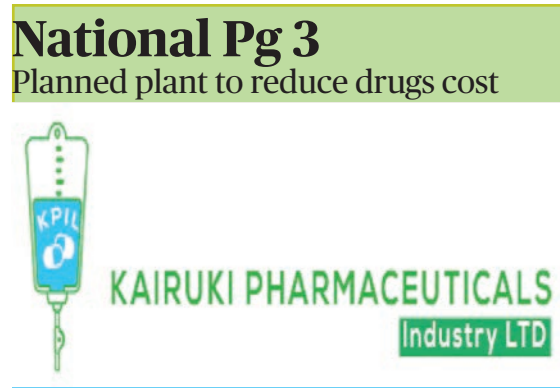


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Recent human infections 'put chimpanzees at risk'

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

Govt applauds NMB on youth empowerment

By Guardian Reporter

SOLUTIONS generated by a platform designed by NMB Bank Plc to empower young Tanzanians by helping them to acquire the sense of financial responsibility makes them economically productive citizens, the government believes.

Patrobas Katambi, Deputy Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Youth and Employment), has commended the bank for coming up with the platform, officiating at the launch of the innovative initiative over the weekend in Dar es Salaam.

Introducing that initiative was timely and worth the investment, he said, lauding the initiative whose trade name is 'GO with NMB.' The drive is youth-focused and aligned with the NMB vision, in constructively engaging young men and women, bank officials noted.

The deputy minister affirmed that the youth segment is a strategic human resource on which the country's future and prosperity hinges, thus the need to enlighten

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EMPOWERING YOUTH THE DIGITAL WAY



Patrobas Katambi (2nd-R), Deputy Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Youth and Employment), Temeke district commissioner Godwin Gondwe (3rd-R) and NMB Bank Plc chief of retail banking Filbert Mponzi (3rd-L) pictured in Dar es Salaam at the weekend jointly unveiling 'Go na NMB' platform, which is meant to enable youth to access financial literacy programmes, loans, networking and career fair events. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

AS primates have been found to be susceptible to viruses that affect humans, experts here suspect that the chimpanzee populations on border regions are in danger of contracting new types of infectious diseases.

Dr Julius Keyyu, the Director of Research Development and Coordination at the Tanzania Wildlife Research Institute (TAWIRI), said at the weekend that the institute is developing an internal research protocol to monitor the health of chimpanzees to control transmissible infections like the coronavirus as it can infect primates if in close contact with infected individuals.

"The initiative complements the Tanzania Chimpanzee Conservation Action Plan of 2018-2023 which was hatched to address threats facing the country's chimpanzee population for long-term conservation of the endangered species," he stated.

Dr Keyyu was addressing participants at a two-day session of researchers at TAWIRI premises here to develop guidelines for chimpanzees disease control and health

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LIVESTOCK DIVERSITY

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Lakes yielding more fish than the ocean

By Songwa wa Songwa, Dodoma

LAKES Victoria and Tanganyika beat the much more expansive Indian Ocean by far in fish yield and resultant revenues, latest statistics show.

Budget speech data of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries indicates that the two lakes accounted for 78 per cent of fish output for the period of one year up to April 2021, while fishing along the seashore yielded 15.61 per cent of total catch.

As of April 2021, around 422,859.78 tonnes of fish worth 2.62trn/- were harvested, and out of that catch, about 234,849.99 tonnes equal to 55.54 per cent came from Lake Victoria and 96,876.02 tonnes representing 22.91 per cent came from Lake Tanganyika, the data indicated

Samia redraws line-up of regional secretaries

By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has made a number of changes in the line-up of regional administrative secretary (RAS) and appointed top officials of the Fair Competition Commission (FCC) and the Workers Compensation Fund (WCF).

According to Presidential Communications director Gerson Msigwa, the president has appointed William Erio, previously heading the National Social Security Fund (NSSF) to head FCC, replacing Dr John Mduma - who shifts to the WCF.

Former CCM Deputy Secretary General (Mainland) Rodrick Mpogolo becomes RAS for Katavi Region while former Rombo District Commissioner, Dr Athumani Kihamia heads to Arusha in the same capacity.

Batilda Buriani, former cabinet minister and envoy to Kenya and to Japan at different periods, was picked RAS for Shinyanga Region.

Nachingwea District Executive Director Hassan Rugwa becomes RAS for Dar es Salaam while former DED for Bahi, Fatuma Mganga, was transferred to Dodoma.

President Office administrator Mussa Chogello becomes RAS for

Geita, while the private secretary to the president, Ngusa Samike heads to Mwanza as RAS.

Muheza DC Mwanaisha Tumbo becomes RAS for Coast Region, while Dorothy Mwaluko, who was Permanent Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Coordination and Investment), moves to Singida as RAS.

President Samia also appointed former Special Seats MP, Azza Hamad as RAS for Simiyu Region and presidential assistant Pili Hassan Mnyema as RAS for Tanga.

Current RAS for Songwe, Dr Seif Shekillage shifts to Kilimanjaro, while Karoline Mthapula heads to Manyara from Mara. Albert Msovela goes to Mara from Shinyanga, Dr Angelina Lutambi shifts to Mbeya from Singida, while Mariam Mtunguja heads to Morogoro from Mbeya.

RAS Abdallah Malela shifts to Mtwara Region from Katavi, Judica Omari heads to Njombe from Tanga, Denis Bandisa goes to Rukwa from Geita and Missaile Musa heads to Songwe from Manyara, the statement indicated.

Current RAS cadres remaining in their work stations include Happiness

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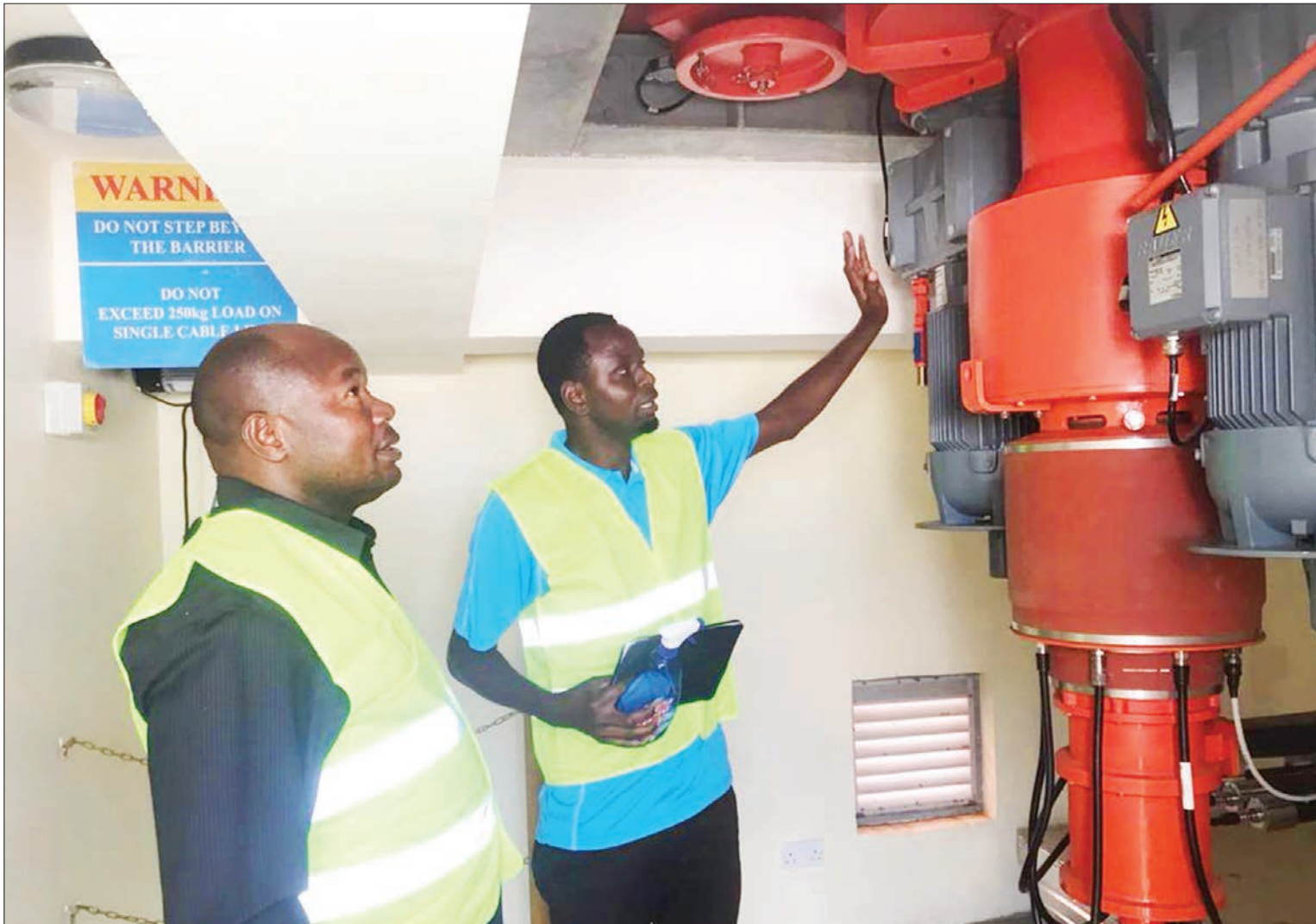


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Works and Transport deputy minister Mwita Waitara (L) is briefed on a Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority project involving the installation of an ultramodern radar meant to serve Songwe Airport in Songwe Region. Touring the facility at the weekend, he said completion of the project along with the rehabilitation of runways and the installation of lights would enable the airport to offer full-time operations.

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monitoring, an event organized by the 'Bush-to-Base' Organization.

It is a non-profit entity dedicated to bringing the rigors of scientific inquiry to the health challenges of the human-animal environment and especially for the specific species, focusing on the health and wellbeing in resource-limited conservation settings.

Experts said that chimpanzees have been found to suffer human diseases such as pneumonia and other respiratory infections, raising concern on health risks in the wake of the coronavirus outbreak sapping at the tourism sector and conservation as a whole.

Chimpanzees are closest animal species to humans and

thus their disease exposure is different, as well as habitual transfers of viruses from primates to humans as with the Ebola epidemic in eastern DRC and elsewhere.

The program coordinator, Lomayani Simel from the 'Bush to Base Solutions,' said the guidelines outline ways of protecting the chimps from viruses that can easily be transmitted from people to animals.

In the 'prevention, detection and control' guidelines adopted, chimpanzees and other primates are expected to be shielded from excessive exposure to tourist and national park officials, while they often meander outside conservation areas into farms and residential precincts, he

stated.

Residential areas are also encroaching upon protected zones habited by primates, thus raising concern over animals' safety, he elaborated.

Gorillas in Europe for instance, were discovered to be able to contact Covid-19 viruses, driving conservation agencies to ponder the situation of chimps and gorillas in local and regional sanctuaries too. Tanzania is home to intensively studied chimpanzee populations in Gombe and Mahale national parks, with experts report here saying that primates' numbers declining, estimates at around 2,000 at present.

Human activities invade the chimps ecosystem, spreading disease to the primates,

threatening the future of the primates. Around 60 percent of chimps get out of reserves to venture elsewhere at certain moments, including inhabited areas.

"Extensive agricultural activities such as palm oil farming are rapidly encroaching and blocking animal corridors, thus inhibiting chimps movements and affecting their wellbeing, reproduction and feeding patterns," the NGO coordinator noted.

Chimpanzee numbers in Africa declined greatly over the past century from around two million earlier to about 250,000 in the 1990s while the current chimp population is put at around 300,000 chimpanzees at most, he added.

Lakes fish yield far higher than the sea

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financial resources for unlocking the potential of the sector.

In the outgoing financial year the fisheries sector was allocated 13bn/- for development activities

but at the end of April 2021 about 4bn/- had been disbursed, equal to 31.4 per cent of approved needs.

Of the disbursed amount, 1bn/- was domestic revenue and 3bn/- was obtained from foreign sources, the minister indicated.

Zambia elections thwart talks to improve Tazara operations

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

TALKS involving Tanzania and Zambia aimed at improving the Tanzania-Zambia Railways Authority (TAZARA) have stuck due to the general elections underway in Zambia.

This was revealed here at the weekend by the Works and Transport Deputy Minister Mwita Waitara during his visit of TAZARA locomotive workshop in Mbeya.

He said as for now the railway line needs major improvements, but due to the law governing the Authority, Tanzania government cannot unilaterally make such improvements until by agreement with the Zambian government. "We had begun talks but before reaching any agreement, Zambia became engaged in national elections process hence the talks got stuck, we are waiting to resume talks after elections."

He mentioned some of the issues needing improvement include increasing the number of locomotives, goods and passenger wagons and the capability of the permanent way to withstand the transport of more freight.

TAZARA Manager for Tanzania Region Eng Fuad Abdallah said in the past the Authority had 102 locomotives, but now the number has dwindled to only 14 working locomotives. He said the issue for the increase of locomotives is vested in the governments of Tanzania and Zambia since they are joint owners

of TAZARA," he added.

He said in 2014 TAZARA had the capacity to haul 85,000 tonnes of freight per year, but now the capacity had increased to 400,000 tonnes per year.

He said the capacity was made possible by refurbishing broken down locomotives and they were continuing with efforts to increase freight hauling capacity to 800,000 tonnes per year in the coming short period of time. He said that as for now 80 per cent of all copper produced in Zambia and Congo DRC is hauled via TAZARA.

For his part, the Mbeya TAZARA Workshop Manager, Eng Ezekiel Mong'ateku said earlier the repair work was being undertaken by Chinese nationals but now it is being done by Tanzanians.

He said as for now the workshop has 69 workers, 55 of who are Tanzanians drawn from various Vocational Education Training colleges and 14 are Zambian nationals.

The TAZARA Railway built between 1970-75, also called the Uhuru Railway or the Tanzam Railway, is a railway linking the port of Dar es Salaam in Tanzania with the town of Kapiri Mposhi in Zambia's Central Province.

The governments of Tanzania, Zambia and China built the railway to eliminate landlocked Zambia's economic dependence on Rhodesia and South Africa, both of which were ruled by white-minority governments.



Peter Luhwago (L), a mechanical engineer with Kairuki Pharmaceuticals Industry Limited, briefs members of the Pharmaceuticals Society of Tanzania on a tour of the firm at Zegereni in Kibaha District at the weekend on one of the machines. Photo: Joseph Mwendapole

By Correspondent Crispin Gerald

UNDER The Same Sun (UTSS) has condemned the recent brutal 'witchcraft related murder' of a young boy with albinism calling for government intervention and investigation into the matter.

UTSS also insists on transparency during investigation into the crime and that perpetrators should be arrested and arraigned.

A media statement released over the weekend stated that an innocent boy aged between 5 and 6 years with albinism, was savagely murdered and his body dumped in the bush.

According to UTSS, the boy's body was discovered by the villagers near a pond in Usadala sub-village of Utemini in Ndoni ward, Uyui District, Tabora region.

"The boy's body was violently mutilated, with some of his body

Group condemns 'murder' of Uyui boy with albinism

organs (arms and ears) and limbs being removed, likely for sale to witch doctors," the statement reads.

The reports from the villagers as well as those from the doctor and the head of the district criminal investigation department confirmed that the mutilated body was that of a child with albinism.

Eye witnesses said the boy's body would have been dumped in the bush some three days prior to its discovery.

It is falsely believed by some that such body parts of persons with albinism can be used to bring good luck and prosperity.

Albinism is a rare genetically

Govt praises NMB on youth empowerment

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many of them on money matters, engage them financially, extend support commercially and economic empowerment.

"The 'GO with NMB' platform has all those virtues and is an innovative scheme the government fully supports because it helps to address challenges encountered by young people," he declared.

The good thing about 'GO with NMB' is that it skips status issues of young persons, as all will be served and supported equally regardless of where they are engaged in life, such as farming, formal or informal trading, while involving those finishing high school, attending university or other training institutions.

NMB Chief of Retail Banking, Filbert Mponzi, said that 'GO with NMB' offers youths access to customized banking and financial solutions that serve their needs.

Youths have the right to safe, accessible financial services, thus the bank seeks to empower them to grow into productive citizens, he stated, elaborating that the initiative is one response to the government's goal of driving financial inclusion to all sections of the population.

"We aim at ensuring that more youth have access to formal financial services and instill discipline with regards to their finances," he stated, underlining that this in turn builds their future and thus stimulate the economy generally.

With an estimated 64 percent of

Tanzanians being below 35 years, NMB Bank shall use the platform to reach out to the youth across the board, he asserted.

The youth play a major role in economic growth, it is important to build their financial capabilities, which require concerted efforts from economic and social institutions, he said.

Donatus Richard, Earlier, NMB Dar es Salaam Zonal Manager, said the platform is an opportunity for youth to leverage the bank's empowering services for personal benefit and development of the country, affirming that the initiative is strategic in broadening the NMB customer base via productive partnerships.

NMB has invested in the platform that will be rolled out across Tanzania to help promote digital finance as the world gradually inches towards cashless economies, he specified, highlighting that the youth platform packaged with unique benefits is part of NMB's contribution to the national financial inclusion agenda.

Benefits of 'GO with NMB' include digital enrolment, targeted deals and offers through NMB channels, access to 'Masterboda' loans and quick response payment discounts deals, he said.

The package comprises free mobile phone insurance, financial literacy programmes and access to networking events, career fairs, internship opportunities and free Wi-Fi spots at some university campuses, he added

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Seneda (Iringa), Prof Faustine Faustine (Kagera), Rashid Mchatta (Kigoma), Rehema Madenge (Lindi), Steven Ndaki (Ruvuma) and Musalika Makungu (Tabora).

The new appointees will be sworn-in on Wednesday, June 2nd, a follow up ceremony after President Samia appointed 23 ambassadors last week including former beauty queen Hoyce Temu.



East Africa TV and East Africa Radio presenters Maryam Kitosi, Deogratius Kithama, Bhoke Egina and Namthamini 2021 project coordinator Sophia Mng'anya pictured in Dar es Salaam at the weekend gracing the launch of this year's edition of the campaign, whose thrust is on safe menstruation. The event was held to mark Menstrual Hygiene Day (May 28). With them are gynaecologist Dr John Relise (2nd-R) and Indo Bali company marketing manager Mwanaidi Kimbeho (R). Photo: EATV

By Songa wa Songa, Dodoma

Govt outlines land conflict hotspots for FY 2020/2021

LAND conflicts pitting herders, farmers and authorities for the 2020/21 financial year were mainly concentrated near or within protected areas, it has been learnt.

Within the period, groups of herders and farmers fought over portions of forest reserves and plots belonging to the National Ranching Company (NARCO), according to the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries.

Tabling his ministry's budget estimates for 2021/22 in the National Assembly last week, Livestock and Fisheries Minister Mashimba Ndaki named Coast, Dodoma, Kagera and Kigoma regions and the conflict hotspots for 2020/2021.

And the regions have one thing in common: they have either a forest reserve or underutilized

NARCO ranch they invaded and have been fighting over.

In Coast region, farmers and herder fought over a section of Ruvu Ranch and Gwala quarantine centre. The fight erupted after residents of Gwala village accused cattle herders of grazing their animals in their farms and framers revenged by poisoning the animals, leading to the death of six cattle. According to the minister, the conflict has so far been resolved.

Another conflict which has been resolved pitted herders and authorities within the Mkungunero Forest Reserve in

Kondoa District, Dodoma Region.

Another battleground for land in 2020/2021 pitted authorities against residents of Kakunyu, Bugango, Bwenkoma, Bubale, Nkelenge and Byeju villages who the minister said had invaded Misenyi Ranch located in Misenyi District, Kagera Region.

And in Kasulu District, Kigoma Region, the minister said a group of herders invaded Kagerankanda forest reserve which prompted authorities to impound a total of 907 herds of cattle.

After negotiations, the animals were released back to their owners, he said.

The issues of underutilized NARCO ranches took centre stage in the ministry's budget debates last week, with lawmakers urging the government to privatize it.

While winding up his ministry's budget estimates on Friday, Livestock and Fisheries Minister Mashimba Ndaki admitted that NARCO has failed to be productive despite various efforts but fell short of supporting the privatization idea.

Instead, the minister said that the ministry had decided to undertake a thorough review and analysis of the company and decide on new way forward.

'Kairuki pharmaceuticals plant will reduce price of medicines'

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE Pharmaceutical Society of Tanzania (PST) has said the anticipated operationalisation of Kairuki Pharmaceuticals Industry Limited (KPIL) in Kibaha will reduce the costs of medicines and save monies spent to import drugs from outside the country.

According to PST, the conducive investment environment in the country will attract many investors in the sector, especially construction of hospitals, dispensaries and health centers to complement the government efforts.

PST president Fadhili Hezekiah made the statement over the weekend when a group of pharmacists from across the country visited KPIL in Zegereni Kibaha, Cost Region.

"We are proud of the huge investment by our fellow Tanzanians; we are optimistic the factory will reduce the country's dependency on imported drugs, thus saving money," said Hezekiah, calling upon other investors to establish projects in the sector.

He said since the government cannot employ all the graduates, projects such as KPIL helps in job creation and economic growth.

KPIL Principle Promoter, Dr Muganyizi Kairuki said the factory will launch its first ever commercial intravenous manufacturing plant in Tanzania, East and Central Africa using the injection stretch, blow and molding (IBSM) technology

Dr Muganyizi mentioned some products which will be manufactured as the parenteral which will be available in 100ml&500ml volume, small volume parenteral medicine, antibiotics and analgesia. He said in the second phase, the factory will produce several other medical products.

He explained that the IBSM technology uses the unique IV fluid containers that offer higher sterility assurance level, patient safety and also utilizes an innovative closure system that is convenient to the paramedics.

The technology, he said, will allow containers to be transparent with no leakage as compared with most similar products in the market, hence ensuring patients' highest safety.

He added that 60 percent of the medicine would be sold locally while 40 percent would be sold to markets within the East African

countries and Southern African Development Community (SADC).

According to him, the factory will in future expand its productions whereas it plans to start manufacturing tablets, capsules, suspension and medical devices.

He said the investment worth about \$20 million supports the government industrialization drive as stated in the 2016 - 2020 National Development Plan and the Tanzania Vision 2025.

He said the project also exploits the export potential of IV fluids to the sub-Saharan African market.

"Our mission is to grow and become the pharmaceuticals company of choice for African countries. Our mission is to produce a broad range of high quality pharmaceuticals and medical products for local and international markets at competitive prices," asserted Dr Muganyizi.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	Actual 2020 TZS`000	Actual 2019 TZS`000
FUNDS RECEIVED			
Release of funds	8	10,048,513	12,754,411
		<u>10,048,513</u>	<u>12,754,411</u>
EXPENDITURE INCURRED DURING THE YEAR			
WARIDI project	2	9,408,137	1,222,541
ARISE project	3	473,448	670,328
PROSPER UMOJA project	4	166,929	861,542
		<u>10,048,513</u>	<u>12,754,411</u>
Surplus/(deficit)		-	-

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	2020 TZS`000	2019 TZS`000
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and bank balances	5	148,424	235,965
Receivables	6	167,465	129,708
Total assets		<u>315,889</u>	<u>365,673</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Other payables	7	219,924	255,993
Payable to home office	8	95,965	109,680
Total Current Liabilities		<u>315,889</u>	<u>365,673</u>

The financial statements on pages 11 to 18 were authorized and approved for issue by the Board on May 17th, 2021 and were signed on their behalf by:

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Premier hails planning college for publishing investment guidelines

By Guardian Correspondent, Mwanza

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has praised the Rural Development Planning College for publishing books on investment guidelines for the country's 19 regions.

Majaliwa gave the praise here at the weekend when launching a book on investment guidelines for Mara Region which, among other things, provides the region's economic outlook.

"This is a good work by the Rural Development Planning College, hence Regional and District Commissioners, directors and other government and private sector officials should make sure they bring up positive results that should go in tandem with the government's vision to increase factories, reduce poverty and spur economic growth," he said.

The PM called upon District Commissioners and senior executives in their areas to remove red tape on investors, the issue that he said the government does not tolerate.

Majaliwa instructed the ministry overseeing the investments docket to work together with all regions - both those who advertised for investments and those that didn't have in place good strategies, and in particular regard to the Lake Victoria Zone regions, he said the main investment centre would be Mwanza Region that would incorporate offices for Weights and Measures Agency (WMA), Tanzania Meat Board (TMB), Tanzania dairies board (TDB), Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS), Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) and National Environmental Management Council (NEMC).

Dr Hozeni Mayaya of the Dodoma Rural Development Planning College was meanwhile of the view that the Guidelines ought to provide opportunities to residents of the respective regions, including Mara Region, to interpret the Guidelines in deeds in order to attain the set goals.

"Mara region has economic potential and opportunities that can improve the lives of its residents, it has many areas that are safe for investment, hence if you follow the Investment Guidelines, it can make huge development strides," said Hozeni.

For his part, Mara regional commissioner, Robert Gabriel told the PM Majaliwa that the region's residents do not want corrupt and untruthful officials.



Residents of Matepewende village in Namtumbo District in Ruvuma region sort sesame at the weekend before packing it in bags for onward sale through the Warehouse Receipt system. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Adding value to livestock diversity will increase productivity, MPs say

Songa wa Songa, Dodoma

LOW productivity in livestock sector that caused a heated debate in the National Assembly here last week is linked to slow pace in value addition, statistics show.

Data in the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries 2021/22 budget estimates show that out of the 3 billion litres of milk produced in that financial year, only 75.9 million were processed.

Also, the numbers show that there is a snail's pace in

embracing modern breeds of dairy cows, hence low milk production from the over 30 million cattle in the country.

"Some 2.17 billion litres of milk came from traditional cattle while 93 million were from modern breeds," reads the speech read by Livestock and Fisheries Minister Mashimba Ndaki.

Out of the 33.9 million cattle currently in the country, only 1.2 million are dairy cows, the Minister said.

"In the financial year 2020/21, milk processing stood at 30

per cent of installed capacity," Ndaki said.

"By 30 April 2021, there were a total of 99 milk processing plants out of which 96 were operating while three were not working at all due to a number of challenges including failure to endure business competition."

The minister added that as of 30 April 2021, a total of 11.77 million pieces of animal skins worth 25.93bn/- were produced but only 1.50 million pieces worth 16.1bn/- were exported.

As for leather quality, the

minister said that a lot needs to be done to education cattle keepers in the country on how to take care of animal skins because billions of shillings are lost annually due to poor quality of animal skins.




"A lot of skins are full of marks ranging from identification to slashing; this compromises the quality of our skins in the international market," he said.

Ndaki said that the number of all types of livestock in the country went up in 2020/2021 compared to 2019/2020 with cattle increasing from

33.4 million to 33.9 million; goats went up to 24.5 million from 21.29 million and sheep increased from 5.65 million 8.5 million.

Also, the number of chicken has gone up from 83.28 million to 87.7 million and pigs from 2.14 million to 3.2 million.

But as for productivity, the statistics painted a grim picture with the sector growing at a meager 5 per cent in 2020 and contributing only 71 per cent to the Gross Domestic Product, down from the 7.4 contribution to the GDP in 2019.

SOLICITATION TYPE: REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)
SOLICITATION NO: P2009-2021-001
DATE OF ISSUANCE: May 31st, 2021
DUE DATE: June 30th, 2021 at 23:59 EAT

TITLE: LOCAL PARTNERS TO SUPPORT OVC AND DREAMS SERVICE DELIVERY IN WESTERN AND LAKE ZONES

Pursuant to the authority granted under USAID Cooperative Agreement No. 7200AA19CA00006, Pact Tanzania is pleased to announce the release of Expression of Interest (EOI). Adolescents and Children HIV Incidence Reduction, Empowerment, and Virus Elimination (ACHIEVE) is a five-year global effort to reach and sustain HIV epidemic control among pregnant and breastfeeding women, adolescents, infants, and children. The project is funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and implemented by a Pact led consortium of top global HIV/AIDS partners, including Jhpiego, Palladium, No Means No Worldwide, and WI-HER.

Under this EOI starting in October 2021, ACHIEVE expects to receive funding from USAID to support HIV prevention and support programs targeting orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) and adolescent girls and young women, through the DREAMS (Determined, Resilient, Empowered, AIDS-free, Mentored and Safe) program, in 41 councils across 9 regions in the Lake and Western Zones of Tanzania. The goal of ACHIEVE Tanzania is to strengthen local organizations and the national- and community- level social welfare systems, structures, and workforce to support and sustain OVC to access HIV-inclusive services that support their health and well-being.

In FY22, following the close-out of Kizazi Kipya ACHIEVE will be responsible for supporting OVC and DREAMS services, under Strategic Objective 3, in the Lake and Western Zones of Tanzania in 9 regions of Mwanza, Geita, Simiyu, Shinyanga, Singida, Tabora, Mara, Kigoma and Kagera. ACHIEVE's support will serve as a bridge until new Local Prime Implementing Partners (LPIPs) can be engaged in FY23 and FY24 to support service delivery in these zones.


This request is intended to:

- Identify local organization who will collaborate with ACHIEVE to implement high quality OVC services and DREAMS interventions for AGYW 9-14 years in both Lake and Western Zones covering 9 regions and 41 Councils.
- Gather both technical and organizational capacity information of local organizations in Western and Lake Zones interested in becoming Transition Track Partners (TTPs), whose capacity will be strengthened to be considered for potential direct USAID funding and implement OVC/DREAMS services.
- Review documented best practices from local organizations working in the Western and Lake zones related to OVC/DREAMS and general PEPFAR program implementation to address the 95-95-95 strategy and identify optimal models for ACHIEVE program implementation.
- Solicit and obtain input, advice, knowledge, and best practices from organizations interested in participating in implementing OVC/DREAMS services.

Geographical Coverage

No.	Region	Council
1	Kigoma	Kigoma Ujiji MC, Uvinza DC
2	Shinyanga	Kishapu DC, Msalala DC, Shinyanga DC, Shinyanga MC, Ushetu DC.
3	Simiyu	Busega DC, Itilima DC, Maswa DC, Meatu DC
4	Singida	Iramba DC
5	Tabora	Igunga DC, Kaliua DC, Nzega DC, Urambo DC, Uyui DC.
6	Geita	Bukombe DC, Chato DC, Geita DC, Geita TC, Mbogwe DC
7	Kagera	Biharamulo DC, Bukoba DC, Karagwe DC, Kyerwa DC, Misenyi DC, Muleba DC, Ngara DC
8	Mara	Bunda DC, Musoma DC, Musoma MC, Rorya DC, Serengeti DC, Tarime TC.
9	Mwanza	Buchosa DC, Kwimba DC, Magu DC, Misungwi DC, Sengerema DC, Ukerewe DC.

Interested applicants can access full Expression of Interest and application form at <https://www.pactworld.org/procurement> or contact grants team at achieveoi@pactworld.org. The deadline for submission of applications is 30th June 2021 at 23:00 EAT. Applications received after the deadline or which are incomplete will not be considered. Applications should be sent by email to achieveoi@pactworld.org.



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(EXTENSION OF DEADLINE)

- This Invitation for Bids follows the desire by the Tanzania-Zambia Railway Authority (TAZARA) to recapitalize the TAZARA Mpika Workshops in the financial year 2020/2021.
- The Government of the Republic of Zambia has set aside funds for the recapitalization of the TAZARA Mpika Workshops in the financial year 2020/2021 and it is, therefore, intended that part of the proceeds be used to cover eligible payments for the contract for Tender No: TZR/HQ/CTC/2020/2021/02 for the Design, Supply, Installation, Testing, Operation, Training and Commissioning of a Complete System of two (2) tons Medium Frequency Induction Furnace on Turnkey-Contract Basis.
- Bidding will be conducted through an Open International Competitive Method of Bidding, whose procedures are specified in the TAZARA Procurement & Supplies Manual of November, 2011.
- TAZARA now invites sealed bids from eligible potential International suppliers or manufacturers to design, supply, install, test, operate, train and commission a complete system of two (2) tons Medium Frequency Induction Furnace on a Turnkey-Contract basis.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the bidding documents at the office the TAZARA Supplies Manager, Headquarters, Room No.210 Dares Salaam - Tanzania from 08.0 to 16.30 hours E.A.T, Monday to Friday, except during public holidays or the office of the Area Manager, Lusaka Area Office, TAZARA House, Dedan Kimathi Road, Lusaka - Zambia from 08.0 to 16.30 hours C.A.T, Monday to Friday, except during public holidays.
- A complete set of bidding documents in English may be purchased by interested eligible 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 US\$ 200.00. Payment should either be by Cash or Banker's Draft, payable to the Tanzania-Zambia Railway Authority.
- All bids must be accompanied by a bid securing declaration in the format provided in the bidding documents.
- All bids in one original plus two copies, properly filled in, and enclosed in plain envelopes marked "Tender No: TZR/HQ/CTC/2020/2021/02 for the Design, Supply, Installation, Testing, Operation, Training and Commissioning of a Complete System of two (2) tons Medium Frequency Induction Furnace on Turnkey-Contract Basis" must be addressed and delivered to the Office of the Secretary to the Central Tender Committee, Office No. 210, TAZARA Head Office, Nyerere/Mandela Roads Junction, Dar-es-Salaam - Tanzania or the Office of Area Manager, TAZARA House, Dedan Kimathi Road, Lusaka - Zambia at or before 10.00 hours C.A.T or 11.00 E.A.T on Friday, 2nd July 2021. Please note that the deadline has been extended from Friday 4th June 2021 to Friday 2nd July 2021.
- Tenders will be opened promptly thereafter in public and in the presence of tenderers or representatives who choose to attend the opening ceremony at TAZARA, Head Office Board Room in Dar es Salaam - Tanzania or TAZARA Area office, Board Room in Lusaka - Zambia.
- Late bids, portion of bids, electronic bids, and 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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TASAF: Sweden to further extend assistance to govt

By Getrude Mbago

SWEDISH government has expressed satisfaction with the implementation of the Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF) programme and promised to continue extending its support so as to boost poverty alleviation drive and thus improve people's livelihoods.

Speaking during the weekend when visited various poor households at Kivule Street in Ilala District, Dar es Salaam, the State Secretary for International Development Cooperation, Janine Alm Ericson said that they have been impressed on how the programme had changed lives of a number of poor Tanzanians.

Janine was in the country for a two-day tour which included visiting various activities and programmes funded by the Swedish government through its embassy.

Being accompanied by other officials from the embassy of Sweden in Dar es Salaam, Janine expressed her government's dedication to continue supporting the second phase of the Productive Social Safety Net (PSSN) programme which launched last year.

According to her, Swedish government has already promised to provide a grant of 130bn/- to support TASAF's PSSN II programme and it will in the next few weeks expected to dish out 27bn/- as part of the pledge.

"I'm very grateful not to be here in Tanzania, to observe and witness how the PSSN programme is benefitting vulnerable families in the country. What has been achieved is great and very remarkable," she said adding that Sweden will always be there expanding its support to sustain the project.

According to her, Swedish government through the international development agency (SIDA) has been supporting Tasaf since 2015 and it will continue extending its support for the country's welfare.

She noted that, for instance, that the programme had improved access to health care, school enrolment increased nutritional levels among beneficiary households, among other gains something which should be commended.

Janine added that Sweden also support Tanzania to implement projects in the fields of education, health, agriculture and many other.

She lauded the government of Tanzania for supporting poor Tanzanians by implementing different projects that improve their lives as well as boost community interventions and linkages with other key stakeholders in poverty reduction.

TASAF executive director Ladislaus Mwamanga commended Sweden for its tireless support to ensure that the social protection program continues well and reaches more poor households in the country.

According to him, in the implementation of PSSN I programme, the Swedish government dished out 200bn/- grant to support it and it has also extended its support in the current phase.

Mwamanga said the PSSN II focus more in providing poor households with prerequisite entrepreneurship skills and income-earning opportunities to enable poor households establish small-scale business and projects for poverty alleviation.

He said that through the established Productive Social Safety Net (PSSN) II in Tasaf III beneficiaries also participate in public works such as putting up infrastructures in the area of education, health and water to improve social services and earn extra-income through the salaries they receive after work.

Mwamanga said that Tasaf do not only provide funds to the beneficiaries but also link s the beneficiaries to employment projects but also enable them establish community savings and investments groups where TASAF boost them with funds.

It supports community sub projects across all sectors including agriculture, health, roads, education, irrigation, water, food security, and cross-cutting activities including HIV/Aids and the environment.

"TASAF's vision is to empower the poor households to graduate out of poverty and have sustainable social and economic development, while its mission is to build capacities of key stakeholders involved in poverty reduction initiatives with emphasis on community-driven development, accountability, transparency and full participation in social and economic development aspects," Mwamanga added.

Tausi Salum, one of the beneficiaries at Kivule street hailed the current electronic payment of their funds as it is more safe than the cash mode as well as time saving.

She through the programme majority of poor families including her have received huge support and enabled the them to acquire basic services such as food, shelter and health service for which they could not get before the programme was launched.

"We can now access three meals per day which was very difficult in the past, our children are able to attend school as well as obtain social services, including health care. I am very happy as I'm now living a happier life with my children while also running a small business," she added.



Livestock and Fisheries minister Mashimba Ndaki (R) has a quick word with Monduli legislator Fredy Lowassa on the sidelines of a meeting organised in Dodoma city at the weekend by the National Ranching Company. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Reporter

THE Contractors Association of Tanzania (CATA) is appealing to the government to give them more chances to participate in various strategic construction projects including the just launched Uganda-Tanzania Oil Pipeline.

Speaking during the association's annual general meeting in Dar es Salaam late last week, CATA Chairman Lawrence Mwakymbiki said that majority of the big tenders are being executed by foreign companies while the country has enough and competent contractors.

He said that the association wasn't happy to see all strategic construction projects being executed by foreign companies while the country has a number of experts who can produce quality work and contribute well to the economic development.

"Low representation local contractors in mega projects has hampered us and affecting our progress, we are calling on the government to look at us with a compassionate eye and prioritize local contractors in various tenders," he said.

He also claimed that the current trend by the government to implement construction projects by using 'force account' has killed many local contractors companies.

He said in recent years, the government has been using public

Contractors association 'asks for' mega projects

institutions to implement construction projects because of what is called the high cost by the local contractors.

"We humbly request the government to give us construction tenders because if we don't have project to implement it goes further to kill our expertise, and if you look to many of us are going through a very hard situation, our incomes have been shaken and we still loans in financial institutions to pay," he explained.

In addition, Mwakymbiki said another challenge facing the contractors is the collection of taxes by the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) a situation that has caused many to go bankrupt and others consider quitting the job.

"There is still a tax challenge in TRA. They have been making huge estimates. This situation has affected and killed many local contractor companies. We urge the sixth phase government to look into this and address the situation," he added.

Earlier, board member of the Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF), Ngwisa Mpenbe said if the government will provide more opportunities to

local contractors by granting them with tenders in mega construction projects, will enable creation of more jobs for locals as well as increase revenue collections.

"It is true that there were some challenges that were caused by local but now things have changed, most of them have improved and are competent, this is why we are requesting for the government to give us the opportunity so that we can work and bring positive impacts in the country," he said.

He added: "We are ready to rebuild the country. We are asking for the opportunity to return to work so that we can provide more employment opportunities to the youth as well as pay taxes.

Mpenbe further wanted the local contractors to put improve unity, form joint ventures to vie various tenders.

He said that TPSF in collaboration with stakeholders will continue investing heavily in providing awareness and training to enable more Tanzanians and their firms to acquire contracts in various projects including the construction sector.



Rotary Club of Dar es Salaam president Nirmal Sheth (2nd-R) and the project director Kumail Manji (R) symbolically present 140 desks to Dar es Salaam City mayor Omary Kumbilamoto at Kitunda ward's Kiyombo Primary School at the weekend. A total of 490 desks were donated to the school, alongside Kinyerzi JICA and Misitu primary schools. Those witnessing the event include Kitunda councillor Victor Vedasto and Kiyombo PS headteacher Magreth Ng'ombo. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Z'bar clerics want govt officials to abide by laws

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

CLERICS in Zanzibar have called upon government officials to abide by the law when performing their duties, instead of violating them, just as what the Zanzibar Alcoholic Drinks Control and Advisory Board following the latter's issuance of licences to eight firms to import alcoholic drinks instead of three as provided for under the 2020 law on alcoholic drinks.

The call was made by Muslim clerics from five mosques in their last Friday's sermons - at Mfenesini, Bububu, Kombeni, Jangombe and Kwahani mosques in Unguja Urban West Region.

Sheikh Mohamed Ali Amour, one of the clerics said government officials are required to be trustful and ethical when implementing their duties instead of being part of law violators.

He said the Zanzibar Alcoholic Drinks Control and Advisory Board violated Section 33(1) of the Zanzibar Alcohol Control Act (No 9 of 2020).

For his part, Sheikh Abdalla Juma Mussa Noor Mosque said in his sermon that the Zanzibar Alcoholic Drinks Control and Advisory Board has failed to respect Section 28(k) of the Act that has set a condition for bars to be more than 1,000 metres away from areas with basic social services including schools, health

centres, mosques, churches, madrassas markets or bus stands. He said the number of liqueur importing firms in the Isles was now eight instead of three as required by the Act.

Another cleric, Sheikh Khalfan Binkhalid called on Muslims to assist each other especially those poor families that cannot meet the costs for their food requirements.

However, the Chairman of the Zanzibar Alcoholic Drinks Control and Advisory Board Abdulrazaki Abdulkadir said they only decided to exercise wisdom in issuing licences to more than three firms for wider national interests in regard to government revenue collection.

The role of courage in female leadership is most crucial - deputy Speaker Dr Ackson

By Francis Kajubi

DEPUTY Speaker of the National Assembly Dr Tulia Ackson has challenged women to overcome their fears when it comes to grabbing emerging opportunities especially those taking part in the corridors of politics.

Speaking at the Tanzania Women Lawyers Association's (TAWLA) 31st annual general meeting held at the weekend themed 'Sharing experiences on women participation in leadership roles and decision-making forums', Dr Ackson faulted the magnitude of daring attitude in the majority of women when it comes to contesting leadership positions whether in public offices or in the private sector.

According to her, fear has been an obstacle to most of the women to take chances even if they are qualified for such positions. On the other hand, most women go for leadership opportunities just for the sake of trying their luck.

"Ability and courage should be the heaviest weapon to rely on for women going for leadership opportunities. Most women go for emerging opportunities unprepared. Preparations are a vital thing be it psychologically or physically for a woman to win positions that are traditionally male dominated," said Ackson.

Sharing her experiences on what she went through in the past general election, she blamed some of the women in the community and political parties for discouraging their fellow women who rise up for leadership.

"The constituency I contested for has for the past years been under male legislatures and that emerged as a traditional excuse amongst women not to side with me. Most of the communities we come from have a notion of not being led by women and that is an undiscussed subject we need to

shamelessly address," affirmed Ackson.

In her point of view, the Deputy Speaker is happier to see women hold top political positions out of competition instead of receiving them as reward or favoritism. She said from the 264 electoral constituencies of the country only 24 constituencies have elected female parliamentarians in last year's general elections.

In relation to merits and abilities for holding top political positions, Dr Ackson said the cabinet has 51 ministers and deputies but out of which only eleven women hold the position which is 21 percent of the cabinet ministers.

TAWLA Chairperson Lulu Ng'wanakilala not to make their decisions at last moments of any chess they want to get in.

"Most women make their decisions at the last moment. Unfortunately, the majority of them make decisions by either being pushed with people surrounding them instead of being initiators of their own decisions. That's why if they fail their first try, they lose the courage to rise up again and move ahead," she said.

On her part, Flaviana Rwechungura who recently contested for the Tanganyika Law Society (TLS) presidency said that social media has become a new discouragement to women willing to contest for institutional and political positions.

Giving her experience, Rwechungura said that she went through horrible bullying days on social media just because she was the only woman contesting for that position.

"A lot of fake news was invented about me. Some went to an extent of insulting me and my family. Messages were sent to discourage me suggesting that I should quit from contesting. Our communities need to be exposed to knowledge that will make them believe that women need equal opportunities with men in any position that features competition," she argued.



Dodoma regional commissioner Anthony Mtaka (giving the thumbs-up sign) has a word with students of Dar es Salaam's Mwalimu Nyerere Memorial Academy in Dodoma city yesterday moments after visiting their pavilion at the second Education and Vocation Training exhibition. Photo: Correspondent Anthony Siame

Tanzania's zonal, international ties getting stronger - minister

By Guardian Correspondent,

Dodoma

FOREIGN and East African Cooperation Minister, Amb Liberata Mulamula has said Tanzania's zonal and international relations continue to strengthen in various areas.

Amb. Mulamula made the remarks here at the weekend when speaking to officials and workers of her ministry for the first time since she appointed by President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

She said the main aim was to ensure Tanzania takes up the front line in the issues of maintaining the peace, freedom and the national interests when dealing with foreign countries including grabbing economic opportunities out of these relations.

She said in regard to current diplomacy, CCM manifesto directs in the strengthening

the implementation of plans to enhance strategic political diplomacy aimed at maintaining peace, freedom and national interests, as well as strengthening relations with neighbouring countries.

She also said to strengthen Tanzania's relations with other countries as well as international institutions, also include Tanzania's voice and vision in the entire zonal and international relations.

"In the economic diplomacy, among others, our job is to enhance economic relations with other nations, zonal institutions and other international institutions, to protect our economy and the wide national interests by strategically using the country's geography and historical persuasion, especially in regard to Africa's southern zone.

"To ensure our foreign embassies become important

links in enhancing investments and availability of markets for both our products and our services," the minister said.

She said the CCM manifesto never omitted giving the Foreign Ministry crosscutting responsibilities that need to be implemented, including participation in the East African Community (EAC) and SADC.

Other areas include the African Union (AU), the Commonwealth, Non-Aligned Nations (NAM), the UN and other international organisations

She also said in ensuring the ministry's responsibilities are implemented with achievements, ministry officials and workers should work together to ensure the ministry, Tanzania foreign embassies and its other institutions to closely work together.

She also admitted that the ministry's performance during the last few years was not pleasing.

By Correspondent Daniel Semberya

MABWEPANDE Ward residents in Kinondoni District have called upon the government to take stern measures to combat crimes such as banditry which are on the increase.

Chairperson of Mabwepande knowledge centre, Fatuma Nuru told this paper that the offences have flourished since April this year.

She said "The challenge we have here is that we don't have enough police posts in our area, that's why bandits and robbers have been robbing us."

She further warned that if these incidences of robberies are not curbed with immediate effect, they will cause havoc among the Mabwepande community.

Mabwepande Ward Executive Officer Abel Silaa conceded that such incidences were on the increase, saying that in order to strengthen security in their area the ward authority has decided

Dar city residents decry rise in number of robbery cases

to form Sungusungu (community-based policing groups). "It is our hope that if the Sungusungu is in place, it will to a great extent help to address these offences which are now coming back in force."

Silaa has called upon the Police force to give a helping hand to their Sungusungu to eliminate gangs of thugs in their areas.

He however advised the government through the ministry of Home Affairs to intervene and build more police posts in their areas.

"The presence of several police posts in our places will help end banditries and robberies being carried out by bad gangs even during open daylight, he noted.

Mabwepande Ward Councillor, Muhadirina Kassimu Obama concurred with his fellow leaders, saying the incidences of offences

have been on increase in recent days.

He however, said that the ward authority in collaboration with residents of Mabwepande and the police force were working tirelessly to eradicate robbery offences in their areas.

Obama has called upon the Mabwepande residents to have patience and trust their government because it is working vigorously to ensure they live peacefully.

Speaking early last week in Dar es Salaam when he met local leaders and police officers, the Inspector General of Police, Simon Sirro warned that they will not tolerate anybody who was engaging in thefts, armed robberies or causing any offences that aimed at disrupting peace in the Tanzanian community.



Request for Proposal (RFP) for An assessment of management effectiveness in 23 Beach Management Units in Uvinza and Tanganyika Districts

Issue date: 21/05/2021

PART 1 – INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS AND PROPOSAL CONDITIONS

1.1. About the Nature Conservancy and the project

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) is the leading conservation organization working around the world to protect ecologically important lands and waters for nature and people. We address the most pressing conservation threats at the largest scale. Thanks to the support of our more than 1 million members, we've built a tremendous record of success since our founding in 1951.

TNC, in a partnership with Pathfinder International is implementing a project in western Tanzania that includes establishing and building the capacity of Beach Management Units on Lake Tanganyika. To date, 23 Beach Management Units (BMUs) have been established to the north and south of Mahale Mountains National Park.

1.2. Summary

TNC invites your organisation to submit technical and budget proposals to use the **Management Effectiveness Tracking Tool 4.0** to assess the effectiveness of the BMUs. The detailed description of the requirement can be found in Part 2 of this Request for Proposal (RFP).

1.3. Conditions

TNC is not bound in any way to enter any contractual or other arrangement with any proposer as a result of issuing this RFP. TNC reserves the right to terminate the procurement process at any time prior to contract award. By participating in this RFP, proposers accept the conditions set out in this RFP.

1.4. Proposal lodgement methods and requirements

Proposers must submit their proposal to TNC no later than 07/06/2021, 17:00 EAT by email to: Halima Shilinde hshilinde@TNC.ORG. The subject heading of the email should be 'RFP for METT by [organizational name]'. Electronic copies are to be submitted in PDF, MS Word, or MS Excel formats. Proposals must be in English.

A technical proposal and a price proposal are required. The technical and price proposals need to be submitted as separate documents. All price proposals shall be in Tsh.

1.5. Validity of proposals and Confidentiality

Proposals submitted in response to this RFP are to remain valid for a period of 90 calendar days from the RFP closing date.

Any data, documentation or other business information furnished by or disclosed to the contractor shall be deemed the property of TNC and must be returned to TNC upon request.

PART 2 – REQUIREMENTS

The selected contractor will be required to work according to the detailed Terms of Reference contained in the following sections.

2.1. Background

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and Pathfinder International in Tanzania are jointly implementing an integrated project known as TUUNGANE that addresses collaborative fisheries management as part of Population, Health and Environment (PHE) issues for communities living in 23 coastal villages along Lake Tanganyika in Uvinza - Kigoma and Tanganyika - Katavi Regions.

One of the project goals is to achieve sustainable fisheries through, among other things, formation and capacity building of Beach Management Units (BMUs) as provided by Tanzania Fisheries Act (2003) and regulations (2009).

TNC through its Tuungane project, is working closely with the Fisheries Development Division in Tanzania Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries to establish and build capacity of the BMUs of which the Ministry previously supported their establishment and later their registration.

The first BMUs were established in 2013 and the most recent ones were established in 2019. We would now like to conduct a management effectiveness assessment of each BMU to identify areas where the BMUs are doing well and areas where the BMUs could be strengthened.

2.2. Scope of work

The objective of this RFP is to hire an organization conduct management effectiveness assessment of 23 BMUs.

The assessment will use the Management Effectiveness Tracking Tool 4.0 (METT). Additional areas of assessment will be added to the METT as per Attachment 1.

The selected contractor will specifically:

1. Do the background reading and customize the METT
2. Creating electronic METT on tablet
3. Do the pre-testing and revising the METT
4. Collect data in collaboration with respective BMU villages
5. Do the data analysis and report writing

2.3. Deliverables

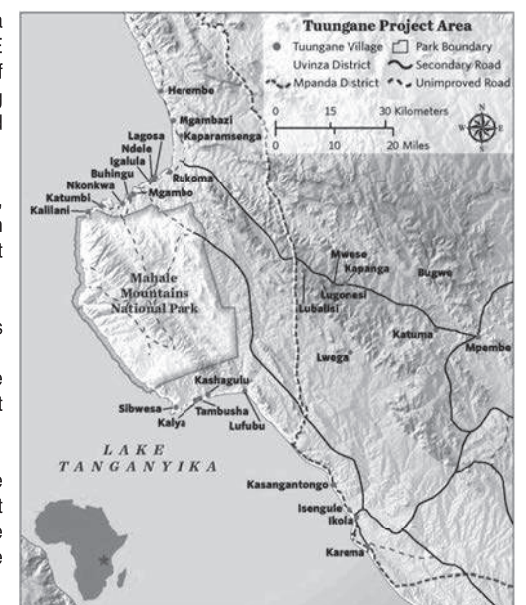
1. A report in English documenting the scores on the METT for 23 BMUs with recommendations for strengthening each BMU.
2. Swahili and English METT dataset in Excel.

2.4. Preferred competencies

- Substantial experience conducting assessments in Tanzania
- Experience doing METT assessment.
- Worked with international conservation organizations before.
- Staff with relevant experience available to start work quickly.
- Being able to offer EFD receipt for the provided service

2.5. Duration of assignment

Not more than one month



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Marie Stopes Tanzania (MST), a Non-Governmental Organization, is a social enterprise and a leading provider of family planning, sexual and reproductive health care and allied services. MST is a partner of the Government of Tanzania and a member of the Marie Stopes International (MSI) Global Partnership, which operates in over 37 countries worldwide. MST is committed to its employees, clients, child and vulnerable adults protection, and has zero tolerance to any sort of harassment. MST promotes a speaking up culture whereby employees work transparently and are empowered to report any existence or potential existence of harassment at workplaces.

MST's mission is that all women and men in Tanzania will have "Children by Choice, Not Chance".

We are looking for active and qualified individuals for the following role: We encourage women to apply for this post.

Head of Sales and Marketing: 1 Position Dar es Salaam

Role Purpose:

The Head of Sales and Marketing (DSM) is a key member of the Executive Management Team (EMT) and reports to the Country Director. The person in this strategic position is responsible for leading, planning, coordinating, and ensuring that the overall goal of the commercial division is met. The position works closely with the rest of Marie Stopes Tanzania (MST) to support Tanzania's efforts to reduce the incidence of maternal mortality which is amongst the highest in the world.

The Head of Sales and Marketing will be in charge of the product marketing (including social marketing), clinics service delivery channel and providing marketing, branding and demand generation support to other divisions of MST. S/He will be responsible to ensure that the division is managed and ran with the commercial sector principles, to ensure annual surplus-generation goal of MST is met. MST's clinic network consists of eight core clinics and a hospital providing maternity services. MST currently markets one product and is expected to increase the product offering significantly in the coming months.

Key Responsibilities:

- Sales and Marketing of Products.
- Clinics Management and Promotion
- Develop an Integrated marketing strategy/plan and manage its implementation.
- Marketing and Communication Support to Other Departments of MST.
- Client Contact (Call) Centre Operations
- Team Leadership

Minimum Requirements:

- Minimum 7 years' experience in a similar position in marketing, communication and / or sales in the private sector (preferably an international company in pharmaceutical, FMCG or health services sector).
- Minimum 5 years' experience working as a member of a senior management team.
- A university degree in marketing or equivalent experience.
- Management / business qualification (desirable), post graduate qualification preferable.
- Successful track record of managing product and service marketing operations.
- Proven experience in managing operations at a senior management level.
- Passionate about improving access to health information and services.
- Creative and strategic thinker.
- Fluent English and Ki-Swahili, both oral and written.
- Proven ability to train and develop others.
- IT literate (use of word, excel, PowerPoint and outlook)
- Able to manage and motivate teams to achieve targets.
- Proven ability to 'sell' ideas, concepts.
- Ability to lead and inspire staff in internal change processes.

Mode of Application:

If you feel that you are able to meet the requirements, and you are motivated enough to be part of the team, please send your application CV and Cover letter by email detailing your suitability and why you are interested in the post, to the address below:

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Closing date: All applications should reach the addressee before Friday June 04, 2021.

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

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Faulty Treasury disbursements underscore the need for reform

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has lately had a difficult moment trying to rectify things in the government, confronted with a series of questionable expenditures occurring in the Ministry of Finance and Planning at the time that the country was inching towards a partial paralysis of instruments of government. It was the moment that tragedy was widely believed to be in the offing, then it followed and reconstituting the government in the sense of a clear hierarchy of authority took a while, and as they say, nature hates a vacuum. During such unguarded moments where everyone is tuned to rumours, it happens.

While the premier has tasked the Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB) to dig out the facts, at most there will be light on who benefited but the core issue will remain, and Majaliwa himself laid his finger on it: that public faith, the sense of trust, in the Treasury has taken a hit. As we all know, trying to dig out 'who ate what, when and how' will not take us far, as practically all moments in the way democratic or quasi-democratic institutions function is an experiment; if overburdened, they give way. So it's helpful that no seismic movements have been heard in the legislature for public accountability, etc.

But that doesn't mean we leave the matter where it is and continue with 'business as usual' as those who pulled off implausible payouts gimmicks will do so again and again, not necessarily in the Treasury but wherever the money flows. We heard about port flow meters not working, then we heard about a breakdown in the Luku prepaid electricity mechanism; there was a moment the operation of digital devices in petrol stations

was being quizzed, and lately we hear of free flowing cash from the Treasury. In other words there is an incessant and recurring wish to do precisely what those in a position to do did.

For those in charge of 'educating the educator,' namely those mindful of the spirit of institutions and from where it draws its legitimacy, they will realize that plenty of economic activity is still in the hands of public or state agencies as a precautionary measure against being short-changed by vested interests we are incapable of controlling. There is a danger that since 1967 - about 30 years later at least and onwards up to the moment - this danger has long since passed and what operates is a different kind of reality. Those from among us-charged with overseeing revenues or key economic units - make them cooperative funds.

There is no doubting that around the world, the countries where corruption is endemic is where the role of the state in economic activity is higher, and the more intense it is, the more corruption incidence there is. And what is worse, they also tend to be less free, as those who would be fingered in suspicion are among the most trusted, thus doing so may sow disagreements and even instability.

That is why Africa needs to relearn to entrust economic activities to the private sector, diminish regulations except for procedural needs, and give public agencies the task of collecting taxes. When there is less poverty because of higher economic activity, greater security among public servants and more competitive politics, corruption fades. So the lessons of the anarchy of expenditure during the recent hiatus ought to be learned, and applied.

Tobacco abuse indeed threatens development, despite 'benefits'

WORLD No Tobacco Day is observed around the world every year on 31 May. This yearly celebration informs the public on the dangers of using tobacco, the business practices of tobacco companies, what the World Health Organisation (WHO) is doing to fight against the use of tobacco, and what people around the world can do to claim their right to health and healthy living and to protect future generations.

The member states of the WHO created World No Tobacco Day in 1987 to draw global attention to the tobacco epidemic and the preventable death and disease it causes.

The day is further intended to draw attention to the widespread prevalence of tobacco use and to negative health effects, which currently lead to more than 8 million deaths each year worldwide, including 1.2 million are the result of non-smokers being exposed to second-hand smoke.

The occasion has been met with both enthusiasm and resistance around the globe from governments, public health organizations, smokers, growers, and the tobacco industry.

The day is one of 11 official global public health campaigns marked by the WHO, along with World Health Day, World Blood Donor Day, World Immunization Week, World Tuberculosis Day, World Malaria Day, World Hepatitis

Day, World Chagas Disease Day, World Patient Safety Day, World Antimicrobial Awareness Week and World AIDS Day.

In 1987, the WHO's World Health Assembly passed Resolution calling for 7 April 1988 to be 'a world no-smoking day'. The objective of the day was to urge tobacco users worldwide to abstain from using tobacco products for 24 hours, an action they hoped would provide assistance for those trying to quit.

In 1988, Resolution was passed by the World Health Assembly, calling for the celebration of World No Tobacco Day, every year on 31 May. Since then, the WHO has supported World No Tobacco Day every year, linking each year to a different tobacco-related theme.

In 1998, the WHO established the Tobacco Free Initiative, an attempt to focus international resources and attention on the global health issue of tobacco.

The initiative provides assistance for creating global public health policy, encourages mobilisation between societies, and supports the World Health Organisation Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. The WHO FCTC is a global public health treaty adopted in 2003 by countries around the globe as an agreement to implement policies that work towards tobacco cessation.

The WHO serves as a central hub for fostering communication and coordinating events around the world.

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The Africa we strive for is possible in unity and solidarity

By Mevlut Cavusoglu

I would like to congratulate all our African friends on May 25 in commemoration of the Africa Day wholeheartedly. We remember with appreciation the African countries coming together under the roof of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU), later African Union (AU), on May 25, 1963, predicated on independence and freedom, and displaying a common consciousness based on solidarity and unity. The success story reached in the following decades in this spirit and understanding gives us hope for a bright future of the continent.

Without a colonial past and having attained its full independence with its struggle against the occupation forces during the War of Independence, Turkey is one of the countries that best grasps the meaning of this day. We are happy to share today this common joy, conscious of the importance of remembering the struggle for independence by the peoples of Africa for freedom, equality and justice, and evoking the founding goals of the AU.

Our approach to African countries completely matches the founding principles of the AU and is built on a holistic, inclusive, equal partnership on the basis of mutual respect and win-win strategy. We share the spirit of 1963 and the vision of Africa and attach great importance to Agenda 2063 and UN 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In our concerted journey, which gained momentum with our observer membership status to the AU in 2005, we have covered plenty of ground with the First Turkey-Africa Partnership Summit that we hosted in Istanbul, and by being declared a strategic partner of the union in 2008. After the Second Turkey-Africa Partnership Summit held in Malabo in 2014, our ties with African countries have become stronger. We hope to host the third summit in our country in September, which we believe will offer opportunities for a strong and comprehensive cooperation between Turkey and Africa.

We continue to contribute to peace and stability and economic and social development in Africa through our public institutions, Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) and the private sector. Our Africa Initiative and Africa Partnership policies, considered among the most successful initiatives of our foreign policy, constitute an added value to our relations with the continent. We can see this constructive effect in many areas such as trade,



investment, culture, security, military cooperation and development, and especially in our intensifying and developing political relations with Africa in the last decade. We are pleased to observe that African countries also attach importance to strengthening cooperation with our country.

We continue to integrate Turkey and Africa in all areas. While the number of our diplomatic missions in the continent was only 12 in 2002, we increased this number to 43, with our embassy opened in Togo last month. African countries also increased the number of their embassies in Ankara from 10 in 2008 to 37. Turkey, which is the fifth country in the world in terms of the number of diplomatic missions, continues to bring the issues of Africa to the agenda at the global level with its wide diplomacy network, and also continues to cooperate with African countries in regional and international platforms.

We continue to develop our commercial and economic relations with a win-win approach. Despite pandemic conditions, we managed to keep our trade volume close to the previous year's data. The total value of our direct investments in Africa has exceeded \$6bn. Our Turkish contractors contribute to Africa's development by undertaking more than 1,150 projects. We appreciate the African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement (AfCFTA), which is considered the most important project of Agenda 2063. We are ready to share our experiences with our African friends and provide support in this regard.

Development and humanitarian aid of Turkey continues to contribute to the creation of favourable conditions for the establishment of a prosperous Africa. The official development aid provided by our public institutions to Africa between 2005 and 2019 has reached almost \$3.5bn. In line with the Addis Ababa Action Agenda commitments, our total development aid for 46 Least Developed Countries (LDCs), 33 of which are in Africa, was \$8.7bn between 2009 and 2019.

We are also pleased that the sustainable development projects of the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TCA), which representation office number has reached 22 in Africa and which bilateral official development assistance for the continent exceeded \$500m, are embraced throughout the continent. The Turkish Maarif Foundation (TMF) has been providing education services to more than 14,000 students with 144 schools and 16 dormitories all over Africa.

The number of our African students who graduated with the Turkiye Scholarships programme has exceeded 15,000. Holding the honour of being the only foreign company that flies to the highest number of destinations, including 60 cities in Africa, Turkish Airlines continues to contribute to the reunion of Africa with the rest of the world.

We did not leave our African friends alone during the COVID-19 pandemic. Within the framework of the pandemic, we provided medical equipment donations, cash donations or purchase permission assistance

for the export and purchasing of medical supplies to 44 African countries. The approximate value of relief aid material we made to the region has reached \$12m, and the amount of our financial aid has reached \$6m. Turkey's endeavours for developing vaccines against COVID-19 is also continuing. We are determined to complete our vaccine activities in autumn and offer these to the service of all humanity, especially to African countries.

The theme of "Silencing the Guns: Creating Conducive Conditions for Africa's Development and Intensifying the Fight Against the COVID-19 Epidemic" set for Africa Day celebrations to be held online this year due to the pandemic is in harmony with Turkey's humanitarian and entrepreneurial foreign policy agenda. Standing against all kinds of violence, advocating the resolution of disputes through dialogue, and conducting mediation activities when needed, our country strongly supports the goal of "silencing the guns". Turkey, along with its different mediation and facilitation roles undertaken across the world, is also the Co-Chair of the Group of Friends of Mediation established under the UN, the OSCE and the OIC. We believe that our joint effort with the AU, which is a member of the friends group in UN, will contribute to security and stability in Africa.

With its innovative steps, Turkey shapes not only the diplomacy of today, but also that of the future. In 2019, we announced the Digital Diplomacy initiative by taking advantage of the transformative power of technology. We believe Africa's recent focus on digitalisation for sustainable development is spot-on. Within this context, we have observed with pleasure that digital transformation is recommended to achieve Agenda 2063 targets and to ensure sustainable economic recovery in the "Africa's Development Dynamics: Digital Transformation for Quality Jobs" report published by the AU this year despite COVID-19. We are ready to work with our African friends in the field of digital transformation.

We will continue to be in unity and solidarity with African countries and the AU with the strength and inspiration we derive from our centuries-old historical, cultural and human relations with Africa.

I avail myself of this opportunity to congratulate Africans on this day with heartfelt feelings.

Cavusoglu is the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey

Start the Week with Cynthia Stacey

Zanzibar...the jewel in the tourism crown...but can it keep its sparkle?

Well, greetings for the week, and with the partial lifting of some Corona sanctions, this finds me envious of those leaving for exotic places, and I mourn my own little piece of paradise, now gone. ... but faintly in my head, are the dying strains of ... "Zanzibar, Oh Zanzibar, the most beautiful island in Africa!" ... which was a popular song from Kenya, and playing everywhere when I first visited the isles decades ago.

And with Dar es Salaam beset with problems, it was good to escape to the Stone Town, a solution for my daily dilemmas...and how liberating to get up in the morning and stroll around...anywhere...no vehicles needed. Banks, ministries, markets, and even the beach front was a central playground for the local youth to play football, or take dives in the sea...freedom!

Also, life didn't shut down when danger loomed at dusk, as it did on the mainland, especially for foreigners perceived to have pockets stuffed with dollars.

But over the years, visitors couldn't escape an alternative form of 'mugging' via inflated boat prices for those forced to buy their tickets in dollars, which weren't equivalent to the local rate, and sometimes almost double it.

So I'm pleased to say, that a phone call to the Azam Marine Company, confirmed that tourists can now also pay for their tickets either in dollars, or the local currency...hopefully, both of which should be of similar value.

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Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Mwinyi speaks last year shortly after visiting Stone Town's Belt el Ajab, the historical building that had just collapsed. File Photo

It's time for some history in this blah blah today, so let's recall the once a year Muungano or Union Day, which is celebrated in Tanzania, to remind us when the exotic little Spice Isles joined forces with the mighty mainland, ...and as children's story books often say at the end of a good tale..."and they all lived happily ever after..."except of course in this instance...they didn't.

And although it's a long time ago, in January, 2001, a fearsome press headline of "at least 15 feared killed in Zanzibar riots" is not forgotten today.

Was this inevitable, as the Isles became autonomous, and with its own government, and yet remains independent with mainland governance....

and have these ambiguous anomalies, helped fuel political dissent?

...and possible confusion for tourists also, who having passed through immigration control on the mainland, then need to do so again on arrival...confounding the one nation myth.

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IN little under two decades, the cultural and environmental ravages on this unique place seem apparent everywhere, and its once special character, forever altered.

Tourists walk around the stone town in a state of undress, and once during Ramadan, a couple refused to cover up, and on being asked to do so, responded with "This doesn't mean

anything to us, why should we care?"

...Why indeed, since no-one will stop them, and semi naked foreigners will be able to continue their 'local customs' if they bring in the mighty dollar!

No wonder Mwalimu thought that tourism would culturally diminish his nation, though President Magufuli veered the other way, and a headline last year informed us "JPM - Tourist arrivals are too few relative to our status".

That statement was thought provoking, because ironically, many tourists prefer to visit places where there are few other tourists...so a country's status in this context means the fewer the visitors, the more kudos for the country.

British Travel Agents have long warned, that in Kenya, the large convoys of loaded jeeps, trucks full of tourists etc. were deterring people visiting the OVER CROWDED game reserves, and were turning to others areas where tourism was just starting to be a player...of which Tanzania was one.

So the policy makers here, should have been aware that limiting the figures was the way to capture the fledgling market. The success from which could have resulted in a strategy of "less is more", when it comes to visitor numbers.

This is something that US based conservation organisation, Serengeti Watch felt strongly about, and has warned against 'over tourism', endangering the ecosystem and frustrating the locals.

Citing possible visitor figures from newly targeted countries like China and India, they've said the numbers could be staggering, and the time to plan and act is now.

Though this related to the national parks, it has relevance also for places like Zanzibar, because high saturation, can surely affect this market, which isn't

suitable for mass tourism or mega size cruise ships, coming in to dock.

I can see a time in the Stone Town, where there'll be even fewer amenities, like small shops serving the local community...but will there be any local community left?

Properties might be taken for ever more hotels, or anything aiding the hospitality sector. Visitors will mostly see other visitors, and the lucky locals still there, will be doing menial tourism related jobs...BUT officialdom will certainly call this 'development'.

...but having written this blah blah, I hope it won't happen, though it seems unlikely that the isles government will want to slow down the 'cash cow' that is tourism, as long as it can be milked for the 'mighty greenback, that little piece of paper that runs America!

Recently though, there's been improvements, but at one time traders accepted only dollars, even for a small postcard, and many tourists, could almost have left the island, unaware of the local currency!

...time to close this hastily penned piece, and perhaps the problem for Unguja, isn't about avoiding trouble in paradise, it's making sure that there's a paradise remaining....troubled or otherwise!

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...But we have the answer...she's Samia Suluhu Hassan, and she's the President, of Tanzania, who just happens to be a Zanzibari, and the lady who's famously pressed the so-called Democracy button.

In her maiden address to the National Assembly, she said she'll make major changes on the democratic front, improve diplomatic relations, and sack lax government officials. Wonderful, she can probably manage that task before breakfast...maybe Unguja will be fine after all!

UN Commission urges equality for women in decision-making

By Special Correspondent

The U.N.'s premiere global body fighting for gender equality called for a sharp increase of women in global decision-making in a hotly debated final document adopted Friday night that saw continuing pushback against women's rights and a refusal to address issues of gender identity.

The Commission on the Status of Women reaffirmed the blueprint to achieve gender equality adopted 25 years ago at the Beijing women's conference and shone a spotlight on several major issues today, including the imbalance of power between men and women in public life and the growing impact of violence against women and girls in the digital world.

Diplomats were negotiating until almost the last minute over language on women human rights defenders, gender-based violence, and earlier on reproductive and sexual health and rights. Some Western nations sought unsuccessfully to get the commission to recognize gender non-conforming and transgender women. The closest they got was a reference to women and girls "who experience multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination" and face "diverse situations and conditions."

The European Union said it would have liked to see "more ambitious language" in the 23-page document, stressing that "the systematic attempts by some delegations to derail the process and question international commitments and obligations on gender equality show that the pushback against women's rights continue."

Shannon Kowalski, di-



rector of advocacy and policy for The International Women's Health Coalition, said at a briefing earlier Friday that this year "Russia has been very vocal and on the front lines" in pushing "for language that is often regressing and that seeks to deny women and girls... their rights." The Holy See often joined their positions, and Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and Cuba were also vocal opponents on many issues, she said, while China opposed any reference to women human rights defenders.

"Russia played an exceptionally disruptive role in the negotiations," an EU diplomat said. "Today's low common denominator result demonstrates that a pushback against women's rights continues at the U.N., and that Russia is doing all it can to undermine progress on the issue." The diplomat spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of private discussions.

Saudi Arabia, China have objections

The "Agreed Conclusions" were negotiated by the 193 U.N.

member nations and adopted by consensus by the commission's 45 members at the end of a two-week meeting. The U.N. women's agency said more than 25,000 members of civil society registered to participate in the partly in-person but mainly virtual meeting that saw 200 side events led by member states and more than 700 events by civil society representatives.

After Ambassador Mher Margaryan, the commission chair, banged the gavel signifying consensus, about two dozen countries spoke.

Saudi Arabia stressed that any reference to gender "means women and men" and to marriage as "between women and men." China said it would not join consensus on the role of women human rights defenders.

In the document, the commission supports the important role of civil society in promoting and protecting the human rights and freedoms of all women, "including women human rights defenders."

U.N. Women Executive Director

Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka said areas in the outcome document "do not please everybody," and the conclusions could have been "more ambitious" and the recommendations "even bolder and decisive."

She urged member states to use the recommendations "as a building block and to outperform what is contained in these Agreed Conclusions." She said next week's mainly virtual Gender Equality Forum in Mexico City, another follow-up to the 1995 Beijing conference, "will take forward what we have learned from the discussions of this commission and look at how we take concrete actions."

Mlambo-Ngcuka said the conclusions "contribute to important advances" on women's participation in public life, the main focus of the meeting along with tackling violence against women which increased during last year's COVID-19 pandemic.

The commission recognized that despite some progress women have a long road to reach equality with men in elections or

appointments to decision-making bodies and administrative posts, she said. And it recognized that temporary special measures, including quotas, substantially contribute to increasing women's representation in national and local legislatures, and called on all governments to set specific targets and timelines to achieve the goal of 50/50 gender balance in elected positions.

'Very strong leadership'

On violence against women in the digital world, Mlambo-Ngcuka said the commission noted the lack of preventive measures and remedies. She said member states should take action to encourage women's digital participation and protect them, including from cyberstalking and cyberbullying.

The Beijing declaration and platform approved by 189 countries in 1995 called for bold action in 12 areas to achieve gender equality, including combating poverty and gender-based violence, ensuring all girls get an education and putting

women at top levels of business and government, as well as at peacemaking tables.

It also said, for the first time in a U.N. document, that women's human rights include the right to control and decide "on matters relating to their sexuality, including their sexual and reproductive health, free of discrimination, coercion and violence."

In Friday's outcome document, the commission urges governments at all levels to "ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights."

It also urges governments to provide information on sexual and reproductive health and HIV prevention, gender equality and women's empowerment" to adolescent girls and boys and young women and men, "with appropriate direction and guidance from parents and legal guardians."

On a positive note, the International Women's Health Coalition's Kowalski said the commission's meeting saw "very strong leadership" from a number of Latin American and Pacific island countries and the "really strong and vital return of the United States as a leader and defender of sexual and reproductive health and rights, gender equality and women's rights more broadly."

A highlight of the meeting was the virtual appearance by U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris, who told the commission "the status of women is the status of democracy" and President Joe Biden's administration will work to improve both.

Nigerian Air Force and its crashing planes

By Reuben Abati

The Nigerian Air Force is the youngest arm of the Nigerian military having been established only on April 18, 1964. In the course of its 57 years of operation, defending the air space of Nigeria and the country's territorial integrity, the NAF has seen action in many theatres of operation: the Nigerian Civil war, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Mali, the Gambia and Nigeria's zone of terror, the North East, producing in the process some of the finest officers that have served their country in the best traditions of military service. Modern warfare is no longer all about boots on the ground or physical combat. Advancements in technology and Artificial Intelligence have motivated more countries to invest more in technology, brain power and air power, in the same manner in which having a large Navy was the fashion at the turn of the 19th Century.

In terms of military aircraft strength, Nigeria is ranked 65 out of 140 countries in a 2021 Global Firepower Index, far behind Egypt (10), Algeria (22), Morocco (40), Sudan (51), Tunisia (58) and Kenya (59). But whereas it is generally agreed that Nigeria needs to re-tool, fund, and re-position its military, especially in the face of the spread of terrorism, the more urgent concern is the manner in which Nigerian Air Force aircraft have been crashing from the skies. The Nigerian Air Force operates Nigeria's Presidential Fleet. Either now or in the past, whenever an aircraft under the control of the Air Force crashes, much anxiety is necessarily expressed about an arm of the Nigerian military whose motto is "Willing... Able...Ready". The question is reasonably asked: how able or ready is the Nigerian Air Force?

Air accidents no doubt occur, and there have been over 60 of such accidents in Nigeria since 1925 when the first aircraft flew across Nigerian skies. This could be due to technical error, sabotage, inclement weather, or an act of God. Where a military aircraft is involved, conspiracy theories are generated. A quick look at the history of air mishaps involving the Nigerian military indicate until now, a pattern of occasional, even if tragic occurrences. On September 26, 1992, a Nigerian Air Force Hercules C-130 crashed just a few minutes after taking off from the Lagos Airport, leading to the death of all 158 persons on board. On September 12, 1997, a Dornier 228-212 belonging to the NAF also crashed with 10 persons on board. Nobody survived. Nine years later, precisely on September 17, 2006, a Dornier 228 military plane crashed at Vandekiya, Benue State killing 14 military officers including 10 Generals. In August 2015, another Dornier 228-212, NAF 030 crashed in Kaduna, all seven on board died.



On September 28, 2018, a Nigerian Air Force Pilot died after two aircraft crashed around Katampe Hill, Abuja, while rehearsing for the nation's 58th Independence Day celebrations. In each of these incidents, valuable men were lost; families were thrown into sorrow. In at least two incidents, it was widely speculated that the officers who lost their lives were victims of sinister power play within the military. Each time such an accident occurs, the public is told that investigations would be conducted and that the Accident Investigation Bureau had taken charge of the famous "Black Box". But nobody ever shares the "secrets" in that Black Box with the public, whether the air mishap was civilian or military.

There is however a need to insist on transparency. Air mishaps involving the Nigerian military have now become so regular, so unbelievable. The latest occurred on Friday, May 21, 2021 when a Beechcraft KingAir 350i, NAF 203 crashed near Kaduna International Airport. Eleven military officers, including the Chief of Army Staff, Lt. General Ibrahim Attahiru, lost their lives in that mishap. General Attahiru assumed office on January 26, 2021. He was appointed by the President along with the current Chief of Defence Staff, General Lucky Irabor, Chief of Naval Staff - Rear Admiral Awwal Gambo, Chief of Air Staff - Air Marshall Oladayo Amao. The Irabor squad hit the ground running, with Attahiru visiting the war front immediately to address his troops. He was a hands-on General, he had fire in his belly. His voice echoed the amplitude of his position. It was as if he needed to prove a point having been removed previously, rather unceremoniously, as Commander, Operation Lafiya Dole by the man he succeeded, that is his former boss, now retired Gen. Tukur Buratai.

With Attahiru in that ill-fated aircraft was Brigadier General Abdulkadir Kuliya, then acting Chief of Military Intelligence described by his colleagues as a dextrous Nigerian with a kind heart, Acting Provost Marshall of the Army, Brigadier General Olatunji Olayinka, Chief of Staff to the COAS, Brigadier-General Mohammed Abdulkadir,

Aide-De-Camp to the COAS, Major Lawal Aliyu Hayat, Major Nura Hamza and the pilots. Ft Lt. Taiwo Olufemi Asaniyi was looking forward to his wedding. Ft. Lt. A.A. Olufade got married only two months ago! Sergeants O.I. Adesina, Umar Saidu and ACM Olamide Oyedepo also had a bright future ahead of them. Sgt Opeyemi Adesina of Iddo Community, Egbedore LGA, Osun State died three weeks after his daughter's dedication. But now all that is ended. Gone. Ft Lt. Olufade's father is devastated. Who wouldn't be? Asaniyi's fiancée has posted a touching tribute on social media. It is heart-breaking. Hopes aborted. Potentials unfulfilled.

Nigerians are outraged that the Federal Government did not handle the tragedy well. They expected the President to attend the funeral. He wasn't there. They thought if the President could not make it, then the Vice President would show up. Here, the problem is that the Vice President can only represent the President if he is directed to do so. He cannot go on a frolic of his own without the President's permission. The President sent the Minister of Defence, General Bashir Magashi to represent him, but this particular representative only ended up adding petrol to public anger. General Magashi could not deliver a written speech in a fluent manner. He expressed displeasure on behalf of the President. Displeasure that a funeral ceremony was taking place? He mixed up titles in a rather windy protocol list. He ruined it all by conveying "heartless felt condolences" on behalf of the President. Heartless! Magashi obviously was not prepared. He probably did not read the script. People find themselves in important positions in line with Peter's principle and when they do not rehearse before engaging in the task of public communication, they stutter and descend to lower depths. Magashi is a lawyer and a distinguished soldier in his earlier career. But all geriatrics in government who may have issues reading prepared speeches should just be allowed to speak vernacular going forward. General Magashi could just have spoken Hausa, Igbo or Yoruba and have someone

translate it for him. Hausa, Igbo and Yoruba languages are officially recognized in the Nigerian 1999 Constitution in Section 55. Why struggle with the English language under difficult circumstances when you can just speak one of the three languages recognised by the Nigerian Constitution! As if that was not enough, it took the Federal Government till Monday, May 24 to direct that the Nigerian flag should be flown at half mast in honour of the dead. The gesture was so belated, it was seen as an afterthought. And then the President declared a May 24 holiday for men of the Nigerian Air Force in the middle of a war in the North East. Nigeria is probably the only country where a whole division of the Armed Forces would be directed to go on holiday for 24 hours!

One of the spokespersons for President Buhari has offered the explanation that the President could not attend the funeral ceremonies for the fallen officers for security reasons. We have been told that the President needs 48 hours' notice before he can move from the Villa. Are we being told that the President is now being held hostage? Or what? He is Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces, for crying out loud. He has an entire Brigade of Guards protecting him and the FCT. What 48-hour security clearance does the President require to protect his movement between the Villa and the National Cemetery to honour his own troops who fell while on official duty? It also took the Vice President more than 24 hours to issue a condolence message via Twitter. Was that also for security reasons? Governance is about substance, symbols and gestures. The consensus among Nigerians is that the President showing up at the funeral ceremony would have been a morale booster for the military. I think so too.

We had a guest on The Morning Show, Arise TV on Monday, May 24, Retired Air Commodore Abayomi Balogun, NAF pilot for more than 30 years. He was of the firm opinion that nobody should worry about the morale of the troops. Soldiers he said know what they signed up for. They are ever prepared to pay the ultimate sacrifice. And whether or

not the President attends a funeral of fallen men, the task of defending Nigeria goes on. Commodore Balogun is a very articulate man who knows his field like the back of his hands. That was how he came across. But upon further reflection on his views, I disagree with him. Loyalty to one's country, serving and dying for it, is not an automatic obligation. Soldiers are human beings. They also have families. They expect to be appreciated for their sacrifice. That is why recently, they have been bold enough to complain about welfare, rebel against their commanders, and post uncomplimentary videos on social media about the Nigerian military. A strong morale emboldens the soldier. We need to be more sensitive to their needs, feelings and concerns.

And this: While the big men dropped the ball, their wives picked it up. We must commend Mrs Aisha Buhari and Mrs. Dolapo Osinbajo for their empathy, compassion, and beyond the other-room responsible citizenship. Mrs. Osinbajo, the Vice President's wife visited the wives of all the 7 Abuja-based officers from Niger Barracks to NAF Base. She was accompanied by Senator Remi Tinubu and others. First Lady, Mrs Buhari also visited the wife of the late Chief of Army Staff. She was accompanied by her children and others. President Buhari has now made phone calls to some of the affected families. We are glad he finally got security clearance for that.

Beyond our review of responses to this tragedy, what remains is to raise questions about what needs to be done to check the crisis of repeated crashes afflicting the Nigerian Airforce. Three aircraft belonging to the military have been involved in accidents within the last 90 days, this year alone. The affected aircraft were not involved in combat. They did not crash in a theatre of war. They were engaged either in a reconnaissance operation or utility transportation. Three months ago, that is on February 21, 2021, a Beechcraft KingAir B350i plane belonging to the NAF developed engine failure on its way to Minna. It was asked to return to the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, Abuja, from where it commenced its journey. It crashed on its way back. All seven personnel on board died. On March 31, 2021, NAF Alpha Jet 475 on a reconnaissance mission was declared missing. Its wreckage was later found in Bama, Borno State. The body of one of the pilots (Ft. Lt. Chapele Ebiakpo) was found intact. The other pilot (Ft. Lt. John Abolarinwa) could not be found. Two months later, there has been no word from the Air Force authorities.

In Nigeria, accident peril is treated as top secret. This must stop. Secrecy in matters involving loss of human lives breeds distrust against the system, and promotes speculations. The May 21 crash that took the life of the former Chief of

Army Staff Ibrahim Attahiru has been linked to the self-immolation, a few days earlier, by Ibrahim Shekau, leader of the Boko Haram who was reportedly cornered and ambushed by the rival Islamic State of the West African Province, and who chose to commit suicide. Could the NAF plane crash of May 21 be a form of reprisal attack? Did the Nigerian military know anything about the reported death of Ibrahim Shekau? The Presidency said President Buhari had to stay away from the funeral of the dead officers for security reasons. Is there something we should know that no one is willing to tell us?

Whatever anyone is thinking, nobody can live forever. There will be people today who will be calling the former Chief of Army Staff, General Tukur Buratai, to congratulate him on his good luck of having been removed from office. Attahiru and his team were on their way to Kaduna to attend the Passing Out Parade (POP) of recruit officers. That could indeed have been Buratai performing the same function. That is life. Exits and entrances. Each man at his own time. But one thing: Attahiru and his crew would not have died in vain if every effort is made to check the emerging trend of Air Force planes crashing in non-combatant situations. Not even in Colombia do military aircraft drop from the skies like this! The Nigerian Government must institute an independent inquiry and review beyond the preliminary findings of the Accident Investigation Bureau which appears to be part of an entrenched culture of secrecy.

The standard response from the Nigerian military is to deny any wrong-doing. Spokesperson of the Nigerian Air Force, Commodore Edward Gabwet has said that the aircraft involved in the 2021 mishaps were all brand new. Really? Is he sure? New things can crash, yes, but how new? We would like to know. Safety is the first consideration in aviation. How safe are the NAF planes? How often are they maintained? It is not enough to blame the weather, the most convenient fall-guy in situations like this. How well does the NAF maintain its aircraft? How capable are its personnel? Is the NAF "willing... able...and ready?"

Finally, the coffins of the fallen soldiers had not yet been sealed before those interested in their positions began to jostle for space and opportunity, with stories and permutations - ethnic, class and religious - about who should emerge as the next Chief of Army Staff. It is the prerogative of the President to choose his own lieutenants. He should act swiftly, decisively and wisely. Our heartfelt condolences to the families of the deceased.

Reuben Abati, a former presidential spokesperson, writes from Lagos.

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Transform agriculture through production of improved seed varieties, RC urges TARI

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

COAST Regional Commissioner Abubakar Kunenge has urged a centre of excellence for research and production of improved sugarcane (TARI Kibaha centre) to green up the region by transforming agriculture and farmers through research and production of improved crop varieties.

He made the call at the annual farmers' day and expo organized by TARI Kibaha at the centre over the weekend, an agricultural exhibition show which aimed at sensitizing, promoting and educating farmers and other stakeholders along the value chain.

After visiting the centre's activities, the regional commissioner who was accompanied by researchers and Kibaha district officials said that despite its national mandate of research and production of improved sugarcane seed varieties but so long as it is located in the Coastal region, the centre should consider working on other cash and food crops as well so to transform farmers in the region.

He said the centre's research and production activities will receive accolades and post high value to the residents of the coastal region and the farmers in particular if it will change lives of small-holder farmers in the region.

"One of the benefits of this centre being in the Coastal region is that it



Agricultural research officer Nsagigwa Mwakyusa (L) briefs the Coast regional commissioner Abubakar Kunenge (R) on rapid multiplication of sugarcane varieties at TARI Kibaha shortly before delivering an address at a recent Farmers' Day and Expo. Photo: Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

should give priority and work for our farmers in the region so that they can graduate from subsistence to commercial farmers," he stressed.

The regional commissioner hailed TARI Kibaha

centre for working hard to conduct research and production of improved seed varieties which are high yielding, tolerant to moderate droughts and resistant to disease and pests saying this will give

farmers more yield. However, the regional commissioner expressed concern over the centre's Lab saying it is small compared to the huge research work being conducted by researchers.

He promised that the government will support the centre get the Lab it deserves so that it can efficiently and effectively conducting research, test and produce desired results.

TARI's Director of technology transfer and partnership Dr. Juliana Mwakasendo and Sugarcane Coordinator Dr. Nessie Luambano promised the government to continue working hard to

meet the farmers and the nation expectation.

They said TARI Kibaha centre is not only limited to sugar cane research and production but also conducts research and works with other institutions to ensure research and technologies of different crops reach the farmers at grassroots level.

They promised to heed the regional commissioner's directive of continuing to improve agriculture in the region.

"We have established crops development centres across the country so that farmers and other stakeholders can access technologies, innovation and good agricultural practices related to different crops within the vicinity," said Mwakasendo.

The researchers commended the government for material support saying TARI will continue with its main task to ensure farmers in and outside the region improve productivity and produce profitably. TARI has been taking different technologies generated by TARI right to the district councils, extension officers and to the farmers on time.

We are transferring appropriate technologies, innovations and best management practices to the farmers and other stakeholders. We are also establishing and strengthening innovation platforms.

We are strengthening research collaboration and networking with other institutions and organizational within and outside the country, she added.

She called on farmers to use improved seeds varieties generated by TARI saying at this time when the farmers are battling against climate change, they should change agricultural practices and opt improved seeds from TARI which are tolerant to drought and resistant to pests and diseases.

"The most important thing is that the farmers should use improved crop varieties and comply to agriculture best practices, appropriate use of agricultural inputs. We are also working on different technologies along the value chain right from production to the market.

TARI Kibaha centre has reliable technologies related to improved varieties, good agricultural practices or diseases and paste management. They are all available. They are being transferred to the farmers through farmer field days, agriculture exhibition, and media. For example, according to sugarcane breeder Andrew Kachiwile, seven good improved varieties already available for sugarcane cultivation are N41, N12, N19, N25, R570, R575, and R579.

TARI Kibaha centre is one of eighteen centres of Tanzania Agriculture Research Institute each assigned specific duties to carry out research and production of different technologies for the farmers.



SHREE SANATAN DHARMA SABHA

NOTICE OF EXTRA ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

The extra ordinary general meeting will be held on Sunday, 6th June 2021 at Shree Laxminarayan Mandir at 04:00pm- Pramukh Swami Grah. All members of Tanzania hindu community are required to attend on time.

The Agenda of the meeting are as follows:

AGENDA

1. Approval of audited accounts for 2020.
2. Reappointment of statutory auditors for 2021.
3. Approval of Budgets for 2021.
4. Approval of Shree Sai Temple plan.

The copies of accounts are available for viewing at the SSDS office (Monday to Thursday 5PM to 8PM) and please write your questions with details in the register at office before Friday 4th June, 2021, all queries will be addressed in the meeting.

The details of proposed Sai Mandir Plan will be circulated in the Social Media and will be available for review at SSDS office.

Thank you
Yash Desai
Hon. General Secretary
Shree Sanatan Dharma Sabha

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INVITATION TO BID

1. WWF Tanzania Country Office is a Non- Government Organization dealing with environmental protection in Tanzania since 1990 and it has supported the Government of Tanzania in implementing various projects on Marine, Forest, Fresh Water, Energy and Wildlife. WWF global mission is to stop the degradation of the planet's natural environment and to build a future in which humans live in harmony with nature, by:

- i. conserving the world's biological diversity;
- ii. ensuring that the use of renewable natural resources is sustainable and
- iii. promoting the reduction of pollution and wasteful consumption

2. WWF Tanzania Country Office (WWF-TCO) secured some funds from Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) for supporting the protection of key ecosystems, increased resilience and adaptation for sustainable use by local communities. WWF-TCO intends to apply part of its budgetary allocation to fund the Proposed Hydrogeological Survey, Drilling, and Construction of one Productive Borehole in Park Nyegoti, Serengeti district

Project/ Tender No.	Construction Site	Description of Work
WWF/TCO/BMZ/MAY2021/06	Park Nyegoti, Serengeti District	Hydrogeological Survey, Drilling, Development, Pumping Test, Installation of Solar pumps, Construction of water tower, Water point, cattle trough and Capping of one Productive Borehole for the period between June - July 2021.

3. WWF Tanzania Country Office, invites eligible bidders who are registered as Civil and/or drilling specialist Contractors from **class VII** and above to submit their bids for the Proposed Hydrogeological Survey, Drilling, and Construction of one Productive Borehole in Park Nyegoti, Serengeti District

4. Interested bidders should visit WWF Tanzania website <https://tanzania.panda.org/news/> to obtain the full tender document. The payment of non-refundable fee of TZS 50,000/= for tender document shall be paid through:

Bank Name: NMB
Account No. 70910003703
Account name: WWF FOR NATURE TZ COUNTRY OFFICE

5. All applicants should direct their **soft copy bids attached with the scanned payment slip** to the procurement e-mail at procurement@wwf.tz Deadline for submission is **10am, Monday 07th June 2021**. Thereafter tender opening will take place at **11am** same day on WWF premises (see the address stipulated in #6. Below)

6. Only **Form of Tender attached with a copy of payment slip should be submitted in a sealed envelope** clearly marked tender numbers and addressed to:

Secretary,
Procurement Committee,
WWF Tanzania Country Office,
Plot 252 Kiko Street, Off - Mwai Kibaki Rd, Mikocheni
P.O. Box 63117, Dar es Salaam.

7. WWF TCO reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the applications without assigning any reason thereof.

8. Late bids, bids not received, not opened and not read out in public at the bid opening ceremony shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstance.

Conflict in Palestine: Injustice, disproportionality and illegal conduct

By Ismail Lagardien

If your opponent is not a state, but a people whose land you have systematically appropriated and effectively forced into a ghetto, you can get away with almost anything.

In his landmark book *Just and Unjust War: A Moral Argument with Historical Illustrations*, the political theorist and philosopher Michael Walzer explained, (somewhere in the foreword) that he wrote parts of the book in Jerusalem's Mishkenot Sha'ananim. Mishkenot Sha'ananim can be translated as "peaceful place" or "place of tranquillity". The story goes that the name was inspired by a Biblical passage (Isaiah 32:18): "My people will abide in peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings and in peaceful resting places."

Out of an interest in Jewish migration and settlement in Palestine, I once visited Mishkenot Sha'ananim. It was, indeed, a place of tranquillity. It was, also, one of the earliest examples of foreign settlement on Palestinian land – outside the walled city of Jerusalem. Mishkenot Sha'ananim was built by the British banker Moses Montefiore (1784-1885) in 1860, with money donated by a US businessman, Judah Touro (1775-1854).

I found it curious, and slightly ironic that Walzer, a progressive thinker with socialist tendencies, would slip into the comfort of the Zionist state, to write a book on ethics in war. That was more a sign of my naiveté. I assumed, wrongly, that someone with his values would oppose the wilful destruction of Palestinian homes, and have nothing to do with Zionism. This befuddlement was increased when I met and had lunch with Shlomo Hillel, who died at the age of 97 earlier this year, himself (at the time), somewhat of a leftist, but a serious hero of the Zionist movement. These things are rarely simple.

After my visit to Mishkenot Sha'ananim, I took a walk down a hill to a village called Silwan. The village reminded me a little of the difference between Sandton and Alexandra. I will get back to a story of Silwan below.

Let me pause, briefly, and say that I promised myself almost 30 years ago (between 1991 and 1994), that I would never write or say a word about Zionism. My decision was spurred by an insult by a former Democratic Party (predecessor of today's Democratic Alliance) member. A small group of us were dining at the home of Robin Carlisle. I was told: "You fucking intellectuals hide your anti-Semitism behind anti-Zionism."

I saw no value in continuing the discussion that evening, and never



Covid-19 is a key factor forcing migrants travelling to Saudi Arabia to make risky journeys home from Yemen. File photo

again returned to the topic (of Zionism). I have remained quiet, as a writer, an academic and a public intellectual, about Zionism – notwithstanding the horrors I have witnessed. But, I felt a shuddering in my chest when I saw footage on Friday of Al Jazeera and the BBC's Gaza offices being bombed. Still, I will not write about Zionism. It's not that I don't have views on it. It's just that my views are intensely radical, and in normative terms, they are improbable.

The ethics of war in the 21st century

I will focus, then, (broadly) on Walzer's "just war" thinking, on the ethics of war, and include some of my own conclusions. It's a big subject, and cannot be done full justice in a short space. Nonetheless, what we are seeing in Palestine at the moment is a state fighting a war against a "non-state actor" – and with directed attacks on civilian targets.

Among the best examples of non-state actors is the employment of an estimated 100,000 private military contractors (at least 30,000 on armed active duty) that operate largely independent of the sovereign jurisdiction of a state. These "non-state" actors sometimes demonstrate a vast array of state-like military capabilities and judicative capacities. Put differently, and as Isis has demonstrated, they have the (self-awarded) power to serve as judge, jury and executioner.

In confrontation with non-state actors, states can get away with almost anything. In the case of the Zionist state, I have no doubt that

there will be no international accountability or sanction – in part because the International Court of Justice is likely to fail in any attempt to bring them to account. Also because Washington will stand with its closest Middle Eastern ally. But overall because nobody in power can get themselves to say anything critical of Zionism, out of fear of being accused of anti-Semitism.

Just cause

One of the elements of the "just war" theory is that the reason for going to war has to be just. In the case of the Zionist state, that goes out of the window. Since the Nakba, the settlers have simply taken whatever property they wanted, and driven Palestinians into veritable townships – not unlike Alexandria, while developing (beside it), places like Sandton. It is not inconceivable that there would be claims that "states have a right to defend themselves". There is little wrong with that, except where the state itself was built on injustice in the first place. Who would have told the indigenous Americans not to fight against the European settlers, after they (the Europeans) unilaterally declared independence in 1776?

The conduct of war

The concept of *ius in bello* (justice during the conduct of war, which is separate from *ius ad bellum*, reasons for war, or its prevention) rests on two important principles about fair and just conduct during warfare that insist on discrimination between legitimate and illegitimate targets. Discrimination and proportionality establish rules of just and fair conduct during warfare.

The principle of discrimination defines who are considered "legitimate" targets in war, and the principle of proportionality concerns how much force is morally appropriate. However, if your opponent is not a state, but a people whose land you have systematically appropriated, and effectively forced into a ghetto, you can get away with almost anything. In the field, or on the battleground, there are no judges or courts of law to hold soldiers accountable.

This is closely related to the principle of proportionality. This has to do with how much force may (morally) be applied in pursuit of a war's ends.

Consider Washington's virtual destruction, and the consequent carnage in Iraq in pursuit of a single person, Saddam Hussein. Then consider Washington's invasion of Afghanistan, the compounding of misery in that country, in pursuit of one person, Osama Bin Laden.

Consider, now, the way the US carpet-bombed Laos (during the 1960s and early 1970s, with more than 50,000 people killed or injured by US bombs, 98% of them civilians. There is also a debate over whether it was actually necessary to drop nuclear bombs on Japanese cities at the end of World War 2 or for the firestorm over Dresden.

These are near perfect examples of disproportionality in war, with the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombs considered to have been driven more by Washington demonstrating its might to the former Soviet Union.

The ethics of war in the 21st century

In the early 21st century, disproportionality was a defining feature of George W Bush's proclamation in 2001 that the US was to embark on a global war on terror. Couple this with the US's ability to "mark" any organisation as "terrorists," and we reach a position where anything goes. I was unfortunate enough, in December 1985, to cover a story of the old South African Defence Force assassinating a couple in Lesotho simply because Pretoria considered them to be "terrorists". Not dissimilarly, any Palestinian may at any time be called a terrorist, which provides sufficient basis to be killed.

The principle of proportionality is not just philosophical. It is detailed in the Geneva Convention's Additional Protocol I, and lays down a "basic rule" prohibiting all intentional attacks on "the civilian population and civilian objects". This rule is extended to "incidental loss of civilian life, injury to civilians, [and] damage to civilian objects".

Even in instances when attacks are not aimed at civilians or when it "may be expected to cause incidental civilian loss or damage which would be excessive in relation to the concrete and direct military advantage anticipated".

There's a lot more that can be said about the just and unjust war and the current conflict in Palestine. Let me end, though, with the story of the village called Silwan, down the road from Mishkenot Sha'ananim, where Walzer wrote parts of his seminal work on just and unjust war.

The boy in the village of Silwan After I visited Mishkenot Sha'ananim I went to a village called Silwan. It was a shockingly unequal place, as explained above. The Palestinian part of the village was neglected while the settlers (some of whom came from countries around the world) were pampered and privileged. But let me have Moriel Rothman, an American Israeli with Rabbis for Human Rights and the Solidarity Movement, tell the story of a boy, Suhaib Alawar (14), in Silwan.

It's 12 March 2012.

"Someone is pounding on the door. It is 3:45 a.m. The pounding gets louder. The father goes to open the door, and immediately they enter: two men dressed in civilian clothes, flanked by police officers bearing heavy guns. They go straight towards the boy, who has pulled on a baggy sweatshirt and stepped out of his room, snake their hands under his arms, and take him. 'He will only be gone for a few hours,' they say. 'Don't worry.' Outside the house, the boy's hands are tied with plastic packaging bands and he is pushed into the police car. He does not understand much Hebrew, but he knows enough to understand the officer who leans close to him and whispers: "Fuck your mother."

Suhaib was held for 30 days (released on 5 April) and "after being beaten with a chair, held in solitary confinement, taunted with a knife, forced to stay awake, and otherwise abused, the boy is released from prison... And his punishment continues: He is under house arrest, indefinitely, and is not allowed to go to school. He is afraid that he will miss the end of his 9th grade year... After the police stormed into his house and arrested him, he was driven to a facility called 'Room 4'."

Explained Suhaib:

"The interrogator asked me if I knew why it was called Room 4. I said I did not, and so he told me that it is called Room 4 because this is where you Arabs leave on all fours, crawling like a baby after we've finished with you". There, the interrogators handcuffed Suhaib and hit his head, both with fists and with keys, calling him names and taunting him as their blows rained down. He was then made to sign a document in Hebrew stating that he had not been physically abused. Suhaib, who cannot read Hebrew, signed the document..."

Suhaib and millions of Palestinians who have had to make way for settlers for more than 100 years are no longer citizens of a state. Often branded as "terrorists" for fighting back against settlers who appropriate their land, they can be maimed and killed, with no recourse to law.

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BUSINESS



Tigo Tanzania CEO, Simon Karikari speaks at a past event.

ECO-FRIENDLY

Tigo's Green for Kili campaign gathers pace as World Environment Day around the corner

By Guardian Reporter

AS the world heads towards commemorating World Environment Day on June 5, a campaign to plant 28,000 trees at the foot of Mount Kilimanjaro has gathered pace with Tigo Tanzania Limited's Managing Director, Simon Karikari luring his peers to back the initiative.

Karikari who personally donated 100 trees in addition to 10,000 donated by his company urged his peers to support the initiatives which seeks to restore the iconic mountain green scenery at the foot following years of deforestation.

"I am honoured to donate 100 trees in addition to the 10,000 trees already donated by Tigo Tanzania," said Karikari while attracting fellow CEOs including Standard Chartered Tanzania Limited's chief executive, Sanjay Rughani. Rughani donated 100 trees. Each tree seedling costs 5,000/-.

"On the 27th of February this year, Tigo launched the campaign called

Tigo Green For Kili, which aims to plant twenty-eight thousand trees, in the Kilimanjaro region to protect the environment around Mount Kilimanjaro and to bring back snow on the mountain," Karikari said adding that by March donations were collected for 22,000 trees.

"Towards the celebration of World Environment Day which will take place on the 5th of June with the slogan 'Eco-system Restoration,' I would like to inform our stakeholders that we are still receiving donations to achieve our goal of planting 28,000 trees this year," he noted.

"On behalf of Tigo Tanzania, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank all the stakeholders who responded to this challenge and contributed to making Kilimanjaro green again," Karikari added.

Among the donors include Minister of Information, Arts, Sports and Culture, Innocent Bashungwa and Clouds Media Group CEO, Joseph Kusaga plus many other high profile individuals.

A 150-year-old recycler says it's boom time after scrap snaps up

HONG KONG

Prices for industrial scrap steel and aluminium have climbed to multi-year highs. Chiho Environmental Group, one of the world's biggest metal recyclers, says rampant demand for scrap material is set to strengthen as the global rush to fight climate change becomes more urgent.

The Hong Kong-listed company sees a flurry of net-zero targets from governments and corporates accelerating the demand for scrap, as supply chains scramble to source cleaner materials. This comes as the industrial rebound from the pandemic boosts metal prices from copper to lithium.

"We have gone through two world wars, two major economic shocks. Now we have a pandemic and we see one of the most significant demand boosts ever for recycling metals," Chief Executive Officer Rafael Suchan said in an interview. Chiho in 2016 acquired Germany's Scholz Holding GmbH, which traces its origins back to 1872.

Chiho expects steel scrap volumes and recycling rates for aluminium to roughly double in the next five-to-10 years in China. The country has been snapping up more steel scrap after restrictions were

relaxed at the start of the year, while the nation's top copper smelters last month recommended a limit on new capacity and the use of more scrap to help meet the country's climate goals.

The nation will be the biggest scrap recycling market, as well as the largest consumer and the driver of commodities, Suchan said. He expects relatively stronger recycling demand for non-ferrous metals rather than ferrous materials in the current commodity cycle.

Electric vehicles
Steel demand will grow moderately, while China is set to export much lower volumes, he said, given the environmentally-driven hike in taxes effective from this month. Demand for copper and aluminium will rise significantly to meet the electric vehicle market, as new infrastructure that requires more nonferrous materials was needed, according to Chiho.

Chiho is also looking to improve its EV battery recovery rate to 90% or beyond from its current 60-70% level, adding that it's in discussions with battery and automotive groups, as well as metals producers to develop partnerships regarding the supply of recycled raw materials.

PROTECTION

CRDB teams up with NHIF to provide Tanga dairy farmers with health insurance cover



CRDB Bank Plc's chief commercial officer, Dr Joseph Witts (2nd R), National Health Insurance Fund customer service director, Christopher Mapunda (2nd L) and Tanga Dairies Co-operative Union chairman, Shamte Said (R) display copies of an agreement to provide health insurance cover members of the cooperative after the signing ceremony held in Tanga City on Friday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Reporter, Tanga

IN a bid to ensure that the majority of Tanzanians have health insurance cover, CRDB Bank Plc has teamed up with National Health Insurance Fund to provide services to members of Tanga Dairies Cooperative Union.

Speaking in Tanga when the partnership was announced, CRDB's Chief Commercial Officer, Dr Joseph Witts said the bank will bankroll the 'Ushirika Afya' project by giving the dairy farmers cooperative funding to pay for NHIF services through 'Ushirika Afya' Premium Loan.

"This is a special plan by the bank to enable universal health insurance cover to all of our

clients who include farmers in the country," said Dr Witts who underscored the importance of main players in the agriculture sector to access health insurance.

Speaking at the event, NHIF's Director of Customer Services, Christopher Mapunda said the deal with CRDB is part of the fund's plan to ensure universal health cover for all Tanzanians as directed by the government.

"I urge Tanga farmers to join cooperative societies so that they can access this health insurance cover for their entire families at affordable rates," Mapunda said while commending the bank for being innovative in advancing insurance penetration in the country.

In a vote of thanks, Tanga Dairies Cooperative Union Chairman, Shamte Said commended CRDB and NHIF for coming up with the 'Ushirika Afya' product saying it has come as big relief for smallholder farmers in the country.

"I thank the bank and fund's leadership for choosing Tanga dairy farmers as beneficiaries and promise to use this opportunity to the maximum," Said promised while urging his peers to enrol for the services immediately.

Tanga District Commissioner, Thobias Mwalipwa urged the dairy farmers to exploit the opportunity presented by CRDB and NHIF saying health insurance cover is an important service

which every Tanzanian needs.

"Let make use of this constructive arrangement to ensure better health for farmers by buying insurance cover," Mwalipwa said while commending the bank and fund for their innovative product that complements state efforts to provide universal health insurance cover to Tanzanians.

CRDB and NHIF designed the 'Ushirika Afya' Premium Loan product which was launched last week when cooperative unions in Chunya, Mbeya Rural and Rungwe Districts were signed up as first beneficiaries. The target is to cover all farmers through their cooperatives countrywide by end this year.

GENEROSITY

Absa Tanzania donates millions to Engender Health to tame Covid-19

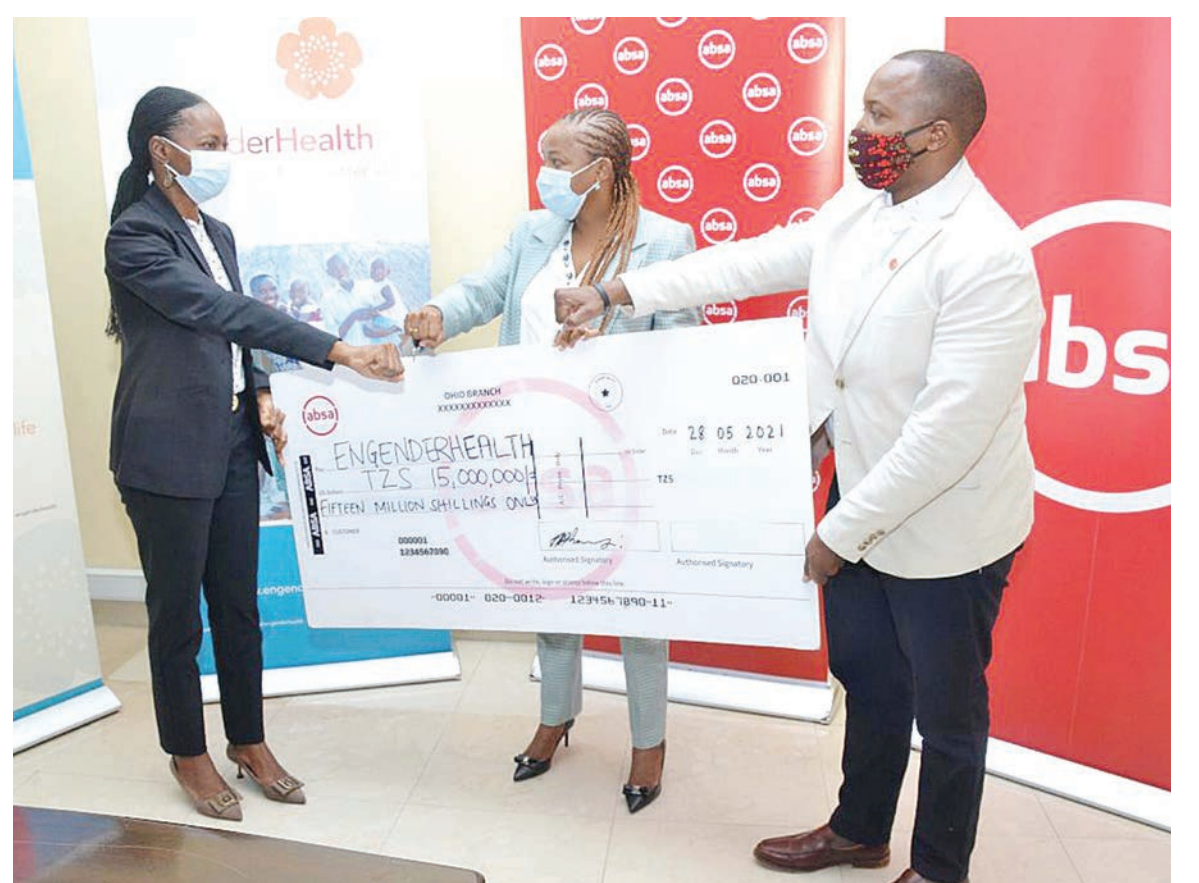
By Guardian Reporter

ABSA Bank Tanzania Limited donated 15m/- to Engender Health to enable the not for profit organization buy Personal Protective Equipment to curb the spreading of the novel coronavirus outbreak in the country.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam last week during a handing over ceremony, Absa Bank Tanzania's Head of Marketing and Corporate Relations, Aron Luhanga said the bank realize that the pandemic has been made the public face the most difficult time as businesses suffer financially hence the need to tame the virus.

"As responsible financial partners, we are happy to support our communities through Engender Health in order to continue bringing their possibilities to life despite the current challenges," Luhanga said saying the bank support efforts being made by the state and not for profit organisation such as Engender Health to stop the pandemic.

Luhanga noted that Absa is a key role player in advancing several sectors in the country some of them being education, entrepreneurship, financial literacy, environment and social wellbeing. "The bank ensures that every society investment is aligned with strengthening our relationship with the community, the organization we work with and the government,"



Absa Bank Tanzania Limited's head of marketing and corporate relations, Aron Luhanga (R) handing over a dummy check for 15m/- to Engender Health country representative, Prudence Masako being a donation to back the coronavirus outbreak at a ceremony held in Dar es Salaam last week. Centre is Absa's acting corporate affairs director, Nellyana Mmanyi. Photo courtesy of Absa.

headed.

Speaking the same ceremony, Engender Health's Country Representative, Prudence Masako said his organization has been working in Tanzania for over 30 years, in partnership with the government and private sector to strengthen capacity of the health system.

"Today, Engender Health is proud to partner with Absa to support PPE procurement and distribution to some of our supported health facilities in Dar es Salaam as part of Covid 19 response meas-

ures," Masako said adding that Engender Health works with local government authorities to support frontline workers have necessary equipment to ensure that services are not interrupted.

"We will continue to support government in this area and work with other partners to mobilize resources for PPE procurement as part of Covid -19 response," he added saying that Engender Health will continue working with Absa and others in investing in health care.

Absa Bank Tanzania's acting Cor-

porate Director, Nellyana Mmanyi said backed Luhanga's observation saying the bank has passion for the community because its customers are part of it hence the need for better health.

"Therefore, we continue to invest in our customers' wellbeing as we adhere to the guidelines and protocols set out by Ministry of Health in the wake of Covid 19 pandemic," Mmanyi said while cherishing the partnership with Engender Health as being productive.

ADVISE

RC Makalla counsels local contractors to be professional in implementing state projects

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

LOCAL contractors have been urged to make sure that value for money is observed when implementing different infrastructure projects and ensure that they are completed within the agreed time.

The call was made over the weekend by Dar es Salaam Regional Commissioner Amos Makalla when he was closing a two days consultative meeting for local contractors. Makalla told over 500 contractors and other stakeholders at the meeting organized by Contractors Registration Board that government projects must have value for money.

Makalla said contractors are supposed to be realistic when they apply for government tenders in order to convince public officials to stop force account application in implementing such projects because of unrealistic prices. He urged them that if they are realistic in costs then the government will include them in different constructions project in Dar es Salaam Region.

"Example you advertise a tender and some contractors bid for 2bn/- while another can do the same project for 800m/-, as a leader what would you opt? Ob-



The chairman of Derm Group of Companies, Ridhuan Mringo (L), receives a certificate of appreciation from Dar es Salaam regional commissioner Amos Makalla for co-sponsoring a local contractors' consultative meeting organised by the Contractors Registration Board and held at the weekend. Third right is CRB chairperson Consolata Ngimbwa. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

vious lowest bidder will win but without compromising quality," the Dar es Salaam Regional Commissioner said.

He further said that there is a tendency by some local contractors to implement projects in poor quality while also failing to meet deadlines hence forcing the government to adopt a force account

model in implementing projects.

Makalla explained that he will soon launch cleanliness campaign in Dar es Salaam with a possibility to engage local contractors in implementing some of the related projects. "Government agencies like Tanzania Building Agency, Suma JKT cannot afford to do all the

projects alone so we must engage some of you to work with us in this campaign," he added while counselling the contractors to be diligent and work hard once they get the job.

Briefing the RC, CRB Board Chairperson, Engineer Consolata Ngimbwa said many local contractors are now working professionally

because the board has been strict in enforcing regulations. Eng Ngimbwa named one of the companies which is doing well as Derm Group of Companies which is based in the commercial capital.

"As a result of professionalism, Derm Group of Companies is doing financially well and has co-sponsored this two

days meeting with a budget of 5.1m/- . We also thank NMB Bank Plc, CRDB Bank Plc, BQ Contractors and Equity Bank for their contribution to enable this meeting take place," she added.

Eng Ngimbwa said during the meeting, contractors and bankers agreed that once one wins a tender, then the contract for the project should be used as collateral to acquire loans from banks . She said they have agreed that they should request the government top continue forcing large contractors who implement its big projects to employ local contractors so that they build capacity to implement such strategic projects in future. She pointed out that local contractors are still facing isolated in implementing state projects because public institutions such as TBA and Suma JKT are given priority.

"We want more government projects to be awarded to private contractors other than TBA, Suma JKT and other public companies," the CRB Chairperson argued saying when local contractors work with foreign peers, technology transfer, knowledge and skills is also acquired.

APPRECIATION

SA stocks set for longest winning streak since 2013

JOHANNESBURG

South Africa's main stock gauge climbed for a fourth day, rising 0.5% by 9:46 a.m. in Johannesburg, as gains by iron ore producers, Richemont and banks countered weakness in gold and platinum producers and local market giant Naspers Ltd. The key index is poised for its longest streak of monthly advances for eight years.

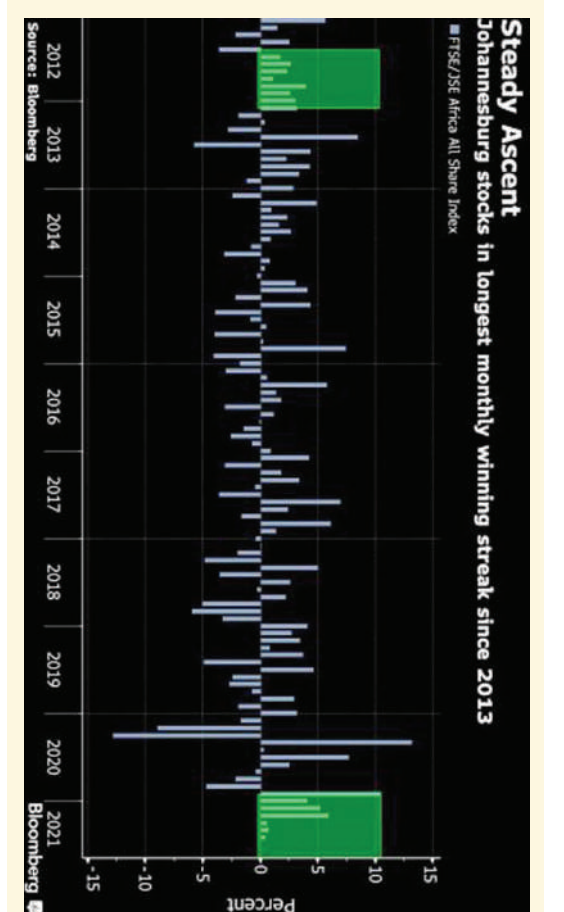
The Johannesburg benchmark tracked peers in Asia, which climbed after solid economic data and President Joe Biden's federal spending plans spurred a Wall Street rally in cyclical shares. US data included a drop in jobless claims to a fresh pandemic low.

Friday's move took the weekly rise in the South African gauge to 1.5%, set to climb for the first week in three. With one trading session left after today for May, the FTSE/JSE Africa All Share Index is poised to rise for a seventh consecutive month, the longest such winning streak since the start of 2013.

Index heavyweight Richemont advanced for a seventh consecutive day, climbing 1.8% to a fresh record. Industrial miners gained 1.1% to the highest level in a week amid renewed optimism around prospects for economic growth. Anglo American Plc +1.2%, BHP Group Plc +0.7%, Glencore Plc +1.7%. An index of bank stocks advance for a fourth day, up 1.5% to the highest since March 5. FirstRand +1.1%, Nedbank +5.6%, Standard Bank +1.7%, Capitec +1/1%, Absa +1.4%.

Naspers dropped for a second day, down 0.3% to cause the biggest drag to the index, as partly owned Tencent retreated in Hong Kong. Naspers subsidiary, Prosus NV, which holds the company's 29% stake in Tencent, fell 0.4%. An index of precious metals producers dropped 0.5% as gold and platinum prices slipped. Gold Fields -1.9%, AngloGold Ashanti -1.2%, Harmony Gold -1.3%, Impala Platinum Holdings -0.1%.

The latest gains for the South African benchmark came despite foreigners remaining net sellers of local equities for a fourth day Thursday, disposing of R2.75 billion (\$200 million) worth of shares, according to exchange operator JSE Ltd. Those are the second-highest outflows since the year began. Foreigners have dumped R6.6 billion of Johannesburg stocks since Monday.



RELIEF

Insurance brokers target low income families using life and property cover

By Guardian Reporter

OVER 300,000 Catholic Church members in Dar es Salaam Region are set to benefit from a special insurance project which includes training and recruiting them to access various micro-insurance services to protect their lives and property.

Implemented by Acclavia Insurance Brokers, the 'Nia Njema-Afya Salama' project targets mostly low income households which will pay very little to get such insurance cover. Speaking during the meeting with leaders and members from various parishes in Dar es Salaam over the weekend, Managing Director of Acclavia, Ancelm Mushi said that the overall objective of the project is to protect Small Christian Communities through insurance.

"We hope that in the next three years, thousands of families will have broader understanding on the importance of insurance and most of them will buy insurance cover. This project provides

medical and life insurance service for these low income Christian families to especially cover medical bills and burial ceremonies," Mushi said.

According to him, as per the project, a household can pay as small amount between 30,000/- and 230,000/- per year for a medical insurance cover. "With the 230,000/- medical product, Acclavia will cover medical bills of 600,000/- for a delivering mother, and if any member of the family is admitted in hospital, we will pay 3m/- to cover medical bills while 450,000/- will be paid to outpatients," he explained.

He said the SCCs project was underwritten by Sanlam Life Insurance Tanzania and Strategis Insurance Tanzania while benefits and services were designed by Acclavia Insurance. "We are eager and dedicated to find innovative ways to consistently exceed the expectations of our customers and business partners, while ensuring a delightful experience and affordable services," the Acclavia Insurance chief



An Acclavia Insurance Brokers's 'Nia Njema-Afya Salama' emblem.

added.

One of the participants from Ubungo, Sergius Kinyelo commended Acclavia for coming up with the innovative insurance products targeting low income Christian

families. "This insurance scheme will allow the majority low income Tanzanian families get access to insurance cover," Kinyelo said noting that over 90 percent of Tanzanians don't have any insurance cover.

INCENTIVE

School feeding scheme creates market for smallholder female farmers

KIGALI

Women smallholder farmers in Ngoma District have found a market for their vegetables following a government directive allowing schools to directly source agricultural produce from farmers as part of the School Feeding Programme implementation. The programme aims to feed over 3.3 million children in both primary and secondary schools.

At least Rwf38 Billion is required to support the programme per year based on Rwf56 support to school feeding per student per day but there is still a huge funding shortfall.

Sourcing food supplies from farmers close to the schools was proposed as one of approaches to ensure efficiency of the programme considering the limited resources and ensure timely supply.

Marie Jose Mukeshimana, the representative of the II women's association 'Twite Ku Buzima' said that supplying vegetables mainly cabbages to GS Bare, a 12-year-basic-education (I2YBE) school with 1310 students in Mutenderi Sector will empower them with increasing revenue and agricultural productivity following the stable market.

The cooperative also got support

from Jean Chrysostome Bikomeye-a Rwandan Scholar in the US who mobilized financial support using a fundraising campaign on Facebook to help boost school feeding programmes in the community where he hails from. The fund-raised support is also to help vulnerable women smallholder farmers in the community to boost vegetable productivity and supply to the nearby schools.

A recipient of the 2008 Presidential scholar, Bikomeye was a valedictorian for the William Penn University (WPU) 2012 graduating class. Bikomeye is now pursuing his doctoral studies at

the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. Bikomeye's research interests include the intersections between climate change and public health. His work revolves around the benefits of climate change mitigation and adaptation for human health.

He focuses on greening interventions to improve chronic diseases outcomes including cancer and heart diseases with a focus on the disadvantaged populations with limited resources to advance health equity.

It is in this context that In order to seek for a sustainable way of keeping students fed with locally

grown fruits and vegetables, part of the Rwf850,000 raised will be invested in a pilot intervention to grow vegetables in a partnership with a local women's association 'Twite Ku Buzima' which they will be supplying to the school to boost school feeding programme.

Mukeshimana the president of the cooperative composed of II women said that they are about to buy irrigation equipment so as to boost agricultural productivity which they will supply to the school. "Since our association started three years ago, we have been manually irrigating our fruits and vegetables. With these funds,

we will purchase a small irrigation pump and other necessary farming tools in our journey as we fight against malnutrition," she said.

The women started two years ago doing casual labour tilling for others to get a wage and later invested Rwf40,000 savings to start growing their own vegetables on a small piece of land. "We started growing cabbages on a small plot of land where we could harvest cabbages worth over Rwf200,000 every three months. Today we have increasing productivity because we are now growing on a bigger plot of land.

OPTIMISM

Ark's Wood says bitcoin can't be shut down, rebuts ESG fears

NEW YORK

Star investor Cathie Wood has a message of reassurance for Bitcoin investors amid the din of ever harsher regulatory rhetoric: officials won't be able to make the largest cryptocurrency go away.

Tough talk against digital tokens from China and calls for greater scrutiny in Europe and the US have contributed to a slump in Bitcoin, but Wood said the virtual currency is "already on its way and it'll be impossible to shut it down."

Regulators "will be a little more friendly over time" toward cryptocurrencies out of fear of missing out on the innovation provided by the sector, Wood said at the Consensus 2021 conference organized by CoinDesk.

The most high-profile recent broadside came from China. A push to rein in cryptocurrency mining there was partly triggered by concern over a surge in illicit coal extraction to deliver the power needed by the server farms underpinning Bitcoin. Billionaire Elon Musk also highlighted environmental risks in suspending Bitcoin payments at Tesla Inc. Wood, founder of Ark Investment



Bitcoin bubble graph.

Management, said that the focus on green factors likely led to a pause in institutional buying of Bitcoin. She has previously said she expects the token to surge longer term. Bitcoin's questionable environmental profile has eroded the argument that the token is bound to lure more mainstream investment, whether as an online store of value akin to digital bullion or for more speculative purposes.

Musk has backed an effort to shine a light on energy consumption by North American miners, including planned renewable use. But it will take years for many of the largest miners to recalibrate where they source their energy.

"Half of the solution is understanding the problem," Wood said. "This auditing of what miners, certainly in North America, are willing to do around how much of their electricity usage is generated by renewables is going to bring that topic into stark relief, and will encourage an acceleration in the adoption of renew-

ables beyond which otherwise would have taken the place." Ark Investment Management published a report last month saying cryptocurrency mining can drive investment in solar power and make more renewable energy available to the grid.

Capital-gains tax
On the stock market outlook, Wood said concerns about higher U.S. capital-gains taxes had hurt "high-volatility, high-multiple stocks," but added those fears have eased amid increased chances of gridlock in Washington.

Ark's funds have faced a tough time of late as a wave of selling swept across former market darlings in the technology sector amid a switch to less richly valued segments of the equity market. The firm's flagship Ark Innovation ETF has slumped about 28% from its February peak. Bitcoin was trading around the \$38,000 level as of 12:41 p.m. in Tokyo, down some 40% from a record in mid-April.

BLUEPRINT

Morocco's general development model presented to King Mohammed VI

RABAT

The Chairman of Morocco's Special Commission for the Development Model (CSMD), Chakib Benmoussa, has finally presented the long-awaited general report on the Moroccan new development model.

Benmoussa presented the multi-faceted, all-encompassing development roadmap to King Mohammed VI at the Royal Palace of Fez on Tuesday, May 25. "The renovation of the development model constitutes a new stage in the consolidation of the social project," states a press release from the Royal Office.

The new model for human-centered approach to development has been in development for over a year now; it was originally announced in the 2019 Throne Day speech. The new development model will be considering serious reforms in education, health, agriculture, investment, as well as taxation.

In June 2020, King Mohammed VI agreed to extend the deadline for the CSMD report's delivery by an additional six months; many observers have linked the delay to the special context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Despite the obstacles that came with the pandemic, the commission was able to explore unprecedented challenges and seek new solutions along with a number of strategic pillars for Morocco's new development roadmap for the coming years. The pandemic encouraged the commission to reassess areas such as the health care sector, agriculture and food security, energy, as well as indus-

trial development and the tourism sector.

After receiving the new report, the Moroccan king congratulated the commission for "its full respect of the participatory approach" in the study for the development plan. In assessing Morocco's current socio-economic and making projections to put the country on a better path, the commission gathered ideas and policy propositions from the general population, political parties, businesses and social organizations, as well as NGOs and local think-thanks.

The new development model is "the result of a broad participatory process of listening, debate and collective intelligence," reads the statement. At the King's request, the CSMD is expected to publish the development report and carry out a vast educational operation to explain the new guidelines to both the general public and various development stakeholders and partners.

Ultimately, the new "National Pact for Development" should be enacted in a "constructive and consensual spirit," in a way it can serve as a framework for "all living forces in their diversity," emphasizes the statement.

Some of Morocco's most senior officials were present at the Fez royal palace when the CSMD's president presented the report to the King. Among them were Morocco's Head of Government Saad Dine El Othmani, the presidents of the houses of representatives and councillors, Habib El Malki and Hakim Benchamach respectively, as well as the King's advisors, Omar Azzimane and Fouad Ali El Himma.



Chairman of Morocco's Special Commission for the Development Model, Chakib Benmoussa (L) briefing King Mohammed VI after presenting his development report last week.

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5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi	9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
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8:00 Al Jazeera	10:30 Jungu kuu rpt
09:00 Watoto Wetu	10:55 Habari za saa
10:00 Isidingo	11:00 The Base rpt
11:40 Movie rpt: Nzowa	11:55 Habari za saa
14:00 Tamasha la Michezo	12:00 Al Jazeera
15:30 Mwangaza	12:30 Afya ya jamii
16:30 ITV Top 10	12:55 Habari za saa
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21:05 Kipindi Maalum: Reflexology	17:00 The Base
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22:15 Bongo Movie: Laana	18:15 Igizo: Mizengwe rpt
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	21:10 Kipindi Maalum: Tanzania Yetu
	21:40 Chetu ni chetu
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11:00 ITV Top 10 rpt	
11:55 Habari za saa	
12:00 Al Jazeera News	
12:30 Mtego rpt	
12:55 Habari za saa	
13:00 Mjue Zaidi	
13:45 Art and Lifestyle rpt	
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19:00 Afya ya Jamii	
19:30 Isidingo	
20:00 Habari	
21:05 Dakika 45	
22:00 Telenovela: (Piel Salvaje) Wild Skin	
23:00 Habari	
23:30 The Base	
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TUESDAY 20 April	
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17:00 The Base	
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18:15 Mapishi	
18:30 Ijue Sheria	
19:00 Kipindi Maalum: TMDA	
19:30 Isidingo	
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22:15 Telenovela rpt: (Piel Salvaje) Wild Skin	
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5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi	
6:00 HABARI	
6:40 Kumekucha	
7:30 HABARI	
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo	
8:55 Habari za saa	
9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo	
9:30 Isidingo	
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10:00 Watoto Wetu rpt	
10:30 Uchumi na biashara rpt	
10:55 Habari za saa	
11:00 The Base rpt	
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12:00 Al Jazeera	
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17:00 The Base	
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22:15 Telenovela rpt: (Piel Salvaje) Wild Skin	
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THURSDAY 22 April	
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi	
6:00 HABARI	
6:40 Kumekucha	
7:30 HABARI	
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo	
8:55 Habari za saa	
9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo	
9:30 Isidingo	
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10:55 Habari za saa	
11:00 The Base rpt	
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12:30 Ijue sheria rpt	
12:55 Habari za saa	
13:00 Kipindi Maalum rpt: TMDA	
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14:55 Habari za saa	
15:00 Meza huru	
16:30 Watoto Wetu	
17:00 The Base	
18:00 Jiji Letu	
18:15 Mapishi rpt	
18:30 Jagina	
19:00 Usafiri wako	
19:30 Isidingo	
20:00 Habari	
21:00 Malumbano ya hoja	
23:00 Habari	
23:30 The Base	
00:30 Al Jazeera	
02:00 DWTW	
FRIDAY 23 April	
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi	
6:00 HABARI	
6:40 Kumekucha	
7:30 HABARI	
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo	
8:55 Habari za saa	
9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo	
9:30 Isidingo	
9:55 Habari za saa	
10:00 Watoto wetu rpt	
10:30 Usafiri wako rpt	
10:55 Habari za saa	
11:00 The Base rpt	
11:55 Habari za saa	
12:00 Al Jazeera	
12:30 Kipindi Maalum rpt: Tanesco	
12:55 Habari za saa	
13:00 Jagina rpt	
13:30 Chetu ni chetu rpt	
13:55 Habari za saa	
14:15 Telenovela rpt: (Piel Salvaje) Wild Skin	
15:00 Meza Huru	
16:30 Watoto Wetu	
17:00 The Base (DJ Show)	
17:30 Kislam	
18:15 Mjue Zaidi rpt	
19:00 Shamba lulu	
19:30 Isidingo	
20:00 Habari	
21:05 Kipima Joto	
SATURDAY 24 April	
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi	
6:00 HABARI	
6:40 Kumekucha	
7:00 Habari	
8:00 Al Jazeera	
9:00 Watoto wetu	
10:00 Shika Bamba 5	
10:30 Mjue Zaidi rpt	
11:15 Chetu ni chetu rpt	
12:15 Korean drama rpt: Jumong	
13:45 Telenovela rpt: (Piel Salvaje) Wild Skin	
16:00 Igizo rpt: Mizengwe	
16:20 Igizo: Mtego	
17:00 Shamsam za Pwani	
18:00 Jiji Letu	
18:15 Korean drama: Jumong	
19:00 Jungu Kuu	
19:30 Shika Bamba	
20:00 Habari	
21:00 Art and lifestyle	
21:30 ITV TOP 10	
22:10 Isidingo rpt	
00:30 DWTW	
SUNDAY 25 April	
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi	
6:00 HABARI	
6:40 Kumekucha	
7:00 Habari	
8:00 Al Jazeera	
09:00 Watoto Wetu	
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11:40 Movie rpt: Laana	
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21:00 Kipindi maalum: Biko	
21:05 Kipindi Maalum: Reflexology	
21:15 Mizengwe	
21:35 Mjue Zaidi	
22:15 Bongo Movie: Who's Back	
00:05 Telenovela rpt: (Piel Salvaje) Wild Skin	
CAPITAL	
Sat 17 April	
08:00 Al Jazeera	
09:00 Rev rpt	
09:30 Turning the Spotlight rpt	
10:00 Culinary delight rpt	
10:30 Innovation rpt	
11:00 Out n'about rpt	
11:30 Sports Gazette rpt	
12:30 Shamba Lulu rpt	
13:00 Eco@Africa rpt	
13:00B usiness edition rpt	
13:30 Korean Drama rpt: The slave hunter	
14:30 Telenovela rpt: Lover her to death	
Sun 18 April	
08:00 Aljazeera	
09:00 In good shape	
10:00 Capchat rpt	
11:00 Sports Gazette rpt	
11:30 Korean Drama rpt: The slave hunter	
12:00 Jagina rpt	
12:30 Bundesliga Kick Off rpt	
13:00 In good shape rpt	
13:30 Series rpt: Beats of Love	
15:15 Aibu yako	
15:30 Rev rpt	
16:00 Dakika 45 rpt	
16:45 Mizengwe rpt	
17:00 The Decor rpt	
17:30 Meza huru	
19:00 Turning the Spotlight rpt	
19:30 Cookery pgm: Culinary Delights	
20:00 Korean Drama: Iris	
21:00 Shift	
21:15 Capchat live	
22:15 Telenovela rpt: Lover her to death	
00:00 Al Jazeera	
Mon 19 April	
06:00 Al Jazeera	
07:00 Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)	
09:00 Lete Raha (Via Capital Radio)	
13:00 Telenovela rpt: Lover her to death	
14:00 Club 101 (via Capital Radio)	
16:00 Series rpt: Beats of Love	
16:30 Tanzania Yetu rpt	
17:00 Eco@Africa rpt	
17:30 Meza huru	
19:00 The Décor rpt	
19:30 Shamba lulu	
20:00 Series: Beats of Love	
20:45 The Monday Agenda	
21:30 Capital Prime News	
22:00 Kipima Joto	
00:00 Al Jazeera	
Tues 20 April	
06:00 Al Jazeera	
07:00 Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)	
09:00 Lete Raha (Via Capital Radio)	
13:00 Telenovela rpt: Lover her to death	
14:00 Club 101 (via Capital Radio)	
16:00 Series rpt: Beats of Love	
16:30 Capchat rpt	
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19:30 Jagina rpt	
20:00 Series: Beats of Love	

WORLD

End of Netanyahu era could be in the cards in Israeli political drama

Israel was gripped by political drama on Sunday over the possibly imminent end of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's record run as the country's leader.

After four inconclusive parliamentary elections in two years, a 28-day mandate for opposition leader Yair Lapid to form a new government runs out on Wednesday, and media reports said he was close to putting together a coalition that would end Netanyahu's 12-year stretch as prime minister.

Lapid's chances of success rest largely with far-right politician Naftali Bennett, a kingmaker whose Yamina party has six key seats in parliament.

Bennett, 49, was widely expected to announce, possibly as early as Sunday, whether he would team up with Lapid, who leads the Yesh Atid party.

But first, Bennett would have to rally his own party's legislators behind join-

ing what Netanyahu's opponents have described as a government of "change" comprising factions from the left, centre and right.

Still short of a parliamentary majority after a March 23 election that ended in stalemate, such a diverse grouping could be fragile, and would require outside backing by Arab members of parliament whose political views differ sharply from Yamina's.

Bennett has maintained public silence in recent days, with Likud party chief Netanyahu fuelling speculation his own tenure was about to end in a tweet and video on Friday. "Real Alert," he wrote, warning that a dangerous "left-wing" administration was in the cards.

Yamina announced late on Saturday that Bennett would meet and update its legislators on Sunday, after reports he had agreed to a deal in which he would serve first as prime minister before



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu

handing over to centrist Lapid.

A former defence minister, Bennett has reversed course before over ousting Netanyahu, 71, a right-wing leader in power consecutively since 2009 and now on trial on corruption charges that he denies.

With an agreement with Lapid widely reported to have been finalised just before fighting erupted on May 10 between Israel and Gaza militants, Bennett said during the hostilities he was abandoning efforts to form a coalition with the centre and left.

But a ceasefire is holding, a recent wave of street violence in Israel between Arabs and Jews has ebbed, and a Lapid-Bennett partnership could be back on course.

Israeli political commentators, however, were taking nothing for granted.

"The anti-Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu government of change is still not an accomplished fact," political columnist Yossi Verter wrote in the left-wing Haaretz newspaper on Sunday.

"It's premature to pop open the champagne, and also too early to wear sackcloth," he said, questioning whether Yamina's lawmakers could withstand pressure from the right against a deal with Lapid.

If Lapid, 57, fails to announce a government by Wednesday, a fifth Israeli election since April 2019 - a prospect Bennett has said he wants to avoid - is likely.

100 years on, CPC leads China on path to prosperity - former Thai diplomat

BANGKOK

OVER the past 100 years, the Communist Party of China (CPC) has gone a long way toward the prosperity China has achieved, and overcome many difficulties to bring the country closer to the world center stage, a former Thai diplomat has said.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of the CPC. "It's obvious that without the CPC, China would not be like what it is today," former Thai Foreign Minister Tej Bunnag told Xinhua in a recent interview.

Tej (pictured), also the Thai ambassador to China during 1986-1990, has witnessed China's opening up to the outside world and its transformation from an impoverished backwater into a major contribu-

tor to the world's economy.

"When I first went to China in 1973, Shenzhen was just a small fishing village. Now it's an international city of more than 10 million residents and a high-tech hub," said the 77-year-old China observer.

Under the leadership of the CPC, China has made remarkable progress in all fields. "What impresses me most is the rapid growth of the general wealth of China," he said.

The Chinese people are enjoying much higher per capita GDP and standard of living than ever before, and the country has managed to eradicate extreme poverty, Tej said.

In his view, China's infrastructure development is also "amazing." Back to his days as an ambassador to China, he said, it took more than three



hours to travel from Beijing to Tianjin -- around 110 km between both cities, while currently it only takes half an hour on a high-speed train.

Throughout its 100-year history, the CPC has been firmly marching on the path of socialism with Chinese characteristics, flexibly adapt-

ing to changes and improving its policies, which Tej believes is a source of the party's strengths.

China has been committed to its reform and opening-up, pursued innovation-driven development, raised proposals such as the Belt and Road Initiative, and promoted a

new type of international relations and the building of a community with a shared future for mankind, making contributions to the world's development, he said.

"I'm sure the CPC will continue to change and develop for the benefit of the Chinese people," Tej said.

Speaking about the fight against COVID-19, he said China has done wonderfully in containing the pandemic and "has shown a good internationalist spirit in helping other countries with vaccine, which we all appreciate."

"The first vaccine that was used in Thailand came from China's Sinovac. We will continue to cooperate with China and seek assistance from China in increasing our vaccination campaign," he said.

Xinhua

Aussie scientist on WHO team defends virus origin findings

SYDNEY

THE Australian scientist on a World Health Organization (WHO) expert team sent to China on a COVID-19 origin-tracing mission defended the team's findings as some reports speculated about the "lab leak" theory and after US President Joe Biden ordered intelligence agencies to carry out extra investigations into the source of the pandemic.

In an interview with the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) on Friday, University of Sydney Professor Dominic Dwyer, who along with scientists from other countries spent four weeks in Wuhan of China for the WHO mission, said there was no evidence to back up the lab escape theory.

"The US intelligence forces were asked to show if they had any information that might be helpful. They haven't done that as yet," Dwyer said.

"The fact that President Biden says he's getting conflicting reports from his intelligence agencies, to me, suggests there is no clear evidence, otherwise it would be obvious what was going on," he said.

"I think we just need to see the evidence. If we've got it, let's act on it...But show us the money," the ABC report cited Dwyer.

He said authorities in Wuhan had been "pretty open" with the team during its investigation.

"The evidence we got and the questions we asked and the answers we got are really what I would expect if I was doing the same investigation in Australia or New Zealand or somewhere similar," he said.

Dwyer said in the interview that it could take "many, many years" to discover the origins of diseases and that it would only be achieved through cooperation.

"You have to develop cooperation; you have to work with people in an open and transparent manner to get things done," he said.

"The more people fight about it, or people use politics to score points or whatever it might be, the less likely you are to get the cooperation to work together to sort it out," he warned.

"So I would plead that the diplomacy improves so that we can get on and do the science," he added.

Xinhua

Russian Army must be compact, but efficient, says Putin

SOCHI

THE modern Russian Army must be compact, but display efficiency, Russian President Vladimir Putin believes. To achieve that goal, Russia must develop its military transport aviation, he says.

According to Putin (pictured), the development of the military transport aviation, its coordinated operation and the high readiness of its fleet of planes "largely determine the mobility of the armed forces and the ability to rapidly move them across large distances."

"I reiterate that, for our country, with its huge territory, the largest territory in the world, this [development of the military transport aviation] has special importance, so that our army can stay compact, as we always say, but efficient. This is also important for successful landing operations," the head of said during a meeting on defense.

The Russian Armed Forces must have enough military cargo planes and heavy helicopters, Putin noted, adding that "there are certain successes and a strong foundation in this field right now."

For example, Russia is about to wrap up trials of the Il-112V light transport plane, with two planes scheduled for commissioning this year. Additionally, Russia is resuming production of the Il-76 plane with a new technological basis: five Il-76MD-90A planes must be commissioned before the end of this year. Besides, Russia maintains its fleet of An-124 superheavy airlifters with domestically produced parts.

"Meanwhile, according to the presented data, the Ministry of Defense needs a significantly larger number of transport planes and helicopters," Putin said. "Let us discuss today how to solve this task efficiently, define our measures for the increase in production and modernization of the military transport aviation."

"Let us discuss today how to efficiently solve this task and define measures for building up the production and modernization of military transport aviation," the Russian leader said. Putin has added that "the Russian Army and Navy must be sufficiently provided with advanced long-range precision weapons."

"The analysis of military conflicts of the past few decades and the experience of the development of the world's leading armies underscore the growing role of the efficient employment of, say, cruise missiles of various basing and also guided munitions," the head of state claimed.

Agencies

Ethiopians denounce US for restricting aid over Tigray

ETHIOPIAN pro-government demonstrators denounced the United States yesterday for imposing restrictions on aid over the Tigray conflict, at a massive rally organized by the authorities to show support for their positions.

More than 10,000 people attended the rally, some carrying banners written in English, Arabic and Amharic. Slogans included: "USA show us your neutrality", "Ethiopia doesn't need a caretaker", and "Fill the dam", a reference to a huge Nile dam opposed by Egypt and Sudan. The demonstration was larger than typical



Women mourn victims of a massacre allegedly perpetrated by Eritrean Soldiers in Dengolat, North of Mekele, the capital of Tigray on February 26, 2021. (File photo)

pro-government rallies, and the public criticism of the United States was rare.

Ethiopia is facing increasing international pressure

over the conflict in Tigray, where it and neighbouring Eritrea sent troops last year to oust the regional authorities.

A week ago, the United States imposed restrictions on economic and security assistance to Ethiopia over the conflict. Washington also said it would bar current or former Ethiopian or Eritrean officials it deems responsible for the crisis.

The filling of the US\$4 billion Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam has also sparked international disputes. Ethiopia says the dam's electricity is needed to develop its economy; Sudan and Egypt say it violates their rights to Nile waters down river.

"We will never kneel down. The preconditions and travel restrictions by the US and

its allies are completely unacceptable. It needs to be corrected," Adanech Abebe, mayor of Addis Ababa, told the rally organised by the Ministry of Youth.

Nejash Sheba, a 23-year old Addis Ababa trader and member of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's Prosperity Party, told Reuters he had been told by local officials to organise people in his area, and had brought 100 others with him to the rally.

"I came here to show my support to Prosperity Party and to denounce the restrictions put on Ethiopia by America."

Agencies

Smart healthcare makes medical services easier, more accessible

SMART healthcare, enabled by modern technologies, is overwhelmingly lifting diagnosis and treatment capability of hospitals, and bringing huge changes to how people seek medical attention.

The low-latency 5G network is making telesurgery possible, and the application of cloud computing and storage has freed medical services from hardware restrictions. Besides, mobile applications are developed on which patients can consult medical experts "face to face" through video and voice

calls, as well as texting.

A woman surnamed Wu from Beijing's Changping district has benefited a lot from smart healthcare. Wu suffers from hypertension and mobility problems, but she has to visit her doctors regularly and have her prescriptions filled at the Beijing Chaoyang Hospital, which is more than 40km away from her home.

Thanks to a virtual follow-up visit service launched by the hospital, Wu is now able to consult her doctors online. It just takes her 10 min-

utes to register, go through online examinations, and receive virtual prescriptions.

"I don't need to go to the hospital anymore. Now I can see the doctors and receive my prescriptions online. It's so convenient," she told People's Daily.

Today, driven by emerging technologies such as 5G and AI, medical service scenarios are integrated with digital, networked and intelligent facilities and solutions at an increasingly faster speed, said Liu Junwei, deputy general manager of

the smart healthcare division under Chinese tech giant Baidu.

"As medical informatization has just entered a new stage, smart healthcare is tangibly around us," he added.

The community health service center in Mafang township, Pinggu, Beijing is a typical primary-level medical institution that receives around 300 patients on a daily basis. Though the shortage of manpower is a headache for most primary-level hospitals, everything there is handled in an orderly man-

ner. Under the assistance of an AI system that helps with decision making on clinical diagnosis, doctors can effectively refer to the information they need about diseases, examinations, and medications.

Apart from serving as a medical knowledge database, the system developed by Baidu is also able to assist doctors in inquiry and diagnosis, recommend treatment plans and similar cases, and supervise the quality of medical advices and medical record writing, Liu told People's Daily.

It also learns massive textbooks, clinical guides, pharmacopeias and model cases from top-notch hospitals, so as to duplicate optimal solutions of common diseases and the experiences of experts, Liu added.

"It helps new doctors to deal with diseases they are unfamiliar with and helps veteran doctors enhance the efficiency of diagnosis and treatment," said an executive with the health center in Mafang township.

People's Daily

China's bullet train development pushes progress of manufacturing sector

AT the workshop of CRRC Changchun Railway Vehicles Co., Ltd. (CRRC Changchun) in northeast China's Jilin province, four sets of "Chinese calligraphy" handicraft dishes made by welding gun are conspicuously placed on a cabinet, which read "path to excellence," "beacon of wisdom," "serve the nation with techniques," and "build dreams with ingenuity."

Li Wanjun, a top welder of the company who's in charge of the welding of bullet train bogies, explained that "We need to follow a path to excellence when manufacturing bullet trains; the beacon of wisdom lights our innovation for bullet train production; and we frontier workers are serving the nation with techniques as more and more bullet trains are exported."

"There are countless welding joints on every vehicle of bullet trains, and every one of them has something to do with the train's safety and comfort," Li said.

"We are welding like we are making artworks, so as to make Chinese bullet trains fast and stable," he told People's Daily, adding that's how he perceives "build dreams with ingenuity."

High-speed railway is a golden signboard for China's manufacturing. On Oct. 21, 2020, a new type of variable-gauge bullet train that is able to run 400 kilometers per hour, which was a key project in China's "Advanced Rail Transit" program, rolled off the production line at the CRRC Changchun. The train can adapt to different track gauges and run on over 90 percent of the railway networks around the world.

In the past six years, the CRRC Changchun has developed over 100 new products, including the Fuxing bullet trains designed to travel at 350 kilometers per hour, a new generation of smart subway cars, and the maglev trains deployed on a tourist route in

Qingyuan, south China's Guangdong province. It is leading the trend in global rail transit equipment manufacturing.

Among all the 254 key standards used in the Fuxing bullet train to which China holds full independent intellectual property rights, 84 percent are Chinese.

CRRC Changchun has earned it an incredibly large share in the international market. The company has won 16 bids of overseas vehicle projects and gained a foothold in high-end overseas markets. It has exported over 9,000 vehicles to 23 countries and regions, including the U.S., Brazil and New Zealand, totaling US\$12 billion. The development speed and achievements of China's high-speed railway are obvious to all, which couldn't have been possible without the ceaseless efforts by the frontline workers of the CRRC Changchun.

"We are currently discussing the possibility to replace carbon steel with new materials in welding the bogies. If we make it, the weight of bogies will be halved, which is conducive to the acceleration of bullet trains and will also maintain China's leading position in the industry," Li said.

A bullet train is composed of over 40,000 spare parts manufactured by more than 600 first-class supporting enterprise and 1,500 secondary suppliers. It is able to drive the development of over 10 industries, including mechanical engineering, electric engineering and precise instrument.

Rail transit equipment manufacturing is an advantage of Jilin province, and the province is working to make the industry a 100-billion-yuan (US\$15.69 billion) market.

At the end of this year, the CRRC Changchun will be relocated to the Changchun Rail Transit Equipment Industrial Development Zone, where the company will build a world-class train maintenance and repairing base.

People's Daily

Putin, Lukashenko focus on economy, pandemic at talks, says Kremlin

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin and his Belarusian counterpart Alexander Lukashenko focused on trade, economic relations and the fight against the pandemic at their talks in Sochi, Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters on Saturday.

"There were mainly two major topics, namely the further development of the trade and economic cooperation of Russia and Belarus as well as the fight against the pandemic," Peskov said, adding that that two issues are interconnected worldwide.

According to the Kremlin spokesman, the leaders held a formal meeting on Friday and went on to informal talks on Saturday.

Ryanair flight incident

European countries' hasty conclusions after the incident with the Ryanair flight are based exclusively on emotions, but not on an attempt to clarify the circumstances, since, from Moscow's point of view, the situation should be looked into constructively and thoughtfully, Peskov told.

Peskov pointed out that Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko told his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin what had happened to the flight.

"As far as President [Putin's] remarks about 'the outburst of emotions' are concerned, yes indeed, from our point of view, the situation requires thoughtful and constructive consideration, with no hasty conclusions," Peskov stressed.

According to Peskov, "the cascade of hasty conclusions made by European capitals, by Brussels, rather shows that this approach is not based on an at-

tempt to really clarify the circumstances, but is based solely on emotions."

Peskov added that Belarus had provided necessary information about the incident. "Apparently, Minsk is likely to provide any other data if there are some follow-up questions," he said.

Putin brought up the issue of Russian citizen Sofia Sapega, who had been detained in Minsk, at talks with his Belarusian counterpart Alexander Lukashenko, since Moscow is not indifferent to her fate, Kremlin Spokesman told.

"President Lukashenko informed his Russian counterpart in detail about what happened to the Ryanair flight. At the Russian president's initiative, the issue of the detained Russian female citizen, who is at the pre-trial detention center now, was raised. Certainly, we are not indifferent to her fate," Peskov said.

The spokesman added that the Kremlin takes into consideration the fact that Sapega "has a residence permit in Belarus." "Therefore, we proceeded from the fact that everything should be done within the law. The president has instructed the Russian Foreign Ministry to follow the Russian citizen case with the utmost attention," Peskov added.

Moscow opposes multiple emotional probes into the Ryanair plane incident, but supports a serious approach based on international law, Kremlin Spokesman told. "We have been and are against those multiple investigations that are more emotional than substantive. We are supporters of a serious approach based on international law in the field of international air travel," the Kremlin spokesman said.

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Biden's 6-trln-USD budget plan draws mixed reviews from lawmakers, budget watchers

WASHINGTON

U.S. President Joe Biden's 6-trillion-U.S.-dollar budget proposal for fiscal year 2022 has drawn mixed reviews from lawmakers and budget watchers, setting the stage for potentially heated debate in Congress.

The proposal, which included Biden's plan to increase investment in infrastructure, education, health care and beyond, would push federal spending to the highest sustained levels in decades.

The budget unveiled Friday calls for total spending to run above 6 trillion dollars throughout the next decade, and rise to 8.2 trillion dollars by fiscal year 2031. Deficits, meanwhile, would stay above 1.3 trillion dollars in the next 10 years.

"The budget invests directly in the American people and will strengthen our nation's economy and improve our long-run fiscal health," Biden said in his message to Congress.

Biden argued that the budget plan reforms America's "broken tax code" to reward work instead of wealth, while also fully paying for the American Jobs Plan and the American Families Plan over 15 years, referring to the revised 1.7-trillion-dollar infrastructure plan and the 1.8-trillion-dollar spending proposal focusing on childcare and education.

"It will help us build a recovery that is broad-based, inclusive, sustained, and strong," the president said.

The White House's budget proposal sparked praise and criticism among lawmakers, whose views are largely divided along party lines.

"President Biden's budget is an unequivocal declaration of the value that Democrats place on America's workers and middle class families, who are the



foundation of our nation's strength and the key to Build Back Better," House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said in a statement, noting that the Biden budget makes "historic" investments in the American workforce and economy.

Congressional Democrats look forward to working with the Biden-Harris Administration to enact this visionary budget, which will pave the path to opportunity and prosperity for our nation," said the Democratic leader.

Richard Neal, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, said committee Democrats will consider the administration's proposals carefully.

Bernie Sanders, chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, said the committee will soon be holding a hearing on the president's budget "as a first step."

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, meanwhile, lashed out at the budget plan, arguing that "Americans are already hurting from far-left economics that ignore reality."

"So far the Biden Administration has recommended we spend 7 trillion additional dollars this year," the Republican leader said on Twitter. "That would be more than we spent during World War II." "Democrats need to get their runaway spending habits under control," McConnell said.

Republican lawmakers have previously lashed out at Biden's multi-trillion-dollar spending proposals, calling them "liberal daydream," and arguing that the tax hikes would lower wages, kill jobs and shrink the U.S. economy.

The budget proposal for fiscal year 2022 was released as recent negotiations over Biden's infrastructure plan failed to yield a deal.

The White House last week lowered the overall price tag of Biden's 2.3-trillion-dollar infrastructure plan to 1.7 trillion dollars, but Senate Republicans then proposed a 928-billion-dollar counteroffer, just over half of Biden's revised figure.

Outside Capitol Hill, the newly unveiled budget plan also prompted heated discussion. "Having followed Presidents' budgets for 40 years, I think it's fair to say that while I might modify some things in the new Biden budget, it would, if enacted, do more to reduce poverty and inequality than any other budget in modern U.S. history," Bob Greenstein, founder of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, said on Twitter.

"We are pleased that President Biden has put forward important details of his budget plan, that his economic assumptions are reasonable, and that he is proposing to offset new costs over time while modestly reducing long-term deficits," said the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, a watchdog group.

The group, however, argued that the budget adds "too much" to already record-level debt over the next decade and "does far too little" to address rising structural deficits over the long term.

According to the group's estimation, U.S. debt would rise from 100 percent of GDP at the end of fiscal year 2020 and a record 110 percent at the end of 2021 to 117 percent by the end of fiscal year 2031. In nominal dollars, debt would grow by 17 trillion dollars, to over 39 trillion by the end of fiscal year 2031.

Xinhua

US gov't seeks to dismiss suit against Trump - Washington Post

WASHINGTON

The US Justice Department on Friday asked a federal judge to dismiss a lawsuit filed against former president Donald Trump, former Attorney General William Barr and other officials over the forceful pushing back of peaceful protesters at a White House demonstration last year, the Washington Post reported.

Trump and other US officials should be considered immune from civil lawsuits over police actions taken to protect a president and to secure his movements, the



Justice Department lawyers said, according to the Post.

The lawsuit was filed by the American Civil Liberties Union and other groups over the treatment of protesters at a demonstration against racism and police

brutality on June 1, 2020, in the aftermath of the death of George Floyd, a 46-year-old Black man, in Minneapolis after a white police officer knelt on his neck for more than nine minutes.

President Joe Biden's adminis-

tration sought its dismissal. Trump left office in January.

Federal agents on horseback used tear gas to clear the protesters from Lafayette Square near the White House.

The sweep allowed Trump to stage a photo opportunity at a nearby church in which he held up a copy of the Bible. A fire set during earlier protests had caused minor damage at the church.

The lawsuit sought an order declaring that Trump, Barr and other officials violated the constitutional rights of the demonstrators.

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WHO reiterates call for 'de-politicised' COVID-19 origin study

GENEVA

THE World Health Organization (WHO) on Friday reiterated its call for a "de-politicized environment" for the study on COVID-19 virus origins, as the whole process of the study is being "poisoned by politics."

Speaking at a WHO press briefing on Friday, Mike Ryan, executive director of the WHO Health Emergencies Program, called on "everyone out there to separate, if they can, the politics of this issue (COVID-19 origin study) from the science."

"If you expect scientists to do their work, if you expect scientists to collaborate and actually get the answers that you want, actually seek in a non-blaming environment to find the origin of the virus so we may all learn how to prevent this happening in the future, we would ask that this be done in a de-politicized environment where science and health is the objective of this and not blame on politics," he said.



A staff member wearing a mask serves the customers at a restaurant in San Mateo, California, the United States, May 17, 2021. (Xinhua)

The WHO senior official said it's "quite disturbing" to see over the past few days "more and more and more discourse in the media with terribly little actual news or evidence or new material" concerning the possible origins of the SARS-CoV-2 virus,

the culprit behind the current COVID-19 pandemic.

While calling on governments to work together and create the space for the virus origin study to be done successfully, Ryan said the current politicization of this issue has put WHO in a "very

unfair" position to "deliver the answers that the world wants."

"So we would ask that we separate the science from the politics, and let us get on with finding the answers that we need in a proper positive atmosphere, where we can find the science to drive the solutions through a process that's driven by solidarity," he said.

Meanwhile, Maria Van Kerkhove, COVID-19 technical lead for WHO, suggested that everyone read in detail the virus origin study report publicized by the WHO team of international experts in March, which covers a wealth of knowledge and clearly outlines the technical approach concerning further virus origin study.

Finding the virus's origins requires many studies and multiple missions, in which collaboration, openness and time are needed, she noted. Xinhua

Chinese market a source of opportunities for all countries

CHINA'S super-large market and huge consumer demand are attracting wide attention as economic recovery keeps accelerating in the country.

China's reviving consumer demand, which creates a vast market space for the rest of the world, is an important part of the rare opportunities created by the country's development.

The Chinese market is still actively opening to the world. Earlier this month, the first China International Consumer Products Expo (CICPE) was held in Haikou, south China's Hainan province, where 2,628

consumer brands from 70 countries and regions displayed their products in an 80,000-square meter space.

The grand event manifested the vitality of the Chinese economy, as well as the appeal of the Chinese market, offering countless business opportunities for global enterprises.

At the exhibition, Switzerland displayed the splendid sceneries of the Alps and sophisticated Swiss commodities, while seafood from South Pacific Ocean, Spanish ham, and fresh fruits from Australia's Tasmania were also brought to

the visitors at the Fashion Life Exhibition Hall.

At the exhibition area of central China's Hubei province, what were displayed included not only food and drinks, but also smart technologies and intangible cultural heritage items.

Apart from the CICPE, a series of other grand economic and trade fairs were and will be held in China, including the 129th session of the Canton Fair, the 2021 China International Fair for Trade in Services, and the fourth China International Import Expo.

They represent China's efforts to build platforms of win-win cooperation, sending a clear signal of the country to further expand opening up and demonstrating its sincere hope to share opportunities with the rest of the world.

The CICPE, as China's first national expo focusing on consumer products, will surely become another calling card of the country's opening-up. With concrete actions, China is proving to the world that its door will never be closed, and will only open still wider.

These grand expos, targeting

both domestic and international enterprises, not only contribute to China's further opening up, but also offer a window into the country's economic development for the rest of the world.

Futuristic products are always favored by visitors attending these events, while commodities showcasing innovation and cultural elegance are also closely followed. Such high-quality consumer demand mirrors the upgrading of China's consumption structure, as well as the country's high-quality economic development. Besides a super-large market made up by a

population of 1.4 billion, China's economic development boasts huge potential of consumption restructuring and consumer demand upgrades, which will surely drive the development of emerging industries and new forms of businesses.

As China and the rest of the world are intertwined closer, it has become easier for Chinese consumers to shop the world at home. China's consumption potential is not only bringing more business opportunities for global market players, but also satisfying the growing needs of consumers around the world

and making their life better.

The Chinese market is an opportunity for the world and will infuse strong vitality into global economic recovery.

Sharing opportunities, China hopes to work with the rest of the world to create a brighter future. It is improving both its products and services, and reinforcing its status as a "world factory" and "world market."

The country's vitality will pave new paths for and make new contributions to the high-quality development of global trade and investment.

People's Daily



Serengeti Breweries Limited (SBL)'s Managing Director, Mark Ocitti (R), presents an award to the Johnnie Walker Monthly Mug tournament's Division A's runner-up, Amandeep Dhani, after the event's completion at Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club last weekend. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

Lavingia lifts Johnnie Walker Monthly Mug tournament's trophy

By Guardian Reporter

DAR ES SALAAM Gymkhana Club (DGC)'s golfer, Jiten Lavingia, clinched the Johnnie Walker Monthly Mug tournament, which took place at the club's course over the weekend.

Playing off handicap -9, Lavingia beat his closest challenger, Amandeep Dhani, by one shot in a tightly contested showdown to win the event's Division A title.

Lavingia noted: "It's a great win and I thank the organizers, sponsors Johnnie Walker Scotch Whisky brand for supporting it and my family for their support."

The battle for the showdown's Division B title was also tough with Stephen Lokonyo claiming the division's top honour, recording 70 strokes.

Kiki Ayonga, who notched 72 strokes, ended second, whereas experienced golfer, Salvatory Rwabizi, came in third after registering 73 strokes.

Lokonyo from Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club was even joyous, stating it is his first time to record such an impressive score.

He noted: "I'm really happy because I had never before put such a good performance like this, thanks to my group that gave me a fantastic day, I enjoy playing here."

He said: "It was a closely fought event, but I thank God that I finally made it."

The competition's Division C title went to Ally Gulamali who fired fabulous 70 net strokes.

Bocco: Simba SC will put spirited showing to retain Premier League title

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

SIMBA SC's striker John Bocco has sent a strong warning to their Vodacom Premier League rivals, maintaining his side will not leave any stone unturned as they pursue their target of winning the title for the fourth season in a row.

The Msimbazi Street giants suffered a huge scare on Saturday at Majaliwa Stadium in Ruangwa, after they scored three goals with 12 minutes left to the final whistle to beat Namungo 3-1 in the rescheduled fixture and move three points clear at the top of the 18-team league table.

The reigning champions found themselves trailing as early as the 21st minute when Namungo FC midfielder Steven Nzigamasabo's effort deflected past defender Paschal Wawa to beat goalkeeper Aishi Manula with ease.

Simba was forced to wait until the second half to produce a comeback, with striker Chris Mugalulu starting the goal rush in the 78th minute before captain Bocco made it 2-1 in the 83rd minute and Ghanaian forward Bernard Morrison sealed the game with a beautifully taken effort in the 87th minute.

Bocco, who has now scored in every game he has featured for Simba since returning from injury, noted they will continue to fight for the title and will not leave any stone unturned in their quest for achieving some of the targets they set when the season started.

Second-placed Godson Biyemo scored 72 strokes, Fahim Ahmed came in third after posting 81 strokes.

Ahmed said: "The tournament was good and very colourful besides facing stiff opposition."

The event's Ladies Division title went to Mariam Farida who netted 73 strokes, while Maryanne Mugo, who fired 76 strokes, ended as the division's runner-up.

Yvonne Ayonga, who netted 78, took third place.

Mariam disclosed: "It was tough when we first teed off, Maryanne put a lot of pressure on me but thanks to God that I finally won it."

She noted: "It has been a good year for me. I'm looking forward to improving next month and hopefully, through regular practice."

"I will be competing with some of the finest golfers in the country," she disclosed.

Christina Charles, who scored 72, net strokes, was the division's guest winner.

Speaking at the presentation ceremony, the DGC Golf Section's Captain, Fredy Laizer, expressed his gratitude to the players who showed up.

He as well expressed regards to the tournament's sponsors for making the event a success.

Over 70 golfers from three clubs namely Dar es Salaam Gymkhana, Morogoro Gymkhana, and Lugalo Golf Club battled it out for top honours at the tournament.

"It was a battle of the champions and that is what we are made of, we don't have to give up, we have to dig and get the result and we will not leave any stone unturned until we reach the goals we set when the season kicked-off," Bocco said after the game.

He stated: "Every job needs perseverance and we had to push ourselves to achieve the result against Namungo, we had to play as a team because all we needed from the game was the three points, we are now done with them [Namungo] and we shift focus to the next match."

"We want to win all our matches, we want to retain the title, and it doesn't matter what it takes, but we know the league is not easy, every team is keen to play and beat Simba and so we must be ready, we are also playing against teams fighting to avoid relegation, so it is important to be focused and ready."

"We must push ourselves and we will not stop, we know what it takes for any team to be crowned champions and we don't want to fall short, we want to defend the title, let us win our games, and see what happens at the end."

Simba SC went into the match tied with rivals Yanga on 61 points at the top of the 18-team league table and knew they had to win their rescheduled fixture to start opening the gap to the chasing pack. Simba SC will next face Coast Region's Ruvo Shooting at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on June 3.

Upanga SC B cricketers now overcome Patel Brotherhood B in Kazim Nasser League's Div C

By Guardian Reporter

UPANGA SC B team walloped Patel Brotherhood B team by six wickets in this season's Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Kazim Nasser Memorial League (KNML) Division C game, which took place recently.

The win has seen Upanga SC B team cling on to the third spot in the tournament's Group A with 1.1817 in net run rate.

The team has notched a victory in two outings they have taken part in. They have scored 230 runs and conceded 226 runs.

Patel Brotherhood B squad went in to bat first and notched 93 runs all out in 20 overs.

Kewal Patadia's 26 runs ended as the most notable contribution, with openers, Mauleshkumar Patel and Dilipkumar Dinubhai Patel, notching 14 runs and 10 runs respectively.

The batsman with the most runs in the side's innings, Patadia, cleared the boundary on three occasions, nailing one four and two sixes.

Mauleshkumar cracked two

fours, fellow opener Dilipkumar nailed a boundary in his spell.

The team's batsmen, slotted at the middle order, were not quite efficient, with Nishit Katkia the only one that recorded a two-digit score.

Nishit scored 11 runs, whereas fellow middle order batsman Paras Katkia ended five runs short of a two-digit figure.

Rinkesh Patel recorded three wickets for Upanga SC B outfit, conceding 18 runs in four overs.

He was ably assisted by Sadaf Saifee and Thurlapari Sai Asrith, who posted two wickets apiece, to keep Patel Brotherhood B outfit's batting unit in check.

Upanga SC B squad then chased a modest target of 94 runs set by Patel Brotherhood B team with ease, notching 95 runs, dropping four wickets in 14.3 overs.

Opener Hardik Patel got their innings underway, hitting good shots.

Much as he did his best to see to it Upanga SC B squad gets off to good start, he did not last long considering he scored 12 runs.

Fellow opener Sadaf had a

quite shorter spell, given he was dismissed for duck.

Their skipper, Zahir Patel, got his hands on the bat with the team reeling at 30 runs after 6.2 overs having dropped two wickets.

Patel turned out to be a much more aggressive batsman, his skilful approach saw him notch 46 runs not out, which proved to be crucial to the team's successful chase.

The cricketers, who came on at number three, recorded seven fours in his stint.

They had to endure two other early exits, with Shivan Kamania and Himanshu Darji failing to notch two-digit figures.

Himanshu was three runs short of a two-digit figure as he was run out by Dilipkumar Dinubhai Patel from Kewal Patadia's bowling.

Rinkesh Patel forged an unbeaten partnership with Zahir to win the clash for Upanga SC B outfit.

Rinkesh's spell saw him notch 14 runs not out, clearing the boundary twice.

He had taken the crease with his side having recorded 59 runs after 10.6 overs whilst losing four wickets.

Patel Brotherhood B team's

Nishit recorded two wickets, giving away five runs in two overs and ending with 2.50 in economy rate in what could be termed as a showing worth noting.

Malabar Cricket Club (MCC) is enjoying the eight-team showpiece's driver's seat, having posted 1.7617 in net run rate.

Second-placed Dar Cricket Club (DCC) is hot on the league leaders' heels, settling for 1.4780 in net run rate from two wins in two games.

Estim B cricketers sit fourth in the table, recording victory in two games and lost one tie.

Shree Kutchi Leva Patel Sports Centre (SKLPSC) B team and Patel Brotherhood B squad are placed fifth and sixth respectively.

The SKLPSC B squad has won once and suffered a loss in three matches, settling for -0.0865 in net run rate.

Patel Brotherhood B squad has participated in two outings, notching a victory in one and losing the other.

The bottom two spots have Lions Youths side and Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA) Academy.



Upanga SC B cricket team.

Union SC hammers Estim Cricket Club in DC Gymkhana Cup tourney's Division A

By Guardian Reporter

UNION Sports Club's cricketers made short work of Estim Cricket Club in 2021 Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Gymkhana Cup tournament's Division A with a seven-wicket victory over the latter recently.

Skipper Ashvin Pindoria recorded 20 runs, blasting two fours, when Estim Cricket Club had the chance to start batting, posting 63 runs all out in 16.4 overs of the 20-over clash.

The skipper took the crease after 4.2 overs with his team registering paltry 18 runs and dropping

three wickets and he did his best to get the squad to stay in control.

Estim Cricket Club's plan to get off to a good start was dealt a blow as openers, Mahendra Kerala and Kishor Pindoria, made their way back to the pavilion early on.

There was yet another early exit, after Bhimji Vekariya, slotted in at number four, was dismissed by Union SC's Shabbar Rattansi for duck.

Top order batsman, Naran Varsani, had a two-digit score in the cricketer's efforts to have the side ending the innings with a convinc-

ing total.

Naran ended his spell with 14 runs before he was dismissed by Rattansi, leaving

Estim Cricket Club with 55 runs after 11.1 overs with six wickets down.

There was not much the remainder of the team's batting unit could in the face of tricky bowling Union SC, led by experienced all-rounder Athumani Kakonzi, showcased.

Mehul Luhar was five runs short of a two-digit figure before he was bowled by the evergreen Kakonzi.

had an impressive

bowling spell given he took three wickets, giving away seven runs in four overs.

There was an equally good showing with the ball experienced all-rounders, Hussein Mohsin and Rattansi, displayed and smoothly tamed Estim Cricket Club's batting unit.

Mohsin posted two wickets in four overs, Rattansi registered two wickets in three overs. Union SC smoothly got down to a successful chase, losing three wickets in mere 8.1 overs.

Opening batsman Kakonzi put his batting virtuosity to show as he

notched 36 runs not out, blasting four fours and a six.

Kakonzi's batting exploits proved crucial to Union SC's chase, with fellow opener, Danish Unia, chipping in with 12 runs clearing the boundary on two occasions.

Top order batsmen Hasnain Damji and Sameer Zaidi's early exits could not weaken Union SC's resolve, what with Kakonzi's scintillating showing.

Shiraz Shokat took the crease with his team notching 57 runs and having dropped three wickets after 6.2 overs, the cricketer linked up with Kakonzi and won the match for Union SC.

Shokat had an unbeaten spell after he had recorded eight runs not out, which included a six.

Harnish Hirani took two wickets in three overs in what was Estim Cricket Club's vain attempt to foil Union SC's chase.

Regional cricket governing body, DC, hosts the showdown's top flight, which has attracted cricket sides from across the city aiming at raising the sport's standard.



Union SC's leg spinner, Athumani Kakonzi, in action in a recent Dar es Salaam tournament, played at Leaders Club. PHOTO: COURTESY OF CARAVANS CRICKET CLUB

Guardiola the fall guy as Man City's Champions League anguish goes on

PORTO

AFTER a decade of trying, Pep Guardiola and Manchester City's wait to win the Champions League goes on after Chelsea emerged 1-0 victors from an all-English final in Porto.

City finished 19 points ahead of Chelsea in romping to this season's Premier League title, but their old demons in Europe reappeared as Guardiola's tinkering with a winning team again backfired.

The Catalan won the Champions League twice in his first three seasons as a senior coach at Barcelona.

But he can now add the disappointment of losing in the final for the first time to exits in four semi-finals and three quarter-finals as boss of Barca, Bayern Munich and City over the past 10 years.

City had never even been beyond the last eight in Guardiola's first four seasons in charge, but he appeared to have learned from his mistakes as a settled side comfortably saw off Borussia Dortmund and Paris Saint-Germain to reach the final for the first time in the club's history.

However, he dropped a bombshell by omitting captain Fernandinho and Rodrigo from the base of his midfield to make way for Raheem Sterling's return to the starting line-up.

Chelsea seized on the space opened up in the City midfield to enjoy the better of the first half and, but for some characteristic wasteful finishing from Timo Werner, would have been in front long before they scored the only goal.

One through ball from Mason Mount sliced the City defence wide open for Kai Havertz to round Ederson and roll the ball into an empty net.

"I tried the best selection to win the game," said Guardiola. "(Ilkay) Gundogan played many years in this position. We tried to have speed on the ball, to find players between the lines on the ball and this was the decision."

Luck was also not on City's side as Kevin De Bruyne was forced off in tears after a sickening head knock when he collided with Antonio Rudiger early in the second half.

Without the Belgian, Guardiola's attempts to right the wrongs of his team selection were too little, too late.

Fernandinho was introduced just after the hour mark, while strikers Gabriel Jesus and Sergio Aguero were thrown on in search of a goal.

But the vast majority of City's success this season has come in a fluid strikerless system and they never looked comfortable as Chelsea's defence limited them to one shot on target despite losing the experience of Thiago Silva to injury in the first-half.

- 'We will come back' -

Backed by the wealth of Abu Dhabi's Sheikh Mansour, City have become the dominant force in English football, winning five Premier League titles in the past 10 years.

But that only makes the pain of three disappointments against English sides in Europe over the past four years all the more acute.

After 10 seasons in the Champions League, City remain without the one trophy they most desire.

City will lick their wounds, invest and try again. Guardiola extended his contract at the Etihad earlier this season to 2023.

"It is the first time we are here, we will learn, we will come back," Guardiola said.

"It was a season with 62 games and we played 61. We are sad, we have to learn from this and we will learn for the future, but the season was exceptional."

Erling Haaland and Harry Kane have both been suggested as a replacement for the departing Aguero and Guardiola hinted at a "shake-up" this summer to keep his squad hungry.

Losing their biggest game of a hitherto glorious campaign will help maintain the motivation for more.

In five seasons in Manchester, Guardiola has already won eight major trophies.

But the one he was brought to the club to win the most remains the missing piece.

AFP

Chelsea shatter dream of Guardiola's Man City to win Champions League final

PORTO

CHelsea won the Champions League for the second time as a Kai Havertz goal secured a tense 1-0 victory over Manchester City in Saturday's final in Porto, shattering Pep Guardiola's dream of lifting the trophy for the third time.

Havertz rounded Ederson to score three minutes before half-time at the Estadio do Dragao and the Chelsea players ran to celebrate with the German.

Coach Thomas Tuchel, full of energy on the touchline just like his opposite number, punched the air in celebration, and later jumped with joy on the pitch after Chelsea held on for victory in the second half after City lost distraught skipper Kevin De Bruyne to injury.

The London club finished fourth in the Premier League, a huge 19 points behind champions City, but this, remarkably, was their third win over Guardiola's side in six weeks.

They ended City's hopes of a domestic treble when they triumphed in the FA Cup semi-finals in April and delayed their title celebrations with victory in Manchester.



Chelsea players celebrate at the end of the UEFA Champions League final football match against Manchester City at the Dragao stadium in Porto on May 29, 2021. (Agencies)

Now, in a final watched by a limited crowd of just over 14,000 fans who created a raucous atmosphere, they have denied City the first Champions League crown they and Guardiola so crave.

"It was an incredibly tough fight, what a fight. Today they were determined to win this. We wanted to be the stone in their shoe," Tuchel told BT Sport.

"The effort was huge. We overcame some difficult moments and had a fantastic attitude to defending."

- Abramovich's second European Cup -
City had to wait 13

years after being taken over by Abu Dhabi's Sheikh Mansour just to get to the Champions League final.

They are now the eighth consecutive team to lose in their first appearance at this stage. The same misfortune befell Qatar-owned Paris Saint-Germain last year as well as Tottenham Hotspur when they were beaten by Liverpool in the last all-English final in 2019.

"It is the first time we're here, we'll learn, we'll come back," Guardiola said.

"The players did everything, they wanted to

do well, to win this competition, sometimes you perform well, sometimes not."

Chelsea also lost when they first got to the final, on penalties against Manchester United in Moscow in 2008.

They overcame the final hurdle by beating Bayern Munich in a shoot-out in 2012 and now they have their second European Cup to move level with Juventus, Benfica and Porto as well as another English side, Nottingham Forest.

Their transformation into one of Europe's super clubs has been down to the riches of Roman

Abramovich, their Russian oligarch owner who was in attendance in Portugal.

"It's such a special occasion. At this moment in time, we're the best team in the world. You can't take that away from us," said Mason Mount, who has been outstanding for the Stamford Bridge side this season.

Chelsea have been transformed since the appointment as coach in January of Tuchel, but City were still the favourites after their third Premier League title triumph in four seasons.

Feeding off the energy of the crowd in a stadium filled to a third of its capacity -- all fans required negative Covid-19 tests to gain entry -- both teams played with a level of intensity rarely seen in the last year of football in empty grounds.

- Havertz's marquee moment -
City pressed high but struggled to trouble Edouard Mendy in the Chelsea goal, while at the other end Timo Werner should have done better than shoot straight at Ederson in the 14th minute.

Chelsea then suffered an injury blow as an emotional Thiago Silva was forced off hurt, Andreas Christensen taking the Brazilian's place in

central defence.

Yet it was they who opened the scoring in the 42nd minute, Mason Mount's ball splitting the City defence, allowing Havertz -- their marquee 71 million-pound (\$100m) signing last summer -- to go around the lunging Ederson and convert into an empty net.

City now needed to break down a Chelsea defence that has been exceptional under Tuchel.

But they lost De Bruyne just before the hour mark, the Belgian taken out in a collision with Antonio Rudiger that appeared to leave him concussed.

He came off in tears, and Guardiola instead turned to Sergio Aguero for the latter stages, but there was to be no glorious send-off as a City player for the Argentine, as a Riyad Mahrez shot sailed just over in the sixth minute of injury time.

A decade on from his last European Cup triumph, there was to be no third for Guardiola. He remains one adrift of the record for the coaches with most wins in the competition, held jointly by Bob Paisley, Carlo Ancelotti and Zinedine Zidane.

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Pupil beats the master as Chelsea's Tuchel gets the better of Guardiola

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FIVE months after being sacked by Paris Saint-Germain, Chelsea manager Thomas Tuchel lifted the Champions League as he got the better of Pep Guardiola once more to keep Manchester City waiting for European glory.

A 1-0 victory in Porto rounded off a roller-coaster year for the German, who was handed the chance to revive Chelsea's fortunes less than a month after losing his job in Paris.

Chelsea were ninth in the Premier League table at the time with owner Roman Abramovich seeing little return on his £220 million (\$312 million) outlay on new players under Frank Lampard.

In fact, Tuchel had never met the Russian billionaire in person until they crossed paths on the pitch at the Estadio do Dragao as the wild celebrations went on around them.

"Maybe I have a new contract now with that win," said Tuchel, who was only handed an 18-month deal when he signed on at Stamford Bridge.

"I spoke to Roman just now and it was the best moment for the first meeting, or maybe the worst moment. Maybe it can only get worse now!"

Kai Havertz was the most expensive purchase of that summer splurge after his £71 million move from Bayer

Leverkusen.

Getting the best out of Havertz was one of Tuchel's major tasks and the 21-year-old German came good on the biggest stage of all with the only goal three minutes before half-time.

Unlike Guardiola, Tuchel did not have a glittering playing career. A series of knee injuries forced him to retire at 25 and take up a job as a waiter, while he began his coaching career in the youth ranks of Stuttgart.

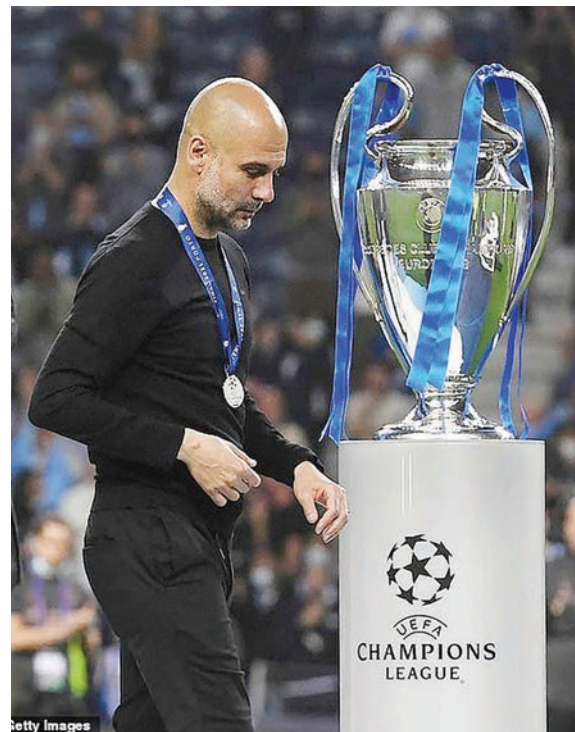
From afar he watched and was inspired as Guardiola won 14 trophies in four years at Barcelona before joining him in Germany where they battled for Bundesliga supremacy in charge of Borussia Dortmund and Bayern Munich.

During their first meeting, the two football obsessives talked long into the night using glasses and salt and pepper shakers to mimic formations.

"I was such a huge admirer of Pep when he was a player and then when he became a coach it was like learning on the job for me," Tuchel said this week.

"I was an academy coach and then in the Bundesliga with Mainz, but I don't think I missed a game because there was so much to learn."

Tuchel did not win any of the first five clashes between the pair during his time at Mainz and Dortmund against Guardiola's dominant Bayern side.



Manchester City's manager Josep Guardiola at the end of the UEFA Champions League final football match between Manchester City and Chelsea FC at the Dragao stadium in Porto on May 29, 2021. (Agencies)

But the pupil has now outfoxed the master three times in the past six weeks as Chelsea completed a treble of victories over the

English champions after wins in the FA Cup semi-final and Premier League.

- Tactical battle -
Guardiola spoke glow-

ingly ahead of the game on how Tuchel's switch to a 3-4-3 formation had transformed Chelsea's season and denied City's abundance of creative midfielders space between the lines in their two previous meetings.

That allowed Tuchel to arguably win the tactical battle before a ball had even been kicked.

Often accused of over-tinkering with his line-ups when the pressure is ramped up in the final stages of the Champions League, Guardiola's bold call to start without a recognised holding midfielder backfired.

Tuchel was dismissed by PSG despite leading the French giants to their own first Champions League final in August.

That time he had to suffer the pain of a 1-0 defeat to Bayern Munich, but his desire not to leave Portugal empty-handed again was in evidence as he prowled the

touchline, constantly cajoling his players and whipping up the Chelsea fans into a frenzy.

The travelling support from London were among a 14,000 crowd that contributed hugely to the spectacle after almost a full season of European football behind closed doors.

Chelsea fans showed they have not forgotten the club's all-time record goalscorer with cries of "super Frank" in honour of Lampard's part in getting the Blues into the top four last season to qualify for this competition, and then through the group stages before his dismissal.

But this was Tuchel's triumph and he wants more.

"Nobody wants to rest, I want the next one, the next title," he added. "I want to be a part of it and I demand to be a part of it."

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Chelsea shatter dream of Guardiola's Man City to win Champions League final

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Aga Khan SC A's all-rounder, Abhik Patwa (R), receives a man of the match prize from Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) committee's secretary, Taher Jeevaji, who also serves as Annadi Burhani Cricket Club's representative, shortly after the DC Kazim Nasser Memorial League (KNML) Division A's last-four clash pitting Aga Khan SC A against Caravans A squad, which took place last Saturday. PHOTO: COURTESY OF DC

Aga Khan SC A cricketers storm into Kazim Nasser League's Division A final

By Guardian Reporter

AGA Khan SC A side has made it to this season's Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Kazim Nasser Memorial League (KNML) Division A final, cruising to a nine-wicket win over Caravans A outfit in the semi-final which took place at Leaders Club venue in the city last Saturday.

The clash, known as 'Eliminator 2', had seen the first semi-final losers, Aga Khan SC A, confront Caravans A team that had beat Pak Stars in last week's knockout clash, known as 'Eliminator 1'.

Caravans A squad won the toss in the second semi-final, elected to bat, and went on to notch 109 runs for the loss of eight wickets in 20 overs.

They had sent their experienced all-rounders Kassim Nassor and Nandakishan Pottachira, to open the innings and, in the fourth ball, they lost Nassor off Aga Khan SC A's Harsheed Chohan bowling.

The gifted cricketer's early exit led to Caravans A squad's downfall, given the batting unit never settled thereafter.

In the fourth over, Caravans A team's in-form performer Jitin Singh was sent back to the pavilion as the skid continued.

Singh ended two runs short of a two-digit score, he was stumped by Aga Khan SC A's wicketkeeper, Sadick Iddi, from spinner Riziki Kiseto's delivery.

Pottachira was, so far the cricketer, who could make it to some noticeable performances with the bat for Caravans A outfit.

The opener executed some good, powerful and clean hits to end with 37 runs, which consisted of five fours and a six.

There was also a gutsy, fighting performance from experienced all-rounder, Gokul Das, slotted in as a top order batsman, ending with unbeaten 34 runs, clearing the boundary once.

The rest of Caravans A outfit's batsmen were just not getting going, as the likes of Nassib Kelvin, captain Sreejith Kumar, Manoj Kumar, and Safvan Annarathodika were all sent back to the pavilion very early.

Youthful cricketer, Issa Safari, ended with a two-digit score, notching 11 runs not out which consisted of a boundary, for the outfit.

A very effective bowling performance in Aga Khan SC A's bowling unit came from youthful Alhaj Sadick, who is a product of Tanga's cricket development program.

The up-and-coming cricketer was leading wicket-taker of the game with three wickets, conceding 19 runs off four overs.

Harsheed Chohan ended his spell with two wickets, giving away 22 runs in four overs.

In response, Aga Khan SC A's in-form cricketer, Abhik Patwa, just made sure the chase was having no ups and down with his 59 runs off 23 balls.

In his stint, he cleared the boundary on 11 occasions, registering five fours and six sixes.

His style has been quite effective in the chase as he got out in the sixth over, with his team having recorded 79 runs.

Aga Khan SC A's equally experienced cricketer, Vishal Patel (24 runs not out, two fours and two sixes), and youthful Arshaan Jassani (29 runs not out, three fours, and a six), went on to finish the game in 12.2 overs.

Head coach Nabi now vows to punish undisciplined players at Yanga



Yanga's players attend training in Dar es Salaam recently to shape up for the Vodacom Premier League (VPL) fixtures. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

YANGA head coach Nasreddine Nabi has revealed how he would want a number of his players to be punished for disciplinary issues.

The outfit's captain, Lamine Moro, keeper, Metacha Mnata, and striker, Michael Sarpong, have found themselves rubbing the club the wrong way in recent times and the Tunisian coach prefers that they face a salary deduction as part of their general punishment.

"I have asked the club to deduct their monthly financial rewards and that should be accompanied by a stern warning," Nabi said.

On whether Moro will retain the club's captain armband even after missing several games, the coach said he

does not plan to take the armband away from the Ghanaian defender.

"I do not think we will take that action [stripping the defender of the armband]. What is clear is that Moro made a mistake and he has a chance to make amends and he will keep his position," he disclosed.

The tactician pointed out: "What he needs to assure us is that he has changed and is ready to be a good example for the rest. As a leader, many will always look up to you

and observe what you are doing. That is why he made a mistake and he will be punished for that."

He said: "From there, we expect a change that will make him a good example to the rest."

Meanwhile, Nabi stated Yanga's previous two wins should not convince anyone that the outfit is at the level he would want.

After previously losing to Azam FC in Premier League, Yanga picked a 2-0 win against JKT Tanzania in the following top-flight tie.

The Dar es Salaam side

went on to progress to the semi-finals of this season's Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC) last four with a 2-0 win over Mwadui FC in the last eight.

Yanga is scheduled to face fellow Premier League team, Biashara United, in the ASFC last four.

The Tunisian coach noted: "It is true that we won but that is not enough reason to believe we are at a level that I would want."

He disclosed: "There is a lot of work that I must do to make the team be at the highest level I wish."

He said: "Although there are some bright aspects, there is still a lot we need to feed the players to become better versions of themselves. I am happy that they understand what they are told and what they must do."

"I said before that we have got players who can push this team to a higher level, but that is only possible if we work hard and be hungry for more."

The next league game for Yanga will be a league encounter against Ruvu Shooting.

MR UK Marathon 2021 wins many sponsors

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THE maiden edition of a race, known as 'MR UK Marathon', slated for July in Dar es Salaam, has attracted many sponsors, organizers disclosed.

The race's organizers, Nelson Mrashani, said so far sponsors, Mr UK Electronic Limited, Silent Ocean, Kilimanjaro Star Cargo, Ishi Pure Drinking Water, and Coast Region-based Makmary Hotel, have confirmed to sponsor the event which will be held at Leaders Club in the city.

According to him, 1000 KM Medals, Metal Bagde, Touch Road International, and Holding Groups are other sponsors.

He said they expect more than 2500 runners to compete at the event and proceeds from the race will be used to pay tuition fees for small-scale entrepreneurs at SIDO.

The MR UK Marathon will run alongside exhibitions from food processors, financial institutions, as well as insurance companies.

Winners in 21km (both male and female), top 10 winners will be awarded cash prize amounting to 1m/- each, runners-up will take home 700,000/- and third-placed runners winner gets 500,000/-.

There will also be cash prizes for those who will end fourth to 10th in both categories.

Mrashani said the cash prizes are very attractive as top 10 winners in 21km in both men and women categories shall be awarded.

He noted there will be trophies

for winners in the 10km race and the other good thing is that all those who will compete will be given medals.

He disclosed: "The other aspect which is unique with our race is that if athletes battling it out in 21km

record in 60 minutes in men's event and 70 minutes in women's event, a 1m/- each awaits them."

He said registration for the marathon has already started and ends on July 10.

He said they started registration early to enter names and details of all competitors on the results timing system which is a fully automatic race timing.



Minister for Natural Resources and Tourism, Damas Ndumbaro (standing 6th R), and France's Ambassador to Tanzania, Frederic Clavier (standing 10th R), pose for a group picture with golfers who took part in this year's tournament hosted by the French envoy to Tanzania at the Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club's course recently. The golfers attended the showdown's presentation ceremony at the ambassador's residence in the city last weekend. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

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