonize judicial practice and procedures in East



Tanzania's Ambassador to Russia, Maj Gen (rtd) Simon Marco Mumwi (L), introduces Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa to Asha Mkuja, an administrative officer at Tanzania's Embassy in Russia, at Moscow's Demodedovo International Airport yesterday. The PM was on his way to Sochi to represent President John Magufuli at a two-day (today and tomorrow) Russia-Africa summit. Russian President Vladimir Putin is hosting dozens of African leaders in the scenic city at a summit observers say marks the erstwhile global power's biggest foray into the continent since the collapse of the Soviet Union. Photo: PMO

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Minister lauds UCSAF thrust on ICT skills in public schools

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

STATE Minister in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments), Selemani Jafo (pictured) has recommended that public schools adopt the use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) to prepare students for an industrial economy and a more competitive job environment.

Addressing teachers on a five day training stint on ICT at the University of Dodoma involving 296 teachers from nine regions, the minister said that for Tanzania to achieve set development targets including attaining middle income economy by 2025, students in public schools should be well acquainted with ICT.

The teachers are drawn from Dodoma, Singida, Simiyu, Mara, Mwanza, Kigoma, Kagera, Tabora and Geita regions, while

the training to empower them with basic ICT skills has been organized by the Universal Communication Service Access Fund (UCSAF).

The training will be conducted in three centres, namely the University of Dodoma (UDOM), the Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology (DIT) as well as Mbeya University of Science and Technology (MUST).

In total, about 1044 teachers from public schools in 26 regions on the Mainland and five regions in the Isles are attending the training whereby 540 are at DIT, 208 at MUST and others at UDOM.

"Globally ICT is the centre of everything and we should not lag behind. Hence it is prudent that teachers get the knowledge and pass it on to students who are the future workforce," said Jafo.

He urged the participants to ensure they share the knowledge gained after training with other teachers who did not get the opportunity to attend the training.

"It is my expectation that you realize the desired change in ICT in our schools," he stated, expressing gratitude to UCSAF for the effort aimed at empowering young people with ICT skills and knowledge needed

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Invest more in women, girls to achieve SDGs, UN appeals

By Henry Mwangonde

THE United Nations has said that for Tanzania to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the country needs to invest more in the empowerment of women and girls economically, legally and getting rid of all forms of discrimination.

The Acting UN Resident Coordinator in Tanzania Michael Dunford made the remarks in an interview with The Guardian ahead of the UN Day tomorrow.

He said that economic and legal empowerment is the key to ensure there is no discrimination against women and that girls benefit from the social sector, be it in health, education or others to strengthen their capacity to engage in gainful activity.

"If you want to break it all down you look at it in three angles. One is economic empowerment where investments need to be made to allow women and girls to ensure that their contribution is valued to the extent required, given equal value with men, given



In all the member states, particular emphasis has been laid in promoting sustainable land use as well as protecting the local environment and biodiversity

equal access to health and education," he said.

He said despite the fact that Tanzania has made significant progress with a lot of legislation and policies in place, the challenge of ensuring their effectiveness and application as intended requires collective efforts.

"We have many women and girls in far flung areas. How do we make sure they also become part of the development agenda? Strengthen voice, provide platforms for them to be heard," he demanded.

Dunford who is also World Food Programme country representative said there is need to localize lots of high level commitments, saying it's only a question of how the UN can support government efforts to localize and make progress here in the Tanzanian context.

"Progress is being made. We are in a positive trajectory and the question is how we maintain that momentum to accelerate further to achieve the

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DC gathers artistes for clips on Same tourist attractions

By Guardian Reporter, Moshi

THE government has embarked on a new strategy to popularize tourist attractions by using talented musicians to compose songs praising the hotspots in the hope of increasing local and foreign visitors.

The process kicked off here yesterday with mobilization of cultural troupes and singers to compile songs themed around what the attractions offer, with the drive focusing on Mkomazi National Park and Chome Forest Reserve popularly known as Shengenja.

Same District Commissioner Rosemary Senyamule (pictured) said the decision aims at increasing incomes for the reserved areas by enhancing the number of visitors to the areas each



year. "We have issued terms of reference on the tourism-oriented songs as their tunes must rouse the mood of listeners or viewers in the case of video clips," the DC stated.

The district authorities have issued guidelines of compiling songs to mobilize investment in areas like maternal health, the fight against girls' pregnancies, female genital mutilation (FGM), the push for gender equality and the need for pastoralists' children to be enrolled in primary schools, the statement noted.

The songs needed should be of the new generation (bongo leva), traditional dance music, cultural dance troupe music (ngomas) or religious songs.

Recently a businessman in the transport sector in Kilimanjaro Region, Hussein Abdallah popularly known as Kilenga, started advertising tourists attractions located in Same District.

The district has rare tourist attractions including the Shengenja Forest Reserve Peak, natural attractions such as hawks and black rhinos in

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Constitutional and Legal Affairs minister Dr Augustine Mahiga addresses the 58th annual session of the Asia-African Legal Consultative Organisation in Dar es Salaam on Monday. Photo: Selemani Mpochni

By Aisia Rweyemamu

KINONDONI municipal in Dar es Salaam is conducting public education on safe use of the roads following the ongoing construction of Shekilango and other feeder roads.

The country's traffic rules require authorities including the police's traffic department to educate the public on safe use of the roads before implementing road construction projects.

Kinondoni District Commissioner, Daniel Chongolo said on Tuesday that the feeder roads are constructed under the Dar es Salaam Metropolitan Development Project (DMMP) which is implemented to alleviate congestion hotspots, support public transit, mobility and connectivity for citizens.

The DMMP project is expected to facilitate transport services in low-

Kinondoni municipal conducts road safety education to public

income communities.

Chongolo mentioned the feeder roads under construction as the Akachube, Igesa, Mori, Tanzania Revenue Authority and Shekilango road constructed by China Banking Regulatory Commission (CBRC).

He said the project which will cost 32bn/- is expected to be completed in September next year. He said project at Shekilango road includes construction of four lanes from Bamaga to Morogoro road with traffic lights and drainage systems.

"We only want people residing

near the roads to cooperate with the constarctor since no single house will be demolished during implementation of the project", said the District Commissioner.

Assistant Superintendent of Police from Police Traffic Department, Abel Swai said the law requires them to educate the public on safe use of the roads especially those residing near the roads.

Swai said they will continue to provide road safety education throughout the project's implementation period. He said those educated includes school

children since they are among regular users of the roads to and from school.

Young Steven from CRBC assured the DC that the project will be completed within the set deadline despite a few challenges including rains.

"We will work to ensure all the roads are constructed to required standards and completed within the timeframe", he said.

Aneth Nolasco a standard five student from Mugabe primary school said: "I'm glad for the road safety education because it has added to my little road safety skills".

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Africa. In this regard, it is obvious that the association has a paramount role," he said.

The Isles' leader said East African countries, like many other countries in the world, are facing serious environmental challenges which need to be addressed to reduce their impacts on our social and economic development.

In all the member states, particular emphasis has been laid in promoting sustainable land use as well as protecting the local environment and biodiversity, he said.

"These two factors are the prerequisites for achieving rapid and sustainable economic growth. The increase of population and advancement of technology has intensified competition in land use and its ownership.

"The demand for land for various social and economic activities has drastically increased in recent years, particularly for building houses, developing industries, agriculture, mining and infrastructure. Hence, land conflicts as well as challenges relating to environmental degradation have

been so common," he declared.

Traditionally such conflicts appeared between households and neighbouring communities relating to land rights and boundaries, he said, pointing out that at present conflicts also occur between indigenous people and investors, especially international companies seeking to invest in different sectors, including mining, agriculture and tourism.

"This kind of conflict may pose serious threat to the development and security of various communities in East Africa and many other Sub-Saharan countries. They have adverse impacts on the implementation of development plans, protection of the natural environment and on the general well-being of local populations. They need quick legal interventions to manage them. Therefore, at this time, the theme you have adopted sounds very significant."

The judiciary has the supreme responsibility of safeguarding the rights of the people and therefore it is necessary for the people to be able to communicate effectively with various organs of the judiciary in seeking to protect their fundamental rights, Isles leader intoned.

RPC in Mbeya introduces communications strategy

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

MBEYA Regional police Commander, SACP Ulrich Matei last week embarked on a programme to visit the wananchi in their wards to listen to their problems that stem from their relations with the police force.

Last week Matei, in the company of senior police officers and other heads of sections visited wards within Mbeya City and held public rallies.

The officers include those from the Gender Desk, Network Crimes and the CID who educated the wananchi various issues concerning their jobs.

Speaking to wananchi in Nzovwe, Kalobe and Itende wards SACP Matei said the aim of his tour is aimed

at listening to them about various challenges facing them.

The Mbeya District Officer Commander of Police (OCD) James Chacha cautioned the people in Mbeya City to shun the habit of taking the law into their hands.

On his part, the head of Gender Desk Butuso Mwambela called on parents and other guardians to be guardians of their minors to avoid to be involved in crimes. He called on security defense committees to cooperate with the wananchi to fight against gender violence such as child abuse.

Mwambela also urged the wananchi to prepare themselves for the coming civic elections and to ensure the exercise is conducted peacefully.

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SDGs," he specified.

He said that there is need to recognize various challenges as in many other places around the world. Recognition means that there is work to do to be done, highlighted by the inclusion of SDG 5 which focuses on Gender Equality. "So that is a situation that applies across the board," he emphasized.

In her remarks, UN Women Representative Hodan Addou said gender equality is at the heart of the work that the UN is doing in Tanzania. This is conducted through a common approach - the UN Systems' Framework - that calls specifically for gender equality and empowerment of women and girls and the entirety of UN

agencies present in the country.

"We are also helping Tanzania to meet its obligations in including women in leadership positions. The country has made significant progress in having achieved 36 percent representation in Parliament. We are hoping that through these processes we are undertaking, we will also be able to ensure women are represented in local governments and in key decision making processes," she elaborated.

"To create a conducive environment for women enhancement, there is need to address hidden discrimination and practices that discriminate and work against national laws by supporting the change of mindset, practices and structures," the representative underlined.

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in the changing job market.

He affirmed that teachers in the country have a lot of frustrations, in which case such training helps them enhance their working morale and boost performances.

Earlier, the UCSAF acting Chief Executive Officer, Justina Mashiba said that the training is aimed at empowering teachers with skills on basic trouble shooting in computer networking.

She said the fund recently launched a school connectivity project to link public schools with the internet, thus

the need to empower teachers with basic computer skills.

"The fund through the schools connectivity project has been distributing ICT equipment in public schools," she said, elaborating that last year 569 teachers were trained in basic troubleshooting skills.

The CEO noted that it is vital that teachers are equipped with basic computing knowledge to handle small ICT challenges as they perform their duties.

Success of the training exercise will enable UCSAF to organize advanced troubleshooting skills in future as it was done last year, she added.



UN Women Tanzania representative Hodan Addou (R) fields questions from journalists during an interview in Dar es Salaam earlier this week on the United Nations Day, which will be marked tomorrow. Left is the acting UN Resident Coordinator in Tanzania, Michael Dunford. UN Day celebrates the anniversary of the day the UN Charter entered into force in 1945. This founding treaty was initially signed in San Francisco, on June 26, 1945. After it was ratified, it entered into force on October 24 the same year, marking the birth of the United Nations. Photo: Henry Mwangonde

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Mkomazi National Park that are not found in any other forest reserves in the country.

Asked what he intends to do in the tourism sector, Kilenga said forming his own cultural troupe - Lukungu Sanaa Group - is meant to advertise Same District with its various tourist attractions, by educating, entertaining and mobilizing environmental

conservation, as well as extolling the Pare ethnic group.

DC Senyamule said her office will organize a stakeholders' forum in tourism to discuss the best ways to pull in people from foreign countries to visit Mkomazi National Park and Shengena Forest Reserve.

The global growth of tourism last year stood at an average of six per cent but for Tanzania the sector grew at 13 per cent. The sector leads in attracting

foreign currency and had contributed 17.5 per cent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

President John Magufuli recently tasked the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism as well as other government authorities to do more to increase the number of tourists.

In a speech intended for a three-day Swahili International Tourism Exposition (SITE) 2019, the president said the ministry and agencies tasked

with tourism promotion should do more to ensure that arrivals match the status of Tanzania as the land of Kilimanjaro, Serengeti, Ngorongoro and other renowned tourism hotspots.

Recent statistics released by the ministry show that the number of tourists entering the country increased from 1.3m in 2017 to 1.5m in 2018, with tourism generating \$2.4 billion, a 7.2 per cent rise from \$2.3 billion in 2017.



Kinondoni district commissioner Daniel Chongolo speaks at a sensitisation seminar for primary and secondary school students as well as motorcycle riders on how to use Shekilango Road, which the China Railway and Bridge Corporation is rehabilitating. Photo: Selemeni Mpochi

Four fishermen feared drowned as boat sinks

By Guardian Correspondent, Bunda

FOUR fishermen are feared to have drowned after their boat sank in Lake Victoria off Kibara beaches in Bunda district, Mara Region early yesterday morning.

Police sources say another fisherman who was in the boat, Doto David (18) of Kenkombyo village in the district survived after holding onto the boat screamed for help whereby people around rushed to save him.

Those who died have been identified as Kabenjulilo Magere (17), Godluck Yohana (15), Kaitila Julius (19) and Philipo James (17) who was a student at Kenkombyo primary school and had just passed his Std VI national exams whose results were announced last week. All the deceased were residents of Kenkombyo village.

The Mara Regional police Commander ACP Juma Ndaki confirmed the tragic incident saying it occurred at 1.30 yesterday (October 22) this year and added that he had received the information from OCD Bunda.

He said by yesterday noon the bodies of all the deceased had been recovered

and handed to their relatives for burial.

Dr Samuel Paul of Kibara Mission Hospital and Nurie Mabele, a nurse at the hospital said they received the four bodies at the hospital for examination.

In the meantime, two people survived death after they were attacked by a pack of hyenas after they overran a house in Kasahunga village in Bunda district that was observing a period of mourning.

Dr Samuel Paul of Kibara Mission Hospital to where one of the victims was referred to, said they treated the victim who had injuries.

Witnesses said the incident occurred after midnight yesterday when the hyenas descended on the mourners as they were holding vigil outside the house.

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By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

African countries will not realise meaningful development without investing more in science, technology and innovations, says minister

INDUSTRIES and Trade minister, Innocent Bashungwa has said that African countries will not make meaningful change if there shall be no investment in science, technology and Innovation (STI). Therefore, he said there is a need to promote innovations at all cost.

In a speech read on his behalf by Director for National Development Co-operation (NDC) Prof. Damian Gabagambi at the 4th African Network for Economics of Learning, Innovation and Competence Building Systems (AfricaLics) conference held in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Minister Bashungwa said that there is a need to develop the

requisite infrastructure that support and promote innovations.

"We must reward those who dare to be innovative handsomely so that we may encourage others to follow their steps. We have to set up innovation centres that are functioning properly. We need also to revisit our education system and the curricula that is in place," he said.

"We need education that promotes innovation. We have to provide our youth education that challenge them

to think. We should depart from the type of education that trains our youth to memorize and learn to reproduce. We need people who are able to think independently. People who dare to question the validity of principles and concepts," he added.

He said Africa want mind that can unpack, interpret and question the validity of globally used concepts related to innovation and transformative changes, and how they apply to an African Environment.

For her part, the Executive Director for Director for Science, Technology and Innovation Policy Research Organisation (STIPRO) Dr. Bitrina Diyamett who is also the President of AfricaLics said that Africa is losing out in terms of desperately needed jobs by exporting its natural resources unprocessed or only semi processed. There is no way Africa can reverse this trend if the continent is not ready to invest in knowledge. This is even more critical given the rapid

technological change and automation that is currently taking place elsewhere in the world. Citing an example she said the traditional low tech sectors such as the agro-processing and therefore easy entry by technologically lagging countries are now being revolutionarized through automation such as the use of robotics - radically bringing down cost of production. Under such circumstances the nations and firms that will survive are those that will invest in knowledge generation

and ever dynamically innovate.

Costech's Director General Dr. Amos Nungu emphasized on the need for African countries to develop positive innovation that is not harmful to the environment, industrial growth and for the future generation.

The AfricaLics was initiated - to build African capacity in innovation and development research so as to produce relevant statistics and knowledge that informs STI policies that can have impact on the lives of the people.



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500 youth and women across the country expected to benefit from newly launched project dubbed 'agribusiness financing product'

By Getrude Mbago

At least 500 youth and women across the country are set to benefit annually from a newly launched project dubbed "Agribusiness financing product" which is aimed at stimulating and facilitating investments in agriculture for the country's development.

To be implemented in collaboration with the Tanzania Development Bank (TADB) and the Private Agricultural Sector Support (PASS) Trust, the programme will involve taking the beneficiaries in incubation centres, training and encouraging them to adopt best farming practices to increase productivity.

Addressing journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday, TADB managing director Japhet Justine said that the agreement among others will improve lives of the young people and women, promote food security, create more employment opportunities and thus fight poverty.

"This agreement his agreement will enable young people to secure capital/loan from TADB with the aim of preparing them to become entrepreneurs and owner of large scale agricultural projects..It focuses on capacity building, design, facilitation and promotion of establishment of agricultural projects," he said.

He said the bank has so far dished out at least 147bn/- as loans to finance over 150 agribusiness projects in various regions in the country since 2017.

Justine further urged young Tanzanians and women to utilize the opportunity for them to benefit from the programme and thus improve their lives.

For his part, PASS managing director Nicomed Bohay said that the signed agreement sets the stage for the two institutions in supporting not only youth's employment but also the government's key priority areas of investments and industrialization

agenda.

"This project is part of our support to the government's industrialization drive. Through this, the young people will be able to engage in commercial farming by applying modern methods for increased produce...It will catalyse and link the group along the food value chain, including input supply businesses, storage and collection enterprises, packaging service and processing facilities," he said.

He said that an emphasis in the project is held on women's inclusion into economic activities and the promotion of value chains for food security and poverty reduction.

PASS is a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) which assists farmers to access loan facilities for viable investments through appraisal of loan write-ups in line with specific bank's terms and conditions.

According to him, since its inception in 2000, PASS has supported a total of 929,102 agricultural entrepreneurs with guaranteed loans amounting to 712bn/-. The beneficiaries are from various sub sectors of livestock, crop production, processing, crop trading, irrigation infrastructures, crop transportation, bee keeping, fish farming as well as inputs trading.

He added that "PASS people with innovative ideas to learn how to grow their business, access market and be able to build business partnerships and networks for their development," he said. "In view of this, we commit to continue facilitating collaboration in financing agribusiness undertaken by the youth, women and SMEs in the country," he added.

He said that to make the project more successful, PASS and TADB will develop a knowledge database with adequate information that can be utilized in advocating the improvement in policy and business environment to promote transformation of the agricultural sector in the country.



Tony O. Elumelu (L), The Tony Elumelu Foundation founder and United Bank for Africa chairman, exchanges greetings with Cape Verde Prime Minister José Ulisses de Pina Correia e Silva at Youth Konnect Forum held in Cape Verde recently. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Call for sustainable forest conservation in villages

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

THE Julius Nyerere Hydro Power Project (JN HPP) in Morogoro district can be sustainable if the forest conservation in villages will be sustainable and collaborative.

The project manager of Transforming Tanzania Charcoal Sector (TTCS) Charles Leonard pointed out at a meeting of communications officials from ministries that relate to forest issues in Morogoro last week.

Leonard called on the government to mobilise the public on the importance of forest conservation in villages so as to let the development projects that call for sustainability to develop.

He said TTCS has involved the wananchi from 30 villages in Kilosa, Mvomero and Morogoro districts towards sustainable forest conservation and the results thereof have shown to be favorable.

He added: "The JNHPP project cannot

become sustainable if forests diminish and the only way to develop them is for the government to collaborate with us and stakeholders in the villages to conserve the forests, and this will make 45 percent of our forests to become sustainable."

He said there have been many benefits since JNHPP was started in 2012 as up to now the villages have realized over 3b/- as well as conserving the forests.

Speaking at the meeting the

communication officers from Tanzania Forests Conservation Group (TFCG) Bettie Luwuge said the aim of the meeting is to have one voice for environmental conservation.

TTCS, under TFCG supervision, Tanzania Community Forests Network (MJUMITA) and Tanzania Traditional energy Development Organization (TaTEDO) have jointly mobilized sustainable forests conservation and called on the government for support.

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- Support building capacity for social mobilization among local influencers, CBOs and social networks
- Develop distribution plan of multi-media IEC material and messages Ensure appropriate placement of SBCC messages as materials in appropriate channels
- Support Monitoring, reporting and supportive supervision of RCCE actions
- Document stories from the field including success stories and lessons
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- Mapping of key partners and local actors and minutes from establishment/activation of social mobilization groups
- Mapping of key channels and platforms in designated districts
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- Final report of key actions, challenges, and lessons

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PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT REFORM PROGRAMME (PFMRP)

TENDER NO. SMZ/F0111/C/ NCB/2019-20/03

FOR

CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR RE-VIEWING AND MODERNIZING ZANZIBAR REVENUE BOARD BUSINESS OPERATIONAL PROCESSES

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

- This Invitation for Bids follows the General Procurement Notice (GPN) for Zanzibar Revenue Board that appeared in the Zanzibar Leo of 16th September, 2019 and through ZRB e-procurement Web Portal: zanrevenue.org/eproc/.
- The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania has received funds from donors under Basket Funds arrangement toward the cost of Public Finance Management Reform Programme (PFMRP) Phase V and intends to apply part of the proceeds for eligible payments under the contract for Re-Viewing and Modernizing Zanzibar Revenue Board Business Operational Processes.
- The overall Scope of assignment will involve familiarizing and review the current state of ZRB business processes Unguja and Pemba, develop the set of strategic and policy-based recommendations for redesign, restructuring and reengineering of all ZRB business processes, by offering a set of recommendations in consideration of leading practices in the region, with costs estimation where applicable, ZRB personnel involvement levels and other dependent parameters included. The assignment comprises of a ground-breaking restructuring of the whole ZRB business processes, with a final goal of significant and measurable improvement and optimization of the ZRB business operational system.
- The Zanzibar Revenue Board (ZRB), on behalf of the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar, now invites eligible consulting firms to express interest in providing the above-mentioned services. Interested consulting firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (description of experience in similar assignments, experience of working in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff including Team Leader, Business Process expert, Tax expert and other relevant information of the firm including Legal status of the firm i.e. firm's legal documents and the firm's core functions). Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications.

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- Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below from 08:00-15:00 hrs, Monday through Friday.
- This is not a request for proposals. After a review of expression of interests, only the best-qualified consultants will be invited to submit the technical and financial proposals. The consultancy will be for a period of four (4) months and is expected to commence on February, 2020.
- Any request for clarification with regard to this assignment shall be addressed to the undersigned. The Client shall respond to clarifications received not less than one week before the deadline for submission.
- Expression of Interest in one (1) original and three (3) copies must be delivered to the address below at or before 10:00hrs Wednesday 20th November, 2019 and marked "Consultancy Services for Re-Viewing and Modernizing Zanzibar Revenue Board Business Operational Processes"
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Get appropriate facts, businesswomen told

By Aisia Rweyemamu

WOMEN entrepreneurs have been encouraged to inculcate a habit of evaluating themselves and look for proper information for their business in order for them to grow.

Promotion and Investment Manager for Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC) Haigath Kitala made the call yesterday in Dar es Salaam when speaking during the launch of Ignite Business Clinic (IBC) whereby 100 women entrepreneurs benefited with the training on mindset change towards economic freedom.

IBC is a brainchild of K-Financing—a financial and training institution established to fill in the gap of financing to the people in the low income bracket, operating in the informal sector that was traditionally not financed by the formal financial sector, mostly commercial banks.

Kitala said that economic freedom begins with self-realisation, proper business information and regular training.

"Many businesses get stuck because most of entrepreneurs have no proper business information of what they do," she said, explaining: "Regular training and proper information to entrepreneurs will assist them to stay away with poor information which at the end destroys what they are doing."

She told businesswomen that before thinking of the global market they should first do well in local market by considering the uniqueness and quality of their products.

According to Kitala, creativity is an important tool in the growth of business because it enables to bring innovative ideas and bring out amazing things.

"It is important for women entrepreneurs to set goals and have priorities in order for them to have a systematic way of doing their businesses."

She further informed entrepreneurs that TIC has many incentives to locals especially in capital goods; she encouraged them to form a joint venture and invest in the country instead of being observers in their own country.

Speaking at the event, Devotha Minzi, Board Chairperson at K-Financing, said that they launched a business clinic to enable entrepreneurs to change their mindset and grow their businesses.

She said they have started with women entrepreneurs as they recognise and value their contribution in various issues, later they will expand the training to youth and men all over the country.

"We cannot get out of poverty if we will continue to do business as usual, we must change our mindset and stay away from social pressure and mindset that fail most businesses," Minzi said.

She said: "Before starting any business you (women) should identify opportunities available in your localities and work on them and start a business."

For her part, the Managing Director of Frontline Porter Novelli, Irene Kiwia reminded the entrepreneur that social capita is a useful tool for business urging them to value and use it effectively.

Kiwia asked women to not look back where they went wrong because they still have the opportunity to build themselves up and move forward.

"We must build a system that will make our business sustainable even in our absence," she asserted.



Bank of Africa deputy managing director Wasia Mushi (L) exchanges ideas with Mtwara regional commissioner Gelasius Byakanwa in Mtwara municipality yesterday on ways to empower Tanzanians. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Coffee farming set for great revolution

By Guardian Reporter

MINISTRY of Agriculture intends to produce new improved breed of coffee seeds whose aim is to replace the estimated 240 million old coffee trees.

Minister for Agriculture Japhet Hasunga revealed this on Monday this week when launching books on better coffee growing methods and the curriculum thereof for instructors at a function held at Tanzania Coffee Research Institute (TACRI) offices in Hai District, Kilimanjaro Region.

However, Hasunga said the production of seven million coffee

seedlings per year is small as it will take about 35 years to replace the old coffee trees hence he promised that the government in partnership with other agriculture stakeholders will ensure there is coffee growing revolution in the country.

He said to realize that goal the government through the Ministry of Agriculture has mobilised itself to start producing 20 million of the new coffee seedlings.

He said the coffee mini-sector is critical for the country's economy and contributes about 24 percent of income of the country's agricultural

exports that translates to 4 percent of GDP.

However, he said this contribution is still small as only about 50,000 tonnes of coffee is produced annually, and added that the situation is attributed to poor yields whereby one coffee tree produces 250 grams as opposed to the 1,000 grams average per tree.

He said one of the reasons that contribute to low coffee yields in the coffee mini-sector is lack of expertise on better coffee growing among farmers and called upon agricultural officers in the country to start educating farmers about the dew coffee seedlings.

Hasunga praised TaCRI for preparing and publishing the books that were on display for better Arabica and Robusta coffee growing and instruction curricula that will be used by Extension Officers, farmers, and the wananchi in general.

He said the books that are fully illustrated aims to give coffee farmers in a simple language better methods of profitable coffee growing and the goal is to distribute the books to about 420,000 coffee growing households in the country and will act as quick reference when they are in the coffee fields.



Tanzania Association of Accountants vice chairman Odemari Rushita briefs journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday on the open exhibition on Accountants Desk to be held in the city. Right is TAA project director Ezekiel Stephen. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Govt's efforts to scale up tourism in southern circuit gets a new boost

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya, Iringa

THE government's effort to develop the southern tourism circuit got a new boost after key tourism players have decided to invest in construction of accommodation facilities.

A tour operator company—Foxes Safari Camps has constructed eight camps and lodges at different parks within the area.

"We are doing all these to supplement the government's efforts to transform the southern tourism circuit—a new tourism potential to be unlocked in Tanzania", said Geoff Fox, one of the founder members of Foxes Safari Camps.

Speaking to The Guardian during the recently ended Karibu Kusini Tourism Fair held at the Kihesa Kilolo grounds in Iringa town, Fox said the government's decision to introduce international air routes as well as constructing roads would increase the number of visitors in the southern tourism circuit.

He was concerned with the slow pace of development in the southern tourism circuit despite the fact that Tanzania's tourism industry started growing since 1990s.

Fox said the company is specialised in the tourism sector mainly providing services in the southern highland regions.

"We have constructed eight lodges and camps at different parks within the southern circuit. We are impressed with the fifth phase government's initiatives to unleash tourism and

economic potential of the area", he said.

Tourism is the largest foreign exchange earner since 2012, contributing an average of \$ 2 billion annually, which is equivalent to 25 per cent of all exchange earnings, according to the government data.

It also contributes to more than 17 per cent of the national Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and creating more than 1.5 million jobs, 500,000 of which are direct.

Meanwhile, Fox said the company has established an NGO dubbed Foxes Community and Wildlife Conservation Trust (FCWCT) in 2005 that works to support the community as well as providing HIV/Aids services including free testing and education on how to avoid new infections.

He said the decision to offer such services was due to the fact that most of the villagers in Mufindi district were not well educated on the disease which has resulted into increased poverty and hunger within communities.

Fox said: "The NGO was successfully and we decided to start a children village in 2007 following the increased number of orphans and vulnerable children in the community".

He said the centers receive children aged 17 years and below whereas so far they have a total of 76 children.

He said the NGO also supports infrastructure projects in schools whereas it has recently constructed libraries and a dormitory at Igoda primary school and Luhunga secondary school.

SADC calls for sustainable management of natural resources for maximum benefits

By Correspondent Novatus Makunga,

Arusha

THE Southern African Development Community (SADC) is assessing its position in the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) aiming to maximise the benefits derived from the region.

"Management of environment and natural resources is key to ensure

countries continue to benefit from their resources," said Permanent Secretary in the ministry of natural resources and tourism Prof Adolf Mkenda when addressing the meeting of SADC senior officials responsible for environment, natural resources and tourism in Arusha on Monday.

Prof Mkenda who is the SADC Chair of the committee of senior officials responsible for environment, natural resources and tourism said since the region is rich in natural resources in

various forms such as forest, fish and wild animals it has to benefit from them.

According to him, the resources are posed to contribute to the development of the region, mainly improvement of the tourism industry and food security.

"We should therefore take measures to contain environmental crimes and no one should be allowed to stop us from achieving this goal. It is time for unity and solidarity against

environmental crimes," he said.

Prof Mkenda added that unity among SADC members is the main pillar in addressing environmental crimes. He said that support from partners including the international community is also crucial.

Meanwhile the PS insisted on the region to take immediate and decisive actions to address recent cyclone events (Idai and Kenneth) in order to maintain economic development of the countries as well as securing

people's lives.

Earlier, the Director of Food Agriculture and Natural Resources from SADC Secretariat, Domingos Gove said the objectives of SADC as in Treaty, includes to promote sustainable and equitable economic growth and socio-economic development that will ensure poverty alleviation with the ultimate objective of its eradication, enhance the standard and quality of life of the people and support the socially disadvantaged through

regional integration.

Gove said treaty also calls for the sustainable management of natural resources and effective protection of the environment.

Resources shared between SADC member states include Lake Tanganyika whose shores straddle Zambia, Tanzania and the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Zambezi River whose tributaries meander across Zambia, Angola, Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Mozambique.

Kagera RC encourages local engineers to learn from their foreign counterparts

By Correspondent Wilhelm Mulinda, Mwanza

KAGERA Regional Commissioner, Brigadier General Marco Gaguti, has urged engineers participating in the building of a new ship and rehabilitation of Mv. Victoria as well as Mv. Butiama at Mwanza south port to use the opportunity to learn the technology of building ships.

The RC made the remarks here yesterday when he visited the port to see progress of the major project accompanied by leaders of the region's peace committee.

The leaders were Bishop Abednego Keshomshahara from North-Western Diocese of ELCT in Bukoba, Assistant Bishop Methodius Kilaini of Bukoba Roman Catholic Diocese and Sheikh of Kagera Region, Haruna Kichwabuta.

"This is an opportunity for local engineers to learn the technology of building ships and other marine vessels so that when Koreans building the new ship leave they will remain with expertise," he noted.

That move will significantly help to save the country's money because it will not necessarily need to go to Korea looking for engineers to come and build our ships when needs arises, he said.

The RC has appealed to Kagera residents to utilize the ships when they will be completed to bring their own and regional development at large.

The best way to go about that is to engage in productive activities that will produce items to transport using the marine vessels and therefore promote development in the region, he noted.

He noted that when ships were operating in Bukoba, development of the region was relatively high as compared to now when such vessels are not operating, noting that people were able to transport cargo between Bukoba and Mwanza at low cost and saving money for other needs.

"Indeed, we thank President John Pombe Magufuli for coming up with this marine project because it will be helpful in stimulating development of Kagera region in a number of ways," he remarked.

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Marine Services Company Ltd, Eric Hamissi said that the project was a major reform in waterway transport to be implemented by the government at once since independence.



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A nursing officer at Kiteto Hospital in Manyara Region administers a rubella-and-measles vaccine to a child yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Gift Thadei

TFS plans for forest inclusive management in effort to ease the impact of climate change

By Correspondent Crispin Gerald

THE Tanzania Forest Services Agency (TFS) is on the process of initiating a project on inclusive management of mangroves resources in the dry land zones as part of the initiative to mitigate the impact of climate change in the country.

Director for human resources in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism Lusius Mwenda said the project is focusing on preserving and protecting land erosion and loss of biodiversity in the ecological system of mangrove forest in the dry land, by means of inclusive management which involves stakeholders from the districts and regions in the southern and western highlands.

He said, mangrove ecological system needs collaborative efforts from all sectors including agriculture, livestock, Tanzania Meteorological Agency (TMA), water, fishing, land and all municipal councils which surrounds mangrove zone to make it safe from destruction.

The director made the remarks during the national inception workshop for the formulation of sustainable forest management on dry land areas held over the weekend in Dodoma. "The project is important to us because, it will benefit the current and the coming generation in the inclusive management of mangrove zones for future use," the director said.

He thanked the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), and Global environment fund (GEF) for their guide on how to access funds together with TFS for preparation of the proposal.

Mangroves are good habitat for various birds and fishes. Records shows that migratory birds from far East Europe at some times tend to migrate to Tanzania coastline to rescue themselves from bad weather and secure substantial food supplies for living.

Mangrove forest ecosystem covers

an area of 158,000 ha including its water bodies which is only a fraction of total forest cover area in Tanzania of 48.1 million hectares.

Despite of its small proportion in terms of area coverage, mangroves contribute to significant socio-economic values countrywide and at most worldwide on ecological perspective.

Commissioner for conservation in the agency, Prof Dos Santos Silayo said the main challenges facing mangrove forest includes fires, mining, widening of agriculture areas without considering the health of environment, livestock and climate change.

"All these challenges will be tackled to make sure we come up with tangible measure to address them," he said.

He added that the workshop is important, and it has come at a right time as we are hosting the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) Ministerial conference in Arusha that discuss on proper approach of improving natural resources and environment that can help to boost the national income for each member country through tourism.

Director for environment department in the Vice President's Office Fred Manyika said he will make sure the project adds value to the government industrialisation agenda and responding to public needs.

The Ministry will continue to cooperate with TFS and other environmental stakeholders in order to make sure the targeted goals are met.

Country representative for United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) Fred Kafeero said the needs of forest cannot be compared with anything else in the world, because forests have been the great source of food, medicines, fresh air and fuel as well.

He added, it is approximated that 460,000 ha of forest is destroyed every year leading to increase of drought and other related environment challenges including loss of biodiversity.

ZANZIBAR REVENUE BOARD



PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT REFORM PROGRAMME (PFMRP)

TENDER NO. SMZ/F0111/C/ NCB/2019~20/04

FOR

CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A THREE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND MANAGEMENT OF ELECTRONIC FISCAL DEVICE (EFD) IN ZANZIBAR

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

1. This Invitation for Bids follows the General Procurement Notice (GPN) for Zanzibar Revenue Board that appeared in the Zanzibar Leo of 16th September, 2019 and through ZRB e-procurement Web Portal: zanrevenue.org/eproc/.

2. The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania has received funds from donors under Basket Funds arrangement toward the cost of Public Finance Management Reform Programme (PFMRP) Phase V and intends to apply part of the proceeds for eligible payments under the contract for developing a Three-Year Strategic Plan for Implementation and Management of Electronic Fiscal Device (EFD) in Zanzibar

3. The overall Scope of assignment will involves conducting a survey on taxpayers' perception on EFD; propose required policies and legislative procedures; and efficient measures to be taken into Virtual Fiscal Devices (VFD) operationalization by all Taxpayers in collecting Taxes Revenue and Non-Tax Revenue at source Entities such as Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) in a real-time in Zanzibar.

Finally, the assignment shall involve designing a strategic formulation in administrative perspectives and developing an implementation plan (operational plan) to achieve the best possible result of establishment of EFD in both Unguja and Pemba.

4. The Zanzibar Revenue Board (ZRB), on behalf of the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar, now invites eligible consulting firms to express interest in providing the above-mentioned services. Interested consulting firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (description of experience in similar assignments, experience of working in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff including Team Leader, Policy Analyst, EFD Technical Expert, Tax expert and other relevant information of the firm including Legal status of the firm i.e. firm's legal documents and the firm's core functions)). Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications.

5. Consultants will be selected in accordance with the Zanzibar Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Act No.11 of

2016 (Goods, Works, and Consultant Service by Tender) and its Regulations of 2006 (Selection and Employment of Consultants based on Quality and Cost Based Selection i.e. QCBS). In assessing the submissions, consideration will be given to the technical competence of the consultants, the qualification, and experience of key staff to be proposed for the assignment, experience in similar projects and the capacity to undertake the assignment.

6. Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below from 08:00-15:00 hrs, Monday through Friday.

7. This is not a request for proposals. After a review of expression of interests, only the best-qualified consultants will be invited to submit the technical and financial proposals. The consultancy will be for a period of ninety (90) days and is expected to commence on January, 2020.

8. Any request for clarification with regard to this assignment shall be addressed to the undersigned. The Client shall respond to clarifications received not less than one week before the deadline for submission.

9. Expression of Interest in one (1) original and three (3) copies must be delivered to the address below at or before 10:00hrs Wednesday 20th November, 2019 and marked "Development of a Three-Year Strategic Plan for Implementation and Management of Electronic Fiscal Device (EFD) in Zanzibar".

10. The Expression of Interest (EOI) will be opened immediately after deadline for submission in Public and in the presence of Consultants' representative who choose to attend in the opening at the Conference Room, 4th Floor of the Zanzibar Revenue Board Building- Mazizini- Zanzibar.

11. Late Expressions of Interest shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances

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INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) NO: SMZ/F0111/G/NCB/2019~20/04

FOR

SUPPLY OF PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

1. This Invitation for Bids follows the General Procurement Notice (GPN) for Zanzibar Revenue Board that appeared in the Zanzibar Leo of 16th September, 2019 and through ZRB e-procurement Web Portal: zanrevenue.org/eproc/.

2. Zanzibar Revenue Board (ZRB) has set aside funds from its Budget for the Financial Year 2019/2020. It is intended that part of the proceeds of the funds will be applied to cover eligible payment under the contract for supply of Promotional Materials.

3. Zanzibar Revenue Board (ZRB) -Zanzibar now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidder for supply of promotional materials as follows:-

S/n	Name of Goods	Quantity	S/n	Name of Goods	Quantity
1	Wall Calendars	4,000 Pcs	7	Umbrella	500 Pcs
2	Table Calendars	400 Pcs	8	ZRB Pens	1000 Pcs
3	Ordinary Diaries	500 Pcs	9	Banner	4 Pcs
4	Executive Diaries	100Pcs	10	Office Tie	300pcs
5	Polo T- shirt	700 pcs	11	Executive matter Key holders	1500 pcs
6	Round Neck T- shirt	800Pcs			

The above items constitute one (1) lot; the bidders must quote for all items and full quantities specified in the lot.

4. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures specified in the Public Procurement (Goods, Works, Consultant Service and Disposal of Public Assets by Tender) Act No.11 of 2016 and are open to all Bidders as defined in the Regulations.

5. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Commissioner -Zanzibar Revenue Board (ZRB) P. O, BOX 2072, Mazizini- Zanzibar Tel: 255-24-2230639/2233041 Fax: 255-24-2233904 email: zrb@zanrevenue.org and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given above from 8:00 – 17:00 Monday to Friday except for public holidays.

6. A complete set of Bidding Document(s) in English and additional sets may be purchased by interested Bidders on the submission of a written application to the address given under paragraph 4 above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Tanzania Shilling One Hundred Thousands (100,000/-). Payment should be by bank payable to Zanzibar Revenue Board through the following bank details; Bank name -People Bank of Zanzibar (PBZ) ,A/C Name; Commissioner -Zanzibar Revenue Board and A/C No. 0404003000. Also interested eligible bidder may download tender document through ZRB e-procurement Web Portal: zanrevenue.org/eproc/

7. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of 2% of the bid amount in the format provided in the Bidding documents.

8. All bids in one original plus three (3) copies, properly filled in, and enclosed in plain envelopes must be delivered to the address below at or before 10:00hrs Wednesday 20th November, 2019. Bids will be opened promptly thereafter in public and in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend in the opening at the address below.

9. Late Bids, Portion of Bids, Electronic Bids, Bids not received, Bids not opened and not read out in public at the bid opening ceremony shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.

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Twiga Minerals joint venture a mining industry game changer

CONTENTIONS between the government and the Canadian mining firm, Barrick Gold Corporation appear to be coming to a close with the formation of a joint venture company, Twiga Minerals. That this isn't just the conclusion of discussion between the two parties was in evidence in remarks the Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Prof Palamagamba Kabudi who said that its expected performance will serve as an example to other mining companies in the country. That was after finalizing consultations with Barrick Gold chief executive officer Mark Bristow in Dar es Salaam.

For those who have been following the legal intricacies and rather psychological parameters of the issue, this outcome is something that was to be expected. Despite that Barrick Gold as the main shareholder in the now defunct Acacia Mining held its fort in the hectic days of the gold concentrates seizure by the government and a multibillion shilling tax bill slapped on the company, it was gradually shifting position, or refocusing its strategies and negotiating options.

While the management of Acacia was insisting on optimal or say maximal realization of its rights as a foreign investment firm, the Canadian main shareholder was keen on arriving at a workable compromise as after all this isn't Canada.

One cannot conduct a giant mining venture on terms only acceptable to foreign shareholders of the mining company as Acacia appeared to believe, so Barrick moved in and purchased the other shares. It means the main shareholder paid off recalcitrant shareholders with a 'robber mentality' so that a new relationship can be built with the Tanzanian authorities.

The joint venture company still

has to be properly unveiled and its working mechanisms and benefit sharing modalities, taxes and profit disposal strategies all laid out for others to believe that it is the real thing. But the usually 'hawkish' former top negotiator and lead adviser in the matter, now serving as foreign minister was totally convinced it shall work, and even be emulated by other firms. One thing is that it can serve as an example for strategic minerals now being pursued by some key developed countries, even as joint ventures prove somewhat problematic in oil and gas, etc.

The Barrick CEO expressed relief that the dispute between the gold mining giant and the government is over and the company is now ready to work together with the government. He emphasized on the idea of a true partnership, where 50-50 stakeholding operates.

That all the same will have to be carefully managed, so that the rights and responsibilities of either partner do not become a fetter to obtaining more investments, especially when it comes to revenue sharing.

There is reason to believe that the joint venture move is still work in progress especially as it relates to making the restructuring exercise accommodative of existing capital structures and obtaining more for further development in the sector. As in the past Barrick Gold wanted to sell its Africa stake to a Chinese bank and failed, the new moon ought to be celebrated with crossed fingers, so that it isn't a false dawn in due course. Sustainability is the key to success, which means attracting more capital into the sector, not just an operating format for what is already on the ground, as that would mean gliding towards decay and dilapidation as new investments go elsewhere.

Low supply of honey to foreign markets a systemic problem

A DIFFICULT dialogue seems to have been engaged between the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism and its agency, the Tanzania Forest Service (TFS) for the country's failure to supply waiting honey markets in the United States, Europe and the Far East. Deputy Minister Constantine Kanyasu was lately pushing TFS to institute reforms in the way it operates so that honey production rapidly increases for supplying markets that have already been secured in the US, European Union and China. The response was timid at most.

Figures that have been given by the ministry one side and the forest service on the other agree about the potential, but it is hard say the levels of production that the deputy minister is seeking to bring about can be projected from current facilities.

Ministerial statistics show that the potential for bee products in Tanzania stands at about 138,000 metric tonnes as we have up to 9.2 million honey bee colonies. The ministry says this tonnage is possible if on average we harvest from one colony of bees 15 kilogrammes of honey and one kilogramme of beeswax annually, and it can't understand why we produce below one quarter of estimated potential, 30,430 metric tonnes of honey to sell, export.

The ministry is convinced that little is being done to coordinate and boost harvests in strategic honey producing regions of Tabora, Dodoma, Singida, Shinyanga, Geita, Kigoma, Mbeya and Katavi. He singled out lack of coordination between TFS and the Beekeeping Training Institute (BTI) based in Tabora, which isn't altogether being admitted by TFS.

They point at a different picture, that of gradual increase in capacity and some technical drawbacks in supplying

honey to major foreign markets, like quality assurances and supply levels per anticipated contract. It means we can't assure supplies, or contract.

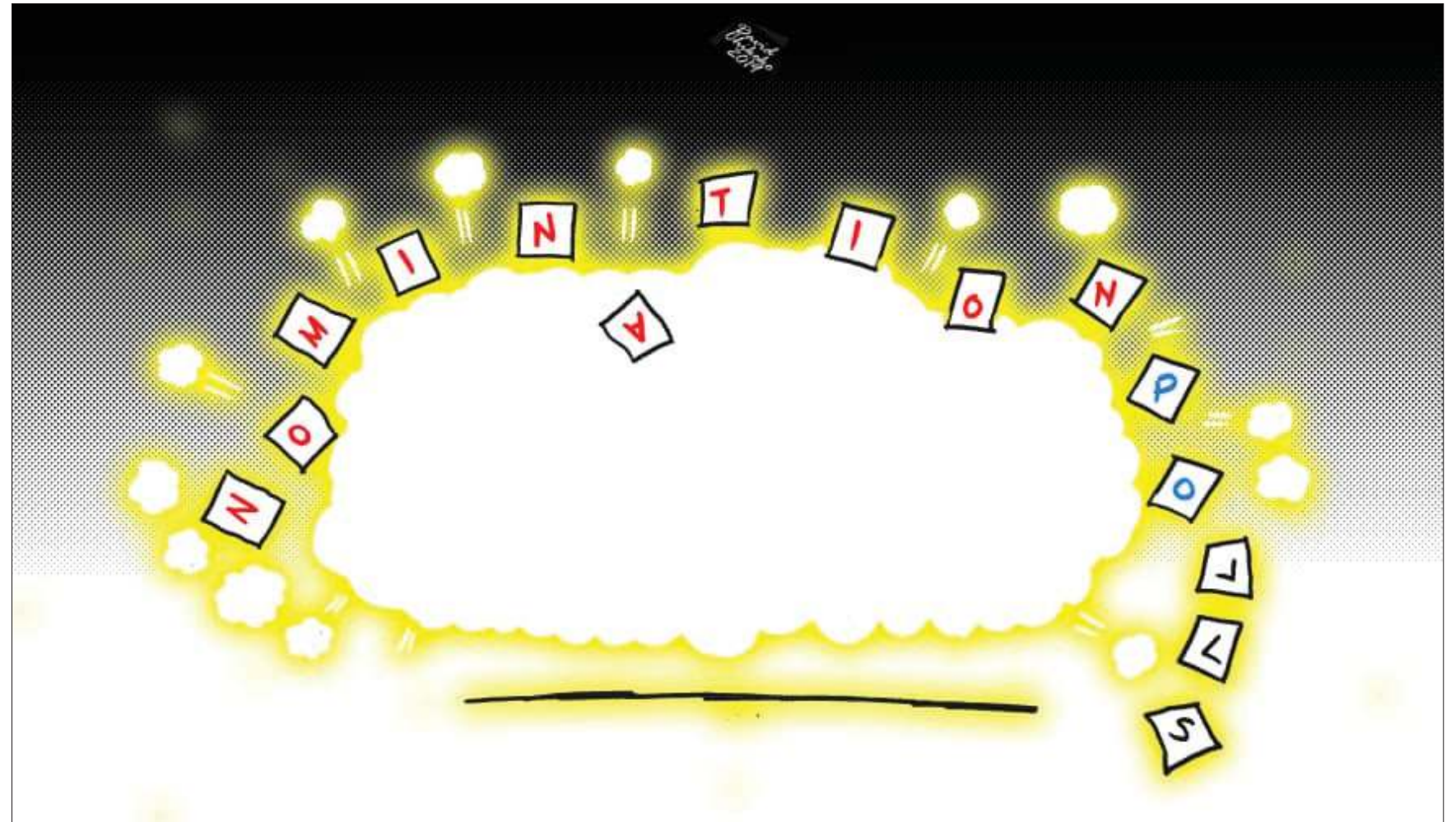
Listening to the TFS explanation of the situation, it appears that they are making all the effort they can to improve things, but not exactly to turn things around as they are in a normal state firstly, but need to improve. In other words TFS accepts the drawbacks as the normal condition in which they operate, seeking solutions like testing local honey in foreign exhibitions, inventing labels or such other marketing techniques.

They are also liaising with producer cooperatives, but it isn't evident that the private sector - those with real money to invest in honey harvesting or propagation of colonies are involved at all. It was a moot point in TFS, its rather obvious inclination towards self reliance. The ministry did not suggest any policy change, though.

When TFS top officials for instance say that the agency has embarked on a number of initiatives to increase production as well as conducting promotions which include branding and participation in shows and meetings, this is an incremental approach.

What works is that a foreign company comes around and purchases a performing local company, say 70 per cent of its shares. It then uses the goodwill it has already established in foreign markets to sell the honey, and the government earns revenue from that.

Otherwise inching into international markets can be long and painful by a total self reliance approach. That is perhaps what the ministry might think of adopting, or experimenting as it is the way in which the Far East rose rapidly in world markets of everything,



By Dale T. McKinley

IN a society that values principle, honesty and accountability things should not be this way. Hitjevi Tjiroze is not a household name in South Africa but it should be.

Why? Because much of his single-handed, years-long battle with sections of South Africa's financial and legal system is representative of the experiences of so many whistle-blowers as well as so much that is wrong in our country.

Tjiroze's story is a long and complicated one, so let's summarise the main parts. It all started back in 2011 when Tjiroze was redeployed and promoted by his employer, Sanlam, from Windhoek to Johannesburg where he took up the position of a legal, compliance and business support manager. After three years of productive and well-received work (formally recognised by Sanlam), he did what any honest and principled person/employee should do when coming across possible impropriety and/or illegality - he blew the whistle.

In this case, Tjiroze, consistent with his position as a legal and compliance manager, had throughout 2014, discovered and reported on several legal and financial improprieties and infringements of the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act (FAIS) involving Sanlam insurance representatives. Meetings were subsequently held with the concerned parties and superiors, and despite sustained and active attempts to push the matter under the carpet, the improprieties and infringements were eventually acknowledged, with the resultant financial benefits and bonuses being returned to the employer.

Much like what has happened in so many other whistle-blower cases though, whether in the public or private sectors, the guilty individuals were not fired nor brought up on criminal and/or civil charges. They simply received an effective slap on the wrist and continued as if none of this had taken place.

On the other hand, instead of being congratulated and affirmed, Tjiroze was, from that point on, vilified and sidelined by the guilty individuals as well as those negatively affected by his actions to prevent any further flow of ill-gotten gains. According to Tjiroze, throughout 2015 he became the target of constant workplace bullying and attempts to prevent him from carrying out his work of monitoring business activities with legal, compliance and/or business implications.

Sounds familiar, doesn't it? Unwilling to tolerate the ongoing abuse, he then lodged an internal grievance against the behaviour

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of two of his fellow management officers. While the grievance was partially resolved, there remained other aspects which Tjiroze wished to pursue. However, Sanlam, through the contested decision of a temporarily assigned regional general manager, flatly refused to allow the grievance process to continue/be escalated, despite Sanlam's own policies to the contrary and Tjiroze's appeals to Sanlam's ethics committee.

Reflecting other whistle-blower stories, Tjiroze was subsequently given highly negative job performance ratings by the very people against whom he had laid the grievance. Instead of acknowledging and acting on the obvious conflict of interest, Sanlam opted to institute disciplinary proceedings against Tjiroze.

To rationalise this, Sanlam then employed one of the favourite tactics of those who refuse to accept responsibility and face the truth; deny the reality of the message, delegitimise the messenger and then go about trying to destroy both the message and the messenger.

Accordingly, it was now Tjiroze who was being "dishonest" by "misleading" his superiors, who had committed "fraud" as per the company's grievance policy and who had "violated" the ethical code of conduct. Again, predictably, after a summary disciplinary hearing, he was dismissed, in March 2016, from his employment with Sanlam. Tjiroze was then forced to sit for seven months without being able to earn a living before he finally received approval from the Registrar of Financial Services Providers as an external and independent (financial services) compliance officer.

That approval was contingent on the outcome of Tjiroze's immediate post-dismissal appeal to the Commission for Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration (CCMA). In the event, in November 2016 the CCMA found that Tjiroze's dismissal was "substantively unfair" and that there was no basis for concluding that Tjiroze had been dishonest, committed any fraud or violated any ethics code.

Noting that he was seeking compensation, not reinstatement, the CCMA instructed Sanlam to pay Tjiroze seven month's salary. Sanlam failed to pay out Tjiroze within the specified time-frame, thus ensuring that the CCMA award was made an order of the court and forcing Sanlam to finally accede to a writ of execution effected by the sheriff.

One could understand why, at this point, Tjiroze might have wanted to

leave things there, but that is not the end of the story. Moving on from his personal victimisation Tjiroze then immediately turned his focus on to the public regulator of his industry, the Financial Services Board's Registrar of Financial Services Providers. Within days, he had filed a formal complaint with the then FSB's (now called the Financial Sector Conduct Authority - FSCA) registrar based on the CCMA's adverse credibility finding against Sanlam and its employees who had acted as witnesses against Tjiroze.

Tjiroze's wholly understandable and legitimate concern/issue was to alert the registrar to possible violations of the FAIS Act related directly to the integrity and honesty of representatives of a financial service provider (in this case, Sanlam), from the very moment he blew the whistle. According to the FAIS Act, a representative of a financial services provider (FSP) who lacks the qualities of honesty or integrity poses a risk to the investing public.

Ergo, the purpose for which extensive powers of regulation and supervision have been conferred on the registrar in terms of FAIS is for the protection of the public. This is even more especially applicable to those who are the most vulnerable, like the hundreds of thousands of destitute ex-workers who continue to be denied payment of various financial benefits - mostly administered and controlled by large FSPs - due to them.

However, instead of at least making some attempt to fulfil its legal mandate, the registrar dismissed Tjiroze's complaint, claiming that it had no jurisdiction over the matters raised. And yet, in complete contradictory fashion (think of many of the findings of the present public protector) the registrar also said that given the evidence presented it could find nothing wrong with any conduct of the implicated Sanlam employees or of Sanlam itself. Therefore, their respective "fit and proper" status remains unaffected and their requirements of "integrity and honesty" remain intact.

Tjiroze's journey continued in late 2017 when he filed an appeal to the then FSB's Appeals Board; not surprisingly, it was fairly quickly rejected. He then turned to the legal system and proceeded to lodge a review application with the High Court against both the Appeals Board and the registrar. Throughout 2018, the incredibly slow wheels of South Africa's courts ground away as the (now) FSCA bodies played legal cat and mouse with Tjiroze, mixed in with a bit of institutional intimidation in the

form of the threat of seeking a stay of proceedings and a costs order against him.

After all sorts of back and forth, a High Court hearing was held in June 2018, but the case was immediately postponed to August. Believing that the presiding judge was biased against him, given that the main respondents had failed to file their full applications for almost a year, Tjiroze proceeded to file a complaint against the judge with the Judicial Services Commission (JSC). The case then wound its way through various High Court hearings and appeals during late 2018 and early-mid 2019. Along the way: the case file mysteriously "disappeared" from court records only to resurface on the day of a further hearing; the still to be finalised case was very strangely removed from the "unopposed" court roll and placed on the opposed roll; the complaint to the JSC against the judge was dismissed; and other judges were brought in to preside over case hearings.

Tjiroze then filed an urgent application for the recusal of acting Judge Marcus Senyatsi for alleged bias and conflict of interest involving relationships with the FSCA's legal representatives, alongside an objection to Judge Senyatsi's ongoing candidacy to become a permanent judge in the North Gauteng High Court.

And finally, just a few days ago, Tjiroze filed a notice of motion to the Constitutional Court for direct access, seeking an order to overturn previous High Court judgments/orders and for the recusal of acting Judge Senyatsi.

That's where things presently stand after five gruelling years, and counting, of Tjiroze's whistle-blower journey. Throughout, he has received hardly any institutional, legal or other support and his financial, as well as personal health, have taken heavy knocks. Unfortunately but predictably, these are the sacrifices that most whistle-blowers, however "big" or "small" the issue at stake, must make.

In a society that values principle, honesty and accountability things should not be this way.

Thank goodness then that we still have people - whether workers, activists, journalists, students, intellectuals and/or other professionals - Tjiroze being among them - who refuse to obsequiously bow down and remain silent in the face of what often seems to be an overwhelming tide of systemic crises, fed by destructive and reactionary personal and political-social behaviour.

The journey continues.

HALMASHAURI YA JIJI LA DODOMA



ILANI YA SIKU 30 KUKAMILISHA MALIPO YA VWANJA KATIKA MAENEO YA MKALAMA, IYUMBU NEW TOWN CENTER NA NJEDENGA INVESTMENT AREA

Halmashauri ya Jiji la Dodoma kwa kuzingatia Sheria ya Fedha kwa Serikali za Mitaa Sura ya 290 kwa Sheria za Tanzania, inakukumbusha kukamilisha malipo ya kwanja ulichopewa na iliyokuwa Mamlaka ya Ustawishaji Makao Makuu (CDA).

Unapaswa kukamilisha malipo yaliyobaki ya kwanja husika. Malipo haya yafanyike ndani ya siku thelathini (30) kuanzia tarehe ya Ilani hii.

Ukishindwa kukamilisha malipo haya ndani ya muda huo wa siku thelathini (30) Halmashauri ya Jiji la Dodoma itachukua hatua dhidi yako ikiwemo ya kutwaa kwanja hicho bila taarifa yoyote kwako.

MKALAMA						
S/N	PLOT NO	BLOCK	OWNER	PLOT SIZE	AMOUNT PAID	BALANCE
1	418	A	ULUMBI WITNES ELIAS	900	5,691,600	7,308,400
2	513	A	DR CAMILLUS ALPHONCE KOMBE	1709	4,090,000	13,000,000
3	1115	A	STEPHANO SAMSON PETER	900	2,404,500	9,000,000
4	1112	A	DIGNA MARTIN	655	303,300	4,145,000
5	1113	A	ASHA SAID AWADHI	500	4,998,000	8,850,000
6	1114	A	JAMES GREY PILLY	500	2,000	2,000
7	1112	A	DICKSON RICHARD MKINDI	800	2,800,000	5,200,000
8	1117	A	MWIRA ABIUD SANJAWA	700	7,200,000	300,000
9	121	A	PAULO NGANYANI	1900	100,000	18,900,000
10	1212	A	LAZARO KIJUJI ELISHA	2510	2,849,900	22,250,000
11	1318	A	SEBASTIAN J MAKARA	1800	4,305,000	13,695,000
12	1312	A	IBRAHIM SELEMAN MSUYA	924	303,300	8,936,700
13	1313	A	ANADHI H MOHAMED	880	800,000	8,000,000
14	1412	A	ROSE VALLENTINO NYURU	1200	4,298,200	7,701,800
15	1414	A	SAUDA SALEHE KABELWA	1206	2,260,000	9,800,000
16	1614	A	EMMANUEL MWAKATE	800	1,600,000	6,400,000
17	1618	A	ANDREW WILLIAM CHUKU	570	1,000,000	1,995,000
18	171	A	MRISHO MPOTO	1800	1,000,000	17,000,000
19	1713	A	PAUL MICHAEL NGONYANI	1500	1,038,160	13,961,840
20	1811	A	AIDAN ALPHONCE KAWINGA	1500	351,090	14,648,910
21	1916	A	MARIA MASSENJE	1692	1,338,200	5,891,800
22	1918	A	CHACHA TIMASI NYAKENGA	1249	14,290,000	28,000,000
23	212	A	LAZARO JACOB TWANGE	2800	28,000,000	28,000,000
24	2015	A	LAZARO JACOB TWANGE	2800	28,000,000	28,000,000
25	4112	A	KENETH SAMWEL SIAONA	1300	679,000	13,121,000
26	54,55,56,57	A	JOHN KABADI LUPIMO	1140	39,665,000	13,405,700
27	612	A	FANUEL LAW	1200	12,000,000	12,000,000
28	615	A	JOAN THOMAS MAZANDA	1,896	456,000	18,504,000
29	710	A	GEORGE JAMES KULWA	971	7,264,466	2,445,534
30	714	A	ELIZABETH TARIMO NDOMA	721	5,500,000	1,710,000
31	714	A	GILLES M BILABAYE	2700	9,414,000	36,000
32	814	A	YUDA JULIUS MWIFINYI	1201	475,530	11,534,470
33	914	A	FLORA EDWARD MANAYAMA	1500	646,000	8,386,400
34	11	B	AZZA ERNEST MZANYA	691	23,600	8,250,000
35	19	B	OMARI I CHUMA & AMINA JUMAAM	820	808	500,000
36	23	B	SAIDA FILBERTO SANGA	808	500,000	9,072,000
37	24	B	JOSHUA DICKSON NDUCHE	952	448,000	9,634,772
38	25	B	JOSHUA DICKSON NDUCHE	1032	685,228	8,060,000
39	29	B	MUHDIN ABDI MURO	806	665	41,508,800
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41	56	B	TARGET MICROFINANCE	599	5,766,331	6,004,542
42	62	B	ISSA SALIM ISSA	612	115,458	7,276,720
43	63	B	MWANAISHA ABDALLAH MSHANA	800	723,280	591,650
44	66	B	JULIETH PAUL MWAIPOPO	791	3,318,350	7,010,000
45	75	B	SANTUNUNUS AUGUSTINE RUTEHANGWA	743	420,000	7,620,000
46	83	B	BAMBUMBILE MWALEMAMU MWAKYANJALA	782	414,300	6,550,700
47	84	B	AISEH FRANCA JUMAAM	777	3,550,000	6,440,702
48	86	B	IDDI MOHAMED KIMOSA	780	965,298	5,951,600
49	95	B	OLOTOTI LABEL LEMBRIS SIRIKWA	741	468,400	6,490,000
50	99	B	SOSTHENES V KIBWENGO	642	1,000,000	5,560,000
51	100	B	ABDALAH JUMA SADICK	649	5,311,000	1,000,000
52	102	B	CAROLINE ALEX MREMA	658	5,311,000	1,000,000
53	104	B	CAROLINE ALEX MREMA	631	1,000,000	1,000,000
54	122	B	EMMANUEL ANYANDINE KAYUNI	650	1,883,000	4,957,000
55	101	D	FLOHIN ERNEST TUNGOMBE	684	1,883,000	4,957,000
56	11	D	AGAPITY ALEX MSANDU	717	7,170,000	7,170,000
57	16	D	IBRAHIM GEORGE VONIATIS	799	7,990,000	7,990,000
58	18	D	MWITA BONIFACE MATIKO	522	359,400	4,860,600
59	26	D	FREDRICK JOAD THADAYO	515	263,316	4,866,684
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62	37	D	SHABANI ZUBERI MASHITU	458	709,052	3,870,948
63	40	D	MWANAISHA MSHANA	940	944,010	8,155,990
64	42	D	EDWARD REDSON LYIMO	763	1,000,000	6,630,000
65	46	D	VERONICA ALEX MOLLEL	705	400,000	6,649,710
66	77	D	LIDYA PAUL NYINGO	752	440,400	7,079,600
67	84	D	JAMILA YUSUPH KIMARO	887	510,150	8,359,850
68	94	D	LUSUNGU GODDLOVE MKOLANGUZI	640	2,240,000	6,550,000
69	101	D	ONARI SALIM MWAHISHI	524	364,677	6,200,000
70	17	D-CENTRE	GODLUCK ALEX MLEWLA	580	138,900	1,891,100
71	8	D-CENTRE	GODLOVE LUNYAMADZO	1302	6,020,000	7,000,000
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73	2	E	EMMANUEL ANYANDINE KAYUNI	738	6,780,000	600,000
74	3	E	CONSOLATA CLEMENT MUMBI	665	173,000	6,476,310
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84	52	E	PAUL COSMAS CHENGUELELA	629	6,080,000	6,200,000
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116	2	S	YUNIS JONAS KUTAMKA	494	138,800	4,801,200
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118	13	S	CLIFF JOSHUA NKYA	719	1,535,500	981,000
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123	58	S	ATHUMAN AMIRI LYANA	600	408,090	5,911,910
124	72	S	ISSAYA ISSA CHENGULLAH	600	306,500	12,493,500
125	77	S	LAZARO MAHNGU SENE	600	384,000	1,715,950
126	79	S	ANNA FREDRICK MARANDU	600	0	2,100,000
127	99	S	SAMIA MOHAMED MWANDEGE	802	2,806,900	100
128	103	S	GORDON EDINGTON CHIGUDURU	631	2,208,500	2,208,500
129	116	S	SHABANI A KABUNGA & LOTE K KABUNGA	505	767,500	1,000,000
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132	159	S	MWAJUMA MIBOHA	581	357,500	2,383,000
133	164	S	PAUL SEBAYA MWAYA	639	36,700	2,200,000
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136	179	S	EMMANUEL EVARIST MAKONGO	600	1,547,300	517,700
137	185	S	LAURENT MICHAEL DAATA	564	1,209,400	621,100
138	210	S	OMEGA ROBSON SIAO	600	375,000	1,725,000
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148	250	S	BONIFACE ALIMANI MPEMBELE	732	2,362,036	199,964
149	253	S	BASHIRU JUMA SHILA	606	374,290	1,746,710
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155	136	T	MATHEW SYEMBE MWAMPAGATWA	799	350,680	2,445,820
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158	147	T	MARTIN JOHN SELFETIN	576	419,700	1,596,300
159	156	T	JULIUS ANDREW MLAY	489	686,3	

By Miko Alazas

RETURNING home is often perceived as an easy process but, after months of potentially distressing experiences, going back can be as much of a struggle as the attempt to reach Europe.

"Many returnees come back sad or angry. They leave to support their struggling families, only to come back with more resources spent," says Muhammed Suso.

"Indeed, many return with feelings of hopelessness and failure. This contributes to psychological distress in various degrees, especially among those with deteriorating social support networks," echoes Evans Binan, the International Organisation for Migration's (IOM) mental health and psychosocial support officer (MHPSS) in The Gambia.

Muhammed was one of the lucky ones to have not felt the often-overwhelming stigma upon return. When he left The Gambia in late 2015, he had dreams of reaching Italy to pursue further education.

"My father passed away when I was 19. My family depended on me, but I didn't even go to high school," explains Muhammed, adding: "I wanted to study construction or engineering in Italy and learn technical skills."

Muhammed started a three-year journey that took him as far as Algeria and Mali, where he worked in construction in order to survive and make it one step further.

With his prospects of reaching Europe growing slimmer, the young man faced a decision - stay and find his way to Libya or come back home and start anew. In August 2017, with support from his brother, Muhammed decided that it was time to return to his homeland.

"My family was so happy to see me home, because I wasn't able to contact them for months," he says. But others are not fortunate enough to receive a warm welcome, and hence the importance of supporting the psychosocial reintegration of returnees.

Amidst continued endeavours by Muhammed to provide for his family, a friend working at the National Youth Council - one of IOM's key partners in The Gambia - offered him the opportunity to partake in one such effort through a mobile health caravan estab-



When learning from experience becomes most valuable weapon

lished to strengthen the psychosocial reintegration of returnees in their host communities.

Muhammed participated in a capacity-building initiative prior to the caravan, in which IOM trains community health volunteers - referred to as "change agents" composed of nurses, midwives, youth counsellors and other community members - on providing psychological first aid (PFA), basic counselling and identifying basic signs of mental illnesses.

Volunteers are empowered with the necessary basic counselling skills to participate in the caravan and to provide PFA onward in their communities.

Muhammed was one of 30 volunteers trained in his hometown of Soma, Lower River Region, and one of 122 around the country. This caravan is part of a growing endeavour to incorporate communities in psychosocial reintegration.

"IOM recognizes the need for a

community-based approach to psychosocial support, to ensure the sustainability of reintegration. Building the counselling capacities of community members creates an enabling environment for returnees to become fully functioning members of society," explains Dr Simeonette De Asis, the IOM migration health officer in The Gambia.

With a health education component on depression, stress, substance abuse and other mental health disorders, the caravan is further aimed at reducing stigma and combating negative perceptions of returnees.

"We raise awareness on the fact that mental health issues can be overcome and explain to communities how they can serve as a support structure to those affected," explains Dr De Asis.

IOM has thus far this year toured

five communities: Bansang, Basse, Brikama, Farafenni and Soma, all of which are among the communities of highest return migration - reaching over 1,050 community members.

"This initiative is very helpful to communities, as many can't access medical and psychosocial support," remarks Muhammed, adding: "At the training, I learned many things about mental stressors that I can share with other returnees."

The community-based approach to psychosocial reintegration is designed to complement efforts under the EU-IOM Joint Initiative for Migrant Protection and Reintegration, in which voluntary return assistance has been provided to over 4,500 Gambian returnees since 2017. MHPSS forms a key component of this direct assistance.

Upon arrival, all Gambian returnees undergo a medical assessment and benefit from health education sessions, chiefly in order to help them understand and recognise symptoms of mental health disorders.

Those identified as requiring further psychosocial support are counselled by members of IOM's MHPSS team, with referrals made to relevant medical authorities when necessary. In subsequent months, IOM conducts monitoring visits to check on the psychosocial wellbeing of assisted returnees.

"Our work in providing both individual and community-based assistance addresses returnees' immediate psychosocial needs and supports their long-term wellbeing in their communities," says Binan.

Over two years after returning home, Muhammed continues to

work hard to find opportunities for his family, but he is not ashamed to be branded a returnee.

"Why should we be called fail-ures? People migrate all the time for many reasons, but it does not mean we have no use when we come home," he says.

"Returnees have many skills and much expertise to offer. I improved my construction skills while working in Algeria. We should find ways so that returnees and communities can help each other," he adds.

"I would tell them that one failed journey is not the end of your life. You have the chance to work hard, gain skills and help your community develop," Muhammed says with conviction.

"Have some faith," he quips - a mantra he too repeated to himself when he first arrived back home.

Muhammed's story is all too familiar in a small country of two million people. In the past five years, over 35,000 Gambians have taken the risky and arduous route through the Sahara and arrived "irregularly" on European shores, according to the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex). For many others, their journeys ended before they ever reached the continent.

The mobile health caravan initiative forms part of Strengthening the Sustainable and Holistic Reintegration of Returnees, a project funded by the UN Peacebuilding Fund and implemented in collaboration with the International Trade Centre, the UN Population Fund and the World Health Organisation.

The direct provision of mental health and psychosocial support to returnees forms part of the EU-IOM Joint Initiative for Migrant Protection and Reintegration, the first comprehensive programme to save lives and protect and assist migrants along key migration routes in Africa.

Reintegration support is provided through an integrated approach, which incorporates economic, social, and psychological dimensions.

Miko Alazas is IOM's communications officer in The Gambia.

What it's like to be a media woman: Four women share their experience

By Destiny Alvarez

WOMEN have been fighting for equality and their place in the workforce for decades and, while successful in some cases, the battle still continues.

For women in media, careful consideration for diversity and actively supporting each other plays a key role in navigating gender normative roles in the workplace.

Each term, the University of Oregon invites leading media professionals and academics to participate in the 'Demystifying Media' seminar series, launched in 2016. While the seminar speakers come from a diverse pool of media professionals, the series' latest term featured four women - a first in the seminars' history.

Last spring, award-winning data journalist Jennifer La Fleur, journalism professor Dr Susan Robinson, climate change researcher Rosalind Donald and McClatchy's Mandy Jenkins, at the time a JSK Fellow at Stanford, spoke to students and faculty.

Alongside sharing details of their work, they shared their own experiences as women in the media industry. Based on one-on-one interviews, here are some of their key reflections on the opportunities - and challenges - for women in media.

While many journalists abide by the motto "don't read the comments", Mandy Jenkins, the General Manager for The Compass Experiment - a local news laboratory founded by McClatchy and Google - said reading and responding to people who care enough to engage with them is an important part of a journalist's job.

She noted that engaging is also a key tenet of social journalism, which is using social media to engage audiences, distribute information and more.

"I think the rise of social journalism is very much tied to the rise of women," said Jenkins, adding: "There are a lot of women that are making big impacts in

journalism, but we're still not seeing that change at the top. I think that's going to take a lot longer."

"I have my own theory as to why women are being able to make big leaps in journalism right now," she noted, adding: "At one time women were regulated into arts and community coverage. Later on, for example, when I came into the field, it was all social journalism jobs."

Jenkins said that when she entered the field, jobs in digital journalism, social media and community engagement were not as sought-after and were considered "low on the totem pole". Print was still at the forefront of journalism, so it was easy for women to slip into those jobs and, as a result, women came to dominate those positions.

Jenkins elaborated: "Women have been able to rise up through the ranks in these jobs because they used to be ones that no men wanted. With the jobs having gotten bigger, the women in these positions have been getting bigger. A lot of these women are slowly moving into high up positions, like top editor positions now."

Jenkins visited the University of Oregon as a Journalist in Residence during her time as a 2019 John S. Knight Fellow at Stanford University. During her lecture, she discussed her career and recent research into disinformation and mainstream news.

Rosalind Donald is meanwhile a former journalist and deputy editor of Carbon Brief, a fact checking website focused on climate science and policy in the media. She is currently a PhD candidate and researcher at Columbia Journalism School, her work focusing on community understanding of climate change; a topic she said could be a part of any journalistic beat.

"Reporting on climate change or science can be difficult," said Donald, adding: "You have people saying that you shouldn't be in this area because it's a science area. Women in science and in complex fields deal with that every day.



It's not just journalists."

Journalism requires long hours and often large assignments that can pull a person away from their family often enough to upset a balanced home life. Women are being asked to choose between their careers and their children or starting a family. Editors and fellow journalists asking them to choose, or shunning them for not "choosing" journalism, are failing mothers in the newsroom.

Donald agrees that being a woman in the media is a struggle, adding however that being a woman of colour or even a mother can be even more difficult.

While conversations surrounding gender bias and the need to increase diversity in the newsroom continue, women of colour and women who are mothers continue to struggle for representation and support.

In addition to life choices and fighting for representation, women journalists are battling for respect and safety when it comes to being a journalist.

Where do you interview - where is it safe? What if your interview subjects hit on you? It doesn't always happen, but it can make you feel like they weren't seeing you as a professional doing a job to begin with.

"There are lots of things that

people say to you to make you feel like you don't belong. I'm not in my 20s any more, I'm married, I'm a white woman, so my experience is still much more positive than for a lot of other people," said Donald.

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According to a report by Poynter, women are dominating journalism schools, but that's not the case in the newsroom.

A study by the Columbia Journalism Review shows that diversity in newsroom leadership needs reform. Out of 135 of the most widely distributed English-language newspapers in the US, 73 per cent of the editors are male, and 90 per cent are white.

"I feel like we're definitely making a lot of strides with gender equity in the newsroom. But it's less so in journalism schools, and lesser in the upper level," said Dr Susan Robinson, the University of Wisconsin-Madison Helen Firstbrook Franklin Professor of Journalism research chair.

Robinson covered business, technology and agriculture - all industries dominated by men - and said her gender created challenges.

"Especially with my sources be-

cause wives would get annoyed that I was having coffee with their husbands," she recalled, adding: "There were always these rumours, which of course weren't true, but that's the way it was. It was really hard."

Sources would call her pet names and comment on her appearance. "It was bad - it was just constant," said Robinson, adding: "But that was all outside my newsroom. I was really lucky in my newsrooms. They were almost all about equal."

Central to Robinson's work is information flow as it moves through specific media ecologies and networks at the local community level, as she would confirm when discussing her new book: *Networked News and Racial Divides: How power and privilege shape progressive communities.*

Jennifer LaFleur, the data editor for Investigative Reporting Workshop and an instructor of data journalism at American University, chipped in: "I was basically discouraged from doing math and science and things like that when I was in school." However, she was defiant, and pursued a career in data journalism - then called computer-assisted reporting (CAR) - anyway.

Over the years, LaFleur has watched the media industry grow,

especially in terms of gender parity. She remembers when she first entered the field, she attended an event for women - and only five showed up.

Now, women comprise roughly half of conference attendees, according to LaFleur, and the last time they tried to hold a similar event for women, they couldn't find a space large enough.

"It's the only place I get super happy when I have to wait in line to the bathroom," she said.

According to LaFleur, it's everyone's responsibility to bring more diversity into the field. She explained: "When I'm building a team, I definitely try to hire young women and journalists of colour because I heard for so long that it's really hard to get people to have a diverse newsroom and have a diverse team and that's a bunch of bologna."

Mentoring programmes and fellowships are a great place for more seasoned journalists to find new and up-and-coming journalists to bring along and help them grow. Having a variety of new and fresh perspectives can improve the newsroom and the quality of journalism being written.

"When we have other women succeed, we all succeed," said LaFleur, as discussed - as a guest lecturer in partnership with The Catalyst Journalism Project - how to avoid mistakes with data journalism.

A dispatch by the International Journalists' Network (IJNet), a project of the Washington-based International Centre for Journalists. Destiny Alvarez is a journalist based in Portland, Oregon. She holds a 2019 Master's in Journalism from the University of Oregon School of Journalism and Communication.

New land purchase to create botanical garden in Tanzania

By Ethan Freedman

RAINFOREST Trust and the Tanzania Forest Conservation Group (TFCG) have purchased a 3.6-hectare property near the Magombera Forest Reserve in central Tanzania.

Local NGO Reforest Africa will partner with TFCG to turn the site into a new botanical garden. The three organizations have already worked together to protect Magombera, spanning over 6,000 acres of habitat for species like African Elephants and the Endangered Udzungwa Red Colobus monkey, earlier this year. But unlike most land purchases Rainforest Trust supports, this parcel isn't simply a reserve extension.

In addition to preserving existing habitat, this property will be a botanical garden connected to Magombera Nature Reserve's conservation efforts.

The new botanical garden aims to use native plant species for education, research and conservation. In particular, TFCG and Reforest Africa hope the property can be a seed bank for plant species at risk of going extinct in the wild. They plan to have the garden up and running late next year and potentially expand it though future land purchases.

This garden is an evolution from Rainforest Trust's typical land protection efforts. But the vision and mission for the garden – to expand long-term socio-ecological sustainability of the Magombera Forest Reserve through conservation, research and education – fits in perfectly with Rainforest Trust's mission on every project.



A PhD student and tourist guide in Magombera Forest Reserve. Photo: Courtesy of TFCG.

"The botanical garden is a unique initiative with many potential benefits for both biodiversity and people," said Katie Pugh, Rainforest Trust's Africa Conservation Officer.

"Now that a tract of land has been purchased, we're excited to watch it evolve."

The botanical garden will strengthen Magombera Nature Reserve's on-

going conservation efforts. Besides elephants and colobus monkeys, the area is home to carnivores like Leopards and, as of a recent sighting, Endangered African Wild Dogs.

The reserve is also an important corridor between Udzungwa Mountains National Park and Selous Game Reserve, two expansive protected areas in central Tanzania. As deforestation

has cleared over half of the Magombera forest landscape, the reserve is an important stronghold for the wildlife and communities who rely on an intact ecosystem.

Funding constraints said to delay implementation of climate-smart projects in the agricultural sector

By Correspondent Crispin Gerald

LIMITED budget allocation have been cited as among the hiccups thwarting implementation of climate smart agriculture (CSA)—an initiative designed to strengthen climate change mitigation in agriculture.

Senior agricultural officer in the Ministry of Agriculture, Evelyn Kagoma said this over the weekend in Dar es Salaam when presenting a paper on policies around CSA in Tanzania, during a one-day seminar to journalists.

She said the government has developed a guideline for the implementation of CSA, but the challenge is insufficient budget.

The guideline is meant to inform, increase adoption of CSA, increase productivity and build resilience to climate change while protecting the environmental integrity.

According to her, the main target was to disseminate the guideline to all districts across Tanzania, but due to limited budget, since 2017, the guideline has been distributed to 71 districts only.

"The guideline was disseminated to extension officers, district planning officers, environmental and livestock officers," Kagoma explained.

"We cannot provide awareness to farmers on how they can adopt CSA in

their localities," she said, noting: "This initiative needs to be given priority if we're to reap the benefits embedded in CSA."

"But, this will also compliment government's efforts and help in bridging the gap between researchers, policy makers, farmers, private sectors, CSOs and development partners," she said.

The training that was organized by International Institute for Tropical Agriculture (IITA) was meant to provide awareness to journalists on climate smart agriculture and nutrition under the project titled building capacity for resilient food security project in Tanzania.

Senior scientist for Tanzania Food and Nutrition Centre (TFNC) Dr Francis Modaha suggested the need to integrate nutrition into agricultural investment plan, strengthen production, preservation and consumption of locally produced crops.

"But also the government is supposed to integrate nutrition into other sector policies, strategies and programs in order to strengthen efforts against food security," he added.

Dr explained that education on the importance of nutrition needs to be provided through different means mainly to widening the public understand on means for having proper nutrition.



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Construction of one of the houses meant as teachers' quarters in progress at the newly established Tegeruka Secondary School in Musoma Rural constituency, Mara Region, as found on Monday. The project is being implemented largely on self-help basis. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Cultivate a giving spirit, Kinondoni education officer urges Tanzanians

By Guardian Correspondent

TANZANIANS have been urged to inculcate the spirit of giving so that they get money to build and renovate different schools in the country, the move which will complement government efforts in improving education.

Kinondoni Municipal Acting Education Officer, Pili Ngarambe made the call yesterday when speaking at the function to hand over classrooms and head teacher's office at Kawe 'B' Primary School.

The classrooms were renovated by 'Time To Help Netherlands' in collaboration with Time to Help Tanzania and Dar es Salaam's Feza schools.

Pili congratulated the institutions and Feza schools

on how they support fifth-phase government under President John Magufuli to renovate schools all around the country.

Feza schools introduced 'Time to Help Tanzania' with aim to help schools in the country to build and renovate crass rooms, water wells and different items.

Pili urged Tanzanians to take example of Time To Help spirit which use money contributed by parents and students from different schools in their country to help the need schools all around the world.

"Our crass rooms here were in bad conditions but because of your love to us you have renovated and they look nice and we hope one day the crass rooms here will look like Feza schools and we hope this is the beginning of our cooperation's," he said

Fatma Oz from Time To Help Netherlands said the money they use to renovate schools comes from donation of parents and students from their schools adding that they will continue doing better things to Tanzanians schools. "Learning environment must be attractive so that students can excel academically. We are happy to be in Tanzania to witness the handover ceremony of the crass rooms we have renovated and we promise to do more than this," she said

Head Teacher of Kawe B, Venance Mwanamakwela, said the school faces several challenges like lack of computer, fence and photocopy machines.

He also commended 'Time To Help Netherlands' and Tanzania for their assistance adding that good learning environment is key to academic achievement.

TBL named best main investment market company of the Year

By Guardian Reporter

TBL Group was the big winner of the day at the 2019 Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) Members' Awards ceremony where it was crowned the Best Main Investment Market (MIMs) Company of the year in the Manufacturing sector. This is the third year

in a row that TBL has won this prestigious award.

Deputy Minister for Finance and Planning, Dr. Ashatu K. Kijaji was the guest of honour at this year's event which was held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dar es Salaam.

Speaking at the awards pres-

entation ceremony, TBL Group's Business Development Director Bruno Zambrano said, "As a founding member of the DSE, we are extremely honoured to be winning this award for the second year in a row. This reflects all the hard work that our staff and business partners put in to making TBL a great com-

pany to work for as well as do business with."

He went on to say that, "We at TBL consider ourselves a partner in the socio-economic development of Tanzania and more so, a major player in the current industrialization drive.

We strongly believe that the cur-

rent focus on agriculture and the manufacturing sector will indeed transform the economy.

Across the spectrum, TBL is renowned for being one of the most compliant companies in Tanzania that continuously provides value to all its stakeholders from its use of locally sourced brewing ingre-

dients to its global award-winning beers that are the nation's preferred brands. TBL is the nation's largest brewer.

It is also both a top manufacturer and employer in Tanzania that has invested significantly in world class manufacturing processes, its people and continues to empower its

entire supply chain.

The Group's contribution to the development of Tanzania through the collection and payment of taxes, as well as community-based initiatives, continues to be recognised by multiple stakeholders in the country through the various accolades accorded to the company.

Russia-Africa Summit: The roadmap to Africa

By Kester Kenn Klomegah

Vladimir Putin has sent warm greetings to African leaders, business people and participants early October, signalling that everything is set for the first Russia-Africa Summit in Sochi, southern coastal city of Russia. The message reads, in part: "Today, the countries of Africa are well on their way towards social, economic, scientific and technological development, and are playing a significant role in international affairs. They are strengthening mutually beneficial integration processes within the African Union and other regional and sub-regional organizations across the continent."

In recent years, the traditionally friendly ties of partnership between Russia and Africa have gained new momentum, both at a bilateral level and in various multilateral formats. In addition to preserving past experience of successful cooperation, have also managed to make significant new steps forward. Trade and investment are growing dynamically, and new joint projects are under way in extractive industries, agriculture, healthcare, and education. Russian companies are ready to offer their scientific and technological developments to their African partners, and share their experience of upgrading energy, transport and communications infrastructures, according to President Putin.

It is, broadly, expected that the Summit will help identify new areas and forms of cooperation, put forward promote collaboration between Russia and Africa to a qualitatively new level and further contribute enormously to the development of bilateral relations between Russia and Africa.

According to the Organizing Committee, some 50 African heads of state have already confirmed their participation. It will feature more than 200 CEOs, ministers of key industries, and representatives of the expert community from Russia and Africa. The events will be attended by more than 3,000 representatives of African businesses.

The main event are the plenary session "Russia-Africa: Uncovering the Potential for Cooperation" during which the Presidents of Russia, Vladimir Putin, and Egypt, Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, are expected to speak. A final declaration of the Summit titled "For Peace, Security, and Development" has been prepared and it includes items on the global and regional agendas that are important for Russia as well as comprehensive proposals on diverse ways to develop the full scope of future Russian-African relations. In addition, at least 23 intergovernmental and interagency agreements and other agreements between African and Russian companies will be signed on the sidelines. Under the theme "Russia and Africa: Uncovering the Potential for Cooperation" here are the key areas the Summit will discuss:-

*The Role of Media in Russian-African Relations

The African continent is becoming ever more important in today's international order. Russian-African relations are adding an additional dimension to developments, especially with the boost provided by rapidly expanding links across a vast range of areas. The media can, and indeed must be a decisive factor in building effective ties. Africa is frequently portrayed in the media as suffering from numerous intergovernmental, religious, and ethnic conflicts; political and economic instability; and an array of demographic and social problems. Knowledge of today's Russia and the steps being taken by its political leaders to tackle global challenges is also given little space in the continent's media landscape.

Contribution of Nuclear Technologies in the Development of Africa

Today, African countries face major challenges. Rapid population growth and the worsening energy crisis are constraining economic growth on the continent. The poor transport infrastructure, access of the population to health services, low level of education and food supply insecurity are severely hampering Africa's efforts to improve the quality of life in the region. It is clear that to solve these problems a large-scale development programme is required, including a strategy based on achieving the UN sustainable development goals. Nuclear technologies can



Russian President Vladimir Putin (R) and his Egyptian counterpart, Abdel Fattah el-Sisi

become a driver for socio-economic development and a comprehensive solution to the systemic continent-wide problems.

Humanitarian cooperation: Development Goals and Corporate Social Responsibility

Humanitarian partnership between Russia and African countries is becoming increasingly important. It is an area covering the development of human capital (education and culture), social programmes, healthcare, and access to essential benefits supporting people's lives and national development in countries across the continent.

Current Objectives in Developing the Housing Construction Market on the African Continent

Access to housing is one of the most pressing issues facing most African countries. Modern housing and a comprehensive approach to spatial planning can help ensure sustainable urban development and socioeconomic growth. We must now determine the needs of the housing construction market in African countries and identify joint solutions and ways of working together to achieve the most effective results in the shortest possible time. Practical steps aimed at identifying, supporting, and implementing joint projects are vital to such partnerships.

Investing in Africa

In 2050, Africa's total GDP will reach \$29 tn, exceeding the combined GDP of US and Euro zone in 2012. Pan-African and national growth strategies as well as global thinktanks' forecasts highlight the following growth areas and potential key drivers of the continent's rise in the medium and long term: commodities; infrastructure (utilities and roads) and industrialization; demography; education; expanding middle class; access to financial services. These factors will define the continent's investment outlook: future investment climate, current investments and their diversification. They have potential either to bolster or hamper the capital inflows.

Economic Sovereignty for Africa: Problems and Solutions

In order to fulfil their development objectives and meet the needs of their citizens, countries in Africa are compelled to turn to foreign sources of financing. However, these mainly take the form of credit from international financial institutions and direct loans whereby the creditor imposes socioeconomic and political requirements which limit a country's sovereignty. Sovereign bonds and other forms of borrowing on the capital market account for just a small proportion of African debt, but some countries on the continent are still unable to access this form of financing. As a result, more than USD 100 billion of borrowing potential is going untapped. More than USD 200 billion of existing debt could be refinanced under less stringent conditions.

Russia and Africa: Energy for Development and Cooperation

Africa today has a population of over one billion people, huge resource potential and a platform for development. The continent has the potential to become one of the world's largest economies and most populated regions by 2050 through organic growth and reform. Creating a foundation for growth at the very outset and using the continent's mineral wealth in the most effective way possible requires the right energy policy.

Transport Infrastructure on the African Continent: Opportunities to Implement Joint Projects

The transport sector in Africa possesses excellent potential for development. The continent's railways offer great promise, as do joint ventures. Several African nations have prioritized the development of their transport infrastructures, particularly given transport's ability to spur growth in key industries. The expansion of transport links brings with it additional jobs and expertise, and improves quality of life for the local population. Russia is able to offer technology and expertise at the very forefront of construction, planning, engineering, and equipment supplies. However, there remain a number of barriers to the market, as well as a lack of financing and country specific risks.

Financing as an Essential Instrument of Economic Growth in Africa

The African continent has enormous economic potential and is actively integrating into the system of international economic relations. Prospects for Russia to increase its trade with African countries are directly linked to the diversification of its merchandise exports. However, this is only a realistic aim if international financing channels are put in place to facilitate



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growth in trade. Given the interest in Russia and Africa increasing economic cooperation, new solutions need to be found to implement ambitious trade projects.

Russian-African Collaboration in the Diamond Industry

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The Future of the African Continent: Sovereignty and Traditional Values as Crucial Elements of a Development Strategy

In an era of globalization, protecting national values and priorities is a pressing concern. Economic and political sovereignty are the foundation of development in a polycentric world, and African countries are no exception. The African Union's strategic framework Agenda 2063 highlights the importance of preserving African values and Pan-Africanism.

Collaboration in Industry: Potential Areas of Growth

The development of high-tech and export-oriented industries in the Russian manufacturing sector has laid the groundwork for expanding areas of collaboration and launching ambitious long-term projects. What needs to be done to bring about a substantial improvement in collaboration between Russia and Africa? Which areas of cooperation are of most interest to Russian businesses and African nations? What projects and forms of Russian-African partnership are in need of financial support from parties such as Afreximbank?

Doing Business in Africa: Challenges and Opportunities

Today, Africa is one of the most promising and fastest-growing regions of the world, with leading powers actively competing with one another. However, the continent should not be viewed as a single, monolithic market. Its economy varies from place to place in terms of type, scale, and structure. Africa today is a place

of great political, cultural, ethnic, and religious diversity. As a result, each country has a unique business culture, requiring an individual approach from any company wishing to enter its market.

Biosecurity: Current Projects and Opportunities for Cooperation

Global threats in today's interconnected world, such as epidemics of infectious diseases, have a huge impact on the development of African nations. Robust healthcare systems and the ability to react to these threats can boost prosperity and help countries to thrive. Over the past few years, the African continent has had to tackle outbreaks of dangerous infectious diseases affecting thousands of lives and costing national economies millions of dollars. Russia has a great deal of experience in reacting to health threats, and today is implementing large-scale projects in countries around the world.

Digital Transformation as a Driver of State Development

Today, digitalization is a major driver of state development. Effective e-government simplifies communication between people and the state, and helps create an effective system for departments to interact with one another. As a result, people gain quicker access to government services. In turn, this leads to greater user satisfaction, and substantial monetary savings.

The Eurasian Economic Union and Africa: Trends and Opportunities to Develop Integrated Processes and Collaborate

Over the past few decades, economic integration processes have become an overarching trend in regional development throughout the world.

They have helped member states to successfully embed themselves in the global economy and minimize the risk of crises occurring in various industries.

Economic integration provides a new perspective on crucial projects related to infrastructure, logistics, energy, trade, agricultural and industrial development, digitalization, migration policy, and employment.

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REQUEST FOR PRICE QUOTATION

The Kingdom of Belgium through Enabel and the Government of Tanzania through the Ministry of Water, are implementing a water and sanitation project in Kigoma region. This is a 5-year project which runs through to June 2022 and aims to promote provision of sustainable water supply services in the region. This intervention has three key result areas namely: 1) sustainable water supply operations and maintenance, 2) water supply scheme rehabilitation and extension and 3) promotion of safe hygiene practices in domestic water management. Under the second result area, the Water and Sanitation Kigoma Region Project (WASKIRP) is now requesting qualified consultants to provide design services for a proposed water supply scheme at Mwayaya Village in Buhigwe District.

Objective of the consultancy

Successful consultants will undertake studies to design Mwayaya pumping scheme to meet fully present and future drinking water demand of the village. The design horizon is 2029. The scope of the assignment will include:

- Carrying out pre-study and inception activities
- Undertake technical studies, preparation of detailed of engineering designs for the intake, rising and gravity mains, storage tanks, and distribution network.
- Produce tender documents for solicitation of works
- Participate in the tendering processes.

Qualifications and experience required:

The consultant shall provide a team of experts all of whom shall be adequately qualified and experienced in their respective fields and be eligible for registration with the relevant local and/or international professional bodies. It is expected that the Team Leader shall possess a MSc. Degree in Civil Engineering/Water Supply Engineering or a BSc. Civil Engineering/Water Supply Engineering with at least 15 years of experience in water supply.

Closing of the call for price quotation: Tuesday, 5 November 2019.

For more details on the assignment and the method of application, please follow the link below: <https://btctanzania.wordpress.com/>

DIVERSIFICATION

Coca-cola Kwanza targets growing juice market with Minute Maid Delight brand

By Guardian Reporter

A NEW naturally flavoured fruit juice, Minute Maid Delight has been introduced in the market as Coca Cola Kwanza Limited courts a growing number of non-alcoholic beverages.

Unveiling the new product in Dar es Salaam on Friday, Coca-Cola Kwanza Managing Director, Basil Gadziols said the new product joins the Minute Maid juice family which comprises of Mango, Tropical and Apple flavours.

Gadziols said that the objective of coming up with the new juice name is to develop a diversified portfolio that drives Coca-Cola's evolution to become a complete beverage company targeting the fast-growing domestic juice market.

"Every year, The Coca-Cola Com-

pany launches hundreds of new products to meet the ever-changing tastes of consumers around the world. In Tanzania we also strive to provide our consumers various choices in the products that we offer," he stated.

"Therefore, in Minute Maid Delight, we have a strong product that is different from anything currently in the market and one that each sip is packed with an experience that gives you a mouth-watering combination of complete refreshment," he added.

Seconding her boss, Coca-Cola Kwanza's Senior Brand Manager, Kabula Nshimo talked about the consumer journey and pricing of the new product. "The new exciting product can be consumed throughout the day from breakfast to dinner time and comes in a distinctive



Coca-Cola Kwanza Managing Director, Basil Gadziols speaks during the launch of Minute Maid Delight juice at an event held in Dar es Salaam over the weekend. Left is Coca-Cola Kwanza's Sales and Marketing Director, Josephine Msaliwa. Photo courtesy of Coca cola.

400ml and one litre pet shaped bottles," Nshimo said.

She said the company is guided by its passion for consumers when coming up with new products hence listens carefully, pay thought-

ful attention to understand them and learn what they care about most.

"We then turn that listening into a portfolio of irresistible drinks that make life's everyday moments more meaningful and enjoyable,"

she noted while stating that the product will be available in the market and outlets across the country this month. Coca-Cola will support the launch of Minute Maid Delight with a nationwide marketing campaign that will feature radio, billboards, and consumer sampling activities, she added.



Deputy Minister for Finance and Planning, Dr Ashatu Kijaji (C), presents a Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange's third Best Company of the Year under Main Investment Market in Banking and Investment Sector to DCB Commercial Bank Plc Chief Manager Legal Affairs and Company Secretary, Regina Mduma, during the DSE's 2019 members award presentation in Dar es Salaam on Monday. Looking on from the left are: DSE CEO, Moremi Marwa, Capital Markets and Securities Authority's CEO, Nicodemus Mkama and DCB Bank Legal Officer, Grace Ringo. Photo courtesy of DCB.

ENCOURAGING

Bagamoyo SEZ attracts over 144bn/- investment one month to mid-2019

By Guardian Reporter

INVESTMENTS by both local and foreign businesses at Bagamoyo Special Economic Zone grossed US\$ 62.84 million (over 144.53bn/-) by May this year, Export Processing Zones Authority has said.

EPZA's Director of Investment Promotion, James Maziku said the total projected export earnings of the licensed companies operating at the Bagamoyo SEZ is expected to 177.008bn/- per annum while creating 1,614 jobs.

Maziku told visitors at the ongoing Coast Regional Industrial Exhibition and Investment Forum investors benefit from EPZA facilities where 80 percent of the processed products are for the exports market.

He said most of the licensed companies are at different levels of development with the exception two that are in full operation.

"The two licensed companies which are in full operation are Africa Dragon Enterprises Limited which has been operating since July 2017 and Phiss Tannery Limited," he noted while explaining that African Dragon manufactures colour-coated steel coils while Phiss deals in leather products for export and has been operating since 2013.

"However, apart from the outstanding performance registered, companies at the Bagamoyo SEZ face challenges ranging from industrial and transportation infrastructures to



difficulties in accessing domestic and regional markets," Maziku added.

The EPZA Director further stated that the fact that the Bagamoyo SEZ is still at infancy stage of development, it lacks basic industrial infrastructures such as serviced investment plots, power and gas supply lines, among other things.

"These infrastructures are supposed to be provided by the government so as

to speed up the construction of industrial facilities. Thus investors have to incur extra costs during the course of developing their respective investment," he said.

Furthermore, the inadequate and poor on site roads at the zone inhibits transportation logistics for construction activities.

Also companies operating under SEZ scheme also face difficulty to ac-

cess domestic and East African regional market resulting from high rates of tax charged on goods.

For example, according Domestic Customs Laws, goods off-loaded to the local market from SEZ territory in Tanzania are subject to 23 percent Value Added-Tax as compared to 18 percent VAT charged on regular businesses in the country.

DIVERSIFICATION

Airtel Africa, Ecobank Group partnership promises boon to Airtel Money customers

By Guardian Reporter

AIRTEL Money customers from 14 countries in Africa will benefit from seamless mobile financial services after Airtel Africa signed a partnership agreement to work together.

The deal means that Airtel Africa, with presence in 14 countries across Africa and Ecobank Transnational Incorporated, the parent company of Ecobank the leading pan-African banking group operating in 33 countries, will allow millions of Airtel Money and Ecobank customers across Africa to improve their access to mobile financial services and carry out a variety of mobile transactions.

The partnership which is subject to regulatory approval in each market, will enable Airtel Money customers, through Ecobank's digital

financial services ecosystem, make online deposits and withdrawals, effect real time domestic and international money transfers, make in-store merchant payments, and access loans and savings products amongst others.

"This partnership is a further demonstration of Airtel Africa's commitment to provide affordable, simple and innovative solutions for our consumers across Africa. We will continue to offer locally relevant M-Commerce solutions with partners like Ecobank in order to enhance the daily lives of our customers," said Raghunath Mandava, CEO for Airtel Africa.

On his part, Ecobank Group CEO, Ade Ayeyemi said the agreement means that financial inclusion can ultimately contribute to economic development, collaborating with major telecommunications providers in Africa is therefore

a key strategic driver towards closing the gap between the banked and the underbanked.

"Hence this partnership with Airtel Africa which makes Ecobank financial services available to any Airtel line registered on Airtel Money, in our markets where regulatory approvals are in place.

This potential extensive reach will further provide convenience to customers, intra-country and particularly for cross-border transactions and remittances across Africa," Ayeyemi said.

The partnership will also allow Ecobank corporate account holders to make bulk disbursements, such as payroll payments, directly into Airtel Money customer wallets.

Additionally, Ecobank will be able to sponsor Airtel Money to issue both virtual and physical debit and prepaid cards to Airtel Money customers.

GREEN-ENERGY

Maritime industry seeking solutions to limit pollution

BRUSSELS

SHIPOWNERS say they are trying to cut their heavy-polluting industry's impact on the environment by using cleaner energy - but some have stalled over limiting the speed of ships.

Led by the International Maritime Organisation (IMO), the industry is considering several options to replace so-called heavy fuel oil that propels over 60 000 vessels, including tankers, used in the global transportation of goods. Last week, the IOM met in London to discuss options with other industry players.

"The IMO's ambition can only be realised with the development and application of technological innovation and the introduction of alternative fuels, which means low- or zero-carbon fuels should be made available soon," said its secretary general Kitack Lim.

French companies are driving the development of new ships that can run on less-polluting liquefied natural gas, but that does require suitable storage facilities and engines. The new technology is gaining support from energy majors, such as Royal Dutch Shell.

"Maritime transport is very polluting and yet is the last sector not to have been regulated," Faig Abbasov of Belgian NGO Transport and Environment told AFP. Maritime transport accounts for 2.3% of CO2 emissions, according to Armateurs de France representing shipping companies. This compares with 2.0% for air transport, according to the International Civil Aviation Organisation.

MARKETING

CRDB chief assures private sector of loans to build industries

By Guardian Reporter

CRDB Bank Plc has enough financial muscles to lend to the private sector to invest in industries in line with the government's industrialization agenda.

The bank's Managing Director, Abdulmajid Nsekela said in Dar es Salaam on Friday during the President's Manufacturer of the Year Awards for 2019 that CRDB has different loan portfolios with varying amounts which industrial investors can get.

Nsekela whose back has been sponsoring

PMAYA ceremonies for the past two years, noted that the country's largest commercial bank by loan portfolio and net assets value, can meet anybody's needs in the market.

"We at CRDB are proud to be associated with this annual event for manufacturers because it helps to promote industrialization which is in line with the government's development blueprint," he said while explaining that the lender which controls over 20 percent of both assets and deposits in the local banking industry, provides affordable loans.

"We have sponsored this event for the sec-

ond consecutive in respect of our slogan, 'Ulipo tupo' meaning, we are where you are," Nsekela added noting that 70m/- was spent to sponsor the PMAYA event. Among other things, CRDB has a net assets value of 6.2tr/- and deposits approaching 5.0tr/- which makes it the largest bank in the market in terms of balance sheet.

In his address to PMYA ceremony, Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa reiterated the government's commitment to graduate the country into a semi-industrial and middle income economy by 2025. "However, in order for us to reach that level, industrial contribution to gross do-

mestic product should cross 15 percent mark from last year's 8.5 percent," Majaliwa said. The Prime Minister who represented President John Magufuli, said some 4,000 industries of various capacity have been established so far.

Majaliwa assured industrialists that the government backs their investments hence urged them to consult his office when facing unnecessary bureaucracy in the course of their businesses. "You should get in direct contact with Ministers of Industries, Trade and Investment to address your concerns," he ordered. In a vote of thanks, Confederation of Tanzania Industries Chairman, Shubash Patel said

currently members are facing two major challenges, namely: delayed VAT refunds and industrial sugar's imposed 15 percent cess tax.

"This VAT refund delay backpedals efforts by industries to expand and diversify their investments into other sectors and contribute to the nation's vision," Patel said.

Minister for Industries and Trade Innocent Bashungwa promised to handle the matter amicably so as to bring relief to industries' cash flow movement and further investments. "I promise you to liaise with my colleagues and find a solution to your complaints," Bashungwa promised.

AUDIT

Airlines scramble after planes are grounded for compliance checks

JOHANNESBURG

LOCAL airlines scrambled to accommodate and pacify angry passengers on Tuesday after flights were affected by irregularities involving maintenance supplier South African Airways Technical.

South African Airways, Comair (i.e. Kulula), Mango and British Airways flights were among those affected. The South African Civil Aviation Authority issued a notice to the airlines that prevented some of its planes from being flown.

Comair rushed to assure passengers that their planes were safe, saying that "the safety and security of our customers and personnel is our foremost priority and is never compromised." It explained that the Civil Aviation Authority issued the notice related to irregular findings picked up during a recent audit of the maintenance and technical service. Affected aircraft could not be flown until the necessary corrective action had been carried out.

"We do apologise to our customers for any inconvenience to their travel plans and appreciate their support. We are working closely with [South African Airways Technical] to rectify the findings and getting our flights back on schedule as soon as possible."

South Africa's cash-strapped national airline SAA also had to operate an amended flight schedule. Some of the flights operated later than usual and four flights were cancelled, but the airline had combined flights and deployed bigger aircraft to accom-

modate affected passengers, it said.

Meanwhile, the airlines' social media teams were hard at work trying to reassure customers that other flights would not be affected. "Kindly note that we are not aware of any disruptions of flights for the rest of the week, should there be any changes, posts will be on the social media platforms," Kulula tweeted. But some passengers were less forgiving.

StuartG tweeted: "Umm, you've had all night to do something about it, but your passengers received the announcement 10 minutes before boarding, and the planes are getting pushed back now. So we have a surprise indefinite delay, gosh thanks."

Kulula said that its teams had worked throughout the night to get through the corrective actions and to activate mitigation plans. Comair, meanwhile, said that it was in the process of transitioning its fleet from South African Airways Technical to Lufthansa Technik Maintenance International.

"All the aircraft that have recently joined our fleet are also already maintained by Lufthansa Technik Maintenance International," tweeted Kulula in response to a question on Twitter. One Mango follower on Facebook asked why the airlines "waited for audits to find faults."

"Do you not check your aircrafts on a regular basis. This is highly irresponsible and definitely not putting your passengers safety first," asked Marshall Naidu. Mango Airlines was quick to assure Naidu that safety was its priority and its aircrafts were checked daily.



Tigo managing director, Simon Karikari presents a dummy cheque to CCBRT's CEO Brenda Msangi earlier this week. Photo courtesy of Tigo



Kahama district commissioner Anamringi Macha (R) presents a certificate of appreciation to AccessBank client Alphonse Masanyiwa at earlier this week's AccessBank Kahama Business Forum, as the bank's head of banking services Michael Fraterne and chief business officer Prosper Gwemella look on. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

CAPACITY-BUILDING

AccessBank holds training session for SMEs in Kahama

By Guardian Reporter

MORE than 300 micro-enterprise, agribusiness and traders who are both clients and non-clients of AccessBank Tanzania in Kahama district received training in financial management and business ethics.

The forum which was graced by Kahama District Commissioner, Anamringi Macha was also aimed at briefing the small and medium size enterprise owners the bank's products and services which include loans and deposit facilities.

"The government is on an industrialization drive and this forum will assist to address and push Kahama's micro businesses to achieve this goal. I would like to thank AccessBank for organising such meetings and I look forward to being invited to the next forum," said Macha.

Briefing the DC, Access-

Bank's Chief Business Officer, Prosper Gwemella said the bank's services are facilitated by agents, automated teller machines and mobile phones as investment in technology is given priority.

"Investment in modern technology is the way forward and a faster solution in delivering financial services to unbanked customers in the country," Gwemella said while stating that the forum was also meant to educate SMEs on basic of business management.

"In the next forum we are planning to conduct will be held in Mbeya where we hope see an increased partnership with clients," he added as he explained that European Investment Bank (EIB) also played a role in organizing the meeting.

AccessBank's business trainer, Eric Crispin explained that it is important for businesspersons to pay taxes and

as such it is important to manage accounts and keep records properly. "These few important elements contribute immensely to proper business management," Crispin said.

He said for AccessBank, such meetings provide a platform to promote good management of business among its clients while luring non-clients to join the bank. "Seize these opportunities and make them work for you," Crispin urged the participants.

AccessBank is a commercial bank targeting small and medium size businesses in the market.

With very strong international shareholders such as AccessHolding, International Finance Corporation (World Bank), KfW, African Development Bank and MicroVest, ABT's vision is to help develop the financial systems that support economic growth of the country.

RELIEF

Taxes on used cars to fall after KRA duty ruled illegal

NAIROBI

TAXES paid on used motor vehicles look set to drop significantly in the coming months after the High Court in Mombasa declared the current tax computation formula used by the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) illegal.

The taxman has been using price quotations from dealers of new vehicles such as Toyota Kenya as the basis for calculating import duties and other levies on second-hand cars shipped in from overseas markets.

Used car dealers argued in court that the starting quotations,

known as current retail selling prices (CRSP), are inflated and therefore result in unfairly higher taxes running into millions of shillings for those dealing in used imports.

They also say the process is unconstitutional since it locks them out, meaning that there is no public participation. In a case filed by Car Importers Association of Kenya, the judge ruled in favour of the petitioners and found KRA's taxation of used cars to be unfair and arbitrary.

Justice Eric Ogola last Wednesday declared that the CRSP is unconstitutional and ordered KRA to consult used car dealers when creating the next price list. "A decla-

ration that for purpose of continuity and in the interest of the public the transactions already effected via the said CRSP ... shall continue to apply until such a time as the respondents will establish a new CRSP value in accordance with the law within 12 months from the date of this judgment," he ruled.

Dealers in second-hand vehicles argue that the prices supplied by the new vehicle sellers to KRA are sometimes higher than actual showroom prices. It is expected that by forcing public participation in the setting of the CRSP, the process will become more transparent and lead to lower taxes on mod-

els that have been unfairly overcharged in recent times.

"Taxes on some models have been unfairly high. We have been telling KRA that their sources of CRSP are interested parties who inflate the prices," said Charles Munyori, the secretary-general of Kenya Auto Bazaar Association.

The current CRSP lists hundreds of vehicle models including Toyota Prado LJ running on a three-litre diesel engine whose showroom price is stated at Sh9.7 million. Others are Mercedes C200 Elegance with a 1.79-litre petrol engine (Sh7.3 million) and Toyota Vanguard 4WD with a two-litre petrol engine (Sh5.2

million).

The court case highlighted the arbitrary nature of the current tax system, which has seen some importers abandon their vehicles at the port after being hit with higher levies than they expected. Al-Husnain Motors, for instance, imported a Toyota Land Cruiser V8 running on a 4.6-litre petrol engine. The used car dealer paid taxes of Sh4.1 million derived on the retail price of Sh14.4 million for a similar model in Kenya.

KRA, however, demanded more taxes from the dealer, arguing that the car should be taxed based on the higher selling price of Sh17.9

million for a Toyota Land Cruiser VX.

Taxman unfair

The judge found that the taxman was unfairly shifting goalposts to collect higher taxes, including by claiming that the car had been modified and gathering questionable data to justify its position. "This court is satisfied that the respondents have no legal mandate to extract more taxes from Al-Husnain Motors on the basis of Facebook website data, or data offered in unclear circumstances by Toyota Kenya who are the petitioner's competitors.

"Clearly, the basis of such taxation is guesswork whose result is ambiguity which has led to some importers being left off the hook while others are being forced to pay." The judge added that the current motor vehicle tax process, if allowed to continue, will promote bias, unfairness and discrimination in assessment of tax due.

Used car dealers have long accused their formal counterparts of supplying the taxman with exorbitant prices of the models they sell, with KRA using this information as a base for calculating import duties.

WORLD

US diplomat who questioned 'crazy' Ukraine policy to testify in Trump probe

WASHINGTON

U.S. lawmakers conducting an impeachment inquiry into President Donald Trump yesterday was expected to hear from the top U.S. official in Ukraine, who once said it was "crazy" to withhold military aid for the country for domestic political reasons.

William Taylor, a former Army officer and career U.S. diplomat now leading the U.S. embassy in Kiev, will be the latest in a series of current and former officials to meet behind closed doors with the Democratic-led House of Representatives Foreign Affairs, Intelligence and Oversight Committees in the month since the probe began.

Committee members and staff are examining whether the Republican Trump abused his office by improperly putting pressure on Ukraine to launch an investigation of former Vice President Joe Biden, a political rival and leading candidate for the Democratic 2020 presidential nomination.

Taylor's testimony is of particular interest to investigators because of his leading role at the embassy in Ukraine. He raised concern about military assistance being withheld from Kiev to

put pressure on Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to investigate Biden and his son, Hunter, who was on the board of a Ukrainian gas company. The investigation was largely prompted by a whistleblower's report that Trump may have pressured Zelenskyy to investigate the Bidens in a July 25 telephone call.

Taylor mentioned his concern on Sept. 9 to Kurt Volker, the State Department's former special envoy to Ukraine, and Gordon Sondland, the U.S. ambassador to the European Union, in a text message provided to investigators and later made public.

"As I said on the phone, I think it's crazy to withhold security assistance for help with a political campaign," Taylor wrote.

Taylor was tapped to serve as charge d'affaires in Kiev, where he served as U.S. ambassador from 2006 to 2009, after Trump abruptly recalled Ambassador Marie Yovanovitch in May after she came under attack from his personal lawyer, Rudy Giuliani.

Yovanovitch testified in Congress on Oct. 11.

'IMPORTANT WITNESS' Committee members said they were



William Taylor

eager to hear from Taylor. They want to know about the text messages as well as any telephone calls he may have had with other U.S. officials and with Giuliani, who has played an informal role in U.S. relations with Ukraine.

"We know he's an important witness because of the exchange of text messages. We know he's the one who suggested it's crazy to withhold aid," said Democratic Representative Ted Deutch, a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee.

Trump has acknowledged many of the central facts related to the telephone call, maintaining that none of it amounted to wrongdoing or a demand for a "quid pro quo," a Latin phrase meaning a favor in exchange for a favor.

On Monday, Trump exhorted fellow Republicans to get tougher and fight for him, accusing the Democratic-led House of wanting to impeach him "as quick as possible" because he says they cannot defeat him in next year's election.

Taylor is the first of just two witnesses scheduled to speak with the House committees this

week. Lawmakers curtailed their schedule from seven after the death last week of Representative Elijah Cummings, chairman of the Oversight Committee.

A top Department of Defense official, Deputy Assistant Secretary Laura Cooper, is due to testify on Wednesday. Cooper has worked on Russia and Ukraine policy at the Pentagon.

The committees made clear they will press ahead despite Cummings' loss.

"We will continue to pursue the impeachment inquiry with vigor in support of the investigation led by the Intelligence Committee," Democratic Representative Carolyn Maloney, acting chairwoman of the Oversight Committee, said in a statement.

House approval of articles of impeachment would prompt a trial in the Republican-led Senate on whether to remove Trump from office.

Few Republicans have shown any inclination to conduct an inquiry into the president, let alone remove him from the White House.

Japanese Emperor Naruhito proclaims enthronement in highly ritualised ceremony

TOKYO

JAPANESE Emperor Naruhito yesterday proclaimed his enthronement in a highly ritualized, ancient-style ceremony held in the Seiden State Hall at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo in front of 2,000 guests from around the world.

In the official coronation ceremony known as "Sokuirei Seiden no gi," the 59-year-old emperor wearing a dark reddish-brown robe known as a "Korozen no goho" only worn by emperors, made his ascension to the 6.5-meter-high canopied Takamikura imperial throne.

Flanked by the imperial sword and jewel, two of the three items of imperial regalia inherited by the emperor as proof of his ascension, along with the state and privy seals, Emperor Naruhito proceeded to proclaim his enthronement.

Empress Masako was seated on the adjacent Michodai throne wearing a layered court kimono, known as a traditional Japanese garment.

"In accordance with the Constitution of Japan and the Special Measures Law on the Imperial House Law, I now perform the Ceremony of Enthronement at the Seiden State Hall and proclaim my enthronement to those at home and abroad," he said.

"For more than 30 years on the Throne, His Majesty the Emperor Emeritus (Akihito) constantly prayed for the happiness of the people and world peace, always sharing in the joys and sorrows of the people, and showing compassion through his own bearing."

"I pledge hereby that I shall act according to the Constitution and fulfill my responsibility as the symbol of the State and of the unity of the people of Japan, while always wishing for the happiness of the people and the peace of the world, turning my thoughts to the people and standing by them," Emperor Naruhito continued.

In his final words, the emperor wished for the peace and prosperity of mankind. "I sincerely hope that our country, through our people's wisdom and unceasing efforts, achieves further development and contributes to the friendship and peace of the international community and the welfare and prosperity of mankind."

Following the emperor's proclamation, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, wearing a black tail coat and white bow tie, paid his formal congratulatory tribute to the emperor from the lower floor of the "Matsu-no-Ma" state room.

"The people of Japan come together in extending their heartfelt congratulations," said the Japanese leader after confirming the emperor's ascension to the throne to both representatives at home and abroad.

He added that the emperor had said in his proclamation that he would reflect deeply on the course followed by his majesty the Emperor Emeritus in always wishing for the happiness of the people and world peace and had pledged to stand by the people and act in accordance with the Constitution in fulfilling his responsibility as a symbol of the state.

Abe said he was deeply touched by the emperor's words on contributing to the friendship and peace of the international community, as well as to the welfare and prosperity of mankind. "We take pride in a Japan that is peaceful and brimming with hope in an era of culture coming into being and flourishing when people bring their hearts and minds together in a beautiful manner," the prime minister said in his congratulatory speech.

"I hereby pray for peace in the era of Reiwa and extend my best wishes for the imperial household to flourish further," said the Japanese leader in his closing remarks to Emperor Naruhito. The Japanese premier then led the attendees in three rounds of "banzai" cheers, which were followed by a 21-gun salute.

Prior to proclaiming his enthronement, the emperor, at 9:00 a.m. local time Tuesday, wearing a white robe, visited the three Imperial sanctuaries to report to various deities that the enthronement ceremony will be held today, in the first of the ceremonial rituals.

The empress, in a white-layered kimono visited the sanctuaries separately. Emperor Naruhito's reign began on May 1 as he ascended the Chrysanthemum Throne, marking the beginning of a new imperial era in Japan.

His reign and the new Reiwa Era began following the abdication of his father, former Emperor Akihito. Emperor Naruhito, following the abdication of his father, became Japan's 126th emperor according to the traditional order of succession and will continue in his father's footsteps as a "symbol of the state"

Xinhua



Pakistan's imprisoned former premier rushed to hospital

LAHORE

PAKISTAN'S former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, who was convicted on corruption charges, was rushed to hospital from the prison after recent blood tests raised doctors' concerns, his physician said yesterday.

The former premier was taken to hospital late on Monday, said Sharif's doctor, Adnan Malik.

Doctors initially believed Sharif had contracted dengue fever, which is rampant in Pakistan, but on Tuesday the government issued a statement saying his con-

cerningly low platelet count may have been the results of medication he was taking.

Sharif was sentenced to 12 years in prison on corruption charges and seven years on a separate money laundering charge. He is also under investigation on other corruption allegations. Sharif has appealed the two convictions, insisting on his innocence.

In related developments, Sharif's son-in-law, Mohammad Safdar, was arrested on Monday after he alleged that Sharif was



being slowly poisoned – a charge that Pakistani authorities promptly denied.

The National Accountability Bureau, which oversees investigations into corruption allegations, had questioned Sharif for the past week on corruption charges in

connection with a sugar mill in which he held controlling shares while serving as prime minister.

The charges also allege that other members of his family, including his daughter Maryam Nawaz, retained shares. Sharif's daughter is appealing an earlier conviction on corruption charges against her. She was sentenced to seven years for her involvement in the purchase of apartments in London but is now out on bail during the appeal process.

Prime Minister Imran Khan's

government has been relentless in pursuit of corruption cases but has come under fire for focusing most of its attention on its opponents.

As well as Sharif, the government has alleged corruption by the co-leader of another political opposition party, the Pakistan People's Party, led by Benazir Bhutto. She was killed in 2007 after returning to Pakistan from self-imposed exile. Her husband Asif Ali Zardari is in custody, under investigation on corruption charges.

Agencies

Observer: US Congress grossly interferes in China's internal affairs

THE US House of Representatives passed bills, including the so-called Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act, to increase its intervention in Hong Kong affairs.

Far from benefiting Hong Kong, this act confuses black and white in disregard of facts, blatantly backs the Hong Kong violent radicals up and grossly interferes in China's internal affairs.

The biggest danger of such a move is that it sends the wrong message to Hong Kong rioters. Over the past months, it has become clear that the violent protesters in Hong Kong have been emboldened by the fact that various foreign forces are willing to act as their spokesmen and protectors.

Ever since the protests started in Hong Kong, representatives of the US government, especially members of Congress, have been presenting misinformation regarding Hong Kong to

the American public. Such lawbreaking violence would never be allowed in the US, but politicians in Congress have called it a "peaceful campaign for human rights."

Hong Kong police maintain the basic social order by normal law enforcement actions, but it is called "violence and repression."

Those inflammatory remarks show that American politicians who actively intervene in Hong Kong are not concerned about Hong Kong's future as they claim.

It is widely acknowledged that Hong Kong's rule of law and freedom are well ahead of the US.

The current interpretation of the situation in Hong Kong by many American politicians is distorted and does not grasp the complexity of the situation.

Their glorification of violence as a



struggle for human rights and freedom reflects nothing but an ignorance of Hong Kong's history and reality, as well as a defiance of mainstream Hong Kong public opinion that the city should stop violence and restore order.

It needs to be pointed out that the US Congress will also harm US interests if it continues to add fuel to Hong Kong's disorder.

Over the past decade, the US has accumulated a trade surplus of \$297 billion from Hong Kong, making Hong Kong the largest source of US trade surplus. More than 1,300 American companies operate in Hong Kong. It is in the common interest of the international community, including the US, to maintain Hong Kong's prosperity and stability.

According to American political philosophy, of all government bodies, Congress is supposed to directly reflect public opinion. However, on a series of issues concerning the China policy, the perception gap between members of Congress and the US public has repeatedly emerged.

Polls have consistently shown that despite the current challenges facing Sino-US relations, most Americans still want the two major powers to maintain a stable relationship.

Chicago Council on Global Affairs released a new study last week showing that about two-thirds of Americans believe the US should pursue a policy of co-operation and engagement with China.

At present, it's not only Hong Kong that is at a crossroads, but also the long-term development of China-US relations.

To make the right choices, policymakers should listen to the public in a more rational and objective way, rather than basing their policies on prejudices.

People's Daily

Finance ministers, central bankers vigilant on trade tensions, urge IMF quota reform

WASHINGTON

FINANCE ministers and central bankers worldwide called for concerted efforts to strengthen the multilateral, rules-based trading system amid global trade tensions at the just concluded annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank, while demanding continued progress in the IMF's quota and governance reform.

CONCERNS OVER TRADE TENSIONS

In a communique released after the 40th meeting of the International Monetary and Financial Committee (IMFC), the IMF's policy-setting body, the committee said growth outlook is "highly uncertain and subject to elevated downside risks," including trade tensions, policy uncertainty, and geopolitical

risks, against a backdrop of limited policy space, high and rising debt levels, and heightened financial vulnerabilities.

"Free, fair, and mutually beneficial goods and services trade and investment are key engines for growth and job creation. A strong international trading system with well-enforced rules addressing current and future challenges would support global growth," the IMFC said in the communique Saturday.

"To this end, we recognize the need to resolve trade tensions and support the necessary reform of the World Trade Organization to improve its functioning," it said.

World Trade Organization (WTO) Director-General Roberto Azevedo said in a statement to the IMFC meeting that "trade tensions, combined with a wider slowdown in aggregate demand in leading economies, have taken a toll on

global trade growth." After registering 3 percent growth in 2018, year-on-year growth in merchandise trade, by volume, fell to 0.6 percent in the first half of 2019.

"Easing the current tensions is thus a top priority," Azevedo said. "If we want trade to continue to play its full role in driving growth, development, and productivity, we must acknowledge the essential role that the trading system plays and commit to renewing it for the future."

In its World Economic Outlook (WEO) report released last week, the IMF lowered its global growth forecast for 2019 and 2020, to 3 percent and 3.4 percent, respectively, warning that growth continues to be weakened by rising trade barriers and growing geopolitical tensions.

Noting that the main sources of downside risks are the escalation of trade and

geopolitical tensions, Brazil's central bank chief Roberto Campos Neto said that "we call on the major global economies to refrain from imposing new trade restrictions."

Germany's Finance Minister and Vice Chancellor Olaf Scholz said he agrees with the IMF that "it is key" to avoid further escalation and resolve trade tensions. "In case risks materialize and global growth weakens further, we should stand ready for coordinated policy responses to avoid a sharper downturn," Scholz said in his statement to the IMFC meeting.

"Risks associated with policy missteps, including a further escalation of trade tensions, should be avoided," said Australia's Treasurer Josh Frydenberg.

"On the other hand, positive resolution of trade tensions, including on the issues underlying them, would provide

a welcome relief to confidence, investment and growth."

"We remain committed to the multilateral, rules-based trading system and efforts to strengthen it should remain a policy priority," said the Australian treasurer.

Yi Gang, governor of the People's Bank of China, said "it is imperative" that all parties work together to build an open world economy by strengthening global cooperation, "resisting all forms of protectionism in trade and investment, and promoting trade and investment liberalization and facilitation."

"To this end, an immediate priority is to resolve the deadlock over the WTO Appellate Body by unblocking its member selection and appointment process," Yi said, adding that the WTO should step up discussions on emerging issues such as e-commerce, trade

in services, and investment facilitation, and explore ways to strengthen the rules-based multilateral framework to adapt to the evolving world.

DISAPPOINTMENT WITH QUOTA REFORM

Another major topic at the annual meetings is the IMF's quota and governance reform, with many finance ministers and central bankers disappointed with the failure of the global lender's quota increase for emerging markets under the latest quota review, or the 15th quota review.

"This could seriously hamper the effectiveness of the IMF's role in a crisis, as the only source which IMF could rely upon with certainty is its permanent resources, i.e. quotas," said Indian Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, who noted that the lack of adequate support for a quota increase is "some-what disappointing."

Xinhua



Rwandan President Paul Kagame (L) and Dubai Ports World Chairman Sultan Ahmed bin Sulayem unveil a plaque of Kigali Logistics Platform in Kigali, Rwanda, on Monday. Kagame officially inaugurated a dry port Kigali Logistics Platform, Rwanda's largest inland cargo handling facility, in the capital city of Kigali, as the landlocked country bids to become a regional logistics hub. (Xinhua)

Rwanda launches 35-mln-USD dry port

KIGALI

RWANDA'S President Paul Kagame on Monday officially inaugurated a dry port Kigali Logistics Platform, Rwanda's largest inland cargo handling facility, in the capital city of Kigali, as the landlocked country bids to become a regional logistics hub.

The platform also hosts a 2,500-square meter bonded warehouse of Rwanda Digital Trading Hub of Alibaba Electronic World Trade Platform (eWTP) Yiwu Global Innovation Center.

China's e-commerce powerhouse Alibaba, Zhejiang China Commodities City Group, and the port operator Dubai Ports World, target to build the bonded warehouse as a central warehouse for Chinese commodities in East Africa, and innovate the mode of import and export trade on this basis.

The port that costs 35 million U.S. dollars spans over 130,000 square meters, including a 12,000-square meter container yard and a 19,600 square-meter warehousing facility. It has an annual capacity of 640,000 tons of warehousing space.

Kigali Logistics Platform, located in Masaka area, Kigali's suburbs, serves as a gateway to the heart of Africa, connecting Rwanda to neighbouring countries including the Democratic Republic of Congo, Burundi, Uganda, Tanzania and Kenya. The facility will also ease access to the ports of Mombasa in Kenya and Dar es Salaam in Tanzania.

DP World, a United Arab Emirates firm, constructed the facility under a 25-year concession agreement with the government of Rwanda signed in 2016.

It has been operational since September last year in test mode.

Since the commencement of its operations, Kigali Logistics Platform has reduced truck turnaround time from an average of 10 to 14 days to three days.

When operating at full capacity, it has the potential to save Rwandan businesses up to 50 million U.S. dollars a year in logistics costs.

The dry port is very important for Rwanda in regional and international trade as it will ease trade not only in Rwanda but also in its neighboring markets, Rwanda's minister of trade Soraya Hakuziyaremye said at a launch ceremony of the facility.

The port will address Rwanda's barrier as a landlocked country to access regional and international markets, she said.

With the launch of this facility, Rwanda is doing its part to connect with the larger market of more than 1.2 billion consumers in Africa and beyond, President Kagame said at the ceremony.

The Kigali Logistics Platform comes at a "pivotal" moment in Africa's economic transformation, said Kagame, who challenged business people and investors to make full use of the facility. Kagame said the future of trade and integration in Africa lies in the African Continental Free Trade Area but trade agreements and economic policies won't have much impact, without actual infrastructure.

DP World and the government of Rwanda are exploring the expansion of Kigali Logistics Platform to increase efficiency and provide more logistics solutions.

Xinhua

Death toll from Ebola outbreak reaches 2,150 in DR Congo - AU

ADDIS ABABA

THE death toll from the ongoing Ebola virus outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) has climbed to 2,150, according to the latest figure from the Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC).

The Africa CDC - a specialized agency of the African Union (AU) - recently disclosed that the death toll from the Ebola crisis in DRC to have reached 2,133 as of early this month.

Its latest periodic update regarding the deadly outbreak's status showed that the death toll has climbed to

2,150 as of October 13.

Figures from the AU also indicated that a total of 3,220 Ebola cases were reported as of the stated period, registering 29 new Ebola virus cases from the 3,191 that were reported as of September 29.

The number of people recovered from the deadly virus also increased from 991 people as of September 29 to 1,033 as of last week, in which the overall Ebola fatality ratio has remained constant at 67 percent, it was noted.

The 55-member pan African bloc, through the Africa CDC, also urged its member countries as well as international and private organizations

to exert concerted efforts against the Ebola virus outbreak in the DRC and its neighboring countries.

The AU had also on October 15 convened a fundraising forum of African private sector and partners forum, dubbed "Africa Against Ebola," that aimed to support the ongoing response against the Ebola virus outbreak in the DRC.

The AU also disclosed that it will mobilize up to 600 local health workers and community volunteers to reach out the most remote corners of affected health areas and zones, to address the critical challenges of community engagement and ownership. Xinhua



Xi says country willing to jointly tackle problems

CHINA is willing to work together with countries in the Asia-Pacific region to tackle security challenges, but it is resolute in safeguarding its sovereignty, security and development interests, senior military officials said on Monday. In his congratulatory letter to the opening of the ongoing ninth Beijing Xiangshan Forum, President Xi Jinping called for Asia-Pacific countries to jointly address security challenges, safeguard international order and facilitate the long-term peace of the region via dialogue and cooperation.

Maintaining lasting peace and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific is in the common interest of all countries and regions in the area, and it will require different countries to contribute their wisdom and ability, said Xi, also general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission.

While facing complex security threats, nations should unite and uphold the global order with the United Nations as its core, continue to optimize security partnerships, and create security mechanisms that are suitable to the region's development and situation, he said.

Launched in 2006, the forum is China's premier multilateral platform to discuss Asia-Pacific security and defense issues. It is sponsored by the China Association for Military Science and the China Institute for International Strategic Studies.

This year's forum has drawn more than 600 military personnel and representatives, including 23 defense ministers.

Seventy-six delegations from various countries and international organizations, including the United Nations, the United States, Russia, Egypt, Vietnam and Brazil, are attending the forum, which makes the event the largest of its kind.

In the keynote speech delivered at the forum on Monday, General Wei Fenghe, state councilor and minister of national defense, made clear the Chinese military's resolution in safeguarding national interests.

He said China will not accept or be intimidated by "big stick diplomacy" or "long-arm jurisdiction", which he said are ineffective in solving problems.

Trudeau retains power in poll but will have minority govt

MONTREAL

CANADIAN Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's Liberals held onto power after a closely fought election on Monday but were reduced to a minority government that will need the support in Parliament of a smaller left-leaning party.

The vote showed a deeply divided country with the defeated Conservatives winning the popular vote, while a resurgent separatist Bloc Quebecois made big strides in the mainly French-speaking province of Quebec.

The Liberals had won or were leading in 156 out of 338 seats in Monday's vote, according to Elections Canada. That put the Liberals far short of the 170 seats needed for a second straight majority government.

"You did it, my friends. Congratulations," Trudeau told supporters in Montreal early on Tuesday, speaking as his main opponents were giving concession speeches.

Trudeau, who took power in 2015 as a charismatic figure promising "sunny ways," saw his popularity drop over old photos of him in blackface and his handling of a corporate corruption case. He will now have to rely on the New Democratic Party (NDP) to push through key legislation.

Although the NDP had a disappointing night, with the 24 seats it had won or was leading in down sharply from the 2015 election when it won 44, the party could exercise significant influence over Trudeau's next government.

"I think a Liberal government supported by the NDP is likely going to lean farther left," said John Manley, a former Liberal finance minister who now works in the private sector.

"It raises a series of issues about what are the demands that an NDP party would make. What's the price of governing going to be? I think businesses are going to be reluctant to make any moves until they get some



Liberal leader Justin Trudeau and wife Sophie Gregoire Trudeau wave as they go on stage at Liberal election headquarters in Montreal, on Monday. (AP)

satisfaction around that."

NDP leader Jagmeet Singh said he had spoken with Trudeau and told him his party would be "working hard to deliver on making sure we deliver the priorities that Canadians have."

Minority governments in Canada rarely last more than 2-1/2 years.

Ahead of the vote, opinion polls showed a tight race between Trudeau and his main rival, Conservative leader Andrew Scheer.

"Tonight we have put him on notice," Scheer said in Regina, Saskatchewan, of Trudeau. "His leadership is damaged and his government will end soon and when that time comes, we will be ready and we will win."

"We are the government in waiting," added Scheer, 40, whose party won 122 seats.

Trudeau, 47, who has championed diversity as prime minister, was endorsed by former US President Barack Obama in the final stretch of the campaign and is viewed as one of the last remaining progressive leaders among the world's major democracies.

But the son of the late Liberal Prime

Minister Pierre Trudeau also had to overcome a sense of fatigue with his government.

US President Donald Trump, whose relationship with Trudeau has been testy at times, congratulated him "on a wonderful and hard fought victory" via Twitter.

The Bloc Quebecois saw its support jump in Quebec, the only place where the separatist party contests elections. It was elected or ahead in 32 seats, more than three times what the party won in 2015.

"Dear Quebecers, I heard your message tonight," said Trudeau, who also addressed voters in two western provinces where Liberals were shut out of seats.

"To Canadians in Alberta and Saskatchewan, know that you are an essential part of our great country. I've heard your frustration and I want to be there to support you. Let us all work hard to bring our country together," he said.

The Greens, who have assailed Trudeau for not doing enough to combat climate change, also made gains on Monday. Agencies

Six Russian warplanes enter Seoul's air defense zone - South Korean ministry

SEOUL

SIX Russian warplanes intruded into Seoul's air defense identification zone yesterday, a spokesperson for the South Korean Defense Ministry told TASS on the phone.

According to the spokesperson, six aircraft of the Russian Aerospace Force (a Beriev A-50 plane, three Sukhoi Su-27 fighters and two Tupolev Tu-95 bombers) entered the zone north of Ulleungdo Island in the Sea of Japan at 09:23 local time (00:23 GMT) and left it seven minutes later.

However, the aircraft entered the air defense zone several more times in the next six hours, the South Korean Defense Ministry claimed, pointing out that the Russian aircraft had not violated the country's airspace.

According to the ministry's spokesperson, Russian aircraft have entered South Korea's air defense identification zone 20 times in 2019.

Earlier yesterday, an officer of the South Korean Joint Chiefs of Staff told the Yonhap news agency that a Russian warplane had intruded into the air defense zone and F-15K fighters had been scrambled to intercept it.

South Korea's air defense identification zone includes not only the country's airspace but also a segment of international airspace. The South Korean military demands that aircraft give early warnings about plans to enter the zone.

Agencies

Kremlin hopes Erdogan will reveal Turkish plans on carrying out Syria operation

SOCHI

THE Kremlin expects that Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan will tell his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin during the talks in Sochi about his further plans on carrying out Operation Peace Spring.

"Russia wants to discuss the situation in northeastern Syria in order to better understand the events and get information about Turkey's plans and compare it with general plans on promoting political settlement in Syria," Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters.



Erdogan's visit to Sochi, set to take place later yesterday, will prove to be important, Peskov (pictured) said pointing out that the leaders of Russia and Turkey would discuss Syria-related issues.

"We expect that his (Putin's) talks with Turkish President Erdogan will begin in an hour, hour and a half. Erdogan will be making a working visit. The visit is important," Peskov said. He emphasized that "the focus will be on Syria-related issues, particularly the situation in the country's northeast."

"We can see the United States and Turkey exchange rather tough statements, so Putin has things to discuss with his Turkish counterpart," Peskov stressed. According to him, "the two countries' leaders always take advantage of their meetings to compare positions on bilateral matters." "We have a

whole complex of trade and economic relations with Turkey," the Russian presidential spokesman added. Peskov has said that the upcoming talks between Putin and Erdogan on Syria will be difficult. "There are so many topics, the talks will be complicated, it is clear," he specified.

The Kremlin representative also underlined that the upcoming conversation simply cannot be short. "We are expecting the Turkish leader's plane to land any minute now. They (leaders) will come here and will begin [the talks] with a small number of people," Peskov said. Agencies

State Council loosens rules on overseas financial firms

THE Chinese government amended two financial management regulations seeking to expand business scope and ease market access for foreign-invested insurance companies and banks, media reported on Tuesday.

Chinese experts praised the decision on Tuesday as showing that Beijing was determined to open up the financial sector regardless of US pressure and that China's financial sector is mature enough to compete with foreign peers.

The State Council decided to amend the country's 2001 and 2006 management regulations for foreign-invested insurance companies and banks to provide

legal guarantee for the further opening up of the two sectors, the Xinhua News Agency reported on Tuesday.

According to the newly amended regulations, the floor limit for foreign bank branches in the mainland to take Chinese citizens' time deposit has been lowered from 1 million yuan (\$141,400) to 500,000 yuan.

The new regulations also eased requirements on the business scope for overseas banks, allowing them to do certain agent services and to underwrite government bonds.

In addition, China scrapped government approval for renminbi business carried out by overseas banks on the mainland.

Apart from the banking sector, the government also eased market access for overseas insurance companies with mainland business.

For example, overseas insurance firms are no longer required to have an insurance business history of over 30 years and have an above 2-year-old representative agency on the mainland to be eligible to set up a foreign-invested insurance company on the Chinese mainland.

Foreign insurance groups are also allowed to set up foreign-invested insurers on the mainland, while overseas financial institutions can buy stakes in foreign-invested insurance companies. Own timetable

China rolled out the amendments as China and the US reached a certain level of consensus in their trade talks.

Geng Shuang, a spokesperson for the Foreign Ministry, confirmed at a press conference Tuesday that there is no disagreement between the two sides on the issue of reaching a trade deal.

Some foreign media reports speculated that China is speeding up financial sector opening-up to bridge differences between the two countries amid the trade war.

Limited market access was a complaint raised by the US side. Dong Dengxin, director of the financial securities institute at

the Wuhan University of Science and Technology, said that China would open up its financial sector further regardless of US pressure.

"China has its own timetable for financial opening-up. It is also confident in such moves," Dong told the Global Times on Tuesday.

China has taken systematic steps to gradually ease the ownership limits for foreign investors in its financial sector, including banking, insurance and securities.

In July, Chinese Premier Li Keqiang said that China will end ownership limits for foreign investors in the financial sector in 2020, a year earlier than sched-

uled. Chinese experts said that the time was already ripe for China to open up its financial sectors to overseas players.

"China's anti-risk abilities are growing stronger in the financial sector, so it now has sufficient conditions for financial opening-up," said Xi Junyang, an economics professor at the Shanghai University of Finance and Economics.

"Financial opening-up still lags behind the opening-up scale of the real economy. So China needs to bridge such a gap and ensure its whole economy reaches a high level of opening-up."

The Chinese experts also said that such opening-up would ben-

efit the domestic financial sector by allowing it to learn from foreign experience, business concepts and operating models.

"Through financial opening-up, the domestic financial system can improve efficiency by learning overseas experience, which will enhance their competence in global markets," Xi said.

Financial opening-up will give domestic consumers more options in choosing financial products and services, he noted.

According to Dong, financial opening-up will make it more difficult for macro-economic regulation but help China make use of international financial resources.

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Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry, front, shoots as Los Angeles Lakers forward Devontae Cacok defends during the first half of a preseason NBA basketball game Monday, Oct. 14, 2019, in Los Angeles. (AP Photo)

NBA '19-20: Suspense returns; LA teams seek Hollywood ending

By BRIAN MAHONEY

FOR five years the NBA Finals have returned to the same spot, the longest run ever in one Western Conference location.

LeBron James and Anthony Davis want to bring them back to Los Angeles.

So do Kawhi Leonard and Paul George.

With the Warriors weakened and powerhouse pairs popping up all over the place, the 2019-20 NBA season, unlike many in recent years, is a suspense story.

Both L.A. teams will try to give it a Hollywood ending.

When a whirlwind of player movement was finished, the real winner, as James noted, was Staples Center, which is now home to two title contenders in the Lakers (the way it used to be) and Clippers (the way it's never been.)

"I agree with what Bron said," George said. "The Staples Center is where you want to be with the team we got and with the team they have."

The finals' Western Conference headquarters had moved north in recent years, with Golden State building a dynasty in the Bay Area. But Kevin Durant is gone, Klay Thompson is injured, and even Stephen Curry's sharpest shooting might not be able to keep the run going.

It wasn't good enough last season, when Durant and Thompson were hurt in the finals and Leonard led Toronto to its first championship.

Leonard then joined fellow Southern California native George with the Clippers, who have never even gotten out of the second round but are now considered title favorites. Davis was traded to the Lakers, who loaded up quickly after flopping in James' first season.

Those teams meet Tuesday on opening night, when the regular season gets started after a turbulent preseason overshadowed by tension between the NBA and China. The Raptors get their rings in the first game before facing New Orleans, whose heavily hyped rookie Zion Williamson injured his knee late during exhibition play.

Toronto lost two starters to Los Angeles, with Danny Green signing with the Lakers. That could open the door for MVP Giannis Antetokounmpo and the Milwaukee Bucks, or the Philadelphia 76ers to seize the East title.

The wide-openness of the league this season is a far cry from recent years, when travel plans to the Bay Area in June could be assumed months in advance, or when James' teams in the East went to eight straight NBA Finals.

"You can't call who the NBA champion is," Hall of Fame player and TNT analyst Reggie Miller said. "Before you would have three, four teams that were deadlocked. You know they're going to be there. This year, given no injuries, a team getting hot, chemistry obviously issues, there's a lot of teams that can go for it. But the Lakers and

Clippers being headliners."

They're hardly alone among the contenders out West. Denver, Portland and Utah all figure to be tough. And don't count out the Warriors, who'd like their new Chase Center in San Francisco to be the same spring destination that the Oracle Center in Oakland was.

This season, that will be harder than ever.

"The West is stacked all the way up and down," Curry said.

Some other things to know about the NBA season:

REVVED-UP ROCKETS

Houston acquired Russell Westbrook to join James Harden, putting two recent MVPs in the same backcourt. Westbrook's next triple-double will be his 139th and break a tie with Magic Johnson for second on the career list, while Harden will be aiming for a third straight scoring title after averaging 36.1 points last season.

COACH'S CHALLENGE

NBA coaches will have a chance to get calls overturned as the league implemented a coach's challenge on a one-year trial basis. Each team is allowed one per game and can challenge either a foul called on its own team, the call of an out-of-bounds violation, or a goaltending or basket interference violation.

WINNING WARRIORS

Golden State's NBA Finals streak is the second-longest in NBA history, behind only the 10 straight trips by the Boston Celtics from 1957-66. The Warriors' hopes of extending it could depend largely on the play of guard D'Angelo Russell, an All-Star last season in Brooklyn who was acquired when Durant went to the Nets.

HAPPY (OR UNHAPPY) RETURNS

Among the games of note in which a player will be returning to his former home:
Nov. 7 – Kemba Walker (Boston) to Charlotte.
Nov. 15 – Mike Conley (Utah) to Memphis.
Nov. 27 – Kyrie Irving (Brooklyn) to Boston, Davis to New Orleans.
Dec. 11 – Leonard to Toronto.
Jan. 9 – Westbrook to Oklahoma City.
March 28 – Marc Gasol (Toronto) to Memphis.

WHO WINS?

The Clippers have never even played in a conference finals, but they're the favorites of both oddsmakers and NBA general managers. With Leonard and George on the wings, a potent bench and one of the league's best coaches in Doc Rivers, it's easy to see why.

"It's not about what people think or what they picked, it's about the work we do and what our mindset is going to be," Leonard said. "If we don't want to win then we're not going to win. If we want to, then we have a big chance to win."

We made it



Senior national football team, Taifa Stars.

By Correspondent Lloyd Elipokea

MISSION accomplished. Indeed, perhaps no truer words have echoed more triumphantly in the hearts of all domestic football fans after the Taifa Stars successfully overcame Sudan to qualify for the CHAN Finals next year.

Without question, the achievement was such a mind-blowing and exceptional feat for a few hugely significant reasons.

Straight out of the starting blocks, the fact that the Taifa Stars are the very first country on the continent to have secured a berth at the 2020 CHAN Finals is quite an astonishing, uncommon and striking accomplishment.

In fact, one could go even further to boldly contend that it is such a genuinely pleasant surprise

especially when it can be recalled that our various national sporting teams usually take their eyes dangerously off the ball right up to the Eleventh Hour, which is when the likes of Athletics Tanzania and CHANETA among others decide to swing purposefully into action.

Maintaining the same theme, the Stars' qualification for the CHAN Finals next year could tentatively be described as a personal, morale-boosting success for the Taifa Stars' head coach, Etienne Ndayiragije.

Hailing from the seemingly perpetually crisis-ridden country of Burundi, Ndayiragije had been forced to come under a lot of flak heading into the Taifa Stars' almost gladiatorial 2nd leg against Sudan last Friday.

Indeed, ahead of that all-important, make-or-break 2nd leg

against Sudan, trepidation had been rising among legions and legions of local football supporters over one telling fact: the Taifa Stars' inability to score goals.

Doubtlessly, this newly developed handicap of our national team was so worrying to the extent that it would probably send chills of fear rolling down the spine of football aficionados anywhere on terra firma.

Consider this: In the run-up to that vital 2nd leg against Sudan, the Taifa Stars had not scored a goal from open play in 270 minutes!

Thankfully though, as the evidence so vividly displays, the Stars were not only able to end their recent dry patch but in so doing admirably qualified for the 2020 CHAN Finals in the process.

That being said, all actors on the

domestic football stage ranging from devoted stakeholders, immensely well-heeled corporate sponsors, football administrators and football devotees with an undiluted passion for the game need to come together rapidly so as to ensure that the Taifa Stars are thoroughly prepared for the CHAN Finals spectacle next year.

We have already been furnished this year with the misery and disappointment that shoddy preparations for prestigious events can produce following our distinctly unflattering and embarrassing displays at the recently concluded World Athletics Championships and before that, the All Africa Games.

Thus, we would do well to learn the lessons gained from past mistakes so as to ensure that the national team will be ready to fire on all cylinders come next year.

British-born Nigerian actor hopes black skinhead film will 'heal' pain

LAGOS

BRITISH-BORN Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje was taken into foster care by a white family near London as a baby in the 1960s. As a youth, the unthinkable happened: the black boy joined a gang of violent white supremacists.

Now an award-winning actor, he has brought his story to cinemas in his country of origin - Nigeria. He hopes his directorial debut will be part of a "healing" process for people who sought foster care to give their children a better life.

Farming, the film's title, takes its name from a term used to describe the practice of Nigerian immigrants fostering their children to white families in Britain so they could work, study and save money. It refers to the idea that the children were "farmed" out.

The aim of the practise, mainly prevalent from the 1960s to 1980s, was for the immigrants to eventually return to Nigeria. "Perhaps this can provide a healing in some sense but ultimately a re-evaluation of our child-rearing processes," Akinnuoye-Agbaje told Reuters at the film's Nigerian premiere on Saturday in the country's commercial capital, Lagos, after first being screened in London last month.

"I'm hoping that it will create a dialogue and a collective therapy for those that are still suffering, and a healing because many of the Nigerian farmers don't actually go back for the children that were fostered," he said.

As a six-week-old baby in 1967, Akinnuoye-Agbaje was left in the care of a white family in Tilbury, a southeast England town around 20 miles east of central London. And, as a youth, he joined a gang of skinheads - a far-right subculture often associated with racist violence in Britain.

Membership in a gang that previously tormented him ended when his biological father, who had relocated to Nigeria where he worked as a barrister, paid for him to



British-born Nigerian actor Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje poses with the head of Accelerate TV Colette Otusheso during the premiere of his film "Farming" in Lagos, Nigeria in this handout picture obtained by Reuters on October 21, 2019. REUTERS

attend a private school in the affluent English county of Surrey.

That step was taken after he was contacted by Akinnuoye-Agbaje's foster mother.

"It is an important part of British history as well as Nigerian culture, so to be able to bring a story that I have harboured for so long home to the Nigerian audience is... a wonderful sense of accomplishment," said Akinnuoye-Agbaje.

The film - which cost 3 million pounds (\$3.89 million) to make and stars British

actor Kate Beckinsale as the foster mother - was greeted with cheers and applause in a packed cinema hall in the upmarket Lagos district of Lekki.

Thousands of Nigerians leave the west African country each year in search of a better life abroad - often in Europe and the United States. Some of those who attended the screening said it was interesting to see a depiction of life overseas that differed from their expectations.

"When it comes to racism... we normally focus on America but it was nice to see

what actually happened in the UK (United Kingdom)," said broadcaster Simi Drey.

Similarly, a cinematographer who goes by the name T-Cent said he was surprised by the portrayal of people typically seen as having benefited from life in a nation richer than Nigeria, where most people live on less than \$2 a day.

"We look at these people and we say they are very, very privileged, but then everyone has their internal struggles," he said.

REUTERS

'Arsenal were babies 10 years ago and they still are' - Evra

LONDON

PATRICE Evra has laid into Arsenal after their defeat at Sheffield United, saying they are a soft touch and nothing has changed since he was playing at Man Utd a decade ago.

The Gunners lost 1-0 at Bramall Lane on Monday, their 10th away defeat in 24 Premier League games since Unai Emery took charge last season.

The club have also kept just two clean sheets on the road in that time, sparking accusations that they roll over away from Emirates Stadium.

That was often an accusation during the final years of Arsene Wenger's time at the club, with supporters hoping the arrival of Emery would signal a change of fortunes.

Evra, however, says he was always confident of victory when taking on Wenger's side and thinks little has changed since his fellow Frenchman left the club two ears ago.

"They (Sheffield United) deserved the win but I'm not surprised about Arsenal. I said before the game to make sure they did not fall into the trap," Evra told Sky Sports.

"I used to call them my babies 10 years ago and they still are when I look at them. That's the truth, and

I'm not being disrespectful when I say that.

"It's just the feeling I get with this team. They look pretty, they look good, but they don't look like a winning team, they just like playing good football.

"I was so happy playing against Arsenal because I knew I was going to win.

"Even when Robin van Persie came on the first day I shook his hand and said 'welcome to a man's club'. At the beginning he was upset but after one month he said 'you are completely right, Patrice' and that's my feeling.

"[Matteo] Guendouzi has been the best in midfield but he's a player who was playing in the second league in France and he wasn't even playing regularly, and he is the best player on this team.

"And I know some legends are fuming when they see [Granit] Xhaka as the captain of Arsenal.

"I respect them like Aubameyang, Lacazette, but you can see if those guys don't score a goal, they are in trouble and nothing's changed.

"I'm like... where's Arsene? And not because I am French, where is Wenger? Because it is the same."

(Agencies)

Ronaldo won't be retiring soon: 'Age is just a number'

TURIN, Italy

CRISTIANO Ronaldo reassured Juventus supporters and his legions of fans worldwide that at 34 he's not ready for retirement yet.

"Age is just a number. It does not mean that at 34, 35, 36 you are at the end of your career," Ronaldo said at a news conference ahead of Juventus' Champions League match against Lokomotiv Moscow on Tuesday. "I can show that with my performances, how I play, the way I play, the way I still feel good, sharp, thinking about the game, more mature. This makes the difference."

In the second season of a four-year deal at Juventus, Ronaldo had sparked concern among his fans when he said in an interview published a few weeks ago that he was starting to enjoy seeing himself "outside of football, so who knows what will happen in the next year or two?" Ronaldo recently scored his 700th goal as a professional while on international duty with Portugal and has been nominated for a record sixth Ballon d'Or award - which would break his tie of five with Lionel Messi.

But Ronaldo said he's more inter-

ested in winning a Treble with Juventus.

"We want to win Serie A, we want to win the Cup, the Champions League," he said. "Juventus should think big. We are going to try to win all the trophies, we know it will be difficult, especially the league and the Champions League, but I think it is possible. Everything is possible.

"In terms of individual, I have nothing to say as this is individual. It is not the most important thing," Ronaldo added. "The most important is the collective awards. If you win the collective awards you have more chance to win the individual awards. The Golden Ball is for me in second place."

While retirement may not be on Ronaldo's mind yet, family time is a big part of his life now.

"To win games, to score goals, to enjoy myself, to arrive home and see my kids happy and say, 'Congratulations daddy for scoring a goal.' That makes me happy," he said. "This is my motivation to come to train, for the games, to entertain people and the fans with my passion."

(Agencies)

Embattled Zidane wants to stay at Real 'forever'

MADRID

REAL Madrid coach Zinedine Zidane on Monday admitted that his future at the club is not in his own hands.

Rumours persist that the Frenchman could be sacked if Los Blancos don't get their first Champions League win of the season on Tuesday at Galatasaray, but Zidane told reporters ahead of the clash that he's hoping remain at the Bernabeu "forever."

"I would like to be here forever," he said in the pre-match news conference on Monday.

Madrid are last place in Group A after losing 3-0 at Paris Saint-Germain and barely saving face in a 2-2 draw with visiting Club Brugge. And Zidane's preparations are far from ideal for Tuesday's game in Istanbul after his heavily rotated squad surrendered its Spanish league lead on the weekend in a 1-0 loss at Mallorca.

"Everyone knows our situation. We had a bad start in the Champions League but tomorrow we have a match which is our chance to show what we can do," Zidane said.

Regarding his own job security, Zidane said: "I don't know. Don't ask me. I want to be here forever. We all know the situation. You'll

have to ask someone else."

He added: "The past is behind us. Clearly I am not going to say that I don't get upset about what people say, because I do. But I can do nothing about the opinions of others. What I have to do as manager is give my best and think positive. We have a great match to play in a great stadium and we know what we are up against."

A third straight setback could leave the team in danger of not making it out of the group stage of the Champions League for the first time since the 1989-90 season.

Coming off the demoralising loss to promoted Mallorca in La Liga, Zidane needs to somehow put together a squad without Luka Modric and Gareth Bale. Also not making the trip to Turkey are Lucas Vazquez and Marco Asensio, while there are doubts about Toni Kroos following a long injury lay-off. "We have injured players, it is what it is," Zidane said. "We can't change the situation. That can't be used as an excuse. We have other players in the team and everyone has to show that they have what it takes to be here."

Team captain Sergio Ramos defended his coach and encouraged the team to play with attitude.

(Agencies)

Barca seek sixth straight win at spirited Slavia

PRAGUE

BARCELONA will be looking to extend their five-game winning streak when they take on Champions League underdogs Slavia Prague in the teams' first-ever encounter in Prague on Wednesday.

Brushing aside political turmoil around them, Ernesto Valverde's men eased past Eibar 3-0 away on Saturday with goals from Lionel Messi, Luis Suarez and Antoine Griezmann.

Their fifth straight competitive win - including a 2-1 victory over Inter Milan in their last Champions League game - took them to the top of La Liga a point ahead of Real Madrid.

Last week the two giants agreed to postpone the Clasico, which would have been a showdown for the top league spot, from next Saturday to December because of the protests in Catalonia.

In a much calmer Prague, reigning Czech champions Slavia came back from a goal down to see off minnows Pribram 3-1 on Saturday to secure a six-point lead in the Czech top flight.

With two games played, Barcelona are second in the Champions League Group F with four points following the Milan win and a goalless draw with Dortmund who top the group on a goal difference.

Slavia sit at the bottom with a single point after holding Inter to a 1-1 draw in Milan and a subsequent 2-0 loss to Dortmund at home.

Barcelona relished their attacking form after the Eibar clash, giving Slavia a cause for concern.

"There will be better or worse days, but we are getting to know each other little by little and we will go to more," Griezmann said after the game.

"Great players always understand each other and always meet. In the end, with time and with matches they will still find more and better," added coach Valverde.

- 'Unbelievable forwards' -

An underdog in Wednesday's clash, Slavia are building up confidence, betting on a physical style and tireless pressing promoted by coach Jirrich Trpisovsky.

Last season, they eliminated Sevilla from the Europa League before bowing out at the hands of Chelsea in the quarter-finals.

"We'll go to the pitch knowing we can succeed," said defensive midfielder Tomas Soucek, the Slavia captain.

"We want at least a point, we have proved we can face the giants and I believe we'll give them a hard time at home," added goalkeeper Ondrej Kolar.

The Czechs remember Barca's last match in Prague where they were hosted by Viktoria Pilsen in the Champions League in 2011.

Barcelona won 4-0 as Messi scored a hat-trick. "There are many players who can score, they all



Slavia Prague goalkeeper Ondrej Kolar (centre) faces the might of Barca on Wednesday (AFP Photo)

have a fantastic finish," said Kolar.

"We know how strong they are, particularly Messi, his left foot is exceptional and I think you can't really get ready for that."

Soucek hailed Barca's "three unbelievable forwards" Suarez, Messi and Griezmann.

"It's funny to think that we'll swap the pennants with Messi and play against all these players," he said.

Barcelona, who took a day off Sunday before resuming training on Monday, will miss Sergi Roberto, who hurt his left knee at Eibar.

Gerard Pique is likely to return to the team following a ban.

Meanwhile, Chelsea's young guns will test their run of form at one of the homes of youth development on Wednesday as they attempt to stop an Ajax team on course to replicate last season's thrilling Champions League run.

The Blues are on a five-match winning streak in all-competitions after beating Newcastle United 1-0 at the weekend but come up against the Group H leaders in Amsterdam.

Ajax are averaging over three goals a game at home and abroad and are hungry for European success after semi-final heartache last season.

Fikayo Tomori, Ross Barkley, Mason Mount, Callum Hudson-Odoi and Tammy

Abraham all started Saturday's win at Stamford Bridge, the first time since 2013 five English players made the London club's starting XI.

The second on three points in Group H after a wobbly opening two games in the Champions League, with a pair of matches coming up against on-fire Ajax that could decide their European destiny.

"These two games against Ajax are really big because they're such a strong team ... The movement of the team and the way they play football will be a big test for us," coach Frank Lampard told the Chelsea website on Monday.

Abraham has stolen the headlines with eight goals in nine league appearances and the opener in Chelsea's 2-1 win in Lille, and Lampard called the 22-year-old a "sponge" for his capacity to learn.

"He wants to listen, to get better, to score more goals, improve his game and help his team-mates. He's got the beautiful base of that in terms of coaching," added Lampard.

However four of those Saturday starters are academy products who have flourished under new boss Lampard, who has dealt with the loss of Eden Hazard and a UEFA-imposed transfer ban by pushing the Premier League club's youth products to centre stage.

Hudson-Odoi, who recently returned from a long-term ankle injury, was a con-

stant menace with his bursts down the flank and it was the 18-year-old who teed up Marcos Alonso for the winning goal from a match in which Chelsea had 16 shots at goal and 72 per cent possession.

- Ajax gunning for glory -

It was also just the second time this season that Chelsea kept a clean sheet, and they did it without the injured Andreas Christensen and Antonio Rudiger, with 21-year-old Tomori proving an increasingly solid presence at the back.

Rudiger and Christensen are two of a string of Chelsea absentees which includes midfield lynchpin N'Golo Kante and another academy product Ruben Loftus-Cheek, with Barkley and Cesar Azpilicueta also doubts for Ajax.

Ajax's remarkable form has led to rumours that coach Erik ten Hag is a potential Bayern Munich target, rumours that the 49-year-old refused to play down on Monday as Nico Kovac comes under fire in Germany.

Despite losing midfield dynamo Frenkie De Jong to Barcelona and defensive rock Matthijs de Ligt to Juventus, they are top of the Eredivisie and unbeaten after scoring 31 times in their opening 10 games, three points ahead of PSV Eindhoven and Vitesse Arnhem.

In fact Erik ten Hag's side have hardly felt the effects of their departures, as the rising stars of Dutch football struggle to impose themselves in new countries.

They are also top of Group H after beating both Lille and Valencia 3-0 with the same brand of thrilling football that captured Europe's imaginations last season.

However, although they reemerged as a European force thanks to their academy talent, their star turns this campaign are all outside discoveries, with Hakim Ziyech, David Neres and Dusan Tadic all in fine form and new signing Quincy Promes causing havoc from midfield.

The 26-year-old Ziyech's incredible strike sent Ajax on their way at the Mestalla in their last Champions League match, while Promes, 27, scored in both Group matches and six times in the league.

Even 36-year-old Klaas-Jan Huntelaar is on fire, with five league goals in as many appearances, as they hunt their first European trophy in 25 years.

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Neymar not among 30 nominees for Ballon d'Or

LONDON

LIONEL Messi will have Cristiano Ronaldo and Virgil van Dijk as rivals for the 2019 Ballon d'Or award. But not Neymar.

When the long list of 30 candidates was announced Monday - in the city where Neymar has played for more than two years at Paris Saint-Germain - the Brazil star's name was missing from the nominations by a global voting panel of journalists.

Messi and Ronaldo's 10-year grip on the individual award organized by France Football magazine was broken by Luka Modric last December.

Modric is also absent one year after he swept the Ballon d'Or and FIFA best player awards after a stellar 2018 with Real Madrid and Croatia.

World Cup winner Megan Rapinoe is favored to add a Ballon d'Or to her FIFA award won last month.

The United States star is joined on a 20-woman list by teammates Tobin Heath and Alex Morgan. Defending her title is Ada Hegerberg, winner of the inaugural women's award, from Europe's dominant club team Lyon which has six nominees. Australia captain and NWSL golden boot winner Sam Kerr has also been nominated.

Neymar has twice placed third in Ballon d'Or voting, both times finishing behind Messi and Ronaldo. Moving out of Messi's shadow in Barcelona, where they won a Champions League title together in 2015, has not delivered the personal acclaim Neymar sought.

Messi won his sixth FIFA award last month, edging Van Dijk who starred in Liverpool's Champions League-winning team.

Van Dijk would be the first defender topping the poll since Italy's World Cup-winning captain Fabio Cannavaro in 2006.

The Liverpool center-back was among seven teammates nominated, including Alisson Becker and Roberto Firmino. They also won the Copa America with a Brazil team that managed without an injured Neymar.

Van Dijk and Georginio Wijnaldum also figured in the five nominees from a resurgent Netherlands team. No Dutch player has won since Marco van Basten in 1992.

Liverpool forwards Sadio Mane and Mohamed Salah are among a six-strong African challenge, including Mane's Senegal teammate, Napoli defender Kalidou Koulibaly.

Full list of Men's Ballon d'Or nominees:

- Sergio Aguero (Argentina, Manchester City)
- Trent Alexander-Arnold (England, Liverpool)
- Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang (Gabon, Arsenal)
- Alisson Becker (Brazil, Liverpool)
- Karim Benzema (France, Real Madrid)
- Kevin De Bruyne (Belgium, Manchester City)
- Frenkie De Jong (Netherlands, Ajax/Barcelona)
- Matthijs de Ligt (Netherlands, Ajax/Juventus)
- Joao Felix (Portugal, Benfica/Atletico Madrid)
- Roberto Firmino (Brazil, Liverpool)
- Antoine Griezmann (France, At. Madrid, Barca)
- Eden Hazard (Belgium, Chelsea/Real Madrid)
- Kalidou Koulibaly (Senegal, Napoli)
- Robert Lewandowski (Poland, Bayern Munich)
- Hugo Lloris (France, Tottenham)
- Riyad Mahrez (Algeria, Manchester City)
- Sadio Mane (Senegal, Liverpool)
- Marquinhos (Brazil, Paris Saint-Germain)
- Kylian Mbappe (France, Paris Saint-Germain)
- Lionel Messi (Argentina, Barcelona)
- Cristiano Ronaldo (Portugal, Juventus)
- Mohamed Salah (Egypt, Liverpool)
- Bernardo Silva (Portugal, Manchester City)
- Son Heung-Min (South Korea, Tottenham)
- Raheem Sterling (England, Manchester City)
- Dusan Tadic (Serbia, Ajax)
- Marc-Andre ter Stegen (Germany, Barcelona)
- Donny van de Beek (Netherlands, Ajax)
- Virgil van Dijk (Netherlands, Liverpool)
- Georginio Wijnaldum (Netherlands, Liverpool)



The Ballon d'Or trophy

The only Asian player on the list is South Korea forward Son Heung-min of Champions League finalist Tottenham.

The awards ceremony is Dec. 2 in Paris.

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Haji Manara

Namibia decimate Coetzer-less Scotland

DUBAI

WITH captain, Kyle Coetzer, sitting out still feeling the effects of dehydration after a draining half-century in Monday's win over Papua New Guinea, Scotland looked deflated coming up against a rested Namibia unit, who stormed to their first win of the tournament by 24 runs.

Namibia's top-order failed once again after opting to bat first at the toss, reduced to 46 for 3 in the seventh over. But captain Gerhard Erasmus helped steady the innings after entering at No. 5 to build a 49-run stand with Craig Williams. Erasmus was the aggressor, slogging two straight sixes in his 37 off 26 balls before he sliced a slog to short third man off Tom Sole's offspin in the 14th.

JJ Smit was sent in at No. 6 and provided a crucial finishing kick to the Namibia innings. The all-rounder struck four straight sixes off Sole, Safyaan Sharif and Josh Davey in a blistering 43 off 22 balls before falling in the 19th over, a knock which earned him Man-of-the-Match honours before he fell off a full toss to deep midwicket. Nine more runs off the final over took Namibia to 159, making 99 off the last 10 overs to reach a total that was more than enough on a ground with an 80-meter boundary to the western side which has made quick scoring difficult all week.

Craig Wallace came into the XI and opened in the absence of Coetzer but was knocked over second ball by Ben Shikongo who clipped the top of the stumps with a back of a length ball to beat Wallace's slog. An even bigger blow was struck in the field nine balls later when George Munsey, Scotland's most consistent batsman at this tournament, was run-out after taking on Niko Davin's arm from the 80-meter boundary at deep backward square but wound up well short of the relay to Smit over the non-striker's stumps coming back for a third run.

Calum MacLeod and stand-in captain Richie Berrington did well to reconstruct the innings with a 48-run stand. Scotland were 64 for 2 at the 10-over mark, four runs ahead of where Namibia had been, but constant rotation of the bowling unit by Erasmus and disciplined lines built enough pressure for the Scotland innings to burst. Berrington fell to an excellent diving catch at deep midwicket by Jan Frylinck to end the stand, sparking the first of five consecutive men caught on the boundary as the required run rate climbed forcing Scotland to hit out in vain.

MacLeod eventually fell to end the 15th, driving Frylinck to Christi Viljoen at long-off for a stodgy 39 off 46 balls. Scotland were reduced to 107 for 8 when Mark Watt was caught at short fine leg failing to get elevation scooping a full toss from Viljoen. But Sharif and Davey scored 28 off the last 15 balls to mitigate the net run rate damage Scotland took with the loss, something which could be crucial by the end of the group on the net run rate tie-breaker. **AGENCIES**



Mbwana Samatta (in blue jersey) of Genk, scraps for possession in the Belgian side's defeat against Salzburg with which they began their UEFA Champions League campaign. AFP

Samatta sets sight on Liverpool as Mohamed Salah fights for fitness

GENK, Belgium

WHILE Liverpool hope to have Mohamed Salah back alongside Sadio Mane in attack in time for today's UEFA Champions League meeting with Genk in Belgium, their opponents have their own African forward who is a superstar in his home country.

Mbwana Ally Samatta's 23 league goals last season helped fire the unfashionable club from an old mining hub in the Dutch-speaking north of Belgium to the league title and a return to Europe's leading club competition.

The 26-year-old then became the first Tanzanian to play in the Champions League and marked the occasion by scoring on an otherwise miserable night for Genk as they lost 6-2 in Salzburg in their Group E opener.

Since then they have held Napoli to a 0-0 draw at home, a result which gives an unfancied side hope they can spring a surprise against the reigning European champions.

"Some people thought it might be very difficult for us against Napoli but we could have won that game so we will see. We will give everything at home," said Genk coach Felice Mazzu at the weekend.

Just as Genk have brought through and sold on the likes of Thibaut Courtois, Kevin

De Bruyne, Kalidou Koulibaly, Christian Benteke and Wilfried Ndidi in recent years -- Divock Origi also spent time here as a youngster -- so key members of last season's title-winning side were allowed to leave.

However, Samatta stayed despite interest from around Europe, including a reported 10 million-euro (\$11.2m) offer from Dynamo Moscow.

"He is a complete forward, good with both feet, technical, skillful," said Mazzu in an interview with French magazine So Foot.

In footsteps of Lukaku, Kompany The former Simba and TP Mazembe star took the Ebony Shoe prize for the best player of African origin in Belgium last season, succeeding the likes of Romelu Lukaku, Vincent Kompany and Marouane Fellaini.

He described winning the league as "maybe the best night of my life so far".

Since then, though, the player nicknamed "Samagoal" featured, and scored once, for Tanzania at the Africa Cup of Nations in Egypt, a campaign that ended with a group-stage elimination for the Taifa Stars.

As well as that one strike in the Champions League, Samatta has five league goals this season, albeit none since late August.

He will hope to start afresh, then, on his

return after using the recent international break to get married, an event documented on his Instagram account which has 1.2 million followers.

Many of those fans will be eager to see how he gets on against Liverpool as Genk look to end a dreadful run of 14 games without a win in the competition proper.

The Anfield club are looking to end a streak of their own here -- they have lost their last four away matches in the group stage, including a 2-0 defeat at Napoli last month.

A dramatic 4-3 win over Salzburg has since kick started their campaign, but Jurgen Klopp's side saw their perfect start to the Premier League season end on Sunday in a 1-1 draw at Manchester United.

After eight straight victories, they needed a late Adam Lallana goal to take a point from Old Trafford in Salah's absence due to an ankle problem. Origi played up front with Roberto Firmino and Senegal star Mane as a result.

"Mo was not ready, that's how it is," Klopp told Sky Sports. Of his chances of returning in Belgium, Klopp simply said: "Maybe for Wednesday, we have to see."

AFP

Manara confident Simba will floor Azam FC

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

SIMBA Sports Club will be looking to extend their lead at the top of the Vodacom Premier League standings when they host Azam Football Club at the National Stadium in Dar es Salaam today.

Simba will go into the clash having beaten Azam FC 4-2 in the Community Shield match at the start of this season in August.

Speaking ahead of the match, Simba's information officer, Haji Manara, admitted the Ice Cream boys will not be easy to beat but still maintains his club, nicknamed Msimbazi Reds, will repeat their performance from two months ago to emerge winners.

"The game will be a battle of the titans, these are two good sides but I believe we will emerge victorious. Our squad depth gives us the edge over Azam," he noted.

"We can fill three different teams in three different matches at a given time and still win. I appeal to our fans to turn out in large numbers, and cheer our team to victory."

The back-to-back defending champions have made a solid start the season having picked 12 points from their first four games to sit at the top of the table despite having played two less matches than second-placed Namungo FC and Kagera Sugar.

Manara added that Simba will pull out all the stops to defend the league title after their early exit on the continental stage.

They were shock preliminary round casualties in the CAF Champions League, losing on away goals' rule to UD Songof Mozambique after the two teams had settled for a 1-1 draw in the second leg in Dar es Salaam.

"After our CAF Champions exit, we have solely turned our focus on the domestic front. We have what it takes to retain our title. We are prepared and will go into every match with confidence and a winning mentality," he said.

On the injury front, Simba captain, John Bocco will not be able to take on his former employers on the back of lack of match fitness.

Azam FC will go into the encounter with a new head coach at the helm as Aristic Cioab will be in charge for the first time since being appointed on Monday for his second spell at the club he left towards the end of the 2017/18 season.

In head-to-head stats, Simba and Azam FC have met in 22 league matches since the start of the 2008/09 season. Simba has claimed ten wins while Azam FC boasts 5 victories and seven draws registered in their encounters.

Last season Simba took four points off Azam FC in the teams' two league meetings, winning 3-1 in February in before playing out a goalless draw in the return game in May.

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