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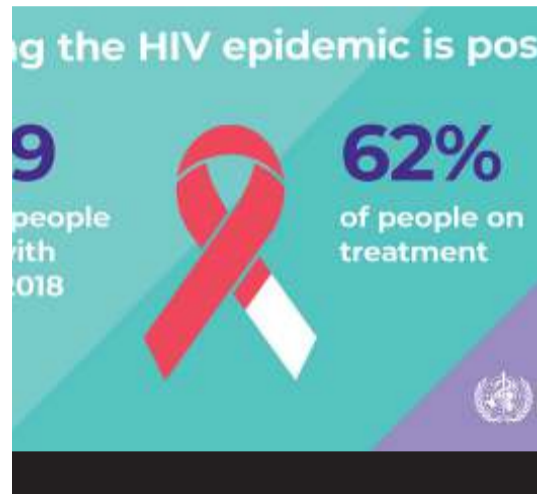
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JOHANNESBURG

JANE Mabasa was just nine years old when she received what she was sure was a death sentence. She was sick, skinny and alone, having been separated from her ill mother and brought to an AIDS hospice in Johannesburg.

That was in 2006. At the time, South Africa's health system was in deep denial about the pandemic, and global AIDS fatalities were more than three times what they are today. Before she arrived at the Sparrow Village AIDS Hospice, more than 7,000 children had died, at the alarming rate of nine deaths each week.

She was sure she would soon join them. In fact, she said, she wanted to.

"I was very sick, to such an extent that, you know, the only thing that could give me peace was to die," said Mabasa, who is now 22, in treatment and healthy. "So when I was 14 years old, they started explaining to me that this is what's happening, and you were born with this

I was very sick, to such an extent that, you know, the only thing that could give me peace was to die

disease and you have to accept it, and you just have to live with it."

And so, that's what she did.

Mabasa and the more than 180 residents of this small community are living proof that HIV no longer has to be a fatal diagnosis. Longevity, treatment and access to care have improved worldwide.

But this year, at World AIDS Day, the annual event to raise awareness of the global pandemic, she turns 31, the United Nations Children's Fund is warning that not all children are so lucky. In fact, the organization says, children are dying at the rate of 320 per day around the world – and about half of them are not in treatment. Those are alarming statistics, because with early intervention and treatment HIV-positive patients can live long, healthy lives.

Dr. Chewo Luo, who heads UNICEF's HIV/AIDS section, says health care providers need to treat HIV as a family matter.

"Children are falling behind the treatment drive globally," she said, elaborating that today UNICEF is talking about 54 per cent of children

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Lions, rhinos touted for Lake Zone parks



Members of the Dawoodi Bohra Community in Tanzania honour their Spiritual Leader, Sheikh Dr Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin, in customary fashion during celebrations held in Dar es Salaam yesterday and also marking his birthday. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala.

Govt readies for grain shortage in 16 districts

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

THE government has said it is prepared to tackle food shortage in 16 districts that have been identified in an evaluation conducted by the Ministry of Agriculture.

The Director of Coordination for Disaster Management in the Prime Minister's Office, Col Matamwe Said here over the weekend that every year the Ministry of Agriculture evaluates the country's food security.

For this year an evaluation was conducted on 46 districts that had signs of food shortage, but after the rains 16 districts were found to still facing with grain shortage.

The period 1980 to 1984 was the time the country experienced real grain shortage but presently no experience of famine exists save for a few areas in some districts experiencing grain shortage challenges

He said the yardstick used in evaluating the various districts included availability of grain, markets and food security.

However Col Saidi said evaluation was directed at figuring out reasons for the specific districts to be facing grain shortage so as to find ways to end the situation.

"The period 1980 to 1984 was the time the country experienced real grain shortage but presently no experience of famine exists save for a few areas in some districts experiencing grain shortage challenges," he said.

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Police camp in village to quell post-poll violence

By Guardian Correspondent, Rungwe

POLICE in Mbeya Region have pitched camp at a village in Rungwe District as they hunt for 13 people in connection with post-civic poll violence in which a CCM cadre and his wife were attacked.

Police here say Gooye Village in Ndato Ward has been uneasy since the November 24 civic polls with CCM leaders who sailed unopposed being targeted.

Last week, a group of more than 10 people



physically assaulted Ndaga village chairman George Mwasoni who is among CCM contenders who sailed through unopposed.

The leader was beaten alongside his wife and the two sustained injuries. Police have arrested one suspect but 13 are still on the run, hence initiating a manhunt which started at the weekend.

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By Correspondent Mutayoba Arbogast, Bukoba

Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA) authorities intend to introduce white rhinoceros, gorillas, monkeys, lions and other species into the recently created protected areas in the Lake Zone.

Speaking here at the inauguration of Rumanyika Game Reserve in Karagwe district and Ibanda Game Reserve in Kyerwa district both in Kagera Region, TANAPA Conservation Commissioner Dr Allan Kijazi said late last week that the animals will be introduced to Burigi-Chato National Park as well as Rumanyika Game Reserve.

However, he said TANAPA will first conduct a survey to understand location where either of the species would have better chances of surviving and thriving.

Officials of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism attended the inaugural event at Murongo ward in Kyerwa District.

Dr Kijazi thanked Kagera residents and their leaders for mutual cooperation in safeguarding animal resources and urging them to continue with tireless efforts to make animals thrive in the newly created conservation

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areas.

The minister, Dr Hamis Kigwangala, warned poachers and hackers in the national parks and game reserves to stop immediately that rough business, lest they face more than 30 years imprisonment.

"We are tracing poachers and hackers of animals at every corner, some of whom kill our animals for meat, and actually their days are numbered, as now we have fewer areas to cover and all our strength is directed there, Serengeti zone being one," he declared.

Dr Kigwangala said in the near future the wildlife bodies will set up special wild animal slaughterhouses for bush meat enthusiasts.

"I am not in a position to see our country's wealth devastated by rogues, thus I'll effectively empower anti-poaching military units to overpower the poachers whenever they might be," he emphasized.

The rate of killing elephants had sharply dropped and rhino killings are largely unnoticeable, being the effects of curbing the unlawful business.

The abundance of wildlife found in Rumanyika and Ibanda game reserves includes elephants, statungas, giraffes, warthogs, hippopotamuses and a wide variety of birds.



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He made the remarks when opening training on evaluation of food security and Nutrition in the country, organized by the UN Food and Agriculture (FAO) for experts in food security in the ministry and among civic stakeholders.

He said every region has put in place its strategies in facing the challenge by assisting areas affected by the grain shortage, including delivering supplies for sale at affordable prices.

The government also expects to improve grain stocks in warehouses, thus the training conference was meant to equip officials to assist the government to evaluate the food situation better.

The Ag Director of Food Security and Nutrition, Tatu Kayumbu said FAO in collaboration with the ministry offered the training to take adequate note of various levels of food security and nutrition.

The training was being conducted in tandem with evaluation work and preparation of reports on the status of food and nutrition so that the country should take appropriate steps, she added, expressing gratitude to FAO for enabling the training.



A procession forming part of the commemoration of World Aids Day well in progress yesterday in Mwanza city, where the event was held at national level. The Day's theme for this year is: 'Ending the HIV/AIDS Epidemic: Community by Community', which is meant to highlight the role of communities in preventing new HIV infections as well as treating and otherwise supporting people with the virus. Photo: Correspondent Elizabeth Faustine

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Speaking during the operation yesterday Mbeya Regional Police Commander ACP Ulrich Matei said one man identified by only one name of Joseph is held by the police while 13 others are still being sought.

Matei said: "It is the worst incident to have occurred in the village, as George Mwasoni is Ndato CCM branch chair-

man and is among the village chairmen who sailed through unopposed in the recent civic elections. The incident is seen to be associated with politics."

Apart from the arrested person, the police have 13 names of other suspects and will make sure all are apprehended, he stated.

Speaking at a rally, Rungwe District Commissioner Julius Challya said inci-

dences of violence started during the civic poll campaigns.

He said since then they have been receiving reports of many acts of violence especially during the night, hence they have resolved to send in the police to keep the peace.

He directed the police to camp in the village until all suspects are arrested and called on the residents who ran

away in fear of the violence to return, and cooperate with authorities to unearth the perpetrators.

He also urged political leaders who spread hatred in the district to stop doing that, as hatred is not the right attitude in politics.

Some village residents said due to the police operation some fellow villagers had abandoned their families and fled

leaving behind frightened relatives.

Ndato Ward CCM chairman Emmanuel Kajuni said some children have been left by their parents without food and have been living in danger ever since.

He asked the government to build a police post in the area to control acts of violence by various gangs, some of whose members are known.



Dar es Salaam regional sports officer Adolph Halii (2nd-R) presents a photocopy machine to Kinyerezi JICA Primary School teacher Naelijwa Wilfred after the school won a 'Collect and Win with Bakers' competition held at school - in the city - at the weekend. Right is Bakers managing director Frildire Iviakerk. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

Mhagama gives contractor seven weeks to complete Karanga leather factory project

By Guardian Reporter

THE Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Parliament, Labour, Employment, Youth and People with Disabilities), Jenista Mhagama, has given a two-month ultimatum to contractor of Karanga Leather Industries factory in Kilimanjaro Region to complete the project by January 20 next year.

The move will make the

construction of the factory's second phase start so to ensure the factory begins production in good time.

The contractor - the Prison's Production and Construction Department has been directed to work day and night to ensure it constructs four buildings - the building for the production of leather goods and soles for shoes, for electrical plants and warehouse for produced goods.

Mhagama gave the directives soon after her inspection of the factory construction yesterday during which she said it was important for the factory to be completed quickly because it will enable the country to attain industrial economy as leather goods have a big market within and outside the country especially in the SADC Region.

She called on people involved in the project to ensure they have

a business plan to complete the work in the time given and should submit the plan to her.

For his part, the Ministry's permanent secretary Andrew Massawe has ensured Minister Mhagama that he will closely monitor the work on the factory to ensure her directives are implemented.

Director General of Public Service Social Security Fund (PSSSF) Hosea Kashimba also

ensured the Minister that the work will be completed within the time frame as directed as it will also provide employment to scores of people.

The Karanga Leather Industries Co Ltd project is being implemented by PSSF through its internal experts and the Prisons service with expert advice from Tanzania Industrial research and Development Organization (TIRDO).

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accessing treatment, meaning that about half of children are accessing treatment.

"Mortality in this age group is still high. ... But there's also the aspect that, if we are treating adults, we need to change the way we deliver services. For every adult that's really accessing treatment, are we really asking about the children?"

And the fight is about more than just medicine, says Nompumelelo Madonsela, who works with young people in Johannesburg for a health care organization focused on HIV and AIDS. She spends her days tracking down youth who may have defaulted on their treatment. Even in 2019, she says, youth awareness is an issue.

"People think that once a person gets tested and knows his or her status, and if that is positive, then it is just a matter of waiting for death," she said. In that case many decide not to take the test, under the impression that it lessens the pressure about facing death.

"So I think it's about, to them, what you don't know won't kill you."

Johanna Mogotsi, aged 20, who was born with the virus and abandoned as a baby at the hospice, only started treatment last year when her white-cell count dipped below a certain point. She says she's grateful to the doctors, nurses and social workers in her life. But, she says, the people who helped her most in her journey were her peers.

"They made me understand that it's not the end of the world when you take medication," she said. "They actually reminded me to take my pills every day. They told me everything about their experiences through HIV and AIDS. For me, it was nothing serious, because I thought it was something that can be cured, knowing that they are taking the medications and they're still healthy."

Mogotsi now dreams of becoming a nurse and Mabasa is on the board of the home she thought would be her last. Both know that mother-to-child transmission of the virus is now preventable and is a pillar of the strategy against pediatric HIV - and Mogotsi says she wants to have children someday.

Mabasa, however, says the psychological trauma of her own chronic illness makes her shun motherhood. But she loves kids, she says, and wishes she could go back and talk to her younger self. Instead, she shares her experiences with the children who continue to come through the doors of what was once a place of death. Since 2003, only one child has died of AIDS-related causes at Sparrow Village. The ones here now expect to live long, healthy lives.

"I'm proud of the 9-year-old Jane, because she had to accept that it is what it is," she said. "And I believe that I was born with dreams. I have my dreams, and I made sure that HIV and AIDS will not take those dreams away from me."



Azania Group business officer Joel Laizer (R) fields questions from EATV presenter Nasser Kingu at the TV station's studios at the weekend during a business promotion campaign programme dubbed 'Kibiashara Zaidi' conducted by EATV/ East Africa Radio. Photo: EATV

Valuers to start assessing prices of NSSF Dar residential houses

By Guardian Reporter

A TEAM of valuers from the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Human Settlement Development alongside experts from the National Social Security Fund (NSSF) will from today start assessing the current market price of properties developed by the Fund in Dar es Salaam.

This comes as NSSF's implementation of the directives issued recently by Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa when he visited the Fund's housing projects at Toangoma, Mtoni Kijichi, and Dungu in Kigamboni District.

This was stated by the NSSF Director General, William Erio, at the weekend during a visit to the projects with the government valuer Evelyn Mugasha to start the process of evaluating the market price of the houses.

"The purpose of the Prime Minister's visit was to ensure that the completed houses are sold or rented to the public to make the Tanzanians having better houses but also enable the Fund to earn income from these investments said Erio.

Erio added that before selling or renting there should be a professional evaluation so they can arrange the price of renting or selling the houses.

"But before selling or renting there should be a professional evaluation to determine the price, therefore we were directed to involve the Government Val-

uer to conduct that, we are grateful that we have found them and immediately they have been able to come to this area to conduct that assessment," said Erio.

On the other hand, government valuer, Evelyn Mugasha said they had arrived at the sites as part of the implementation of the directive issued by the premier to go to those projects for assessment and provide a market price for those houses.

"As you have heard we received instructions that we should do a review and provide the current market price for these houses which will enable Tanzanians to buy or rent these houses," said Mugasha.

Mugasha said in collaboration with the ministry and the NSSF, by Monday they would have created a team of experts to conduct a survey that would determine the price of the houses.

"Today is a preliminary review, our experts will come to take all the information and make an assessment, we will also conduct a research that will allow us to determine the price because these things vary from place to place, we will do it right and we will complete it within a short period of time so that Tanzanians can acquire these houses," said Mugasha.

NSSF expects to begin leasing and selling houses in its Toangoma, Mtoni Kijichi and Dungu projects, so conducting an evaluation will enable the Fund to determine the cost of renting and selling those houses.

'Rewarding women having extraordinary skills will inspire girls to achieve more'

By Henry Mwangonde

THERE is need for creation of more platforms to identify, recognise and reward women who display extraordinary skills in management as a tool to inspire girls strive to achieve more, United Nations (UN) Women country representative proposed over the weekend.

UN Women country representative Hodan Addou made

the remarks over the weekend when she officiated a gala to award 50 Tanzanian women who have performed well in management this year dubbed 'top 50 women in management awards 2019' which was organised by CV people Africa, an international talent acquisition and recruitment organisation.

She said despite the progress that have been made on women empowerment in the country, a

lot still needs to be done saying there are a lot of women in Tanzania who are doing very well in various sectors but have not been recognised.

"In order to create an inclusive society we women need to be inclusive first, yes we have to overcome myths that women do not support each other," she said.

According to Hodan various studies have shown that if

women earned more at work the global economy would grow to an estimated \$106.6 trillion.

In her remarks, Naika Mushi, the Director for CV people Africa Tanzania said the organisation now is working on establishing a database for women with top quality management qualifications in the private sector.

She said this was the beginning of a wider process to

identify and reward Tanzanian women in management who are doing well.

The organisation went into various selected organisations and interviewed co-employees on the performance of the nominated various women managers in their working places.

Among women managers who were awarded at the gala included Zanzibar Social Security Fund (ZSSF) Managing

Director Sabra Issa Machano, Kisarawe District Commissioner Jokate Mwegelo and Brenda Msangi Chief Executive Officer of Comprehensive Community Based Rehabilitation in Tanzania (CCBRT) among others.

The government is doing a lot to address gender inequalities aimed at supporting women, given their role as key social and economic drivers by investing in programmes that will help them

play their role as key value chain actors and entrepreneurs.

The country has adopted a Women and Gender Development Policy (2000) and a Strategy for Gender Development (2005). Gender equality is promoted in all sector policies and programmes and Tanzania has also introduced a mechanism for enhancing gender mainstreaming in the national planning and budgeting process.



Expression of Interest (EOI) for the "Provision of Catering Services" for AUMS (T) Ltd operations in Geita, Tanzania.

African Underground Mining Services, AUMS (T), invites the submission of "Expression of Interest" (EOI) from suitably qualified and experienced Indigenous Tanzanian companies who wish to be included in the pre-qualification process for the tender of "Provision of Catering Services" to the AUMS (T) Ltd Geita Accommodation Facility located at Geita Gold Mine in Geita, Tanzania.

1. Schedule and deadline for submission

The contract is to be awarded through a competitive tender process. If your company wishes to be considered for the pre-qualification process please submit an EOI by email to ContractsTanzania@aumsgh.com by not later than 16:00HRS Local Time on 10th December, 2019 quoting "Provision of Catering Services" in the subject line of your email.

Please submit an EOI on your company letterhead with the following mandatory information:

- Company Profile, Curriculum Vitae (CV) of your Company's key staff demonstrating their ability to carry out the assignment, Directors list, Organogram, Number of employees with a Expats to Nationals ratio indicated where applicable
- Valid Tax Compliance, VAT Registration & TIN certificates
- Company registration documents i.e. Certificate of Incorporation, Valid Business Permit/Licenses
- Details/profiles of your company shareholders and their respective shareholding held
- ISO Certification, Industry Regulatory Compliance Licenses (OSHA Certificates, TMDA and TBS Certificates), and any other relevant Industry Documentation
- Summary of Court proceedings (pending and completed), Court Judgments and /or insolvency/bankruptcy proceedings if any, against your company and or any of your shareholders, directors and/or senior leadership/management team over the last 3 years
- Occupational, Health, Safety and Environmental Requirements
- Contract / job listings (with values and durations) and supporting client references for catering services rendered by your company over the last three (3) years
- Key Employees CV & Certificates demonstrating their relevant industry experience and skills.
- Confirmation of your company being an "Indigenous Tanzanian Company" and Compliance to Mining Local Content Requirements as per the Mining (Local Content) Regulations 2018.
- The email size should not exceed 12MB

Any responses received beyond 16:00HRS Local Time on 10th December 2019 shall not be considered.

2. Assessment criteria

The mandatory information requested at paragraph 1 will be evaluated and scored to shortlist pre-qualified companies.

The pre-qualification of any company submitting an EOI shall be at the sole discretion of AUMS (T) Ltd.

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Majaliwa gives go-ahead for IFM to use Finance ministry buildings

By Correspondent James Kandoya

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has given a go-ahead for the Institute of Finance Management (IFM) to use the buildings of the Ministry of Finance and Planning soon after the entire ministry staff moved to Dodoma—the country's capital city.

The premier said this over the week end

in Dar es Salaam when speaking at the 45th graduation ceremony when conferring degree, diplomas, higher diplomas and masters to 2795 graduates of IFM.

Majaliwa was responding to the request made by the IFM rector Prof Thadeus Sata who appealed to the government to offer ministry's buildings, and be used to extend teaching and learning services.

"I have no doubt with your requests, the government is working on it and when all staffs have left, then it will be handled over to the institute management. I now direct the minister for finance and planning Dr Philip Mpango to ensure the exercise becomes successfully," he said.

Majaliwa commended the success achieved by the institute so far saying the government will work together with the institute to ensure that there was conducive environment for the institute to do better.

He also urged the institute to continue mobilising fund including using Public-Private- Partnership (PPP) to

build its new campus located at Ndejengwa in Dodoma.

In a similar development, the premier advised the new graduates to shun from corruption and harbour selfish behaviour to build trust to the community, nation and world at large.

According to him, by shunning corruption they would lay a good foundation in their work performance to the public.

"I call on all of you to work hard to serve our people and the entire government for the benefit of majority. While performing your duties avoid corruption," he advised.

Meanwhile, the Minister for Finance and Planning Dr Philip Mpango assured the premier that the matter was under his office and it will be implemented as per the directive.

"When all the staffs have shifted to country's capital- Dodoma, the facilities will be given to the IFM to extend its learning activities anytime," he assured.

The IFM Rector Prof Thadeus Sata said since its inception, the number of student's enrollment had increased from 72 to 10829 students in the year 1972/1973 to 2018/19 academic year respectively while the course also increased from 2 to 33 courses in the

same years.

Prof Sata said the institute had opened campus in Mwanza, Manara and was also planning to open a new campus at Ndejengwa area in Dodoma.

He added that despite success achieved, the institute was facing a shortage of lecture rooms the situation that hinder students' performance sometimes.

"I call on the government to see possible way of giving us its vacant buildings left by the ministry of finance and planning to allow the institute to extend its operations in its Dar es Salaam campus," he said.

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Zanzibar keen on ICT use to boost tourism

By Guardian Correspondent, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR government has extended its national fibre optical transmission network (the national ICT backbone) to cover all tourism hotspots in a deliberate move to further jerk the role of tourism in the Isles' economy.

Tourism accounts for about 25 of Zanzibar's gross domestic product (GDP) and up to 80 per cent of the Isle's foreign exchange earnings.

Key on the government's agenda is how to use ICT to ensure that all tourists visiting the stone town are safe.

"This is why we have put up security cameras across the stone town. Our aim is to ensure that everyone visiting the stone town is safe and that he/she returns home safely," the director of communications from the Ministry of Works, Communications and Transport in Zanzibar Dr Mzee Suleiman Mndewa, said.

He was speaking to journalists, who visited various areas of Zanzibar at the weekend with a view to



Emmanuel Mapunda (C), manager of the NBC Ltd branch at the University of Dar es Salaam, exchanges greetings at the university's main campus at the weekend with Dar es Salaam University Students Organisation (Daruso) president Hamisi Mussa. It was at a stand-up comedy fundraiser dubbed 'Cheka Nisome' sponsored by the bank and meant to support university students unable to progress with their studies owing to financial constraints. With them is NBC brand and communications manager David Raymond. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

learning how the government and its partners, including a Chinese multinational telecommunications equipment and systems company, ZTE Corporation, are advancing ICT for the economic betterment of the people of Zanzibar.

According to the executive director for the Zanzibar ICT Infrastructure Agency, Engineer Shukuru Awadhi Suleiman, understanding the importance of tour-

ism to Zanzibar's economy, President Ali Mohammed Shein's administration has also improved communication services across all tourism hotspots in north, south and urban Zanzibar.

"We are doing that by aiding all telecommunication firms to make use of the ICT backbone - which we have extended to all those areas - as a way of simplifying communication services among tour-

ists," he said.

Some telecommunication operators in tourism hotspots, said Eng Suleiman, are currently utilizing the national fibre backbone.

This, he said, has cut on communication costs because with the national fibre backbone, operators were no longer using microwaves for their communication needs.



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All prospective graduands are expected to have cleared all obligations with their respective Faculties and Directorate of Finance by 29th November, 2019.

The Graduation Rehearsal shall take place on the Wednesday 11th December 2019 starting at 9:00 AM at KIUT Campus, Gongo La Mboto, Dar es Salaam.

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- Excellent journalistic verbal and written skills and ability to write simply for diverse audiences is preferred.
- Knowledge of existing in-country key players of HIV & AIDS-related networks is preferred.
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Sand mining and pollution in Bunju river banned - govt

By Guardian Reporter

THE government has banned littering and sand mining at Nyakasangwe River located at Bunju area in Dar es Salaam Region with immediate effect.

Speaking to journalists over the weekend at the area in question, the Permanent Secretary in the Vice President's Office (Union and Environment) Eng Joseph Malongo who was flanked by the National Environment Management Council Director General, Engineer Dr Samuel Gwamaka said such activities must stop from now on.

"Activities that were ongoing here are dangerous to the environment and were also violating laws and regulations of environment, therefore the government is officially banning all such activities," he said.

Eng Malongo has ordered all the local government officials in the country to make sure that no encroachment is made in rivers and that all the human activities are done beyond 60 meters away from rivers unless there is permission from the Minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Union and Environment).

"I am directing all the local government authorities to ensure that environment laws and regulations are adhered to and take stern measures against culprits," he said.

Elaborating further, Eng Malongo said authorities know there are individuals and some compa-

nies or institutions that do dumping at the river in question, adding that the government would make sure that the area is protected and all the culprits are arrested.

"We are taking measures from now on; I have directed NEMC officials to take measures against leaders of this street for remaining silent while the river is being polluted excessively. Police have also strengthened security at the area to make sure that the polluters are dealt with accordingly," he said.

Meanwhile, NEMC Director General, Dr Gwamaka said the government would continue to protect environment as per the laws and regulations.

"We will continue to take measures against organisations that are pioneering environment pollution by using our laws and regulations," he said.

Dr Gwamaka decried unscrupulous local government officials who are sabotaging government efforts in environmental protection.

"We warn ward executives officers, streets and village officers to immediately stop the tendency of cooperating with environmental polluters in rivers and its sources," he said.

Dr Gwamaka said all the violators of environmental protection laws would be charged with sabotaging government as such pollution practices have caused a lot of disaster including epidemic diseases.



Joseph Malongo, Permanent Secretary in the Vice President's Office (Union and the Environment), pictured at the weekend showing a chunk of land along Nyakasangwa River at Boko on the outskirts of Dar es Salaam where unregulated human activities, including the dumping of garbage in the river, are causing havoc. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Police in Pemba holding man over 30 packets of marijuana

By Guardian Correspondent, Pemba

POLICE in North Pemba Region have detained Khamis Hamad Sakaza (23) a Mitiulaya resident in Wete District for possession of 30 packets of marijuana at Wete port.

The Region's Police Commander Mohamed Shehan Mohamed has confirmed the incident saying it happened on Saturday at 6.00 in the evening.

He said he nabbed the suspect at Wete port with the illicit drugs - believed to be marijuana as he was disembarking from Tanga.

The RPC said they are still investigating the issue and thereafter the suspect will be taken to court.

He called on the youth to engage themselves in legal activities for income generation and to avoid the long arm of the law.

He said the police are on campaign in various areas of the Region to control entry of illicit drugs and other contraband, and called on 'shehas' (local leaders) to give them cooperation in their campaign.

RPC Mohamed also called on the society to cooperate with the police by giving information about any person

trafficking in illicit drugs, as such cooperation, he said, will hold back the youths from the vice.

Possession of illicit drugs is a crime under Section 16 (1) (a) of the Zanzibar law against illicit drugs (Act No 9 of 2009) as amended by Section II (a) of Act No 12 of 2011.

In another development, the police in the region are still looking for Issa Khalid Rashid who is alleged to have raped two girl twins (17) at Wingwi in Pemba's Micheweni District.

RPC Mohamed said the incident took place between November 10 this year at 9.00 am and November 14 at 11.00 am at Wingwi, Micheweni District.

He said after committing the crime, the suspect ran away and police are still looking for him to answer for his crimes.

He called on the society to assist the police by informing them as soon as they find such crimes have taken place so as to eradicate the vice.

He said: "These crimes are often committed by close relatives or neighbours, that could be the reason for the society to hesitate in reporting them to the police."

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Clerics empowered with skills on encouraging more Tanzanians to join health insurance fund

By Correspondent James Lanka, Moshi

CLECRICS and faith actors in Kilimanjaro Region have been provided with a special training to encourage more Tanzanians to join health insurance fund.

This came after the Tanzania Interfaith Standing Committee on Economic Justice and Integrity of Creation (ISCEJIC) conducted a survey in 2017/2018 and revealed that only 32 percent of Tanzania has health insurance.

"Of the 32 percent, 28 percent are poor Tanzanians who cannot afford two meals a day. We want clerics to help us sensitize people to go health insurance because we believe that many Tanzanians will positively respond once told by religious leaders on the importance of having health insurance", said ISCEJIC Country Coordinator, Edmund Matolay.

The training which was held over the weekend was organized by ISCEJIC in collaboration with the Evangelical Church of Tanzania-Northern diocese (ELCT-ND) and Norwegian Church Aid Tanzania (NCA).

Matolay said that most of the people responded well on issues told by religious leaders, adding churches are expected to assist some poor Tanzanians to have health

insurance.

He said that ISCEJIC has also provided similar trainings to the clerics and faith actors under Catholic Secretariat of the Tanzania Episcopal Council (TEC), Christian Council of Tanzania (CCT) and Muslim Council of Tanzania (BAKWATA) in Tanga, Morogoro, Lindi, Arusha, Singida, and Manyara regions.

According to Matolay plans are to offer similar trainings in other regions across the country. Secretary Stewardship and NCA Program Officer, Rev. Andrew Munisi explained that a total of 60 clerics from Kilimanjaro region participated in the training.

He said the clerics are expected to reach Tanzanians in more than 500,000 hamlets.

"We are supporting the government efforts towards better health services. We expect more people from the targeted villages to enroll with health insurance", Munisi explained.

According to him, apart from sponsoring interfaith meetings that aims at maintaining peace in the country, ELCT-ND in collaboration with NCA Tanzania also sponsors other community projects as well as training farmers on agribusiness skills, micro financing and many more that are aimed at helping them to graduate from poverty.



Mohammed Khamis Mussa, head of Zantel in Zanzibar, addresses members of Meli Nne savings and credit society cooperative at seminar on breast cancer awareness organised by the society and held in Zanzibar yesterday. To his left is Zanzibar Health ministry official Zuhura Salehe. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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Karatu farmers attribute increase in maize, onion output to fertiliser use

By Guardian Correspondent,

Karatu

ONION and maize growers in Karatu District, Manyara Region said here yesterday that they owe increased harvests to relentless supply of right fertilizer and extension services in their localities.

Without giving figures, Emmanuel Ole Mollel, told journalists here yesterday that harvests have increased three-fold because of getting fertilizer at the right time.

He commended extension services offered by workers of Yara Tanzania to onion and maize growers in the area.

"These people are selling to us right fertilizer and they are teaching us how to use fertilizer," he said.

Mollel said use of right fertilizer and extension services "are liberating us from poverty."

The journalists are Karatu District following up production of traditional food and cash crops in the district and the impact Farming has had on the welfare of growers as Tanzania struggles to become a middle-income economy in the next six years.

Ole Mollel also praised the government for encouraging private sector players to work with peasants and solve their age-old problems.

"The agronomists and extension officers from Yara tell us that they have great support and encouragement from the government," said Ole Mollel, who is one of the popular onion growers in the area. Gwandu John, Mbuyuni maize grower, was categorical in

praising Yara extension officers saying they are keen on use of the fertilizer supplied by their company.

"They tell peasants the kind of fertilizer to use and when to apply them. They are also very keen on the type of soil found in that area."

Melchezedek Safari said he has grown maize for a long time in the area but harvests have been minimal. Yara services have changed the situation, he said. "Unlike in the past, today we can stand before the people and say we grow maize in this area."

Yara sells to Tanzanian peasants sulphur-rich formulations, in a battle to pull Tanzania's agriculture from the problem of widespread sulphur-deficiency scenarios as result of past agricultural practices and bush fires. Bush fires are common in Manyara Region.

EAC marks 20th anniversary with pomp and fanfare

By Guardian Reporter

THE East African Community over the weekend marked its 20th Anniversary with pomp and fanfare at its Headquarters in Arusha.

Uganda's second Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for EAC Affairs, Dr Ali Kirunda Kivejinja, who presided over the event, said that EAC Partner States would not repeat the mistake of the past that led to the collapse of the first Community.

Dr Kivejinja said that the cost of the collapse of the first EAC was monumental in terms of the loss of jobs, incomes and other benefits to East Africans.

He said that the Treaty for the Establishment of the EAC was the bible of the Community which should guide all matters around the integration process and warned against politicising issues that could be settled amicably by the Partner States.

He urged all EAC Staff to take their work seriously, adding that it was a privilege to serve the entire region in their various capacities.

The Deputy Prime Minister said that East Africans have a common history, ancestry and were the descendants of the first human being describing East Africa as the cradle land of all mankind.

He observed that East Africa, and by extension Afri-

ca, had all the necessary human and material resources to create the society it wants.

In his remarks, EAC Secretary General Amb. Liberat Mfumukeko disclosed that a regional campaign comprising several activities was being carried out to highlight key milestones as part of celebrations of the Community's 20th Anniversary.

Mfumukeko noted that the region had made tremendous achievements through various policy initiatives including new infrastructure, regional industrialisation policies, healthcare programmes, a common external tariff and a Common Higher Education Area, adding that there was still room to do more as most East Africans were yet to reap the benefits of the integration.

"Today we recognize and affirm that each one of us deserves better; this is our call for action for all stakeholders to pull together so that the Community can deliver the dreams of our citizens," said the SG.

He said that the Community in collaboration with KfW, the German Development Bank, and the Inter-University Council of East Africa had unveiled a student exchange programme providing fully sponsored postgraduate scholarships to 60 EAC students tenable at various universities in the Partner States during the current academic year.

Ruvuma residents urged to join CHF

By Guardian Correspondent, Songea

RESIDENTS in Ruvuma Region have been urged to see the importance of joining the Community Health Fund (CHF) to extricate themselves from the pangs of living without health care due to lack of money.

The advice was given last week by the Ruvuma Regional Commissioner Christina Mndeme when launching the improved CHF and introduction of USAID Boresha Afya ("Improve Health") - stakeholders in Songea Municipality that was attended by different people, government leaders as well as religious leaders.

Mndeme said every person should be a mobilizer of CHF that will bring great benefits in the community especially when they become ill from various diseases.

She explained that the government in its war on three traditional enemies of diseases, ignorance and poverty as elucidated by Father of the Nation Mwalimu Julius Nyerere, the 1990 National Health Policy and the 1994 Health sector reform gave way for health care contribution through the National Health Insurance (NHIF) scheme and on the spot user fees aimed at enabling the government to provide health care to its people.

She further explained that in addition of NHIF still the law on contribution to health care is still voluntary hence it is better government leaders to educate, mobilize and encourage people to join CHF.

Earlier the CHF Coordinator for Ruvuma Region Victory Nyenza said due to deficiencies in the old CHF, the Fifth-Phase government has come up with the improved version of CHF.

He said the improved version has important features including enabling the contributor to get treatment from dispensary, health care, district hospital up to referral hospital levels and that members are registered from the village level and that a household of not more than 6 members is supposed to pay 30,000 per year.

He explained that drugs, medical equipment and other facilities are obtainable 100 percent and that funds money is monitored and kept at a special account administered by the office of the Regional Commissioner.



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This makeshift bridge is all that is available for these pupils of Kinyerezi JICA Primary School in suburban Dar es Salaam and other people wishing to cross the muddy river in the area, as captured at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

Africa seeing success in reining maternal to child transmission of HIV - WHO officer

By Guardian Reporter

DSPITE remarkable success in the fight against HIV/AIDS, at least 1.1 million people in Africa gets infected with HIV every year. In his message to mark the World AIDS Day 2019, World Health Organisation (WHO) Regional Director for Africa, Dr Matshidiso Moeti said the HIV infections continue to decline adding that Africa is making progress towards elimination of maternal-to-child-transmission of HIV.

Dr Moeti linked the success with the key work played by millions of community members including local leaders, networks of people living with HIV, peer educators, community health workers, civil society organisations and grassroots activists.

"Community members many of whom are living with or affected by HIV play a crucial role in the AIDS response. Rwanda and South Africa have shown how trained peers or community health workers can deliver rapid diagnostic tests with same day results, enabling more people to know their HIV status," he asserted.

The WHO Africa boss noted that this year's theme 'communities make the difference' recognises the essential roles of communities to ensure the response remains relevant, grounded and centered on people.

Dr Moeti gave an example of Zambia where an intensive door-to-door effort in selected peri-urban communities by community health workers, to promote and provide a range of HIV and health services has enabled the country to achieved the 90-90-90 testing and treatment targets as well as reducing new HIV infections by 30 percent in the target communities.

He said of the estimated 26 million people living with HIV in Africa in 2018, four out of five (81 percent) get tested, two out of three (64 percent) get treatment, and one out of two (52 percent) achieve viral suppression with no risk of infecting others.

"We must address several challenges to end AIDS by 2030. Funding for the Aids response is reducing, putting our progress at risk. Coverage of HIV services is still not universal - those in greatest need suffer the most. Adolescent girls and young women continue to be at higher risk of HIV infection due to gender inequalities," he said.

He however said men are less likely to take an HIV test and to initiate HIV treatment. He said most children living with HIV are not accessing treatment and that's stigma and marginalisation still persist, especially among those at highest risk of infection.

NBI inaugurates US\$ 5.5 million regional HydroMet project

By Guardian Reporter

THE Nile Basin Initiative (NBI) has launched the US\$ 5.5 million Nile Basin Regional HydroMet Project, which will enable NBI's member states to share reliable data for better monitoring of the Nile's water resources.

The first of its kind, the Nile Basin Regional HydroMet System will inform national planning and evidence-based decision making.

Kenyan Deputy President, William Ruto flagged off the Nile Basin Regional HydroMet Project, which will be implemented in nine NBI member states; Burundi, DR Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda.

Speaking during the opening ceremony of the Annual Nile Council of Ministers

meetings (Nile-COM), Ruto announced that his country intends to convene a second Nile Basin Heads of State Summit.

The inaugural Heads of State Summit was held in June 2017 hosted by Uganda's President Yoweri Museveni in Entebbe.

"The HydroMet System is designed to provide more reliable data and information for water resources management including flood disaster preparedness, coordinated management of water storage dams, navigation and improved adaptation to climate change," Ruto said.

Addressing the gathering as outgoing Chairperson of the Nile-COM, Dr Deo-Guide Rurema, who is also Burundi's Minister of Environment, Agriculture and Livestock encouraged NBI Member States to continue working towards finding lasting solutions to the various challenges in

the Nile Basin.

Rurema said: "The delay in agreeing and adopting a legal and institutional framework has resulted in delays in the establishment of the permanent Nile River Basin Commission."

"It is my sincere hope that member states will take bold steps towards adopting a common framework that will raise our level of engagement and facilitate harnessing benefits of the cooperation," he said.

NBI Secretariat Executive Director, Prof Seifeldin Hamad Abdalla, said: "In order to allow countries to meet their growing water demands more efficiently and sustainably, NBI is assisting Member States to jointly explore options for meeting rising water demands in the Nile Basin."

Speaking on behalf of NBI's Develop-

ment Partners, Ambassador Simon Mordue, Head of Delegation of the European Union in Kenya, noted that the monitoring network will become a key tool to manage the nexus between water security and the needs for irrigation and hydropower.

"Ultimately, it will inform the political negotiations over water use and benefit sharing with reliable, non-biased technical data... The hydrological monitoring system has a potential of becoming the backbone of transboundary water cooperation in the Nile River Basin," he said.

The Nile Basin Regional HydroMet Project will be implemented over a three-year period (July 2018 - July 2021). The project is implemented with technical and financial support from the European Union and the German federal government, through GIZ.

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EAC, EU security threats drive tricky but workable

MAKING the eastern Africa region safer is an ongoing concern, even if much of what is being done to ensure that this is the case essentially limited to police cooperation. This is conducted either regionally or via international agencies like Interpol, basically in connection with fighting crime. On various other areas where cooperation is needed, it is harder to find common ground.

It is largely because of these other needs, which are not directly related to criminality but pose threats to stability or other aspects of law enforcement in East African Community (EAC) member-states, that a new initiative has come up.

The EAC and the European Union (EU) have lately launched a 10-million-Euro (25.38bn/-) joint programme to address regional and cross-border security threats in the region. Much good can be done although, admittedly, there are also some grey areas where differences in national interests may deflect cooperation. The programme is described as a regional response to a rise in the number of security threats across the EAC region, to enhance police capacities and to build trust between law-enforcement agencies in the EAC partner states.

A look at elements like mutual trust, data and information transfer, and where the focus is to control or intercept those engaged in transnational organised crime, prompts some questions.

For one thing, these countries have only lately been able to share information and take action on issues like bank heists or gold smuggling, and it is unclear if that might develop into a way of action that can be institutionalised. The capacity to share such information rapidly is what is billed for here.

Since the EAC has been able to negotiate with the EU on the project, it can

be hoped that sufficient ground has been covered for the project to prove feasible.

The EU is unlikely to sink a whole 10 million Euros into an experimental project, in which case viable areas of action have been mapped out, including transnational organised crime in the strict sense of the term.

That often has to do with drug trafficking and trafficking of people across borders, as well as newer threats like movement of individuals suspected of having links with terror organisations.

Maritime security is one of the important aspects of the project and EAC member-states still have their sights on the drawing up of a law on security and seashore activity.

Taking up security issues and working to build mutual trust among law enforcement agencies is expected to be a key enabler towards the realisation of East African integration.

The EU is interested in having an integrated zone with similar law-enforcement habits that can attract long-term investors and create an enabling environment for major companies already operating here. That need is vivid enough, but it poses significant challenges.

While the EAC-EU spheres of cooperation are numerous and each has its specific purposes and methods, a recurrent theme is evident - and that is peace and stability to enable growth in investments and stem migrations.

EU states are undergoing a measure of instability owing to the wave of migration from Africa and see a solution in wider integration where peace and security are key requirements.

With an African Continental African Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) pact already signed, enhanced political accountability and structured and institutional information exchange mechanisms provide a helping hand in the strengthening of these emerging regional bonds.

Air travel stakeholders may need assistance, but they must be alert

AGRICULTURE is one of the sectors that have for decades on end provoked the most debate within specific spheres and disciplines such as academia and more generally in Tanzania.

A major sub-topic with respect to agriculture relates to the sector's endlessly heavy association with the weather and low-quality and therefore inefficient inputs and methods.

We have witnessed various slogans "attached" to the sector, ostensibly to spur an agrarian revolution of sorts in the country, but often without much success.

Nearly six decades after Independence, the sector remains the major pre-occupation of the majority of the population, most particularly in rural areas. But most players are still heavily weighed down by the hoe, with irrigation, fertilisers and other sure agents of change well beyond the means of small-holders.

The much-touted 'Kilimo Kwanza', the national 'green revolution blueprint' introduced in 2009 with support from the government, was not the first of its kind in the country but its implementation still faced daunting challenges.

One explanation related to the fact that some of the relevant authorities officials decide to believe that things can work to satisfaction while they remain seated in their air-conditioned offices while dishonest elements engage corruption in, say, the importation of power tillers and the purchase and distribution of cotton seeds.

The sector passed through various phases, including during the Arusha Declaration, which was widely regarded as the country's blueprint for socialism blueprint whose implementation saw the likes of collective farming in 'ujamaa' villages and impassioned calls for self-reliance in foodstuffs.

Too bad, we have never really become as self-reliant as expected, while there have also been the burning issues of the prices of farmers' crops as well as the farmers' liberty to 'dispose of their produce without undue government interference. Several times in the past few years there was heated debate in the National Assembly, with MPs questioning government bans on exports of food by farmers themselves, particularly maize.

The argument was that it had proved impossible for the government to buy the produce at competitive prices while making timely payments for whatever it bought, and therefore farmers would only be adequately compensated if no bans were imposed.

Some MPs went to the extent of saying the government was getting it all wrong for denying poor farmers a just return for their sweat and toil.

Fortunately, the horizon now holds some promise of more rewarding times, with the government buying the dictum that farmers should be the ones to set the prices for their crops as well have liberty to sell the product of their labour at markets of choice but, of course, with government support and guidance.

Tanzania blessed the ushering in of the free market economy over thirty years ago and, or so many people argue, it should see the rationale of allowing the proverbial supply and demand rule to govern in agriculture and some other sectors but without abandoning its oversight mandate. In the particular case of the sale of farm produce, it should be that farmers should be allowed to sell their food across the country's borders to those in need at prices agreed upon, the only condition being that laid down procedures are strictly observed. Indeed, that is as it should be.

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We shouldn't expect philanthropists to fund activism

By Anurag Behar

SINCE philanthropists are unlikely to fund anything that destabilises their businesses, building independent institutions can be an effective approach to create lasting impact.

The vibrancy of a democracy, and the health of a society, is significantly influenced by civil society. It consists of an entire spectrum - from community-based collectives and voluntary organisations to non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and nonprofits of other sorts.

Philanthropy plays a critical role in supporting that space, building it, keeping it alive and growing it. But what is the role of civil society? What is civil society's specific contribution?

One part of it is keeping the market and state honest. It is a counterbalance to the market and the state, and it must act as one.

Civil society is the champion of the social and public good. Civil society also tries to work with the market and the state to make them more effective and useful to society. Both functions co-exist - not as a dichotomy but as a spectrum.

Philanthropy can play a specific role in this spectrum, by taking the kinds of risks that the state system finds hard to take because of operational reasons, and by helping develop civil society institutions.

For instance, the state is likely to find it difficult to recruit good, highly-capable people at the beginning of an initiative, or when something is at an experimental stage, because of its large systems, which have their internal logic. To help solve this, the state can collaborate with civil society.

If you look at many sectors - health, education, the environment - we've seen that very often civil society leads in motivating people to take risks and/or championing the public good. Once proven, accepted or established, that gets taken up by the government in some sense or the other.

This is because civil society by its very nature is focused on the public good - or should be. It can be more flexible and can engage people in a way that the state cannot. It's not a missing part on the part of the government system; it's just the way the system is structured.

To keep the state and market balanced, civil society should -

and it doesn't do enough of it right now - build institutions. This has to be supported by philanthropy. India doesn't have enough institutions driven by civil society but, if it did, they would play a very important role in balancing the market and the state.

There is certainly some philanthropy happening in India. We know that: people are giving money - some are giving a lot, and some are giving smaller amounts, but it's still a significant percentage of their wealth. And all this is good.

But it is clearly not at the scale that the country needs or comparable to that in some other countries or what the wealthy of India could be giving.

Consider an example from the US: If you look at the strength of the American higher education system, not just as a teaching powerhouse but also as a place of intellectual ferment and knowledge creation that keeps society on a certain path, it has been significantly funded by philanthropy.

We don't have anything like that in India. One can count on one's fingertips the significant universities or research institutions that have been funded by Indian philanthropy.

One big reason is that they just don't want to do it. It's not merely a question of needing large amounts of money to support higher education. It certainly can be done with smaller amounts of money - in interesting ways, like setting up a research chair at a university or funding a research programme.

But all this presumes that someone actually and genuinely wants to give for such matters. Those who do, find ways of doing it.

Today, when people do give, they prefer to give money for tangible things like scholarships, grants for buildings, or donations to hospitals, because they believe that they can see the direct benefit.

It seems simple and clear. Funding institutions, on the other hand, takes more patience, understanding and perspective. And not many philanthropists seem interested in going down that path.

India hasn't always been like this. We've had remarkable philanthropists in the first several decades of the 20th century - the Tatas, Birlas, Sarabha, people like Jammalal Bajaj and other less known names - who built institutions and helped



build the nation with their social capital and a version of Gandhian trusteeship.

When you compare what they did to what today's wealthy are doing - from the perspective of the wealth that they have generated in the past 20 to 30 years - are they giving enough?

And are they supporting development of institutions? If you take corporate social responsibility (CSR) out of the equation - because CSR is not philanthropy - the answer is probably NO.

Business money of any sort - including money that has created wealth for individuals - is likely to be risk-averse. This is sensible, and the wealth owners cannot be faulted for this. To put it simply, business money will find it hard to fund "activist-y" things. This is because activist-driven work by its very nature destabilises the sociopolitical status quo. And business money will not want to do that.

That is just the nature of the beast. There were perhaps unusual times, as during the Indian Independence movement, when this general principle did not hold true - but those were exceptions.

Since business money will not fund activist-driven work, the alternative is for institutions to do this.

When you help create an institution and you let go - because you have to let go - it becomes an important player in civil society, and over time, not

in one generation but in the next generation and for generations to come, it truly becomes an independent voice and force that can question, or contribute to upending the status quo.

Therefore, one of the most powerful routes to complement markets and state in any society is through building institutions.

The Tatas are a good example of this. Early on, they built many institutions. Today, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Science and other smaller institutions are not bound by the commitments that any individual, or organisation that has business money, would otherwise be.

They will do whatever it takes to fund innovation, cutting-edge research, and so on. This is our own live history that clearly demonstrates what institution-building can help achieve versus the "project funding" approaches that are currently generally supported by philanthropists.

It's illogical and unfair to expect philanthropists to fund any sharp forms of activism. Why would they fund anything that destabilises their existing business and its social fabric? The question they need to ponder over is why they aren't funding and building institutions.

It will not happen in their generation, but there will come a time in 20 to 30 years when such institutions will be separated from any business interests and will become very important players in civil society. And that's what philanthropists today aren't doing enough.

Today, the philanthropists who are genuine givers - and there are many of them - are not able to explain clearly why they don't fund "activist-y" work. They get defensive.

But the rationale is clear: They should do what is right for them, and for the source of the money (their business), which is what allows them to be philanthropic. Nonetheless they should also fund institutions that outlive them and support the range of roles that civil society must play.

An Inter Press Service dispatch filed from New Delhi. Anurag Behar is CSO of Azim Premji Foundation and founding vice chancellor of Azim Premji University - which is based in Bengaluru (formerly, Bangalore), India. He has been a vocal advocate for the critical importance of public systems, in particular the public education system. He is also closely involved with Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives, a grant-making organization supporting not-for-profit organisations working on certain specific issues in the social sector.

Transparency and enhanced management are of fundamental importance in national development

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

TANZANIANS and natural resource stakeholders have commended the government for ongoing deliberate and concerted efforts to ensure natural resources and extractive industry in particular are well managed to benefit all citizens.

However, they said despite the success, more efforts still needed to effectively govern well the resources especially in the extractive industry citing income and expenditure, strengthening research institutions, promoting understanding of the natural resource management and establishing local content along the value chains for the benefit of many people.

Discussing the topic on, "From transparency to enhanced revenue management" during CSO's week held in Dodoma recently, Executive Director of WAJIBU - Institute of Public Accountability (WIPA) Ludovic Utouh said that unlike the past, nowadays, the government is committed and determined to improve governance in the sector and revenue collection.

'Before this transparency, only few people were benefiting from natural resources. At times, the resources turned from bless to curse,' he said.

He said in 2002 the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) was established in South Africa the process that was followed by sharing experience and looking at how Norway has managed to improve governance in the



Panelists take part to discuss the topic that said "From transparency to enhanced revenue management" during CSO's week held in Dodoma recently. Photo by Gerald Kitabu

sector.

Tanzania being primarily a mining country with both small and large-scale operations joined the EITI as part of a wider reform effort to make the sector more competitive and maximise the benefits from mining industry.

The government, in different phases has put efforts to strengthen public and corporate governance, and promote understanding of natural resource management but in the third phase government, there was high speed of harvesting of the natural resources without following the laws and policies.

In 2009, Tanzania embarked on major efforts by entering memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between NGOs

and investment companies and the government. It was during that time Tanzania agreed on Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI).

Since then, there have been different efforts to review laws and policies to have more transparency. Citing an example he said Multisectoral group (MSG) was formed, establishment of different commissions of accountability committees, all these efforts aimed at ensuring improvement of governance in the extractive sector.

Dr Blandina Kilama from RE-POA said the importance of rev-

enues can bear meaning only if people's life will change and this can be achieved through efficient and effectively use of collected revenues.

Citing an example of extractive industry she said that the natural gas and oil are important and crucial for the country's development but requires comprehensive plans and strategies for them to have impact for the community.

There is a need for plans and strategies because Oil and gas are things that once they start being used they finish at once as they are non renewable. There is a need to put them into develop-

ment fund, and invest in different development activities to stimulate development in other sectors such as education, infrastructures and health.

Chief Executive Officer for Tanzania Chamber of mines Gerald Mturi underscored the need for proper plans and management of the revenues. "Before engaging in the process of extracting the resources, as a nation, we must have research institutions, conduct research and establish local content and all the value chains," he said.

He also insisted on the need for legal framework that supports value chain in the process of revenue collection. "Legal framework should be compatible with research and investment in the extractive industry," he added.

All stakeholders such as the government, the general public and investors should build trust and confidence so as to increase efficiency and free access to information, there must be transparency. People must shun from division and stay united

Dr Camillus Kassala challenged Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) to be active and play their role to ensure transparency and accountability of the natural resource and the revenues.

"CSOs should make sure they make follow up and gets report and information from TEIT committees and MSG. They should work on the reports so that the general public can be informed for accountability.

Citing an example, he advised the CSOs to read and understand well laws and regulations governing TEIT and its provisions to get knowledge and understand well its functions.

"There is a need for the CSOs

to read MSG reports and form groups that will be involved in conducting advocacy based on the reports. CSOs should work hard to ensure there is transparency in companies and government," he added.

Contributing to the subject, the participants recommended that there should be trust and confidence between all players and ensure public expenditure tracking system is improved. Tanzania Chamber of Commerce should put emphasis on transparency for efficiency investments.

"We need more reform in the legal framework especially on the value chain and effective use of transparency networks such as Tax justice Network for more information and experience on transparency initiatives. More political will is also important to especially for executives and at lower levels to ensure reports for income and expenditures are made available on time.

WAJIBU - Institute of Public Accountability (WIPA) which organised the side events during the CO's week in Dodoma, is an established institution, founded with the purpose of fostering an environment that supports and promotes public accountability in Tanzania.

The WIPA's founders believe that mobilising public engagement on the issue of public accountability is key to ensuring that recent progress made in the field is consolidated and maintained. T

his will only be able to be achieved if the accountability agenda in the country is people-centred - owned, managed and driven by the people themselves.

Community efforts are key in addressing HIV/AIDS

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THREE years ago, I led an evaluation of an HIV project that focused on increasing access to quality care and supporting services for people living with HIV in Nigeria. It also aimed to reduce HIV-related stigma and discrimination.

The project achieved these goals by strengthening support groups, using homebased care services for sick persons and providing Savings and Loans Association membership to improve the livelihoods of persons living with HIV. These outcomes point to the power of community in managing HIV.

The first of December is celebrated globally as World AIDS Day. The theme of the 2019 celebration is, "communities make the difference". This reminds us to re-focus on the power of community as we try to end the HIV pandemic.

Based UNAIDS 2018 global data, 37.9 million people were living with HIV/AIDS.

There were 1.7 million new HIV infections. Fifty-four percent of these new infections occurred among key populations such as men who have sex with men, transgender folks and sex workers.

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The risk of acquiring HIV was 22 times higher among men who have sex with men; 22 times higher among people who inject drugs; 21 times higher for sex workers and 12 times higher for transgender people.

Weekly, about 6,000 young women aged 15-24 years become infected with HIV. In sub-Saharan Africa, 80% of new infections among adolescents aged 15-19 years are in girls. Young women aged 15-24 years are twice as likely to be living with HIV than men. Eighteen percent of pregnant women living with HIV did not have access to drugs that would prevent transmission of HIV to their newborns.

People living with HIV face many forms of discrimination when they try to get help. In Southwest Georgia in the U.S., people living with HIV travel long



distances out of the area to access their HIV care for fear of being stigmatized.

In the United Arab Emirates, while citizens have free access to HIV treatment, non-nationals prisoners are denied HIV treatment and kept in isolation. However, some face more inequities than others. Key populations, adolescent girls and pregnant women are examples. These communities should be prioritized in the addressing HIV.

Here are four ways to bolster community efforts to ensure equity.

First, eliminate mother-to-child transmission of HIV through peer programs. Governments, UNAIDS and all partners working in HIV should draw lessons from a country such as Cuba that has eliminated mother-to-child transmission of HIV and Syphilis.

For instance, Cuba's achievement is based on a universal healthcare system which integrates maternal and child health programs with programs for HIV and sexually transmitted infections. In addition, community of mothers living with HIV called Mentor Mothers can improve uptake of PMTCT services.

Mentor Mothers provide peer support to pregnant women who have HIV. A study in Zimbabwe showed that Mentor Mothers improved retention in PMTCT services and led to positive behaviour change among HIV-positive pregnant women.

Second, integrate HIV/AIDS programming into youth-friendly clinics that provide reproductive health services to women aged 15-24 years. These youth-friendly clinics should be safe spaces, non-judgmental and without discrimination.

South Africa has high burdens of women living with HIV -above 62% of adults living with HIV in South Africa are women, or 4.7 million people. In South Africa, mobile technology locally known as Ringa Nathi (talk to us

in Zulu) is used to provide confidential youth-friendly HIV services through WhatsApp-based support groups of 10 youths.

It is a platform for judgement-free discussions while improving knowledge on importance of adherence to HIV treatment and living positively with HIV.

Third, prioritise HIV services for high-risk populations such as men who have sex with men, transgender people, sex workers and injection drug users. Too often, they face barriers and discrimination to receiving help and this must end.

In this light, South Africa has established its first transgender healthcare facility at the Wits Reproductive Health Institute.

In Malawi, a country with one of world's highest HIV prevalence rates, sex workers are stigmatized and often experience violence. International NGO Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) provides HIV counselling and testing services to sex workers.

Fourth, communities must protect the rights of high-risk populations, period. Throughout the 40 years of the HIV pandemic, these populations have faced discrimination and at times been removed from the mainstream of HIV programming.

Stringent homophobic laws across Africa prevent gay men from accessing life-saving antiretroviral drugs. A study of 45,000 gay men in 28 African countries including Kenya, Malawi and Nigeria found that only 25% were taking their HIV drugs.

Therefore, the courts must rise to the occasion and protect the rights of key populations. Consequently, a High Court in Zimbabwe recently ordered the Minister of Home Affairs and the police to pay a trans woman \$400,000 as compensation for her unlawful arrest in 2004.

One key lesson I learnt from leading the evaluation of the HIV intervention in Nigeria is that, "If you want to go quickly, go alone. If you want to go far, go together". Therefore, no community of people living with HIV should be left behind. However, to ensure equity, some communities should be brought to the same level as others and the journey continued.

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Anatomy of a bribe: A deep dive into an underworld of corruption

By James Kleinfeld

I first met Johannes Stefansson on a typically crisp and windswept day in May in the Icelandic capital Reykjavik. As rain fell intermittently outside the makeshift office where we were meeting, Johannes was preparing himself, and the five assembled journalists, for the battle of his life.

His animated enthusiasm belied the severity of the allegations he was about to bring forward: that, on the instructions of his superiors, he had paid millions of dollars in bribes to well-connected figures in Namibian politics in order to secure the country's lucrative fishing grounds for his former employer, the Icelandic fishing conglomerate Samherji.

"We are in this all the way," he would say often, underlining his determination to see his former colleagues and business partners face justice for what he claims was a large-scale criminal enterprise defrauding the Namibian people of the proceeds of their country's natural wealth.

Facing Johannes was a formidable array of vested interests, political power and financial behemoths, all in league, Johannes claims, with the murky underworld of the South African mafia.

The whistle-blower

I was introduced to Johannes by Kristinn Hrafnsson, editor-in-chief of the whistle-blowing group WikiLeaks. Coming straight from Belmarsh Prison, where his erstwhile colleague Julian Assange continues to languish, he met me in London's Fitzrovia.

He told me about Johannes's journey in one of Iceland's largest fishing companies, Samherji; from his long career as a fisherman on board Icelandic trawlers around the world, to managing Samherji's subsidiaries in Morocco and Namibia, to eventually leaving the company in disgust at what he considered to be the corrupt corporate culture.

As he left Samherji in 2016, Johannes recognised the significance of the data on his laptop. Emails, memos, presentations, photos and videos would all come to constitute the Fishrot Files, an archive of more than 30,000 documents hosted on WikiLeaks, providing the documentary evidence to back up Johannes's claims of the corruption he facilitated during his time at Samherji.

As Kristinn trawled through the thousands of documents, he began to seek potential media partners. The natural partners in Johannes's and Kristinn's native Iceland were Kveikur, the investigative series of RUV, the state broadcaster, and the weekly magazine Stundin. And it was to Al Jazeera's Investigative Unit that WikiLeaks turned to raise the profile of this important leak, give it worldwide coverage and take the investigation in an entirely new direction.

From Iceland to Namibia

Lying in the North Atlantic between Greenland and the Faroe Islands, and brushing up against the Arctic Circle, Iceland was, for much of its history, an island with meagre links to the outside world. A harsh, unforgiving landscape coupled with a blustery climate meant, for the majority of Icelanders, a subsistence life herding sheep. But the country's fate was changed by the second world war, in the wake of which the US and its NATO allies came to appreciate the island's strategic value as the guardian of vital waterways. The once-isolated country, which gained full independence from Denmark in 1944, became an integrated modern economy. Ten thousand kilometres (about 6,200 miles) south, over the equator, Namibia is a vast territory on Africa's southwest coast. Its modern history is stained with the bloody legacy of foreign domination, from the massacres inflicted by the German Empire in the early 20th century, to the racial segregation imposed by the South African apartheid regime.

After a protracted independence struggle fought by the South West Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO), the country finally gained independence from South Africa in 1990, and the SWAPO party has won every national election since.

The Namibian landscape is rich with natural resources: from the uranium buried in the ground and treasured by the world's nuclear powers, to diamonds dredged from the seafloor. Despite this, roughly one out of every five Namibians live in poverty, and the country suffers from a 33 percent unemployment rate.

When it gained its independence, the young Namibian state looked askance at other African nations rich in natural resources and emerging from colonial domination; it saw that foreign companies had replaced overt colonial administrations with a more subtle form of neo-

colonial domination, looting national assets and paying as little tax as possible.

Namibia sought to escape this resource curse by enacting legislation ensuring domestic ownership of the industries exploiting the nation's natural resources. The "Namibianisation" policy in the country's fishing industry encourages foreign companies to enter into joint ventures with Namibian companies. As long as 51 percent of the company is owned by Namibians, and ideally those Namibians from historically disadvantaged black African communities, they can benefit from advantageous access to fishing quotas.

The Namibian government had reason to promote such protections for its people. Recent studies by the African Union show that Africa loses at least \$50bn annually as a result of illicit financial flows from foreign companies doing business on the continent. Global Financial Integrity estimates that for every dollar that comes into the developing world in the form of foreign aid, \$10 leave, mostly as a result of tax avoidance by multinational companies. These figures are a stark reminder of how foreign companies have thoroughly ravaged African economies, leaving little behind for the people of the continent.

The 'sharks' among Namibia's fish

I met with the executive director of the Tax Justice Network Africa, Alvin Mosioma, who explained to me how African economies have been victims of what has come to be known as "state capture", whereby "a very small clique of the elite are able to determine the decisions which a government makes".

In the context of the Namibian fishing industry, the members of this clique are the so-called "sharks", the figures implicated in the Fishrot files. They are the Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources Bernhard Esau, Minister of Justice Sacky Shanghala, state-owned fishing company Fishcor's Chairman James Hatuikulipi, and their close associate, Tamson Hatuikulipi who is Esau's son-in-law and James Hatuikulipi's cousin.

Johannes speaks of how his former employers Samherji used their privileged connections with these power brokers to facilitate their entry into - and ultimately capturing a significant portion of - the Namibian fishing industry.

With James Hatuikulipi installed as the chairman of Fishcor, the state-owned company began selling large quantities of quota at below-market prices. Almost at the same time, the power brokers, led by Sacky Shanghala, pushed through a bilateral agreement with neighbouring Angola, profiting from a little-used loophole in Namibia's fishing regulations allowing Samherji to bypass the competitive tendering process and catch greater harvests of Namibian fish.

In return for these generous allocations of fishing quotas, the "sharks" and others in their entourage collectively earned more than \$10m in what Johannes claims were "bribes".

The undercover investigation

With Johannes's powerful testimony and the abundant documentary evidence to back it up, Al Jazeera decided to investigate further the allegations of corruption in the Namibian fishing industry.

The mission was simple: to see if Al Jazeera could replicate the successes of Samherji, gaining access to Namibia's lucrative fishing grounds by offering kick-backs to well-connected individuals in the industry.

In just three months, our undercover reporter "Jonny", posing as a Chinese investor, negotiated a joint-venture partnership with local fishing company Omualu, managed by Sacky Kadhila.

Media reports from 2014 show that Namibia's Anti-Corruption Commission had been investigating Kadhila's company for allegedly paying \$65,000 to a director at the Ministry of Fisheries. Al Jazeera does not know what this alleged payment was for, or indeed what came of this investigation, but what is known is that Kadhila told Al Jazeera's undercover reporter he could "find somebody in the Ministry that we could place in our company... that person is only for the influence, to ensure that Omualu always gets a quota".

The need to line the pockets of public officials in order to gain preferential access to fishing quotas led our fake investor to the CEO of Fishcor, Mike Nghipunya, and Minister of Fisheries Bernhard Esau. For his efforts to secure quotas, Nghipunya is offered a 20-percent stake in the proposed joint venture, as well as a one-off payment of \$500,000. Likewise, to enter into the good graces of Minister Esau, our Chinese investor offered him a gift of a limited-edition iPhone and prom-



Samherji whistle-blower Johannes Stefansson

ised to make a \$200,000 donation to the ruling SWAPO party in the run-up to the country's general elections, held on November 27.

Outing himself as a proxy for the minister, Kadhila remarked that Esau "thought very highly" of our undercover investor, and assured us that he would do "whatever it is that we would require from him to assist us".

Dancing the corruption tango

As Al Jazeera exposes the corrupt power-brokers in the Namibian fishing industry, it is important to not lose sight of the dual nature of corruption.

As Alvin Mosioma told Al Jazeera: "All too often, we tend to focus much more on the beneficiary of corruption and not the supplier of corruption." In other words, in the dance of corruption, "it takes two to tango". On one side, you have the powerful political elites who have captured democratic processes, while on the other, you have powerful business elites who, for the right price, can bend the rules to work in their favour.

As for the activities of Samherji, the leaked documents show how they conducted their operations in Namibia with full knowledge of the prevailing corruption. Memos written in Icelandic for Samherji's senior management attest to the powerful role played by the so-called "strategic group" - comprised of Minister Esau and his associates - in ensuring Samherji's favourable position in the industry.

"Frontmen" were used so that Samherji's Namibian subsidiaries could, on paper, be majority-owned by Namibians, meeting the standards of "Namibianisation". And yet, despite the bounty of profits Namibia provided for Samherji, a leading company executive was found in a draft presentation to have described the Namibian people as "happy lazybones".

While Samherji may not have invaded Namibia by force, set up a colonial administration or brought large numbers of Icelanders to settle there, in many ways, the corrupt business practices of Samherji are neo-colonial: treating the local population and institutions with contempt and considering respect for local laws and regulations as optional.

The company structure was set up in such a way as to avoid paying as much tax as possible, taking advantage of double tax treaties with tax havens like Mauritius, the Marshall Islands and Cyprus to reduce their tax liabilities to a fraction of what Namibian corporations have to pay.

The South African mafia

In anticipation of breaking his silence on the corruption he admits to facilitating, Johannes sought the legal services of the world-famous politician, lawyer and anti-corruption activist Eva Joly. The natural-

ised French citizen of Norwegian origin, who once ran for the French presidency, told me of the "huge risks" that Johannes faces by blowing the whistle. "Death threats among whistle-blowers are rather common. It can get very dangerous, because people have a lot to lose."

In the months before July 2016, when Johannes departed Namibia for good, he spent some time in Cape Town, South Africa, where he undertook negotiations with a local businessman, Allie Baderoen, who was interested in entering into a business partnership with Samherji in the South African fishing industry. While the negotiations ultimately led nowhere, these relationships were to have serious consequences for Johannes's life, as he came to appreciate the interconnected worlds of business and the mafia in South Africa.

After leaving Namibia, Johannes moved to Cape Town and struck up an unexpected friendship with a former Congolese soldier, Christian Yema YOkungu, who now works in private security in South Africa. While he was negotiating his termination agreement with Samherji, Johannes began to hear rumours about himself - that he abused drugs and alcohol.

Christian, who Johannes refers to as his "brother", warned him of the impending danger to his life as he began to extricate himself from the web of corruption he had been party to in neighbouring Namibia.

To this day, Johannes and Christian enjoy an extremely close relationship and speak on a daily basis. Whenever Johannes travels abroad, Christian calls upon local Congolese expats to provide him with tight security.

According to Johannes, shortly after finally terminating his employment with Samherji in December 2016, he began to suffer acute health symptoms, including seizures, collapses and uncontrollable shaking. He went to a doctor in Cape Town who told him his symptoms were unexplainable, and a doctor in Iceland later told him that his symptoms resembled those of someone who had been poisoned, although a definitive diagnosis was not forthcoming.

Close friends of Johannes who witnessed the rapid deterioration of his health continue to be astounded by his eventual recovery, convinced that he should have succumbed to his life-threatening symptoms. Suspicions that he was poisoned have occupied Johannes since he left Africa at the beginning of 2017, but definitive proof, not to mention evidence of the culprits, has been elusive.

A curious document sent to Al Jazeera's Investigative Unit in early November, two weeks after it reached out to people to respond to the allegations against them, may provide some insight into the forces Johannes was up against.

Tamson Hatuikulipi, who was

Samherji's conduit into the local industry, sent us an affidavit, signed by Johannes's "brother" Christian at a Cape Town police station. The affidavit made a series of allegations against Johannes: that he is an alcoholic, a drug addict, and that his purported addiction to prostitutes led to him being 75,000 Rand (more than \$5,000) in debt to Cape Town pimps.

Johannes strongly denies all such allegations and, indeed, has long been expecting them.

A few days after Al Jazeera sent Tamson Hatuikulipi the letter requesting his response to the allegations against him, Christian says that his family were threatened by figures associated with the Cape Town mafia. Evidence allegedly implicating him in criminal activity would be shared with the police, he was told. Thus, with the threat of physical violence and imprisonment, Christian was blackmailed into signing an affidavit with false allegations against his close friend.

Attached to the forced affidavit was a purported certificate from a "medical surgery" in the Cape Town suburb of Kraaifontein, which alleges that Johannes sought "drug rehabilitation" treatment in December 2016 - as false rumours of Johannes's drug addiction reached a crescendo, and a few days before his health took a swift turn for the worse. A cursory glance at the document indicated some red flags: The address of the "medical surgery" is non-existent, the name of a doctor absent, and the telephone number provided is not active. These suspicions have since been corroborated by the Health Professions Council of South Africa, who were unable to find evidence of the existence of this "medical surgery".

Why somebody would seek to forge a medical record attempting to portray Johannes in a bad light, and attach such a forgery to an affidavit signed under threat of blackmail made by figures associated with the mafia; and how such a forged document and forced affidavit would come into the possession of Tamson Hatuikulipi mere weeks after receiving a letter presenting him with evidence of his alleged criminality; and why Tamson Hatuikulipi would find it necessary to send such an obvious forgery to Al Jazeera are all legitimate questions that, for the time being, can only be answered with speculation.

Caryn Dolley, who has spent six years reporting on the Cape Town mafia, focusing on links between the criminal underworld and police services, told Al Jazeera that allegations have been made linking the Cape Town mafia with certain police officers. "It is not clear just how common it is for underworld figures to blackmail others into making affidavits against their rivals," she said, "however, claims in this vein have definitely surfaced in Cape Town".

But, for his part, Johannes remains unperturbed at these attempts to silence him. His lawyer Joly plans to bring him to the Fishing Committee of the European Parliament, where he can share his singular expertise on corruption with lawmakers. In the meantime, she speaks of his courage in blowing the whistle: "He knows why he is doing this, he knows that he is doing this for the ordinary people in Namibia. He thinks that fighting corruption is paramount for the development in Africa."

The response to Al Jazeera's allegations

Since Al Jazeera first presented the accused parties with evidence of their alleged wrongdoing, the response has been swift and overwhelming: Minister of Fisheries Bernhard Esau and the minister of justice have both resigned their cabinet positions; James Hatuikulipi has resigned as chairman of Fishcor, and has also resigned from his job as managing director of Investec Asset Management.

In the run-up to elections in Namibia, the #Fishrot affair has caused outrage in the country, leading to protests in the capital, Windhoek, with hundreds of people marching to the Anti-Corruption Commission demanding decisive action against corruption in the country.

On the day of the elections on November 27, most of the Namibians implicated in the investigation were arrested on charges of corruption, money laundering and fraud.

All the Namibians featured in the Al Jazeera investigation deny all wrongdoing.

Sacky Kadhila told The Namibian newspaper that he knew from the start that our undercover reporters were "fake businessmen". "I played along... in order to confirm my suspicions," he wrote. He added that he had reported the matter to the president's lawyer, Sisa Namandje, who in turn claimed he had alerted police. In Iceland, the scandal has led to the suspension of Samherji's longtime CEO Thorsteinn Mar Baldvinsson, pending an internal investigation. On November 12, Samherji released a statement, saying: "Samherji will co-operate with the relevant authorities that may investigate the fisheries industry in Namibia. If such an investigation will take place, Samherji has nothing to hide."

The revelations, reported by Iceland's national broadcasting service RUV and the weekly magazine Stundin, have profoundly shocked this small island nation of 350,000 people. One of the few European countries with no history of colonialism or warmongering, Iceland has long prided itself on its purported "innocence".

Haldora Mogensen, an Icelandic MP with the Pirate Party, put it bluntly: "The myth of Iceland's innocence is dead." **Agencies**

Bank donates sanitary pads to primary, secondary schools in Shinyanga Region

By Guardian Correspondent
Shinyanga

EXIM Bank Tanzania has donated a total of 2,400 sanitary pads to primary and secondary school students in Shinyanga Region, being part of the bank's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programme called Exim Cares.

The schools that benefited from the support included Istiqaama Islamic Secondary School, Mwenge Primary School, Mapinduzi Primary School, Jomu Primary School, Ibadhi Primary School as well as the Agape AIDS Control Programme found in the region.

Addressing the donation ceremonies held at the schools premises over the weekend, Exim Bank Shinyanga Branch Manager, Sarah Paul said they have started an initiative in bid to help girls with pads and to encourage zero stigma towards menstrual health in schools.

Through the initiative, the bank will extend the same donation to a number of schools in other regions including Tabora and Iringa according to the bank manager.

"Exim Bank finds pleasure in being involved with its community and one of our beliefs is to make a positive



Sarah Paul (L), Exim Bank's Shinyanga branch manager, hands over sanitary pads to teachers of Istiqaama Islamic Secondary School in Shinyanga Region at the weekend for use by female students at the school. The 'Exim Cares' support was part of an initiative meant to de-stigmatise menstruation in schools. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

impact to the community, therefore we have decided to come with an initiative in helping a girl child where we are giving out reusable sanitary pads," she said.

"And we take note of the fact that this is recurring need for the young girls and that's why we felt it was prudent for the pads to be reusable. We believe this will go long way in helping to curb need."

A UNESCO report estimates that one in ten girls in sub-Saharan Africa misses school during their menstrual cycle. Sanitary Pads play a vigorous role in the life of the girl child. In other cultures, menstruation is offensive and with this girls are faced with many challenges and obstacles that not only affect them socially but also academically.

"Exim Bank is fully committed to ensuring that Tanzanian youth receive education, as such when faced with the plight of young girls being unable to attend classes due to lack of sanitary towels. The bank has decided to be actively involved and be a part of the solution by providing these much needed resources," she added.

While giving his thanks remarks, the Istiqaama Islamic Secondary School Head, Mbaraka Songoro said that the donation is a noble and commendable one and they were honoured by the spirit of humanness shown by the bank.

"We as a school see this as a restoration of dignity to the recipients as well as the community at large. This gesture will restore dignity in the girl-child and it will also provide a good learning experience conducive to them even while in their menses," he said.

He added that some parents find it difficult to buy their daughters sanitary pads so the kinds of donations will curb such situations.

Expressing gratitude to the bank on behalf of her fellow learners, Fathihiya Faiz from Istiqaama Islamic Secondary School said they were thankful, as through the donation they will no longer be subjected to infections that could emanate from lack of sanitary towels.

"Sanitary pads play a big role in our lives. This donation closes the gap that our parents cannot close due to various reasons," she said.

Africa summit calls for better refugee participation and self-representation

By Guardian Reporter

THE Global Refugee-Led Network (GRN) in collaboration with Oxfam International, the Independent Diplomat and Open Society Foundations are concluding 'The Africa Refugee Summit,' today with call for enhanced refugee participation and self-representation.

According to a statement issued yesterday by Oxfam, approximately 70 refugee community leaders living in Africa have convened in Addis Ababa for the meeting.

"This summit has provided refugees an opportunity to share their vision for refugee engagement and participation in addressing the needs of refugees, including achieving durable solutions. It has also given a chance for refugees to share key priorities for changes in policies and practice relating to the experiences of refugees in the continent," said Robert Hakiza, a GRN steering committee member.

The summit comes ahead of the first Global Refugee Forum, which will take place from 16th-18 December 2019 in Geneva, Switzerland.

During the summit, participants shared their lived experiences as refugees and proposed solutions for more effective and sustainable global and African refugee policies.

They discussed building an African network of refugee-led organisations, coordinated future activities, shared best practices, and planned their

contributions for the Global Refugee Forum in Geneva as well as future engagements with the African Union and beyond towards restoration of peace, secure and decent lives and livelihood for the uprooted.

Despite global commitments to refugee participation, there remain major challenges to realizing this at local and national levels, as well as in international policy fora. The voices of refugees and host communities are underrepresented in the debates that shape their lives. At national and international levels, they are routinely sidestepped or left out altogether. As a result, policies, responses, peace processes and projects are developed without benefiting from their expertise and experience. Yet, their personal experience of displacement makes them best placed to offer practical and sustainable solutions.

The summit participants identified the critical importance of opportunities for refugees to come together and work collaboratively on areas of shared concern.

"Oxfam's support for the GRN and refugee participation is inspired by our commitment to participation as a core principal of our work around the world. The summit has given refugees an opportunity to strengthen their network, consolidate their perspectives, and plan for their contributions in national, African, and global fora," said Lydia Zigomo, Oxfam's Regional Director in HECA.

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Medical specialists due to hold cancer screening camp in Dar city tomorrow

By Guardian Reporter

MEDICAL specialists from Regency Medical Centre (RMC) in partnership with the Indian-based HCG Multi-specialty Hospital are tomorrow expected to conduct cancer-screening camp in Dar es Salaam.

According to a statement issued by RMC, the camp will be held at Regency Specialised Polyclinic for Dialysis and Chemotherapy Services in Dar es Salaam.

"The camp starts on Tuesday from morning up to evening we would like to inform the public about that opportunity so that they use the chance to see specialists for cancer screening," a statement reads in part.

The camp will be conducted by Dr Ps Sridhar from India who is a consultant in radiation oncology.

"We encourage those with such problems to take this opportunity to see the specialist who will diagnose and consult them."

According to World Health Organisation (WHO), the burden of cancer has been on the increase over the past few decades.

In 2012 alone, 8.2 million people worldwide were estimated to have died from cancer while more than two thirds of these deaths occurred in low- and middle-income countries.

The most common cancers in the African Region are cancers of the cervix, breast, liver and prostate as well as Kaposi's sarcoma and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. The rise in the number of cases of cancer is due to ageing populations and the increasing adoption of risk behaviour such as consumption of unhealthy diets, lack of physical exercise, harmful use of alcohol and tobacco use.

WHO says that in African Region, infections due to human papillomavirus and hepatitis B and C viruses significantly contribute to the burden of the top two cancers, namely cervical and liver cancer respectively.

Many lives can be saved if appropriate investment is made in raising public awareness on the early signs and symptoms of common cancers. In addition people should adopt healthy lifestyles that reduce the risk of cancers.

Tanzania urged to revisit law on capital punishment

By Guardian Reporter,
Zanzibar

THE Tanzanian government has been called upon to revisit its laws regarding the capital punishment.

President of the African Court on Human and People's Rights, Justice Sylvain Ore made the call yesterday when giving judgment on appeal by one Ali Rajab and five others against the government of the United Republic of Tanzania.

The murder case involving Ali Rajab and others is among several cases that were heard by the African Court that sat in Zanzibar to deliberate on the eight appeals, out of judgments were given on seven.

The case against capital punishment was the that attracted many people at Kariakoo Zanzibar because anti-capital punishment activists all over the world want to see the punishment abolished claiming that it is against the rights of a human being as well

the country's Constitution.

The appellants Ali Rajab at others who were sentenced to death 12 years ago claim they were not given enough opportunity by the courts to listen to them and also the sentence is against human rights, the claims which in large measure the judges of the African Court on Human and People's concurred with.

Others who were sentenced to death in the said case were Angaja Kazeni, Geoffrey Stanley, Emmanuel Michael and Julius Michael

all of whom have been in jail for eight years.

In the 45-minute judgment the court which for the first time ever sat in Zanzibar has given directives to the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania to revisit the law it uses to mete out death sentence because it goes against African as well as international agreements and protocols and that it does not give judges freeway to mete out alternate punishment.

In addition the court has given

directives to the Government to pay 4m/- to each appellant for all the time they have been in jail as one way of mitigation from the pangs they have undergone for 12 years.

Five out of the eight cases that were referred to The African Court on Human and People's Rights and rulings given thereon involves the government of the United Republic of Tanzania and others concerned the countries of Benin, Ghana and Rwanda.

It was the African Court on

Human and People's Rights 55th session since its establishment in 2006 in Ethiopia and later moved to its permanent residence in Arusha, Tanzania.

The Court, with 11 judges from AU member countries operates in five zones and each zone contributes one judge on rotation basis and the judge's tenures is six years which is renewable for another six year term.

More than 80 percent appeals filed in the Court come from Tanzania of which the majority of

them are filed by people serving life sentences.

Out of the 55 AU members 30 have ratified the protocol that established the court out of which only nine have announced to allow NGOs and individuals to refer their appeals to the Court. These are Benin, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Gambia, Malawi, Ghana, Tunisia and host Tanzania.

The Court's ruling and Capital punishment comes at a time the world expects to mark the International Day against Capital Pun-

Japan eyes big fiscal stimulus with little concern over debt

By Bloomberg

SLOWING global growth, a higher sales tax and a string of natural disasters are giving policy makers in Tokyo plenty of reasons to lead a world-wide shift toward a double-barreled approach of supporting the economy through fiscal measures and ultra-loose monetary policy.

That's good news for the Bank of Japan, which has appeared reluctant to ramp up its own massive stimulus program, as it strains at the limits of effectiveness.

In less than a month, expectations in Japan for a modest stimulus package with a face value of 5 trillion yen (\$46 billion) have ballooned to 20 trillion yen, that's despite the country having the developed world's largest public debt load. While only half the amount is likely to represent fresh spending, a price tag of 10 trillion would still make it Japan's biggest package since extra budgets to deal with the widespread destruction of the 2011 tsunami and the emergency spending that followed the global financial crisis before that.

The escalating spending figure demonstrates Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's determination not to let a sales tax hike, typhoons or weakness in the world economy trigger a recession that would tarnish the legacy of his Abenomics project to restore stable growth. Already Japan's economy is expected to shrink 2.7% this quarter as exports continue to slump and consumption is whiplashed by the tax increase.

The rising figure may also reflect a need to shore up Abe's political support after recent scandals, with a possible view to seek another term as premier or call an early election – a favorite tactic of Japan's longest-running prime minister.

Signs that volatility in consumption hasn't been as muted as hoped, despite a concerted effort by the government to limit the impact of the tax hike, could also be pushing politicians in favor of more spending.

"We don't really need this huge level

of stimulus now," said Shinichiro Kobayashi, an economist at Mitsubishi UFJ Research & Consulting. "Somewhere around 5 trillion yen should be more than enough. This is not about the economy but motivated mainly by political reasons with popularity and a possible election in mind."

Some economists wonder whether extra spending equivalent to 1.8% of Japan's gross domestic product would actually be cost effective. Given a labor shortage in the construction sector, extra public works spending would simply reduce the availability of scarce workers for the private sector, crimping output there.

BOJ Governor Haruhiko Kuroda on Thursday called on the government to spend wisely with its spending package.

Still, there seems little doubt now, that a hefty package is now in the works. "Japan is the easiest place in the developed world to increase spending," said Masamichi Adachi, chief Japan economist at UBS Securities Co. "Politicians love it and they've probably gotten tired of all the warnings of a debt crisis that hasn't actually happened over the last decade."

Even the International Monetary Fund called for closer coordination between Japan's government and the central bank this week, essentially giving its support for the use of fiscal policy in the shorter term, though it said Tokyo should also get out of the habit of annual extra budgets.

Abe is expected to announce details of the economic package including its final size by mid December. The burgeoning spending plans are already changing perceptions of what Japan's central bank will likely do.

JPMorgan said Tuesday that it now expects no BOJ easing through next year given the likely spending, changing from its view that Kuroda would take additional steps next month. Chotaro Morita of SMBC Nikko Securities estimates economic growth could jump well beyond 2% in fiscal 2020, the fastest growth since 2013, with extra spending of 10 trillion yen.

Former deputy prime minister Kat-



suya Okada, a member of the opposition, says that the loosening fiscal stance of politicians both among the ruling and opposition

parties is alarming. "I'm very concerned about this emerging mood that there's no need to address our spend-

ing and revenue," Okada said. "There's no doubt that Modern Monetary Theory has given some politicians the feeling of a sort of

endorsement for more spending. But a frog in lukewarm water will end up boiled if the temperature keeps rising."

AIDS still substantial challenge to world although campaign forges ahead

NAIROBI

DESPITE progress made in confronting HIV worldwide, AIDS remains a major global public health challenge, threatening people's lives, especially in sub-Saharan Africa that is worst hit by HIV.

Overall HIV incidence rates are declining, but the total number of infections is still unacceptably high, with 1.7 million new infections in 2018, the World Health Organization (WHO) data showed.

"This number is not dropping fast enough to meet the UNAIDS target of fewer than 500,000 people infected per year by 2020," said Peter Sands, executive director of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (Global Fund).

"We are at a crucial stage in the fight against HIV," Sands told Xinhua days before the World AIDS Day, designated on Dec. 1 every year by WHO since 1988.

Progress made
Significant progress has been made as HIV new infections decline and more people living with HIV gain access to treatment, according to a new report released recently by the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS).

New HIV infections declined by 28 percent from 2010 to 2018 in eastern and southern Africa, said the UNAIDS report.

Meanwhile, in a promising sign, the incidence rate of HIV among adolescent girls and young women aged 15-24 in the region declined from 0.8 percent in 2010 to 0.5 percent in 2018.

Particularly, the report highlighted that significant progress has been made in expanding access to treatment. As of mid-2019, about 24.5 million of the 37.9 million people living with HIV were accessing treatment.

As treatment roll-out continues, fewer people are dying of AIDS-related illnesses. In 2018, some 770,000 people died from HIV-related causes globally, WHO data showed.

"As a community leader, I am able to relate to people and understand their background better than someone from the outside," said Josephine Wanjiru, an HIV community activist in Kenya.

"I have been living openly with HIV for 25 years, so people come to me with their issues, such as HIV-related stigma, disclosure and adherence. I have never stepped back from this role as I am part of this community," said Wanjiru.

The UNAIDS report shows that when people and communities have power and agency, change happens.

Challenges remain
"The world is on the cusp of making great gains in the battle against HIV and AIDS, but we must not rest on the laurels of progress made," said Executive Director Henrietta Fore of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

WHO data show that there were still approximately 37.9 million people living with HIV worldwide as of mid-2019. Among them, about 25.7 million people were living in Africa.

In countries that have achieved significant progress in reducing HIV prevalence rate and AIDS-related deaths, the gains have been challenged by complacency.

In Ethiopia, for example, new HIV infections have been reduced by 70 percent and AIDS-related deaths dropped by 90 percent over the past two decades, Daniel Betre, the country's HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Office public relations and communication director, told Xinhua.

However, the progress made then seem to be challenged by complacency, said Daniel.

"Still today, we are losing over 13,000 citizens every year due to HIV/AIDS-related deaths and also about 13,000 new infections every year. Currently, over 600,000 people are infected with HIV/AIDS in Ethiopia, out of which only 470,000 are on anti-retroviral therapy (ART), and this shows that there is a lot to be done," Daniel noted.



Globally, only 62 percent of adults and 52 percent of children living with HIV were receiving the lifelong ART, according to WHO.

Making things worse, some governments even refuse to recognize, support or engage community organizations in their national responses to HIV and are subsequently missing out on their enormous potential to reach the people most affected by HIV, the UNAIDS report noted.

UNAIDS urges all countries to fully support and enable their community-led organizations, ensure they have a seat at all decision-making tables concerning the health and well-being of their community mem-

bers and remove any barriers to their active engagement in the response to HIV.

"Only by fully funding and fully supporting the work of community organizations will the end of AIDS become a reality," said the UNAIDS report.

China counts on HIV confrontation
"China is right now the chair of our UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board. China has been doing a phenomenal job," said Dr. Shannon Hader, deputy executive director of UNAIDS and assistant secretary-general of the UN.

"Particularly, in addition to historically responding to overcoming infections through blood transfusions, for exam-

ple, the Chinese government has recently looked deeply into its own data to really found out what is new and who needs to be reached in different ways, so that programs can be targeted into the future and that is a big bold move that I wish every country should do," said Dr. Shannon.

"We actually have an extremely strong relationship with China and really appreciate that," said Dr. Shannon. According to Sands of the Global Fund, in addition to the indirect contribution through the Global Fund, China has also forged a very good partnership with the African Union (AU), a 55-member pan-African bloc, whereby it provides supports,

including training for experts who play indispensable role in the fight against the HIV/AIDS.

"AU has a very good collaboration with China. And recently two of our members went to China and received training on HIV control," said Benjamin Djoudalbaye, AU acting head of HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria.

In September 2018, during the Beijing Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation, public health was identified as a top priority for China-Africa health cooperation.

"China can play a leading role, as a strong model for providing quality health care domestically, and as an international leader on many global challenges," said Sands.

BUSINESS

APPRECIATION

UTT AMIS' Umoja Fund grows to 216bn/- in the past 14 years

By Correspondent Beatrice Philemon

UTT Asset Management and Investor Services Plc (UTT AMIS) has managed raise its capital invested in business to 216bn/- through Umoja Fund 2005.

UTT AMIS' Director of Investment Management, Pamela Nchimbi told delegates to an annual general meeting held in Dar es Salaam last week that by June 2019 the amount was realized thanks to wise investments made in profitable instruments which include listed companies.

Nchimbi said from June 2015, Umoja Fund experienced some volatility but bounced back in 2016 before slowing down in 2017. She noted that during the four years ending June 2019, the scheme had an overall fund size increased by 4bn/- to peak 216bn/-.

She said net asset value per unit increased to 576.92/- each from 455.50/- between June 2015 and June 2019 and thus reflecting an increase of 27 percent during the four year period. Highlighting on portfolio management, Nchimbi said Umoja Fund maintained a balanced portfolio with 30.39 percent in equity and the rest in debt securities.

"Under the debt component the scheme had treasury bonds investments at around 57.76 percent to take advantage of the higher yields and stable cash flow while in corporate bonds, we have invested about 11.68 percent," the UTT AMIS Investment Director added.

"Returns from Umoja Fund are the same across all types of investors whether they are of small, medium or high net worth," she noted. Launched in May 2005, Umoja Fund has continued to perform well in the market. By year ending June 2019, the net asset value per



UTT AMIS investors follow a presentation at annual general meeting held in Dar es Salaam last week. Photo: Correspondent Beatrice Philemon.

unit increased to 576.92/- per unit reflecting eight times growth in value from 70/- during the launch of the Fund.

Speaking at the AGM, UTT AMIS's Board Chairman, Casimir Kyuki said in an effort to extend its services to the majority of the people especially those in rural areas, UTT AMIS has launched an application to allow anyone from anywhere in the country invest in its vehicles.

"Through UTT AMIS application, investors will be able to buy units, check their last five transactions, tracking their investment report, all through their mobile phone," Kyuki said saying payment can also be done using mobile money platforms such as TigoPesa, M-Pesa, Airtel Money, T-Pesa and HaloPesa.

He said the digital system is currently being finalized so that both smartphone and

feature phone users can access the fund's site and conduct transactions. He said UTT AMIS funds can now be accessed by smartphone holders and that CRDB Bank's platform has already been integrated.

"All services will be accessed through the application which I advise our investors to download," he added.

Addressing the delegates, CRDB Bank Plc's Client Relationship Manager

for Custodian Services, Mary Mponda called on the investors to continue backing the fund because their money is making profits and in safe hands.

"As custodians of Umoja Fund our responsibility is to oversee that the management of the fund so that it performs in accordance with regulations to ensure that interests of the unit holders are protected," Mponda noted.



Rwandan Prime Minister, Edouard Ngirente.

TARGET

Rwanda premier: Taxes are due to contribute 20.4% of GDP by 2024

KIGALI

Prime Minister Edouard Ngirente has said that more efforts are needed in tax collection so that taxes contribute 20.4 per cent to national Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by 2024. He said that the target is set under National Strategic Transformation (NSTI). He was speaking on Friday during the taxpayers' appreciation day at Intare Conference Arena. In the 2018/19 fiscal year, taxes contributed 16.3 per cent from 11.3 per cent in the past ten years.

"This is an occasion to celebrate economic development achievements thanks to the contribution of taxes. We thank Rwanda Revenue Authority for exceeding the target in terms of tax collection for 2018/19 fiscal year," he said.

He said taxes will increase by also promoting locally produced products and exports development to ensure self-reliance under vision 2050. "We urge taxpayers not to evade taxes. We urge them to use EBMs for efficient tax collection," he said adding that government is going to assess all challenges expressed by taxpayers.

Uzziel Ndagijimana, the Minister of Finance and Economic Planning said that taxes contributed 65.6 per cent to the 2018/2019 budget and that the target will increase to 68.3 per cent in the 2019/2020 fiscal year considering the budget of Rwf2. 876 billion.

In the 2018/19 fiscal year, Rwanda Revenue Authority collected Rwf1.422 billion surpassing the target of Rwf1.392 billion. "This means an increase of Rwf30 billion equalling 2.2 per cent," Pascal Bizimana Ruganintwali, RRA Commissioner General said.

He added that the challenges still persisting include people who do not register their income generating businesses, evading the use of EBMs invoices, smuggling and others. "This fiscal year, we have set a target of collecting Rwf1.579 billion. We continue campaigns to educate taxpayers, reform tax laws and enforce the use of EBMs and ICT in service delivery," he said.

He further added that campaigns have started to enforce the use of

EBM Version 2, the software which is supposed to replace the Electronic Billing Machines. Robert Bapfakurera, the chairman of Private Sector Federation lauded the initiative to award best taxpayers.

"It has been a good culture to organize this day. The Private Sector Federation plays a big role in national development. We pledge to perform better through domestic market and international market. We commit to contribute to Made-In-Rwanda to reduce trade deficit," he said.

At least 36 taxpayers mainly from industries, bank and projects were awarded. The recognition was based on their performance in paying taxes in 2018/19. The selection criteria looked at those who pay on time and a big amounts of taxes, those who do not commit fraud, and those who use EBM, among others.

The best tax payers include; B&G General Supply Ltd from Bugesera district, Shapoorji Pallonji and Company Private Limited from Gisagara district, Mulindi Factory Company Limited in Gicumbi district, Centre d'Accueil St François Xavier in Rubavu District and Randa Construction Ltd.

They also include Jali Investment, Crimson Logic Ltd, Vizor International Ltd and Africa Lubricant Manufacturing Company Ltd. The small and medium taxpayers awarded are; Shema Power Lake Kivu Ltd, Afriprecast Ltd and Pfunda Tea Company.

Big tax payers are Societe Petroliere Ltd, MTN Rwandacell, Skol Brewery Rwanda and I&M Bank Rwanda Plc. Taxpayers who use the EBMs well include Hotel Chez Lando, Soreco Ltd (Alimentation La Gardienne), Carrefour Supermarket and Sawa Citi Ltd.

The best tax payers with Made in Rwanda initiative are Imana Steel Rwanda Ltd, Ruliba Clays Ltd and Minimex Ltd. Bralirwa, Park Inn Kigali by Radisson, MM & RJD Company Ltd were announced as the best tax payers. Rusirare Jacques, Bank of Kigali, National Police and Defense forces emerged as best tax payers who have received the awards several times.

SENSITIZATION

Lack of financial management skills killing women's businesses



Finance and Planning deputy minister Dr Ashatu Kijaji. File photo.

By Francis Kajubi

LACK of financial management skills is taking a toll on youths and women's businesses whose lifespan rarely goes beyond three years since being established.

Speaking at the fourth session of the 'Ibuka youth campaign' organized by Financial Sector Deepening Trust (FSDT) held at University of Dar es Salaam over the weekend, Deputy Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, Dr Ashatu Kijaji said youths and women are active in seizing economic opportunities but lack of skills is affecting them negatively.

"The majority of youths and women who borrow from district councils through the allocated 10 per cent of revenue collected fail to pay back their

loans," Dr Kijaji said.

She said financial institutions have not done much in reaching out to the two groups with financial management training hence their vulnerability. She called upon the institutions to initiate a campaign in schools, colleges and universities where many entrepreneurs are groomed.

"Neither the government nor the private sector can employ all young graduates the majority of which join entrepreneurship. This is why it is essential for financial institutions like banks to offer financial management training to help them develop and sustain businesses they start," she added.

Bank of Tanzania Deputy Governor for Financial Stability and Deepening, Dr Bernard

Kibesse said that technology advancements are helping youth in engaging in financial matters in discussions but business skills and innovation are essential in making sure that the group is not left behind in economic activities.

"The majority of youth have problems with saving part of their earnings, even those with small businesses don't understand how to expand their businesses through separation of business expenditure and their personal expenditure," Dr Kibesse said.

"The problem of financial management among youth can be solved if they become disciplined in handling their money and know what they want in life and how to achieve it," he added.

Briefing Dr Kijaji, Executive Director FSDT, Sothenes Kewe said that the campaign is a unique youth awareness exercise designed to unearth concerns of young people on their access to and usage of financial services.

"The goal of this campaign is to initiate communication approaches that will steer dialogue towards addressing existing gaps in access and usage of appropriate financial services. The campaign has been to universities in Dodoma, Mwanza, Morogoro and Dar es Salaam and has more than 3,000 through dialogues. We will be in Zanzibar before the end of the year," Kewe said.

According to FinScope Tanzania 2017 Survey, youth aged 16 to 24 years are about a quarter of the adult population, the majority of whom are still dependent on others to pay their expenses, to be provided with money (37 percent) or involved in casual labor (21 percent) which does not offer them a consistent source of income.

CRACKDOWN

KRA to hire 1,000 spies in war against tax cheats

NAIROBI

The Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) has been allocated additional cash to hire 1,000 intelligence and enforcement officers who will identify and arrest wealthy tax cheats in what promises to be the biggest crackdown on high-net-worth individuals who owe the taxman.

Parliament's Budget and Appropriations Committee on Tuesday evening asked the Treasury to provide an additional Sh2 billion to enable the taxman hire more employee. The bulk of the additional staff will be tasked with investigating rich people's sources of income and their expenditure against their tax remittances, sources at KRA said. Some will work on intelligence reports to seek recovery of unpaid taxes with the additional staff being given a target of raising Sh50 billion in the period ending June next year.

"Increase Sh2 billion to the Kenya Revenue Authority budget for recruitment of an additional 1,000 officers countrywide in order to generate an additional Sh50 billion in revenue in support of the achievement of this year's revenue targets," said the National Assembly committee.

The additional KRA staff will also step up the analysis of companies' financial dealings, especially firms doing business with the national government and counties, to unearth tax cheats by matching their payments and income declared to the authority.

The committee's recommendations are contained in the report reviewing the supplementary budget where it has cut the

extra funding the Treasury had requested for the 2019-20 financial year, saying the State's revenue collection will fall short of forecasts.

In mid-November, the Treasury had requested a Sh86.6 billion or three percent rise in spending for roads, health and projects to support the manufacturing sector, a priority under President Uhuru Kenyatta's Big Four Agenda. However, the committee slashed the amount to Sh49.8 billion and now wants the KRA to step up tax collections in an environment where the taxman is struggling to meet targets due to lower corporate profits and job cuts.

Now, the budget committee wants KRA to focus on tax cheats to plug the revenue shortfalls. The committee said the government's revenue collection performance for the 2019-20 financial year, which ends in June, may fall short by about Sh120 billion to stand at Sh1.7 trillion. MPs' directive to Treasury comes weeks after KRA told Parliament that the surveillance of the rich and companies had revealed the potential to collect Sh250 billion that remains unremitted to the taxman.

An 1,000 additional staff is equivalent to 12.5 percent of KRA's total workforce that stands at 8,000 currently. Once hired, they are expected to collect at least a fifth of the unremitted billions between January and June.

"The new hirings have been part of the plan because as we get the intelligence from data analysis and whistle blowers, we need to fast-track the real catching of the tax evaders," said a top KRA official who asked not to be named.

REBRANDING

Barclays Bank chief briefs Zanzibar customers on transition to Absa

By Guardian Reporter

CLIENTS of Barclays Bank Tanzania Limited have been assured that the transition to Absa Group will not change quality services and products being offered in the market.

At an event held in Zanzibar on Friday, the bank also said it wanted to show appreciation to customers for their support.

BBT's Managing Director, Abdi Mohamed said the transition to Absa is proceeding as planned. "We have taken a sequenced approach and expect some branches to reflect several elements of the new brand in the first half of December, while some branches will retain the current look," Mohamed said.

He said the intention is to take customers and the public through the transformation journey visually while continuing to operate and trade as Barclays Bank Tanzania Limited until the name officially changes after approval by the regulator.

"Barclays is committed to serving its customers and we are proud of the momentum we have built over the past three

years. Our commitment to our clients has been demonstrated in the successful execution of key financing transactions amounting to 529bn/- across sectors such as oil & gas, public sector, manufacturing and agriculture," he noted.

Responding to a question on whether customers can have the same confidence in Absa as they had in Barclays, the bank's Head of Retail Banking, Oscar Mwamfwagasi said that Absa Group is committed to building on Barclays' heritage in Africa and the strengths is already on the continent.

"We have a deep history and local knowledge in Tanzania. Our main products and services haven't changed and our customers can bank with us as confidently as they always have," Mwamfwagasi said.

Absa Group is one of the largest banking groups in Africa, with a balance sheet of more than USD 91 billion, as well as new systems with robust security provisions, he noted.

"We will not ask any customer for additional information during this time, and all customer account details will remain the same before and after the transition," he assured.



Barclays Bank's Managing Director, Abdi Mohamed (Right in blue jacket) in conversation with a client during the cocktail event in Zanzibar last week. Photo courtesy of BBT.

GENEROSITY

500 NBC staff donate blood to NBTS

By Guardian Reporter

A record 500 National Bank of Commerce staff donated blood to the National Blood Transfusion Services in Dar es Salaam last week.

Led by the bank's Chief Financial Officer, Waziri Barnabas, the staff were mobilised to support the NBTS as part of corporate social responsibility.

Barnabas said NBC has been supporting the NBTS for a long period of time because they understand the need of blood

to cater for emergencies.

"This is third time NBC management and staff are participating in the blood donation exercise in order to save lives of our fellow Tanzanian patients and victims of accidents or women who gives births and lose lots of blood in the process," Barnabas said.

He said demand for blood for emergency remains high hence the need to back the NBTS and urged the public to voluntarily adopt a culture of donating blood in order to save lives of fellow Tan-

zanians.

"It's very important that Tanzanians from all walks of life come and join NBC staff in this blood donation campaign which is expected to end tomorrow," he noted while stating that the bank targeted to donate 100 bottles. On her part, NBC's acting Human Resource Manager, Grace Mgondah said that they expected 500 staff members to turn up for the exercise by Friday last week when the campaign that was organized by the blood bank management, ended.

NBTS's official, Fatuma Mjunga said that they targeted to collect 450,000 units of blood through the campaign this year.

"Approximate demand for emergency blood in the country currently stands at 520,000 units but only 1 percent of the total population turn up to donate blood," Mjunga said. She commended NBC staff for being regular contributors to the NBTS while calling on other companies to join the bank in the exercise to help save lives.



Finance and Economic Planning minister Dr Philip Mpango (L) speaks to journalists after welcoming African Trade and Development Bank's President Dr Admassu Tadesse at Treasury offices in Dodoma last week. The bank pledged a US\$300 million loan to support infrastructure projects in Tanzania this year. Photo courtesy of Ministry of Finance.

TRANSPARENCY

MTN piloting 5G in Nigeria

ABUJA

MTN Nigeria, in collaboration with partners Huawei, ZTE and Ericsson, has showcased its 5G network in Nigeria at an event in Abuja and confirmed plans to do the same in Lagos and Calabar.

According to the operator, individual suppliers will demo its technology in each of the selected locations for pilot. Huawei was selected for Abuja, ZTE will showcase the technology in Calabar, while Ericsson has been selected for Lagos.

Mohammed Rufai, chief technical officer at MTN Nigeria said with 5G, the company can test a number of possible offerings. "5G offers tremendous benefits in terms of speed, latency (less delay), efficiency and security. This pilot offers a unique opportunity for us to explore use-cases and applications in Nigeria, and we are excited about its potential for our country and our company."

The pilots are being carried out in partnership with Nigerian government's communications technology and digital economy ministry, and the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC). Speaking at the Abuja 5G demo ceremony, Nigeria's Minister of Communications and Digital Economy, Dr Isa Pantami, described 5G as a technology that has a potential for sustainable

growth.

"I believe as long as we are able to handle the potential challenges, the deployment of 5G is very critical to our economy because of so many advantages of 5G, the issue of latency, speed and many more."

Mazen Mroue, chief operating officer, MTN Nigeria, said, "In collaboration with our technical partners and the support of the federal government (of Nigeria), we are proudly putting Nigeria on the 5G technology map." MTN Nigeria chief executive officer Ferdi Moolman confirmed that telco received trial spectrum from the NCC.

"Pushing boundaries is easier when your aspirations are supported by like-minded people. We are here today because of the support and guidance of the Ministry of Communications and Digital Economy and the Nigerian Communications Commission who provided the trial spectrum used for this. Today's success underlines the fact that we are good together."

In September 2019, NCC executive vice chairman Prof Umar Danbatta said three spectrums will be licensed as soon as the standardisation process is completed at the 2019 World Radio communication Conference hosted recently in Egypt.

DONATION

Azania Bank supports orphanage in Simiyu

By Guardian Reporter, Simiyu

AZANIA Bank Limited's staff and customers raised millions of shillings in support of Mary Mother of God Orphanage in Simiyu region. The money was raised in October during customer service week.

In a statement, the Dar es Salaam based bank said the donation which also included hats and health insurance cards for the orphans many of who are albinos, was handed over by Lamadi Branch Man-

ager, Muhiddin Mjuvi.

"In commemorating customer service week which took place worldwide in October, Azania Bank staff with their customers raised funds to support the communities facing different challenges," the statement said.

"Funds managed to support the centre with health insurance cards and safari hats which are a basic requirement for children with Albinism," the statement added.



Azania Bank's Lamadi Branch Manager Muhiddin Mjuvi (in black) present a dummy cheque to sister Maria Hellena, the trustee of Holy Mary Mother of God Orphans Centre in Simiyu Region. The orphanage hosts children with albinism.

INNOVATION

Cruise industry takes first 'green' steps



World's first hybrid cruise ship, Roald Amundsen.

OSLO

The cruise industry, long criticised for polluting the environment, is slowly trying to go greener by exploring new technologies, from hybrid solutions to high-tech sails.

Cruises get a bad reputation for their climate footprint and even more for the air pollution they generate. Most cruise ships run on heavy fuel, which is cheap but full of harmful substances -- such as sulphur oxide, nitrogen oxide (NOx) and fine particles -- that increase the risk of respiratory and cardiovascular disease.

The use of heavy fuel is currently permitted everywhere except in Antarctica. Some 203 cruise ships in Europe generated more than 10 million tonnes of CO2 emissions in 2017 -- the equivalent of the annual emissions of Luxembourg or Cyprus -- according to a report by campaign group Transport & Environment.

Their study also said the ships spewed 20 times more sulphur oxide than the 260 million cars on Europe's roads. While some progress is being made, it is slow going. "Only a small proportion of fleets is becoming cleaner, while the industry by large continues to rely on heavy fuels and fails to employ exhaust technology," German NGO

Nabu said in its 2019 ranking of cruise ships by air pollution and climate emissions.

Sulphur levels allowed in ship fuel will be reduced from 3.5 percent to 0.5 percent under new International Maritime Organization rules from January 1, 2020. In some areas, like the North Sea and the Baltic Sea, the maximum level authorised is already 0.1 percent.

New paths Norwegian company Hurtigruten launched the world's first hybrid diesel-electric cruise ship, the Roald Amundsen, this summer equipped with two lithium-ion battery packs that complement its four diesel engines -- similar to a Toyota Prius.

The batteries provide the necessary energy to meet peaks in demand without having to start another engine and reduce both fuel consumption and CO2 emissions by 20 percent, according to Hurtigruten.

French shipbuilder Ponant has opted for a hybrid with dual-fuel LNG/battery propulsion for its icebreaking cruise ship Le Commandant Charcot, due to be finished by 2021. The ship, which will sail to the geographic North Pole, will be zero-emission in electric mode, which it can do for a few hours.

When running on LNG, CO2 emissions will be reduced by 25 percent, nitrogen oxide by 85 percent and fine particles by 95 percent, according to the company. Like Hurtigruten, Ponant voluntarily stopped using heavy fuel on its fleet this year.

The full-gas behemoths Aida Nova and Costa Smeralda top the Nabu ranking. Owned by Italy's Costa Cruises and its German subsidiary Aida, the two cruise ships were launched in 2018 and 2019 and can each carry 6,500 passengers.

They are the first to run entirely on LNG, which means they generate very low levels of fine particles. Several other LNG companies have also ordered LNG cruise ships. Numerous shipyards are looking to the past for inspiration, particularly sail power. Chantiers de l'Atlantique, a French shipyard, has developed a new sailing series named Silenseas.

It reduces emissions using a special kind of sail together with other clean energies, such as LNG and batteries. Companies such as Aida and American Princess Cruises have decided to modify their ships so they can plug into electricity grids on land rather than running their engines, which is a major source of pollution in the harbours they visit.

CHANGE OF GUARD

Saudi Arabia assumes G20 presidency with new logo

RIYADH

Saudi Arabia assumed the G20 Presidency on Sunday, taking the reins from Japan and bringing the forum to the Middle East for the first time since the summit started in 2008. To mark the occasion, the Kingdom rolled out a new logo for the presidency as it looks towards the Leaders' Summit in Riyadh on November 21-22 next year.

"The Saudi G20 Presidency is committed to continuing the work from Osaka and promoting multilateral consensus. Working with our G20 partners, we will strive to deliver concrete actions and realise opportunities to enable us to face the challenges of the future", said Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence, commending the work of the 2019 Japanese presidency.

The forum, which gathers finance ministers, central bank governors and policymakers to discuss global economic issues, emerged out of the G7 and G8 after the 2008 global financial crisis and held its inaugural summit in Washington DC that year. Attendees include the world's 19 largest economies and the European Union, which represents more than 80 per cent of the global economy.

Under the theme of "Realising opportunities of the 21st Century for all", next year's G20 will focus on three aims, according to the state-run Saudi Press Agency. These include empowering people -- especially women and young people -- by creating conditions in which they can live, work and thrive; safeguarding the planet by



G20's new logo under Saudi Arabia's leadership.

fostering collective efforts on food and water security, climate, energy and environment; and shaping new frontiers by adopting long-term, bold strategies to share the benefits of innovation and technological advancement.

Saudi Arabia said it is committed to ensuring the G20 continues to reflect a broad and inclusive range of international perspectives, according to SPA. The kingdom has already extended invitations to Jordan, Singapore, Spain and Switzerland for the event.

Regional organisations that have also been invited, include the Arab Monetary Fund, the Islamic Development Bank, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, the African Union, the Gulf Cooperation Council, and the New Partnership for Africa's Development.

CHOICE

Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey doesn't use Google on his cellular phone

NEW YORK

The Twitter founder and CEO - who also serves as CEO of mobile payments firm Square - took aim at Google with a cheeky tweet. It read: "I love @DuckDuckGo. My default search engine for a while now. The app is even better!"

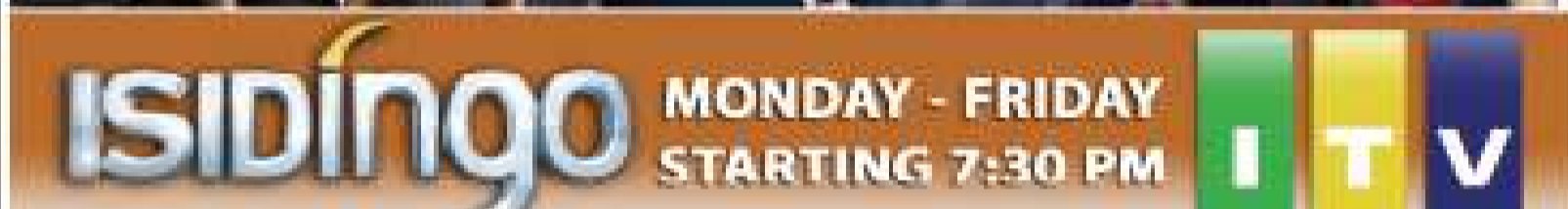
DuckDuckGo's own Twitter account responded to Dorsey, writing That's great to hear @jack! Happy to have you on the Duck side," followed by a duck emoji. Founded in 2008 in the US, DuckDuckGo is a search engine that prioritizes user privacy, sporting the tagline "Privacy, simplified." It eschews personalised search results and refuses to profile its users. It sets itself as a more privacy-focused alternative to Google search, which famously hoovers up user data to inform its ads.

Though DuckDuckGo is a well-visited site in absolute terms, with an Alexa rank of 187 as of November, it's small fry when com-

pared with Google. As such, it says it focuses on returning what it deems to be the best search results, rather than the most search results. It's available as an app both on Google and Apple's app stores.

This is not the first time Dorsey has trolled a tech giant in a tweet, with Facebook in particular facing his mockery. A number of recent Dorsey tweets have taken aim at the social media behemoth, including one earlier this month that mocked its recent logo rebrand from lower case to all-caps. Dorsey's tweet read simply "Twitter... from TWITTER."

On a more serious note, Dorsey announced in a tweet thread late October that Twitter would be banning all political ads from its platform. Though his announcement didn't mention Facebook by name, the decision was clearly informed by the ongoing firestorm over Facebook's policy of allowing political ads containing lies on its platform.



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WORLD

President Trump faces two impeachment deadlines as inquiry shifts focus

WASHINGTON

U.S. President Donald Trump faced two deadlines in Congress yesterday as Democrats prepared to shift the focus of their impeachment inquiry from fact-finding to the consideration of possible charges of misconduct over his dealings with Ukraine.

The Democratic-led House of Representatives Judiciary Committee, tasked with considering charges known as articles of impeachment, has given the president until 6 p.m. EST (2300 GMT) yesterday to say whether he or his legal counsel will participate in an impeachment hearing on Wednesday.

The hearing, the first in a series of proceedings expected before the committee, will hear testimony on the im-

peachment process established under the U.S. Constitution from a panel of legal experts that has yet to be named.

Hearings before the committee, which has responsibility for crafting any formal charges against Trump, are a major step toward possible charges. Democratic House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, who will make the final decision, has not said yet whether the Republican president should be formally impeached. But in a letter to supporters last week, she called for him to be held accountable for his actions.

Trump has denied any wrongdoing and called the impeachment inquiry a witch hunt aimed at unseating a democratically elected president. The White House has not yet indicated whether it



US President Donald Trump

will take part in the House Judiciary proceedings.

House Judiciary Chairman Jerrold Nadler has also set a 5 p.m. EST (2200 GMT) deadline on Friday for Trump to say whether he intends to mount a defense at further proceedings expected next week that would examine the evidence against him.

Three investigating panels, led by the House Intelligence Committee, are due to release a formal evidence report this week after lawmakers return

to Congress on Tuesday from their Thanksgiving recess.

The report will outline evidence gathered by lawmakers on the panel, along with those on the House Foreign Affairs and Oversight committees.

Congressional investigators have been looking into whether Trump abused his power by pressuring Ukraine to launch investigations of former Democratic Vice President Joe Biden, who is running to unseat him in the 2020 presidential election, and a discredited conspiracy theory that Ukraine, not Russia, interfered in the 2016 U.S. presidential election.

The president and his Republican allies in Congress say the inquiry has been unfair, because it did not allow the White House to have legal counsel present or call witnesses during weeks of closed-door testimony and open hearings before the House Intelligence Committee.

However, Republican lawmakers were able to question witnesses during the closed door hearings and called three witnesses during the public hearings that wrapped up last week.

"The president may well look at this, or his counsel may well look at this, and say: Why would we want to get in here and legitimize this process, when it was made illegitimate at the beginning by shutting us out?" said Republican Representative Tom Cole.

The House Judiciary Committee could vote on whether to recommend articles of impeachment within the next two weeks, setting the stage of a possible impeachment vote by the full House before Christmas, according to Democratic aides.

If the House impeaches Trump, the Republican-controlled Senate would hold a trial to determine whether he should be convicted and removed from office.

Agencies

African countries urged to pursue non-violent ways in silencing guns

ADDIS ABABA



AFRICAN parliamentarians and the African Union (AU) have called on African countries to develop and activate non-violent conflict resolution mechanisms so as to realize the continent's flagship "Silencing the Guns" initiative.

The call was made on Saturday by African experts and policymakers during a two-day high-level forum for women and youth parliamentarians that are drawn from the 235-member AU's legislative body - the Pan-African Parliament (PAP), which was concluded on Saturday at the AU headquarters in the Ethiopian capital Addis Ababa.

"I believe that peace, security and socio-economic development should be pursued simultaneously. One cannot exist without the other," Ramtane Lamamra, AU's High Representative on Silencing the Guns, told the continental forum that envisaged to shore up efforts focusing on silencing the guns across the continent.

Lamamra (pictured), in particular, urged the Pan-African Parliament, which is the AU Commission's legislative arm, to persuade AU member states "to develop and implement National Action Plans on silencing the guns."

"I cannot over-emphasize your oversight role over national legislative bodies. I urge you to use your platform, to lobby African governments to commit to tangible action on peace and security," Lamamra said.

The women and youth caucuses of the pan-African parliament meeting, which brought together more than 50 women and youth legislators across Africa, was jointly organized by the Office of the AU High Representative for Silencing the Guns in Africa, the AU Department of Political Affairs and the Office of the Special Envoy for Women, Peace and Security.

Amina Abdou Souana, Chairperson of the Pan-African Parliament's Committee on Education, also stressed the need to apply non-armed ways of resolving conflicts in the African continent.

"Dialogue and non-violent communal problem-solving are not new to Africans. It is deeply rooted in our culture," Souana said, adding "I share a responsibility to look after fellow Africans and to help find solutions that will benefit our continent and my own home country."

As part of AU's 50-year continental development Agenda 2063, the African leaders had previously adopted the "Silencing the Guns by 2020" continent-wide initiative as a flagship project that aims to end all conflicts in Africa by 2020.

According to AU, while good progress has been made in reducing state-driven conflicts, recurring conflicts in several regions are "rolling back gains already made in achieving lasting peace."

Aissatou Hayatou, Operations Manager for Silencing the Guns at the AU Commission, also stressed that silencing the guns would enable African countries to exert their potential on peace and economic development endeavors. "Silencing the Guns is at the nexus of peace and development. It is not just about guns, it is about what drives people to resort to guns. We need to address those underlying issues," Hayatou said.

The Bureau of the Women's Caucus of the Pan-African Parliament also on Saturday emphasized the key role that women play in peace and security-building efforts in Africa.

Noting the contribution of women and youth in silencing the guns as "critical in achieving a conflict-free Africa," the Bureau also expressed its keen interest towards augmenting their active participation in peace and conflict resolution initiatives in Africa.

The 55-member pan African bloc had recently announced that it will reinforce its efforts to silence the continent's guns, focusing in 2020, with particular focus on addressing the underlying root-causes and facilitating socio-economic development on the continent. The Pan-African Parliament (PAP) was set up to ensure the full participation of African peoples in the economic development and integration of the continent.

The PAP, based in South Africa, was established to serve as a platform for people from all African states to be involved in discussions and decision making on the problems and challenges facing the continent. It has currently a consultative, advisory and budgetary oversight powers within the AU.

Xinhua

Lavrov hopes Putin-Zelensky meeting in Paris will yield fruit

MOSCOW

THE upcoming contact between the presidents of Russia and Ukraine, Vladimir Putin and Vladimir Zelensky, in Paris due on December 9 is expected to shed light on Kiev's stance on the Minsk peace deal, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said in an interview with the program 'Moscow, Kremlin, Putin' on the Rossiya-1 TV Channel yesterday.

"This contact will be definitely

useful, because we want to understand the Ukrainian leader's stance on how to implement the Minsk agreements after these ambiguous and contradictory statements made by Zelensky's office," the top Russian diplomat said.

Lavrov stressed that there is no point in guessing whether the meeting between the two presidents would be a full-scale and full-format one.

"This will be a meeting of the Normandy Four: four leaders will



be there together at the same time. The presidential administration has said that Putin and Zelensky

would have an opportunity to talk. This won't be a formal meeting because it will take place on the sidelines of another event," Lavrov pointed out.

The Russian foreign minister noted that it's up to the Ukrainian side to decide whether the presidents will discuss bilateral relations.

"We were not the one who scaled down bilateral ties and cut transportation services. If the Ukrainian side is interested in resuming

them, like many experts in Kiev say now, I think we won't hesitate to do this."

The summit of the Normandy Four (Germany, Russia, Ukraine and France) on ironing out the Ukrainian crisis is scheduled for December 9 in Paris.

The meeting will bring together Russian President Vladimir Putin, Ukrainian President Vladimir Zelensky, German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Emmanuel Macron.

Agencies

Relic thought to be from Jesus' manger arrives in Bethlehem

BETHLEHEM, WEST BANK

A TINY wooden relic that some Christians believe to be part of Jesus' manger arrived Saturday in its permanent home in the biblical city of Bethlehem 1,400 years after it was sent to Rome as a gift to the pope.

Sheathed in an ornate case, cheerful crowds greeted the relic with much fanfare before it entered the Franciscan Church of St Catherine next to the Church of the Nativity, the West Bank holy site where tradition says Jesus was born.

The return of the relic by the Vatican was a spirit-lifting moment for the Palestinians. It coincides with Advent, a four-week period leading up to Christmas. Troubled Bethlehem in the Israeli-occupied West Bank is bracing for the occasion, where pilgrims from around the world flock to the city.

Young Palestinian scouts played bagpipes and the crowd snapped pictures as a clergyman held the silver reliquary and marched toward the church.

Christians make up a small minority of Palestinians and Bethlehem is one of the only cities in the West Bank and Gaza where Christmas is celebrated.

Brother Francesco Patton, the custodian of the Franciscan order in

the Holy Land, said Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas had asked Pope Francis to borrow the entire manger, but the pope decided to send a tiny portion of it to stay permanently in Bethlehem.

"It's a great joy" that the piece returns to its original place, Patton said, according to Wafa, the official Palestinian news agency.

A wooden structure that Christians believe was part of the manger where Jesus was born was sent by St. Sophronius, the patriarch of Jerusalem, to Pope Theodore I in the 640s, around the time of the Muslim conquest of the Holy Land.

On Friday, the thumb-sized wooden piece was unveiled to worshippers at the Notre Dame church in Jerusalem for a day of celebrations and prayer.

On Saturday evening, Palestinian Prime Minister Mohammad Shtayeh and other officials attended the a Christmas tree lighting in Manger Square outside the Church of the Nativity.

Hundreds of faithful and residents also gathered for the festive annual event, which included fireworks and songs. Crowds cheered as the giant tree was illuminated.

Revelers and worshippers alike will pack the same square for Christmas Eve festivities later in December.



Custodian of the Catholic Church in the Holy Land, Francesco Patton holds a wooden relic believed to be from Jesus' manger in the Church of the Nativity, traditionally believed by Christians to be the birthplace of Jesus Christ in the West Bank city of Bethlehem, on Saturday. (AP)

Vicious practice of US will certainly be condemned by the international community

IT is appalling that radical rioters have resorted to violence to commit crimes and cause chaos in Hong Kong. What's even worse, the U.S. Congress passed the so-called Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act of 2019 recently in an attempt to whitewash the violent acts, support the radical protesters and interfere in the internal affairs of China.

Such vicious practice to incite violence in Hong Kong disobeys justice, violates the international law and the fundamental norms of international relations, and will certainly be condemned by the international community.

Anyone with some conscience should be aware of what has really been going on in Hong Kong for the

past five months.

The rioters have smashed buildings, committed arson, attacked police officers who enforced the law rightfully and assaulted innocent citizens, seriously endangering the basic human rights of Hong Kong residents, including their personal safety and freedom of speech.

They also hurled petrol bombs into trains and stations, disabled public transportation, and besieged universities and threatened to turn them into riot bridgehead.

Hong Kong's rule of law and social order has been severely trampled and human rights and democracy are nowhere to be found.

Not one single country in the world could tolerate such horrible crimes in the name of democracy.

The violent acts have constantly challenged the bottom line of civilization and the cloak of the so-called peaceful demonstration has already been lifted.

When media reports about Hong Kong police enforcing the law to end violence became known by more people, the international media started to see through the brutality of the black-clad and masked protesters.

After a citizen of Hong Kong was burnt seriously by the protesters, Hedley Thomas, an Australian reporter, couldn't help but criticize the rioters for their horrible acts.

When a Japanese tourist was beaten by the demonstrators, foreign netizens became more aware that the so-called peaceful demonstrations are actually crimes.

What's more, many foreign universities began to help their students studying in Hong Kong to leave there since the Hong Kong universities were besieged by protesters. They warned that the violence had reached a new level.

It is recognized by the international community that the Hong Kong rioters have threatened civilization and social order and pushed Hong Kong to the edge of an abyss.

While human rights, democracy and rule of law have been wrecked in Hong Kong, the U.S. Congress, full of evil intentions, is trying to stir up troubles by passing the Hong Kong-related bill.

For months, some politicians in the U.S. have taken great pains to cover up the truth about Hong Kong. When they realized that their minions, namely the

Hong Kong protesters, became increasingly unpopular among the public, and were even disgusted by the citizens, they had no choice but to go on the stage and make no longer secret of their true intentions.

Under the guise of human rights and democracy, the U.S. politicians distorted facts, beautified violence and crimes, and challenged global justice.

The Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act of 2019 has nothing to do with human rights and democracy and is merely an attempt of the U.S. to manipulate Hong Kong for its own diplomatic purposes and benefits, noted Tom Fowdy, a scholar with the University of Oxford.

Obsessed to seek personal interests, some U.S. politicians have decided to

twist the basic values of human rights and democracy and stand opposite the justice upholders in the world.

The Hong Kong protesters seek more to insult and overthrow the government than to solve actual problems, said Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister of Singapore, adding that this is a misfortune for both Hong Kong and the entire region.

During an interview with Joey Siu, a spokesperson for anti-China chaos in Hong Kong, British journalist Tim Sebastian confronted her with questions such as why their illegal activities were safeguarding the rule of law instead, why the attempt to kill the police officers was somehow self-defense and why didn't they criticize the protesters beating those who disagree with them.

People's Daily

Belt and Road Initiative promotes integrated efforts at opening-up around the world

FROM Eurasia to Africa, America, and Oceania, joint construction of the Belt and Road has opened up new space for global economic growth, built new platforms for international trade and investment, and expanded practices for improving global economic governance.

Besides, cooperation under the framework of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) has contributed to the improving of people's livelihood and welfare around the world, while promoting coordinated efforts at opening-up among China's coastal areas, inland, and border areas and integrated development of various regions in China.

In 2014, the first solid platform project of BRI, China-Kazakhstan logistics cooperation base, was inaugurated in Lianyungang city, east China's Jiangsu province, equipping Kazakhstan, the largest landlocked country in the world, with a marine outfall to the Pacific Ocean, thus turning the country into the hub connecting Asia and Europe.

"It takes 13 hours to drive from Vientiane to Boten, while the same journey can be finished in less than 4 hours by train. We will never have to travel through those mountain roads that twist and turn a lot," according to director of the Public Works and Transport Department of Luang Namtha Province of Laos, who regards China-Laos railway as a significant landmark project in Laos' course of modernization.

The BRI is a godsend for poor countries like Laos, which helps these countries to realize modernization and keep up with the changing world, commented Vientiane Times.

Statistics indicated that Pakistan's GDP has witnessed an average annual growth rate of 4.77 percent during the past 5 years since the construction of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) kicked off.

Meanwhile, foreign direct investment (FDI) in the country has expanded around 240 percent, with the 17 projects in the CPEC contributing \$930 million to the tax revenue of Pakistan.

After joining the joint construction of the BRI, Greece has seen its largest port, Piraeus Port, which was once unable to function normally as even the bridge cranes were too rusty to lift things, catch the attention of the world and jump to the 36th place in the world in terms of container throughput.

Today, the sea lanes radiating from the Piraeus Port can reach 39 important ports of the Mediterranean countries.

With the implementation of and solid progress made by the cooperation projects under the framework of the BRI, the joint efforts to practice the BRI have brought tangible happiness and sense of gain to people of countries along the BRI route, making the Belt and Road a route to shared opportunities and common prosperity.



A cargo vessel docks at Greece's Piraeus Port.

U.S. think tank Asia Society Policy Institute recently published a research report titled "Navigating the Belt and Road Initiative". Daniel R. Russel, author of the report, wrote that "Infrastructure supports economic growth and can improve social well-being."

The comprehensive implementation of the BRI can help 32 million people get rid of moderate poverty, where people's living expenses are less than \$3.2 per day, according to a new World Bank Group study on the BRI transportation corridors.

The study revealed that the full implementation of the BRI can increase volume of global trade by 6.2 percent, trade of economies along the BRI route by 9.7 percent, and global income by 2.9 percent.

In today's world, 60 percent of the economic output comes from the coastal regions within 100 kilometers from the coastline, which causes some countries, especially the landlocked ones, to be gradually left out in the process of economic globalization. As these countries become the "deserts" of globalization, they hamper the development of economic globalization in a way.

Imbalance in development is the greatest imbalance confronting today's world. As the World Bank pointed out, a novel feature of the BRI is that it can reach the

places where traditional models of economic globalization are not willing or able to reach, and thus make the economic development of the world more balanced.

The BRI boosts connectivity among Asia, Africa, and Europe, and paves way for the economic growth of countries along the route and China's own development, noted the website of Junge Welt, a German daily newspaper.

China has made great efforts to expand market access for foreign investment in broader areas, strengthen international cooperation on intellectual property protection, increase imports of goods and services, implement more effective international coordination on macro-economic policies, and put more focus on the implementation of opening-up policies.

At the moment when the world is faced with mounting unilateralism and protectionism, China endeavors to embrace development opportunities by opening its door wider to the rest of the world with the aim of pursuing mutually beneficial and win-win results and promoting the high-quality construction of the BRI by closer cooperation.

It is believed that with all the joint efforts to further promote the construction of the BRI, a highly anticipated glorious future featuring openness, inclusiveness, and win-win cooperation is approaching. **People's Daily**



Incumbent Geingob wins Namibia presidential election

WINDHOEK

NAMIBIA'S incumbent President Hage Geingob has won the 2019 presidential election with 56.3% of the vote, the Electoral Commission of Namibia (ECN) said on Saturday, surviving the country's biggest corruption scandal, an economic recession and a fractured ruling party.

Geingob (pictured), Namibia's third leader since the sparsely populated and mostly arid country freed itself from the shackles of apartheid South Africa in 1990, was seeking a second and final term in the Nov 27 election.

First elected in 2014 with 87% of the vote, Geingob garnered 56.3% and avoided a potential re-run against a member of his own party, Panduleni Itula, who was running as an independent.

Itula, a dentist-turned-politician, trailed behind with 29.4% of the vote, and the leader of the official opposition party, McHenry Venaani, was in third position with 5.3%.

Geingob told cheering crowds that he was proud that the elections were free and fair. "I am just a proud Namibian that we could have free and fair elections, no fighting, no attacking each other, free movement was allowed," said Geingob. In the legislative vote to choose 96 members of parliament, the ruling party lost its two-thirds majority after the ruling party secured 63 seats, down from 77 seats, while the official opposition party, Venaani's Popular Democratic Movement (PDM) party, will hold 16 seats, improving from its 2014 total of five in the legislative chamber.

Agencies

Russia's US envoy slams calls to 'deter' Russia as dangerous

NEW YORK

RUSSIAN Ambassador to the United States Anatoly Antonov described attempts to treat Russia as a dangerous enemy that must be deterred as dangerous and unrealistic.

"In the local information space, one can often hear that

Russia is a dangerous and unpredictable enemy that must be deterred by various means.

This approach can hardly be described as a far-seeing one," he told the Youth Forum in New York on Saturday. "A focus on diminishing the role of our country in the world is unrealistic and even dangerous."

"I would like to underline that the Russian foreign policy is not anti-American," he said, adding that Moscow was ready for constructive cooperation. "All that we want is respect for our interests, a fair and equal dialogue."

The ambassador added that Russia-related topics in the US

media are often very biased and one-sided, citing as an example the November 6 article by New York Times, which alleges that the Carmel Institute of Russian Culture and History at American University "presents too favorable a perspective on Russia."

"It is unclear that a one-sided

approach of this kind will not benefit bilateral relations," Antonov said. "That is why I think that our joint task is to form an unbiased attitude to our country, an objective view of it among the Americans."

In his words, the Russian Embassy in Washington counts on Russian compatriots' contribu-

tion into improving bilateral relations.

"I mean countering Russophobic sentiments and solving our key task - building friendly and mutually beneficial Russian-US relations," he said. "I'm sure their normalization is in line with key interests of both peoples." **Agencies**

Online community - new front in China's fight against AIDS

BEIJING

AS Beijing embraced this winter's first snowfall on Friday, Zhou Bo, an HIV testing volunteer, was busy in his well-heated downtown office and unaware of the chilly weather outside.

"I have already received nine people today, and five more to be expected according to the reservation system."

He said about 10 to 15 often show up during workdays, and 20 to 30 on Saturdays and Sundays. The test lab where Zhou works belongs to a non-government institution of AIDS control and prevention in China, which also operates one of the country's biggest gay dating apps called Blued.

Anyone can make a reservation with a testing room on the location-based app.

Blued has nearly 40 million registered users globally, with 60 percent in China. Voluntary testing is an important part of AIDS prevention and control, in which online communities can play a big role, said Zhang Dapeng, vice president of the company's health sector.

"Blued's anonymous reservation and testing service can reach certain groups of people that are difficult to be reached through traditional means, and is more efficient and convenient," Zhang said.

Zhang used to work for the city's health and disease control department for years.

He said Beijing has four such labs, which offered free testing for 8,000 people in 2018. China has made significant progress in AIDS prevention and control, especially in recent years, said Gao Fu, head



A surgeon treats an AIDS patient in a hospital in Zhengzhou, Henan Province, Aug. 3, 2019. (Xinhua/Li An)

of the country's disease control and prevention center.

HIV infection via blood transmission has been almost eliminated, while infection among drug users through injection and mother-to-child transmission have been effectively curtailed.

Gao said the containment of transmission through sex has become the most important aspect of AIDS control.

In September, the Chinese government introduced a three-year plan from 2019 to 2022 to curb the spread of AIDS, in which the role of the internet was highlighted. Blued mentioned in a report that its AIDS-related public service advertising reached over 130 million pop-ups on its App, received nearly 24 million views.

Zhang said the online testing reservation system has won support from related government depart-

ments.

So far, over 90 AIDS-prevention organizations have entered the platform to carry out anti-AIDS advertising and intervention, networking nearly 200 HIV testing stations nationwide, building an "air testing room" that is just one tap away from app users. "To protect privacy and prompt more people to take the test, one only needs to provide the last four digits of their phone number and can use a pseudonym," Zhou said. Only those with results tested positive are required to produce their ID cards for final confirmation from local disease control centers.

Zhou became a volunteer eight months ago when one of his friends was infected with HIV.

Having no knowledge at all, he wanted to help but didn't know how. "I've learned a lot here and helped a lot of people," he said. **Xinhua**

According to the Beijing Municipal Health Commission, a total of 2,669 new HIV/AIDS cases were reported in the first ten months of this year in the city, down 71 percent year on year.

Since the first case in 1985, which was also the nation's first, Beijing had reported 32,268 HIV/AIDS cases as of the end of October, and 22,147 of them are still alive, the commission said. The theme of the 2019 observance of World AIDS Day is "Communities make the difference."

Online communities should and must be an important part, especially in China, a country with a highly-developed mobile internet industry, Zhang said. "I believe the internet will play an even bigger role in HIV/AIDS prevention and control in China, offering more practical experience to the world." **Xinhua**

Sudanese experts say Nile dam talks hard to settle disputes

KHARTOUM

SUDANESE experts have said the prolonged negotiations regarding the disputed Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD) would not lead to settlement of outstanding issues among relevant countries.

The remark was made on Saturday ahead of a new round of talks between irrigation ministers of Sudan, Egypt and Ethiopia, slated for Dec. 2 to 3, in the Egyptian capital of Cairo.

During the talks, technical committees of the three countries will try to reach an agreement on the filling and operation of the GERD before Jan. 15, 2020.

"These negotiations will not lead to anything, that is why I left the Nile water file," said Ahmed Al-Mufti, former member of Sudan delegation to the Nile water negotiations and its legal adviser.

"If the outcomes of the technical committees are non-binding and the construction continues, it means that the negotiations are not serious," noted Al-Mufti.

He went on saying that "Sudan and Egypt have recently reached a conviction that the current negotiation is not feasible as it has been confined to marginal issues relating to the filling and operation of the dam.

What matters more are the ensuring of water security and water supply, as well as that the dam would not collapse."

The expert stressed that the ongoing negotiations since 2011



have not reached any result, saying "therefore, Egypt asked for the mediation of the United States of America."

"No international intervention can achieve any result since the Declaration of Principles, signed by the three countries in 2015, still works," he added. Haider Yousif, a Sudanese national expert in water resources, for his part, sees that Sudan and Egypt are in real trouble after signing the Declaration of Principles in 2015.

"This agreement has granted Ethiopia all rights relating to operating and filling the dam, while it has not given Sudan or Egypt any share in electricity, except for statements saying the two countries have the priority in purchasing the electricity from Ethiopia without specifying the price or quantity,"

Yousif said. He explained that the biggest risk for Sudan is the safety of the dam, saying that "there are no precautions for earthquakes and volcanoes, while the dam is located at a region of volcanoes."

There is a great risk of building such a huge dam of a capacity of 74 billion cubic meters of water."

Yousif, further, stressed that "legal argument" is the only solution for the issue.

The three countries' water ministers held a meeting in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, last November, with participation of the U.S. and the World Bank as monitors.

During the meeting, the three countries presented proposals regarding the filling and operation of the GERD.

In March 2015, leaders of Egypt, Sudan and Ethiopia signed a declaration of principles committed to reaching an agreement regarding the GERD through cooperation.

But differences are still standing despite the deal. Ethiopia started building the GERD in 2011, while Egypt, a downstream Nile Basin country that relies on the river for its fresh water, is concerned that the dam might affect its 55.5-billion-cubic-meter annual share of the water resources of the river. **Xinhua**

It is necessary to analyze the current economic development in China from a dialectical approach and try to keep a balance between the overall strategy and specific tactics.

Strategically speaking, China needs to focus on the general picture, stay confident about its economy, and believe that small setbacks are only temporary.

As for specific tactics, China should always calculate the potential risks, prepare for the worst and make plans in advance in accordance with the right approaches so as to ensure the long-term stability of its economy.

It should be noted that China has secured progress in its eco-

Working to ensure long-term economic stability of China

economic development in the first three quarters.

Major economic indicators remained within a reasonable range in the first ten months, yet some fluctuated to some extent, indicating that the Chinese economy is faced with downward pressure.

Globally, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has lowered its world economic growth forecast for five consecutive times this year.

In the face of complex internal and external environment, China must effectively guard

against major risks, focus on its problems, goals and results, and continue to apply reform and opening up so as to tackle the problems in development one by one and step by step.

China should focus on solving prominent issues. To implement macro-control based on local conditions, the priority is to accurately identify potential risks and eliminate them little by little.

For example, the common problem found in all regions lies in the insufficiency of effective demand. However, the same problem is caused by various rea-

sons in different regions, such as weak manufacturing and private investment, sluggish consumption, especially in rural areas, and poor implementation of capacity relocation.

In this regard, regions should make clear their main targets and priorities of work, adopt different policies, allocate resources, and act timely and accordingly.

China needs to fill the gap and address inadequacies in accomplishing the regional tasks and targets for the year.

The annual plans for economic and social development of, as sol-

emn commitment to the people that is legally binding, require all regions to make great efforts to fulfill the goals.

If faced with increasing financial pressure and striking imbalance between revenue and expenditure, the local government should step up their efforts in optimizing the business environment to promote the production and operation of manufacturing enterprises.

To guarantee the supply of important commodities that affect people's living standards and stabilize prices, the govern-

ment must break down the tasks and evaluate how well they are achieved separately.

Only by filling the gap responsibly and turning weakness into motives can the work concerning stabilizing employment, finance, foreign trade, foreign investment, domestic investment and market expectations be solidly accomplished.

China must discard formalism and bureaucracy and only concentrate on making solid achievements.

All regions need to make actual efforts, which is not an easy thing

to do, to deepen supply-side structural reform, unwaveringly fight the three tough battles of preventing and defusing financial risks, targeted poverty alleviation and pollution control.

In some places, the officials spoke a lot about structural deleveraging to keep leverage ratios in major sectors under control, yet when implementing it, they tend to be conservative and reserved.

Besides, some regions have made ambitious plans to develop key core technologies, but they tried little to make it easier to approve the projects and introduce talents.

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Houston Rockets guard Ben McLemore (16) hangs on the rim after his dunk as Atlanta Hawks forward DeAndre Hunter (12) looks on during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Saturday, Nov. 30, 2019, in Houston. (AP Photo)

Harden scores 60 in 31 minutes, Rockets rout Hawks 158-111

HOUSTON

JAMES Harden's performance on Saturday night was enough to make even those who see him put up gaudy numbers night after night step back and marvel at his work.

Harden scored a season-high 60 points in 31 minutes and the Houston Rockets sent the struggling Atlanta Hawks to their 10th straight loss with a 158-111 romp.

"It's like everything else he does – unbelievable," coach Mike D'Antoni said.

Harden came one point shy of matching his career high and franchise record on a night he made eight 3-pointers and 20 free throws. He watched the entire fourth quarter from the bench with Houston up 127-73 at the end of three.

"What he's doing has not been seen," teammate Austin Rivers said. "My man had 60 and didn't play the fourth quarter. Name another player who could do that right now."

It was Harden's fourth career 60-point game, tying him with Michael Jordan for third-most in NBA history, trailing only Kobe Bryant (six) and Wilt Chamberlain (32). Harden is the only active player who has scored 60 points more than once.

But as usual he wasn't interested in talking about reaching 60 points while spending an entire quarter on the bench.

"Nope," he said before walking off and repeating the word two more times.

The Rockets were missing starters Clint Capela and Danuel House because of illnesses, but still had no trouble handling an Atlanta team that hasn't won since Nov. 12 thanks to Harden's huge night.

"We try to do what we have to do against James, which is throw a lot of bodies at him," Hawks coach Lloyd Pierce said. "Try and put him under duress. He just didn't feel us."

Atlanta was never really in this one and was down by 20 points or more for most of the game. The flat effort came a night after the Hawks fell by one point in overtime to the Pacers in a game where Trae Young tied career highs with 49 points and eight 3-pointers.

Young led the Hawks with 37 points and had five 3-pointers, but it wasn't nearly enough to offset Harden's game.

The Rockets raced out to a 14-5 lead and had stretched their advantage to 81-52 by halftime behind 31 points from Harden for their third 80-point first half in franchise history.

As good as Harden was in the first two quarters, it was nothing compared to how he dominated in the third. Houston was up 83-56 early in the period before he scored all of the team's points in an 18-3 run that made it 101-59 with 7 minutes left in the period.

Harden made three 3-pointers and was fouled on 3-point attempts three other times in that stretch. He had eight assists, three rebounds, three steals and blocked a shot to go along with his 60-point effort.

After the third quarter, Harden was sitting on the bench with a towel draped over his shoulders when he was shown on the video board with a note that said he was two points shy of setting his career high. Harden looked at the screen, read the note and pointed at it while opening his mouth wide in fake shock as if to say: "I was so close," before smiling broadly.

"Yeah I was playing with the fans a little, but honestly I didn't know," he said. "But we played a really good game those first three quarters so it was an opportunity for other guys to play minutes that they've earned."

There were a few half-hearted chants of "Harden! Harden!" midway through the fourth quarter from a few fans who hoped to see Harden come back in to make Rockets history. But D'Antoni kept the bearded superstar on the bench with the game well in hand.

Meanwhile, in Miami, Dion Waiters returned to practice with the Miami Heat on Saturday, apologizing publicly for the incident on the team plane that led to his 10-game suspension.

Waiters will be with the team for its three-game trip to Brooklyn, Toronto and Boston that starts on Sunday. He has yet to play this season and has been suspended for 11 of the first 18 Heat games – costing him about \$920,000, pending appeals.

"I would like to apologize to my teammates, coaches, basketball staff, the fans and the entire organization for the incident that happened on the team plane," Waiters said in a statement distributed by the team. "I was wrong and take responsibility for what happened and am sorry for what it put everyone through."

Waiters was not available for interviews Saturday.

"We just want to put this all behind us," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said.

Spoelstra said he would not divulge what went on in the team meeting when Waiters returned to the locker room Saturday.

"We understand that a lot of things happen in an NBA season," Spoelstra said. "What we discussed in the sanctuary of our locker room, I just want to keep between us."

Waiters, according to a person with direct knowledge of the situation who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity at the time because neither the player nor team was releasing specific details publicly, was treated for a medical emergency that started on the Heat charter flight on the night of Nov. 7 from Phoenix to Los Angeles.

The person said Waiters had ingested at least one cannabis-infused edible and had a reaction serious enough that medical attention was required when the plane landed in Los Angeles.

Waiters' statement only acknowledged "the incident," and did not include any details. He was not around the team during the suspension, and he spent some of his time away in Syracuse with Jim Boeheim – his college coach.

"We want him back," Miami's Jimmy Butler said. "Great individual. Hell of a ballplayer, as we all know."

Waiters was also suspended for Miami's season opener after a series of incidents in the preseason and conflicts with Spoelstra. His reaction on social media to the first suspension was also not well-received by Miami officials.

Waiters is in his fourth Heat season, and is in the third year of a four-year, \$47.3 million contract that could have been worth about \$52 million if he reached certain incentives.

AP

Highs and lows of Aussems' stint at Simba SC

BY CORRESPONDENT MICHAEL MWEBE

FOLLOWING endless speculation and denials, Belgian coach Patrick Aussems has left Simba SC after one and half a year at the club.

His spell at the club, nicknamed 'Msimbazi Reds', brought success in the shape of Mainland Premier League trophy, two Community Shields, and CAF Champions League quarterfinal ticket, but also failures.

Here, The Guardian charts the highs and the lows during that time.

League success

Aussems' first piece of silverware came in August last year, when he lifted the Community Shield following a dramatic 2-1 win over Mtwara Sugar at CCM Kirumba in Mwanza. At the beginning of this season, he retained the Community Shield by sweeping away Azam FC 4-2 at the National Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

He won the league title last season and leaves Simba SC at the top of the domestic top flight log after playing 10 matches this season. In 48 league matches, he has lost just four and drawn seven.

Chama's magic against Nkana

Into the added minutes of the first period of the second leg of CAF Champions League first round against Zambia's Nkana, Simba were dead and buried. They trailed 1-0 on the afternoon and 3-1 on aggregate. Jonas Mkude strike on the stroke of half time meant Simba still needed another goal.

It was Zambian import, Clatous Chama, who stepped forward and delivered the goods. Chama initiated and finished his own move with a ridiculous back-heel two minutes into stoppage time.



Patrick Aussems

The goal sent Simba to the group stage of the CAF Champions League for the first time since 2003. It was voted the goal of the season at the club's end of season awards.

CAF Champions League quarterfinal ticket

Not even the most diehard Simba SC fans thought the club would progress to the knockout stage in a group involving continental giants, Democratic Republic of

Congo's AS Vita Club and Egypt's Al Ahly as well as Algeria's JS Saoura.

Two home victories saw Simba go to the last match of the group stage needing victory against AS Vita who had earlier thrashed the Tanzania club 5-0 in Kinshasa.

Once again, Simba found themselves trailing at home before Hussein Mohamed equalized. Still, Simba needed a hero if they were to continue what had already been an

amazing continental journey. Until the final few seconds of injury time, it looked like the comeback would fall just short and the journey would end.

Cometh the hour, cometh the man, the Zambian maestro, Chama, once again delivered an important goal, sparking scenes of wild celebration and sealing one of the most famous nights in the club's history. A spot in the CAF Champions League quarterfinal was confirmed.



National Sports Council (NSC) Sports Development Officer, Milinde Mahona (front row, 2nd L), hands over the national flag to the COPA Coca-Cola UMISSETA team representing Tanzania in COPA Africa games expected to start in Kenya today. The team was flagged off at National Stadium in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Fifteen African nations will participate in the games. PHOTO: GUARDIAN CORRESPONDENT

SportPesa-Tigo promotion winner now narrates journey to success

BY GUARDIAN REPORTER

THE promotion, dubbed 'Faidika na Jero', organized by gaming company SportPesa, climaxed in Dar es Salaam in October with Serengeti resident, Yusuph Jackson, emerging as overall winner and getting a brand new car, Renault KWID, from the organizers.

The 40-day promotion also had several other people emerging as winners on weekly basis and getting smartphones Samsung A10s.

Jackson, aged 29, disclosed he spent 20 days to eventually lay his hands on the prize.

He disclosed: "When I started betting through SportPesa I did not know much about betting games as I was busy with my job, when I saw the 'Faidika na Jero' adverts from Tigo on tele-

vision I opted to register and bet via SportPesa.

"I bet for 20 days as the promotion was nearing climax and I received a call from SportPesa informing me I have won the car prize.

"Honestly I didn't expect it. I had targeted to win the car and I had planned to buy more Tigo lines with the aim of winning but I wasn't sure I will win the car.

"I first thank God for what He has given me. This car will help me boost my income, therefore, I have yet to come to conclusion on whether I should use it as a taxi or hire it for other activities.

"The car was in my plans but lately I feel it has come too early. I had expected to start a venture which will help me get cash and buy a car, but I have got it in the form of a prize, for that matter my dreams have come true.

"I want my family to live in a good house, I appreciate to have got the car, and therefore I want to have my own house as it is for many youths.

"I would like to disclose to Tanzanians and my fellow Serengeti residents this prize was not arranged, it has come about thanks to my efforts in betting via SportPesa which eventually helped me win.

"There is no one at SportPesa that I know, I used my own cash to bet via SportPesa until I won."

Yusuph's wife disclosed: "He phoned me to inform me of the prize at his work place but I didn't believe the information. He was though not quite sure, believing people that informed him of the win might probably dishonest. He though told me we should wait for the procedures."

"When he came back in the evening he showed me the information he is the winner and SportPesa have already asked for his proper names and phone number, which I had already sent them, the next day he phoned me and told me to prepare his clothes for the trip to receive the prize, I then believed it."

Yusuph's friend, Michael, pointed out: "I truly appreciate my friend likes to participate in various games."

"I had told him he had won the car after I had seen the news on the social media, but he did not believe the news and he later received a call he has won, he informed me of the news. I congratulate him, I want to affirm he has legally won it and SportPesa are genuine."

Messi and Rapinoe expected to take Ballon d'Or honours

PARIS

THE biggest names in world football will descend on Paris on Monday for the 2019 Ballon d'Or ceremony, with Lionel Messi and USA women's World Cup superstar Megan Rapinoe tipped to leave with the honours.

It would be an enormous shock if Rapinoe did not depart the Chatelet Theatre with the women's prize as she returns to the country where she was the driving force on and off the field for the United States as they retained their title.

The suspense surrounds the identity of the men's winner, 12 months after Croatia's Luka Modric claimed the crown thanks to his exploits in dragging his country to the World Cup final and winning the Champions League with Real Madrid.

That ended a decade in which Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo had won the Ballon d'Or five times each, but the smart money now is on the Barcelona man claiming number six.

There are 30 nominees in total for the prize, organised by France Football magazine and voted for by 180 journalists from around the world.

- The case for Van Dijk -

Among the names is Ronaldo, as well as several of the stars of the Liverpool side who won the Champions League, chief among them Dutch defender Virgil van Dijk.

At one point he looked like the favourite, but Messi already pipped him to FIFA's The Best title in September.

The 32-year-old top-scored in La Liga last season with 36 goals as Barcelona won the title. He did not

have a great Copa America with Argentina, but his genius is undeniable.

"If you give the Ballon d'Or to the best player of this generation then you should give it always to Lionel Messi. That's how it is," admitted Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp.

"But if you give it to the best player of last season, then it was Virgil van Dijk. I don't know exactly how it will work but that is how I see it."

The value of individual honours in football is debatable, and the timing unsatisfactory, coming midway through the European club season.

Yet surely nobody could suggest Rapinoe would not be a deserving winner of just the second women's Ballon d'Or, an award voted for by a panel of 48 journalists.

Norway's Ada Hegerberg won it in 2018 but will not retain her title after missing the World Cup.

Among the stars of that tournament to be nominated are England's Lucy Bronze, Netherlands striker Vivianne Miedema, Australia's Sam Kerr and the USA trio of Alex Morgan, Rose Lavelle and Tobin Heath.

However Rapinoe, the 34-year-old feminist icon and outspoken critic of US President Donald Trump, should add this honour to those of Golden Boot winner for top scorer and Golden Ball for best player at the World Cup.

Even her supposed rivals seem to be rooting for her.

"She does lots of things off the pitch, but I think she is the favourite to win the Ballon d'Or mainly down to her performances during the World Cup," Bronze told France Football.

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France, Portugal, Germany drawn together at Euro 2020 as England get Croatia

BUCHAREST

FRANCE face a major hurdle if they are to add the European Championship to their World Cup crown after coming out in the same Euro 2020 group as Germany and reigning European champions Portugal in Saturday's draw in Bucharest.

Neither France nor Portugal were in Pot One for the 24-team competition being held in 12 cities across Europe, making them the dangerous teams to avoid for the top seeds.

In the event, they were all put together in a high-calibre Group F alongside Germany, who will play all their group games in Munich. That is where Joachim Loew's team will face France in their first match on June 16 and then Portugal on June 20.

"It is the hardest group, but we must accept it. It means we will have to be ready right away," said France coach Didier Deschamps.

Group F will be completed by one of the winners of the play-offs to be played next March, leaving open several possibilities including Hungary, who will play two games in Budapest should they make it.

France beat Germany in the semi-finals of Euro 2016 on home soil, before slumping in the final against Portugal.

With the four best third-placed sides all going through, it is very possible all three will progress to the last 16, but Loew is in no doubt France -- who followed their 1998 World Cup triumph by winning Euro 2000 -- are the strongest team.

"They are the world champions and have been getting stronger for



Their nations will face each other in a tough Group F at Euro 2020: Portugal coach Fernando Santos, Germany's Joachim Loew and France coach Didier Deschamps (AFP Photo). Their nations will face each other in a tough Group F at Euro 2020: Portugal coach Fernando Santos, Germany's Joachim Loew and France coach Didier Deschamps (AFP Photo)

the last three or four years. They are the group favourites," he said.

- Home advantage? -

Meanwhile, England were drawn with Croatia and the Czech Republic in Group D, with Gareth Southgate's team to play group games at Wembley, which will also host the semi-finals and the July 12 final.

That group will be completed by the team to emerge victorious from Path C in the play-offs -- either Serbia, Norway, Israel and Scotland. The latter have the added incentive of knowing they will play two games in Glasgow in the group stage should they qualify.

England faced the Czechs in qualifying, winning 5-0 at Wembley but suffering their only defeat of the campaign in Prague, losing 2-1 in October.

England will kick off at home to Croatia on June 14 in a repeat of the 2018 World Cup semi-final, which was won by the Croatians.

However, should England win their group they will have to play the Group F runners-up, setting up a possible clash with Germany, France or Portugal in the last 16.

Even if they win that, the draw is such that they could end up facing Spain in the quarter-finals.

When asked about the advantage of playing at Wembley, Southgate said: "Obviously eight or 10 teams have the advantage of home group matches, and we have only ever been to one semi-final so that doesn't become an advantage unless we get through two very complicated knockout matches as well. That is a long way down the line."

Southgate famously missed a penalty when England lost to Germany in a shootout at Wembley in the Euro 96 semi-finals, the last time they played a match at home in the tournament.

- Wales head to Baku -

Italy will face Turkey in Rome in the tournament's opening game on June 12, with Switzerland and Euro 2016 semi-finalists Wales also in that section, Group A.

Wales will play two matches in far-flung Baku, starting with Switzerland on June 13. They played there this month, and won, against Azerbaijan in a qualifier.

"Obviously come the championships it will be six or seven months down the line but we know what to expect, the facilities were fantastic there, and I think it's also great for the fans that they have got two games there," said Wales boss Ryan Giggs.

Spain will play Sweden and Poland as well as a play-off winner in Group E, with Luis Enrique's team playing in Bilbao.

Finland will face two hosts, Denmark and Russia, as well as much-fancied Belgium in Group B at what will be their first Euro.

The Netherlands, on the rise after missing Euro 2016 and the last World Cup, face Ukraine and Austria along with another play-off winner in Group C.

Saint Petersburg, Copenhagen, Amsterdam, Bucharest and Dublin will also host matches after UEFA decided to spread the Euro across the continent to mark the 60th anniversary of the first tournament in 1960.

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Arsenal hung Emery out to dry, but he's not blameless for his sacking

BY GAB MARCOTTI, SENIOR WRITER, ESPN FC

Unai Emery was hung out to dry at Arsenal. This doesn't mean it is wrong that Emery has been sacked -- it isn't, as he was largely responsible for his own demise. But in the era of the "personality manager," where selling an idea and an identity can be almost as important as results, he was never going to be right for the job unless he had a strong, visible, public voice capable of convincing fans, media and the ex-players that this wasn't a club in a permanent state of drift.

And he never got that.

Charisma and communication matter. When Emery spoke in public, he delivered a stream of cliches and non sequiturs, delivered in a slapdash way. His grasp of English didn't help, but nor was it the central issue: He isn't much clearer in Spanish either.

As the face of any club, let alone one that for more than two decades had been sculpted in the image of Arsene Wenger as compelling, thoughtful and inspirational, Emery was always going to struggle. In fact, scan the other 19 Premier League clubs and see how many have a less charismatic manager: You won't need more than the fingers on one hand to count them, or possibly more than a single finger.

Did it necessarily mean Arsenal were doomed to failure the minute they appointed him? No. In fact, you could even make an argument that after two decades of a Wenger-size personality, a more low-key coach, together with a top-drawer footballing structure that simply rebuilt the club and delivered results, might make more sense. That's what former chief executive

Ivan Gazidis was aiming to do when he brought in Raul Sanllehi as head of football, Sven Mislintat as head of recruitment (later effectively replaced by Edu as technical director) and Huss Fahmy as chief contract negotiator.

If this was a tech startup, Emery would be the brilliant coder who designed the system architecture, while the others would run the business side: recruiting talent, schmoozing clients and investors and negotiating deals. The problem is, other than Edu (and that's just because he played for the club for four seasons), the other guys wouldn't get recognised walking around the Arsenal club superstore.

So, week after week, it was Emery in the spotlight and it was Emery taking ownership of every decision. That included all the poor choices that were made before his arrival, all the poor choices made at the boardroom level and, of course, the many poor choices he made.

Let's remind ourselves of what he inherited. It was only last January that Emery announced he could only make loan signings in the winter transfer window. That was in large part due to the decision 12 months earlier to tie up some £115 million in salaries -- 1/5 of the total wage bill -- on three players who are all now 30: Mesut Ozil, Henrikh Mkhitaryan and Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang.

Ozil, one of the highest-paid players in the world on a deal worth £350,000-a-week, has started less than half of Arsenal's Premier League games since Emery's appointment and lasted 90 minutes just 13 times. Mkhitaryan isn't even at the club anymore, farmed



Arsenal fans make their feelings known in the home defeat to Eintracht Frankfurt. (Agencies)

out on loan to AS Roma. Aubameyang has played and been prolific, though given they already had Alexandre Lacazette, you wonder if signing another expensive striker was the best use of resources.

Bottom line though is that, as a whole, those huge decisions made in the space of a week backfired badly and would mark the Emery era before he even arrived.

It didn't end there, of course. Arsenal's transfer activity seemed to epitomise a lack of clear thinking. Ahead of Emery's first season, they picked up a short-term Band-Aid of a right-back in Stephan Lichtsteiner on a one-year deal even though they already had two viable right-sided defenders in Hector Bellerin and Carl Jenkinson. Lichtsteiner played 14 Premier League games. Then in the autumn, they offered a new deal to club stalwart Aaron Ramsey, only to then rescind it and watch him leave on a free transfer to Juventus. Last summer, they dragged the Shkodran Mustafi and Laurent Koscielny contract situa-

tions out until the very last minute (Mustafi stayed, while Koscielny left in acrimonious fashion) before grabbing another knee-jerk Band-Aid in David Luiz (again, small fee, but he's 32 and on a huge salary).

Despite all this, it's worth remembering that Emery dragged Arsenal to the Europa League final in May, overcoming Napoli and Valencia along the way. But for some poor finishing against Brighton, they would have finished third and be in the Champions League this season. And for all the negativity and chaos, they are one point away from fifth place and have all but qualified for the knockout rounds of the Europa League. This is not to exonerate Emery; it's simply to provide context.

There is no question that he was also the architect of his own demise with a series of decisions that are difficult to wrap your head around. He lost the fan base, with the Emirates deserted for his last match, a 2-1 Europa League defeat to Eintracht Frankfurt.

There's Denis Suarez, the solitary mid-eason loan

reinforcement who had starred for him at Sevilla. He started as many games for Arsenal as Gunnersaurus (zero) and was on the pitch for a total of 101 minutes. Then there's Nicolas Pepe, the club's record signing who has started less than two-thirds of league games (and none since October), and rarely in a 4-3-3 -- easily his best position and the one he played in becoming one of the most coveted players in Europe with Lille.

Then there's the whole captaincy debacle. It's not

that putting it to a vote was necessarily a bad idea, it's that a competent man-manager ought to work out that if the players select Granit Khaka, already one of the most abused and targeted players by his own fans, then he'd better know Khaka well enough that he's not put off by the boos, but maybe even thrives on them. We all know how well that worked out. It all boiled over when he was substituted against Crystal Palace, and Khaka was stripped of the captaincy.

The fact that Emery inherited Ozil isn't his fault. Nor is it his fault that Ozil was understandably traumatised by an attempted carjacking that affected his start to the season. What is Emery's fault is the way he handled him, especially in public when he appeared to question whether the player was actually injured. Maybe it was part of a strategy to get Ozil to take his giant salary somewhere else. Maybe it was the fact Emery is often literal and grasps nuances about as well as Data from Star Trek: TNG. Whatever the case, the outcome was that his highest-paid -- and least saleable -- star became isolated and unhappy.

To further compound matters, guess who played every minute of Arsenal's last three league outings (after making one appearance since last May)? Why, Ozil, of course. Which then meant ditching the 4-3-3 and moving to Ozil in the hole behind two strikers and Pepe watching from the bench. It smelled of a guy ripping up the blueprint and proceeding by trial and error.

That, fundamentally, is why Emery is no longer Arsenal manager. There was no vision or, if there was, it changed far too often.

Arsenal's defense is Exhibit A and while it's tempting to mock the players for "not being good enough," it's pretty clear that neither the revolving door of formations and personnel nor the insistence on playing out from the back helped. That's all on Emery and it's disappointing because his time at Sevilla (and, even more so, before that at Valencia and Almeria) showed he's tactically astute.

But you can only execute if you have the faith of the players and you can get your message across. At Paris Saint-Germain, it didn't matter as much because there was so much talent. At Arsenal, it has made all the difference. He remains a very good coach, albeit one who was unable to sell his ideas -- to fans, media and players -- and then stopped trying and simply did an about-turn on a near-weekly basis. At a different club, with a different structure -- where the people upstairs show their face and participate in selling the club and the project -- it might have been different.

Here, he was left alone. And he never had the full skill set to deal with the demands of this particular job on his own.

Gwiji by David Chikoko



Yanga look to continue fine form

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Emery reaches breaking point as Arsenal crash in Europa League

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Yanga players participate in training session in Dar es Salaam last weekend to prepare for the Vodacom Premier League clash with KMC FC slated for today in the city. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

YOUNG Africans (Yanga) will look to continue their fine form in the Vodacom Premier League when they welcome KMC FC at the Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam today afternoon.

Yanga, the 27-time league champions, secured a fifth straight league win by defeating Mwanza's Alliance FC 2-1 away on November 29, courtesy of goals by Patrick Sibomana and David Molinga.

That run also includes a 3-2 victory over JKT Tanzania, two 1-0 wins against Ndanda FC and Coastal Union.

Yanga are still very

much in the title race as they have only played seven games in the league thus far compared to the 10 outings log leaders Simba SC have had.

Yanga have plenty of ground to make up though as they are nine points adrift of log leaders but do have three games to make up the points difference.

Charles Boniface Mkwasa has not been given a timeframe for how long he should expect to serve as interim head coach of Yanga and knows this match is another chance to continue his audition for a permanent

appointment.

Burly striker Molinga will be the man to watch for Yanga. Molinga, a transfer deadline signing, has already netted four league goals, including two in his last two matches.

To keep Simba within sight, Yanga need to win against a struggling KMC FC side that is out to put an end to their poor run this season.

Due to congestion in the middle of the table a victory could thrust Yanga up into the top five.

Meanwhile, KMC FC extended

their winless run to three matches when they lost 2-0 away to Mwanza's Mbao on Tuesday last week.

The Kinondoni Municipal Council-owned side has claimed eight points from 10 games to languish in the relegation zone.

In a humbling period for a side that finished fourth last season, KMC FC coach Ahmad Ally has taken the reins on an interim basis after the sacking of Jackson Mayanja at the Kinondoni-based club and oversaw the squad's 2-1 victory over Biashara United before suffering three

consecutive losses against Kagera Sugar, Alliance FC and Mbao FC.

The club's new signings, Salim Aiyeo and Vitalis Mayanga, who between them scored a combined 28 league last season have not made any impact.

The team has scored six goals so far which is a source of concern for the technical bench.

In head-to-head terms, this will be the third top-flight meeting between Yanga and KMC FC.

Yanga completed a league double by winning 1-0 and 2-1 against KMC FC last season.

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Australia sniff victory over Pakistan after late strikes

MELBOURNE

Australia edged toward a dominant victory and a series whitewash on Sunday after leaving Pakistan wobbling at 39 for three in their second innings on day three, still 248 runs short of making the hosts bat again in the second test.

Opener Shan Masood was 14 not out, with Asad Shafiq on eight when rain brought stumps early in the day-night test at a floodlit Adelaide Oval.

After bowling Pakistan out for 302 before dinner, Australia enforced the follow-on and Josh Hazlewood duly rewarded skipper Tim Paine with two early wickets, with Mitchell Starc chipping in one.

Hazlewood trapped opener Imam-ul-Haq lbw for a duck on the cusp of dinner and later returned to have Babar Azam caught behind for eight.

Starc, who took 6-66 in the first innings, grabbed his seventh wicket for the test by dismissing Pakistan captain Azhar Ali for nine, with Steve Smith diving for a fine catch in the slips.

Having thrashed Pakistan by an innings and five runs in the Brisbane opener, Australia appear well set to sweep the series 2-0 unless weather intervenes.

Anchored by a magnificent 335 by David Warner, the home side declared their first innings closed at a mammoth 589 for three on day two and then reduced Pakistan to 89 for six in the evening session.

Australia were made to work hard for the remaining wickets on day three as Yasir Shah dug in for an unlikely century.

The stocky leg spinner was eventually caught in the deep for 113 but not before warming hearts from Peshawar to Karachi as he defiantly clung on to record his maiden test ton.

He batted superbly in partnerships with Azam and tail ender Mohammad Abbas but was all nerves when on the brink of his hundred.

Stuck on 99 with Hazlewood steaming in, hearts were in mouths as he threw his bat at a fuller delivery, with the lofted shot sailing close to a man at mid-on.

It just evaded the outstretched hand of a back-tracking Pat Cummins, allowing the 33-year-old to scamper through for a single.

Yasir, whose previous high score in tests was 42, gave David Warner a run for his money with his exuberant celebrations as he knelt down to touch his forehead to the turf before rising to brandish his bat like a sword.

Following a 104 in the Brisbane test, Azam missed out on a second consecutive century, falling for 97 when he tried to blast Mitchell Starc through the covers.

A fired-up Cummins ended Yasir and Abbas's brave ninth wicket rearguard at 87 runs with a brute of a short ball that pinged off Abbas's glove and went to Warner at gully.

Starc earlier dismissed Azam and Shaheen Afridi in consecutive balls before Abbas survived the fierce hat-trick ball.

Australia's hopes of rattling through the tail were hurt by a sloppy day in the field.

Part-time leg spinner Marnus Labuschagne put down a simple caught and bowled chance to relieve Yasir on 43 and dropped him again on 106 when fielding at short leg.

But Paine's team strode off the sodden Adelaide Oval turf satisfied with their work, with the luxury of time to knock off the seven wickets for victory.

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Azam FC confirms pitch replacement plans at Azam Complex

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

FRESH from hosting the 2019 CECAFA Senior Women Challenge Cup tournament, Azam FC's venue, Azam Complex, will have its artificial turf surface replaced this month.

Azam FC Chief Executive Officer, Abdulkarim Amin, has confirmed in Dar es Salaam that the club will replace the current artificial surface, which is eight years old. This is due to wear out and expiration of the pitch.

The process will start tomorrow and will take approximately two months to complete.

The club has decided to take advantage of the CECAFA Senior Challenge Cup tournament break and the annual Mapinduzi Cup to ensure minimum disrupt to their home matches' schedule.

"We will close our stadium from December 3 in order to replace the artificial turf that has expired, we expect it will take approximately two months for the process to complete," Amin said.

"There will be no league matches because of CECAFA Senior Challenge Cup which will be followed by the Mapinduzi Cup thus giving us enough time to complete the turf replacement," he noted.

The turf replacement is part of a number of other gradual improvements that have been added to the stadium which began operation in 2011.

The improvement include renovation of automated turnstiles, pavilion,



Azam Complex.

media room, restaurant and a doping center.

Azam Complex will become the second artificial pitch to be replaced this year following the upgrading that was done at Dar es Salaam's Uhuru Stadium earlier this year.

As part of preparations for hosting the 2019 U-17 Africa

Cup of Nations, the government upgraded the Uhuru Stadium surface to a state-of-the-art 4g pitch.

Apart from hosting Azam FC home matches, Azam Complex is often used for Tanzania's national women team's games as well as playing host to First Division League sides such

as African Lyon and Friends Rangers.

With Simba opening their new training complex at Bunju which has both an artificial turf and a natural one next week, this increases the number of decent pitches in Dar es Salaam which has the highest number of top flight teams.

Due its easy access and closeness to the town, Karume Stadium is another venue that needs a face lift to ease fixture congestion in Dar es Salaam.

The current artificial turf at Karume Stadium was installed in 2008 by the world soccer governing body, FIFA, but is now completely worn out.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

