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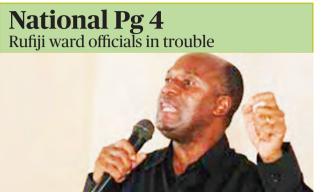
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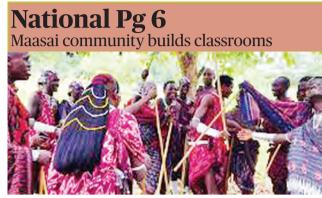
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IGP says police want peace but are 'ready' for violent mobs

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

INSPECTOR General of Police Simon Sirro (pictured) has camped here for meetings with various groups of people with one message: peace before, during and after the general election slated for October 28.

Addressing religious leaders here yesterday, the IGP said that law enforcers do not intend to use bullets and teargas during the polls but may be forced to use weapons if provoked.

He sought to persuade the clergy to take up a peacekeeping role by ensuring the faithful do not engage in behaviour that threatens peace and tranquility during the campaigns, on polling day and upon release of results.

He asked the leaders to emphasize on the primacy of peace in their sermons to enable the country conduct polls free of violence come October 28.

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"For the peace we are enjoying to continue, you have a role to play by continually preaching the same to your followers," he said.

The IGP said religious leaders' role in maintaining peace is crucial because they are in close contact with their followers who are likely to hear and heed their counsel than of other responsible officials.

He said that in a nutshell police are ready for peace and prepared for violence from mobs of individuals, with people left to choose between the two.

He had a message to citizens: "We'll be watching; we will deal with anyone whose actions threaten peace during electioneering.'

This was not his first effort to hammer his message of peace here in the Isles. Earlier on Friday he met political parties at police headquarters and delivered the same appeal.

He said that no political party will win the elections by conducting dirty campaigns or instigating their members to

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NEC draws line on CSOs in poll



President John Magufuli receives contribution from Archbishop Beatus Kinyaiya of the Dodoma Diocese of the Catholic Church in support of the construction of a mosque at Chamwino in Dodoma Region. This was at a fundraiser at which the president officiated on the sidelines of a holy mass held at Chamwino church yesterday. Photo: State House

JPM raises funds for Chamwino mosque

By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT John Magufuli yesterday initiated a fundraising for constructing a mosque near the Chamwino State House in Dododma, hours after inaugurating a Catholic church he helped to build.

The construction of Mary Immaculate Chamwino Parish within the precincts of the State House kicked off in June after the Head

of State led a funding drive for the project, which included building of a grotto and rehabilitation of

The June fundraiser saw Catholics, Protestants, Evangelicals, Muslims and other groups turn up with generous contributions that saw the project completed within a few months.

After attending an inaugural mass led by Dodoma Archbishop Beatus Kinyaiya yesterday, the president embarked on another fundraising, for the construction of a mosque at Chamwino.

Directorate of Presidential Communications at State House said in a

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Skydiving takes shape as new tourism package bit

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA) authorities are set to introduce skydiving as a new item in its tourism package.

The development is part of a diversification effort as the world gradually eases travel lockdowns with leisure lovers starved for months since Covid-19 shut down travels since early this year.



TANAPA sees potential in skydiving activities where adventure oriented visitors can jump from moving airplanes, then parachute or paragliding over the Serengeti.

The TANAPA head of conservation and business development, William Mwakilema said in an interview here that when the world opens to tourism it should find Tanzania well ahead in offering new

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By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE National Electoral Commission (NEC) has called on Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to refrain from engaging in politics as they provide voter education ahead of the October general

The groups are not allowed to visit political parties' offices or attend public rallies, and failure to abide by the set regulations will see them being deprived of those functions.

NEC Vice Chairman, Judge (rtd) Mbarouk Salim Mbarouk said at a meeting with civil society organizations here that NEC has granted the opportunity to provide voter education in preparation for the polls but no one is allowed to mix public education with political campaigns for any party..

The meeting brought together 245 CSOs from the Mainland and seven from the Isles, where the top commission official said voter education is important in helping the public know why they have to vote and the function should not be linked with any political party.

The over 250 voting right groups met here for the first time just a week ahead of the start of campaigns to deliberate on a better approach to create public



The commission is also giving special focus to the youth and women. So many youths have just turned 18 and it will be the first time they engage in civic decision making

awareness over election laws for the people, the government and the candidates.

NEC is charged with overseeing the entire election process in the Mainland and 50 constituencies in Zanzibar. Section 4 (c) of the National Elections Act of 2010 empowers NEC to provide civic education as well as delegate the task to voting rights

Assistant Director of Voter Education and Public Information, Cosmas Mwaisobwa explained that voter education helps to increase the number of voters participating in the election process, especially with voter turnout.

The commission is subjected to engaging the rights groups to help spread such information across the country. The partnership between civil society organizations and the commission is meant to raise awareness especially for among remote rural communities.

"NEC has given top priority to people with disabilities to fully participate

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Skydiving takes shape as new tourism package bit

attractions, fresh packages and even added destinations.

The first attraction to offer the new package is the Serengeti, famous for its annual wildebeest migration.

"When it comes to tourism we are not taking chances. We have to be innovative so that the country can always stay ahead," he stated.

With skydiving over Serengeti, Tanzania will be the first country in East and Central Africa to provide this form of adrenaline rushing excitement in the wilderness, where it is likely to catapult the destination to new heights.

The Serengeti receives an average of 455,000 tourists per year, making it the goose which lays golden eggs for TANAPA, handling 21 other parks.

Already Serengeti runs hot-air balloon safaris, but with the proposed skydiving and paragliding tours, the destination's tourism activities now seem to be aiming for the sky.

The park, covering around 15,000 square kilometers, is the third largest in the country after Nyerere National Park, sliced from the Selous Game Reserve and encompassing over 30,000 square kilometers. Similarly outstretched is

statement that the drive raised a total

of 48m/- cash, 48 bags of cement and

"The cash and construction materials

were donated by those who attended

inaugural mass at the Mary Immaculate

Chamwino Parish, and followers of

other religious organizations who

In his homily, Archbishop Kinyaiya

thanked the president for leading the

funding drive that has given Chamwino

residents a new church, a new grotto

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five truckloads of sand.

turned up," it said.

Ruaha National Park nearby, with over 20,000 square kilometres.

Beatrice Kessy, the TANAPA head of business development, said while the Covid-19 contagion and related lockdown took a drastic toll on tourism activities, they have also learned a lot from the disaster.

"The pandemic has taught us to be fully prepared for unforeseen changes and adapt to disaster as we did during the lockdown," she said, noting that aggressive marketing had contributed to a good restart.

Aggressive marketing involves virtual tourism undertakings and the introduction of multiple entry points for tourists helped to ensure a rapid recovery in the sector.

"And the fact that the Royal Dutch Airline has just resumed regular flights to the Kilimanjaro International Airport has helped to revive the tourists flow from Asian and European countries that have always trusted KLM," she asserted. Before the novel coronavirus outbreak, Tanzania was receiving up to 1.5m tourists annually, mostly visiting the northern circuit, sampling the Serengeti, Mount Kilimanjaro and the Ngorongoro Crater, among others.

and a refurbished house for priests.

the general election.

urged.

He appealed to Tanzanians to maintain peace as campaigns start for

"Elect God-fearing leaders who seek

leadership through peaceful means;

vote for people who are confident

and do not engage in bribe taking," he

(TEC) secretary general Rev Dr Charles

Kitima said the project the president

helped to accomplish is unique among

such projects in recent years.

Tanzania Episcopal Conference

Chamwino mosque



Dr Tulole Bucheyeki (L), a tutor with the Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute's Uyole centre in Mbeya Region, facilitates a practical session for his students late last

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in the general election. The key disadvantaged group is facing serious challenges in obtaining correct information and the means to attend in electoral campaigns," he said.

"The commission is also giving special focus to the youth and women. So many youths have just turned 18 and it will be the first time they engage in

NEC was optimistic that the meeting with CSOs shall help to bridge the information and engaging gap for raising public awareness on the matter. CSOs need to intensify their approaches by adopting multiple channels such as the use of social media, sports and entertainment activity in sending civic information to the public, he stated.

Maiko Salali, the chairperson of

the Foundation for Disabilities Hope, was concerned as to how people with mental health disorders were distinguished to also participate in the voting process. Disability varies from one person to another and thus the commission must help to create a friendly environment that will support people with disabilities to fully

participate. Paul Mathias from the visually impaired section of society wondered whether NEC had also prepared special ballot papers for people with vision problems to independently read and vote without assistance from another person.

But Dr Wilson Charles, the director of elections, told the civil society groups that the commission had prepared special ballot papers to facilitate people with visual challenge to read and vote.



Tanzania Revenue Authority's Taxpayer Services and Education director, Richard Kayombo (2nd-R), has a word in Dar es Salaam at the weekend with taxpayers after closing a workshop on newly introduced guidelines on electronic tax returns. Ph

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make unlawful demonstrations. To win through the campaigns, he stated. seats, political parties need to conduct

clean campaigns and promote peace pushing the police to use excessive after the voting. force or throw hand grenades in must avoid conducting unlawful He warned political parties from controlling disturbances during and demonstrations, he added.

Corruption in purchase of Covid-19 PPE means murder, WHO boss says

NAIROBI

The World Health Organization (WHO) has described corruption in the procurement of Covid-19 personal protective equipment (PPE) as unacceptable and likened it to murder.

Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus answered questions from journalists during a press briefing on the pandemic in Geneva, Switzerland, on Friday.

"If health workers work without PPEs, we are risking their lives, and that also risks the lives of the people they serve. It is criminal, and it is murder, and it has to stop," he said.

His remarks were in the wake of local concerns regarding corruption and funds wastage in Kemsa's purchase of PPEs for health workers and other people.

Dr Tedros also expressed hope that the coronavirus pandemic will end in two years.

The WHO boss reminded his audience that the Spanish flu, which killed an estimated 50 million people from 1918 to 1919 took two years to

He noted, however, that the closelyknit social system across the world has given it a chance to spread rapidly from person to person as well as across communities.

"Of course, with more connectedness, the virus has a better chance of spreading, said Dr Tedros.

Dr Tedros added that modern advances in technology can shorten the period needed to bring the pandemic under control.

"We have the technology and the knowledge to stop it. We need to foster national unity and global solidarity in our efforts to handle the emergency brought about by the pandemic," he

But according to Prof Mark Walport of the United Kingdom's Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (Sage), the battle against Covid-19 is not over yet.

"Covid-19 is going to be with us forever in some form or another." he said in a Saturday interview with the

Prof Walport rooted for vaccination as the safest way out of the crisis

People will need re-vaccination at regular intervals, just like they get shots to immunise them against the flu virus."

An NTV report on alleged graft in the procurement of Covid-19 supplies sparked furore, with many Kenyans calling for investigations into allegations that several companies ripped big from procurement deals.

On Friday, police lobbed teargas canisters to disperse protesters from Uhuru Park's Freedom Corner to protest the state's apparent reluctance to take action on the alleged Covid millionaires.

Carrying banners and chanting slogans, the protesters demanded the arrest and prosecution of individuals behind companies that charged inflated prices for PPEs.

"We are tired of an endless stream of news detailing how much money is being lost in the emergency response efforts. This money could be used in a better way to fight the pandemic," said Buyer Beware administrator Wanjeri Nderu, one of the protest's organisers.

Kemsa chief executive Jonah Manjari, directors Charles Juma (procurement) and Eliud Muriithi (commercial) were suspended as the Senate kicked off a probe into Kemsa's purchase of PPEs worth Sh7.7 billion, alongside another probe by the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC).

Also in the spotlight is the construction of a warehouse worth Sh5.5 bn.

The saga has sparked various reactions from Kenyans, with ODM Secretary-General Edwin Sifuna firing a salvo at government critics for sensationalising the alleged corruption around it.

AGENCIES





Dr Shaneabbas Jaffer (2nd-L), a Khoja Shia Ithnasheri leader, briefs Dar es Salaam regional commissioner Abubakar Kunenge (L) at a blood donation event involving members of the community held at a Dar es Salaam hospital yesterday. Photo: Guardia

Egyptian investor to construct electrical factory and training college in Tanzania

By Guardian Reporter

AN Egyptian investor Elsewedy Electric unveiled plans construct major electrical manufacturing factory as well as an electrical training college in the country.

According to the East Africa Regional resident director of the company Ibrahim Ouamar, the factory will be constructed in Kigamboni, Dar es Salaam with its first phase planning to cost US \$15 million (equivalent to 34.8bn/-). "

Qamar made the remarks in Dar es Salaam during the weekend when he paid a visit and held talks with the Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC) director general Dr Maduhu Kazi.

According to him, they are expected to commence construction soon after the land acquisition procedures are completed. Upon completion, the factory will produce 115 direct jobs.

The investor hailed Tanzania for creating conducive business environment, something which attracts several investors to chip in and establish various development projects.

He said that due to various attracting policies, he has decided to invest in two major projects which will enable more electric meters, wires and transformers to be produced locally.

According to him, the improvement of laws, policies, as well as peace and stability are among the reasons which made him to come and invest in the country.

Qamar said that among the major things that many investors consider in the countries they want to invest includes good governance, protection of their capital as well as reliable markets and all these are found in Tanzania.

"The investment will be done in two phases and after completing these two projects I may invest in another factory of producing equipment and building

infrastructures for solar and investors, something which wind power generation," he said.

Не thanked TIC for well land supervising accessibility for

President John Magufuli has done a lot to improve the business and investment environment in the country, this has attracted several investors from various countries who said that they feel safer investing in the

country

enables smooth investment processes.

"TIC is doing a great job of

making sure we (investors) have the opportunity to invest here in Tanzania, you have helped us a lot to get the land in the potential areas that we have been looking for, there were delays in getting it, but let me just say, after TIC intervened in this matter, I have seen success. The electrical factory will be producing equipment such as meters, wires and transformers," he lamented.

For his part, Dr Kazi said that it will work closely with the investor to ensure that all the required procedures are followed and construction begins as planned

He added that the centre he said. serves all investors equally where he urged them to a pioneer in providing report if there are any integrated energy solutions challenges which thwarts in the Middle East and Africa. their investments.

has done a lot to improve around the world.

the business and investment environment in the country, this has attracted several investors from various countries who said that they feel safer investing in the country," Dr Kazi added.

He also welcomed more local and foreign investors to invest in various potential and productive areas in the country assuring them of conducive environment and reliable supply of power. "We have witnessed the

government taking various measures just to make sure that our investors operate in a smooth environment, in the past five years, the government has scrapped 168 taxes and levies which were thwarting business development in the country,"

Elsewedy Electric The company has more than "President John Magufuli 30 facilities in 15 countries



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Z'bar Form VI leavers urged to engage in priority fields for their higher education

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR Minister for Education and Vocational Training Riziki Pembe Kuma has called on students planning to enroll in higher learning institutions to select fields that have been accorded priority by the government.

Pembe was speaking when opening training seminar for Form Vi leavers and Diploma students at State University of Zanzibar (SUZA) Hall in

He said if students select fields that are short of experts they will be helping their government to solve the shortage of local experts.

He said in doing so they will also solve the problem for themselves for staying long periods after finishing their studies before getting employment.

He said the Zanzibar government is proud of indigenous experts in various

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opportunities for students who perform well.

He said many students do not abide by the importance of the fields that are accorded priority by the government including science teachers, doctors and gas and oil.

He also called on students who will be fortunate to receive scholarships to maintain respect while in foreign countries.

The minister appealed to financial institutions to create an enabling

Representative from HESLB Francis Mshumba said both governments have increased the loans budget to ensure Tanzania's youth get the opportunities for higher studies

fields by increasing sponsorship environment for better performing students to enable them pursue higher education to assist the government in strengthening the education sector.

He praised students who did well in their national Form VI examinations especially girl students and called on them to work hard.

The Director of Higher (HESLB) Education Students Loans Board Iddi Haji Khamis said the aim of the training seminar was to implement the directive of the Zanzibar President Dr Ali Mohamed Shein to provide students with knowledge on various procedures to take before they enroll themselves in universities and in higher learning institutions.

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	Bema CAT2300 road sweeper 2.25m	2.25m	2010	N/A		1,321
	Ferex Bidwell 4800 concrete paver 12M	12M	2005	N/A		43,862
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- 4. Interested and eligible Tenderers must provide recent information of the following minimum experience:
 - a) Experience in Detailed design
 - Minimum of 10 years of experience in the detail design of UIC Standard gauge Railway track ii. Minimum 10 years of experience in detailed design of Heavy Railway Civil Works
 - such as Tracks, Tunnels, Viaducts, Flyovers, Bridges, etc. iii. Minimum 10 years of experience in Railway tracks design (Light Rail and/or Heavy Rail.
 - iv. Minimum 10 years of experience in railway Stations design (Light Rail and/or Heavy Rail)
 - Minimum 10 years of experience in design of Signaling and Telecommunication systems i.e. ERTMS level II
 - vi. Minimum 10 years of experience in design of Electrification Railway systems (Light Rail and/ or Heavy Rails)
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b) Experience in Construction

- Minimum 10 years of experience in Construction of Heavy Railway Civil Works such as tracks, tunnels, viaducts, flyovers, bridges, etc.
- ii. Minimum 10 years of experience in Electrified Rail track and railway station Construction
- iii. Minimum 10 years of experience in Construction and Installation of Electrification Railway systems (Light Rail and/or Heavy Rails)
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- A contractor will be selected in accordance with the International Competitive Bidding procedures set out in the Public Procurement Act No. 7 of 2011 as amended in 2016 and the Public Procurement Regulations, 2013 -Government Notice No. 446 as amended in 2016 (hereinafter called Procurement Regulations).
- Interested and eligible Tenderers may obtain a full set of the Tendering Documents in English on the submission of a written application to the address given below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of US\$ 500.00 (United States **Dollars: Five Hundred Only).** Payment should be by banker's cheque or cash, payable to Director General, Tanzania Railways Corporation, P.O. Box 76959, Dar es Salaam, Tel: No. +255 22 2122695, Fax: +255 22 2116525, E-mail:
- 7. All Tenders must be accompanied by a Tender security in an acceptable form of Bank Guarantee issued through the correspondent Local Bank in Tanzania in the amount of USD 30,000,000.00 of the Tender Price.
- Site visit (Option) will be held on 22nd September, 2020, at 8:00 AM from Isaka-Mwanza following by a pre-tender meeting which shall be held on 24th September, 2020 at 10:00 AM at TRC Mwanza Railway Station, Mwanza. Contractors will bear their own travel and upkeep costs, while one-way rail transport from Isaka-Mwanza shall be
- Sealed Tenders (One Envelope containing two separate envelopes one for TECHNICAL and another for FINANCIAL) must be deposited at Office of the Secretary of the Tanzania Railway Corporation Tender Board, Shaurimoyo Street, Dar es Salaam at or before 10:30 AM local time on 25th November, 2020 and explicitly bear the mention of "TENDER NO. PA/154/HQ/2020-21/W/01 (LOT 1) DESIGN AND BUILD CONTRACT FOR AN ELECTRIFIED STANDARD GAUGE RAILWAY (SGR) LINE FROM MWANZA TO ISAKA (249 KILOMETRES MAIN LINE AND 92 KILOMETRES SIDING/PASSING LOOPS) ON AN ALIGNMENT PARALLEL TO THE EXISTING METER GAUGE RAILWAY LINE". Tenders will be opened promptly thereafter in public and in the presence of Tenderers or their designated representatives who choose to attend the opening ceremony in TRC Conference Room, Shaurimoyo Street, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.
- 10. Electronic, telegraphic, telefax will not be accepted. Late submission of tenders shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances and will be returned to sender unopened.
- 11. TRC is not bound to accept any tender submitted and non-compliance of the above stated conditions shall automatically disqualify the tender proposal.

Director General Tanzania Railways Corporation Plot No. 438/128, Sokoine Drive/Railway Street P.O. Box 76959 Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

TPSF offers training to women with disabilities to access business skills

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF) has trained members of UWAVIUTE in business skills in a bid to make their future bright.

UWAVIUTE members disabled tailors based in opportunities. Temeke District, Dar es Salaam

bookkeeping and marketing.

The TPSF acting executive director, Zachy Mbenna, was instrument for giving small groups of private entrepreneurs a voice so that they are could make use of local and foreign

Region. They make garments because we want them to have a strengthen local industries.

and other household items. The bright future, " Mr Mbenna said, members were trained in simple adding that successful business depended on people having right business skills.

Mbenna said after the training the members would be able to do businesses online.

Meanwhile, the acting executive director, appealed to Tanzanians "We have given them free training to buy Tanzanian goods in order to



Haghali Beleje (88) (L) and her sister, Sonna Mudee (91) (C), both residents of Msangalale in Dodoma Region, have a hard time making it to their house at the weekend. Sources say "someone" has dug a trench right next to the house in what

TBS destroys 2.2 tonnes of expired, prohibited foodstuffs and cosmetics

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

TANZANIA Bureau of Standards (TBS) in central zone has destroyed 2.2 tonnes of foodstuff and cosmetics which have expired as well as those prohibited all valued at 20.1million/-.

Speaking here yesterday to reporters at Chidaya dumpsite in the outskirts of Dodoma City TBS quality control officer for central zone Sileja Lushibika said the exercise is sustainable and called upon traders to stop selling expired goods.

He said the good that have been destroyed came from Dodoma, Tabora and Singida regions and were removed from the shelves due to their having expired, while others are prohibited

He said the consignment that has been destroyed included 1.2 tons of foodstuff valued at 6m/- and 820 kgs of cosmetics, valued at 10million/- all of which had expired.

> There was also 180 kgs of cosmetics valued at 4million/- that are prohibited by the government due to public health risk

"There was also 180 kgs of cosmetics valued at 4million/- that are prohibited by the government due to health risk," he said.

Lushibika called on traders to be faithful by stopping selling expired and prohibited goods, and added that stern legal steps will be taken against all those found to do so.

He also called on buyers of such goods to adopt the habit of reading the packages to verify whether they have not expired.

He said TBS alone cannot stop this habit by traders selling expired goods without involving the community.

TBS safety officer Vincent Tarimo said users of various goods are supposed to be very careful when buying such goods.

RC to sack ward officials for failure to resolve herders-farmers conflicts

By Guardian Correspondent, Rufiji

COAST Regional Commissioner Eng Evarist Ndikilo (pictured) has vowed, within one month, to sack all officials in divisions and wards that will continue to be home to farmers-pastoralists conflicts.

He gave the warning yesterday when speaking to Mkongo and Ikwiriri wards' residents in Rufiji District during his visit to hear peoples' complaints and address challenges to solve them.

Mkongo Ward residents complained over the existence of pastoralists in their area who have been grazing their animals in their farms, the practice that threatens famine for them.

Seif Lwambo, a Kilimani resident destroyed by floods earlier this year,



the pastoralists have now become another threat for the replanted crops. He appealed the RC to ensure the from Mkongo Ward told the RC that herders are controlled in order to apart from their farms having been cultivate large farms as precautions eradication of frequent conflicts pitting against famine.

Apart from the one-month period given by the RC to village and ward officials to assess themselves before being sacked, he also called on them to cooperate in order to arrest the complaints from herders.

RC Ndikilo also gave one week to the Rufiji District Police Commander (OCD) to make sure he arrests a herder who is allegedly accused of raping an elder woman.

It is claimed the herder raped the woman a few days before his crops were eaten by cattle.

Ndikilo provided money to the woman for treatment at a health centre.

District Commissioner Lt. Col. Patrick Sawala pledged to oversee the directives from the Regional Commissioner including the farmers and herders.

Guardian

By Guardian Reporter

THE director general of the National Environment Management Council (NEMC), Dr Samuel Gwamaka, said here yesterday that his just-ended visit of southern highlands regions showed that some environment officers did not

'Report environmental issues early'

other did not report environmental problems early.

He told reporters that if problems were reported early, corrective measures would be taken in time

environment would be one of criteria for measuring the performance of an environment officer.

were not discharging their duties

perform their duties property while and would be effective. Reporting on properly, in some cases there was outright negligence... they must report problems early and reports must be sent to NEMC offices and the Vice-President's Office, Environment

"We learnt that our officers section," he said.

Dr Gwamaka failure to solve environmental problems could injure people's health and impair economic production.

The DG accompanied the Chairman of NEMC Board of Directors, Professor Esnati Chaggu on the regional tour.

He said environment officers must ensure environment is protected from team worked for 24 hours.

street/village level, division, municipal to regional levels.

"Our officers are expected to be accountable in their respective areas and send reports on their findings. When our officers perform poorly, it is community that suffers. It is high time people changed," he cautioned.

Dr Gwamaka said negligent officers would be punished.

He also NEMC's emergency response

United Republic of Tanzania Ministry of Water





Belgian Development Agency

CALL FOR BIDS

REHABILITATION OF MKONGORO GRAVITY-FED WATER SUPPLY SCHEME

The Kingdom of Belgium through Enabel and the Government of Tanzania through the Ministry of Water, are implementing a water and sanitation project in Kigoma region. This is a 5-year project which runs through November 2022 and aims to provide sustainable water supply services in the region. This intervention has three key result areas namely: 1) sustainable water supply operations and maintenance, 2) water supply scheme rehabilitation and extension and 3) promotion of safe hygiene practices in domestic water management. Under the second result area, the Water and Sanitation Kigoma Region Project (WASKIRP) is now inviting bids from qualified construction companies to construct new water supply schemes in Buhigwe and the other in Uvinza District.

Works contracts

Lot 1: Construction of Mwayaya Water Supply Scheme in Buhigwe District Lot 2: Construction of Kazuramimba Water Supply Scheme in Uvinza District

These public works contracts will consist of construction of pumping stations, a treatment plant, transmission mains and distribution network which includes distribution points. The preferred contractor will have demonstrated financial and technical capacity to carry out the assignment described in the specifications of this tender.

Duration: These works contracts are strictly for 8 months.

Interested companies are encouraged to get more information and the bid documents of these projects at: https://btctanzania.wordpress.com/

The works contract notice is also published on the Enabel website, www.enabel.be, in the Belgian Public Tender bulletin (BDA) and on the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) website.

Submission deadline: 11 September 2020; submissions made outside stipulated instructions will not be entertained.



Mussa Ngangala, director of a Shinyanga-based CSO known as Voice of Marginalised Communities, pictured at the weekend training students on ways to combat sexual violence and keep away from harm's way in respect of childhood pregnancies and early marriages. The thrust of the agency's mission is on safeguarding and promoting the rights of women and children. Photo: Correspondent Marco Maduhu



Welcome to the Bank that says

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Deputy Minister for Finance and planning Hon Dr Ashatu Kijaj (C) cuts a ribbon to officially launch the new NCBA Bank Tanzania Head office in Dar es salaam this week. Looking (R) is the bank's Managing Director & CEO, Ms Margaret Karume and Chairman of the board of NCBA Bank, Mr Sharmapal Aggarwal.



The Deputy Minister for Finance and planning Hon Dr Ashatu Kijaji who was the guest of honor at the NCBA Bank launch speaking with the distinguished guests this week in Dar es Salaam.



The Managing Director and CEO of NCBA Bank Tanzania Limited, Ms Margaret Karume on the podium as she addresses the distinguished guests, customers and staff during the official launch of NCBA Bank in tanzania.



A historic NCBA arrival: The Staff parade of NCBA Bank Tanzania Limited storming the streets of Dar es Salaam city during the celebrations of the arrival and launch of the new bank in Tanzania.

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DSW Tanzania urged to help more youth in Dar

By Guardian Reporter

UBUNGO Municipal Council (UBC) have called on DSW Tanzania-a global development organisation to establish more youth centers in Dar es Salaam to empower more youngsters with life and entrepreneurship skills.

Rose Mpeleta, a representative from the council made the call over the weekend when speaking at the official opening of the DSW Tanzaniasponsored Makuburi Youth Center.

She said that through Supporting Initiative for Youth Empowerment in Tanzania (SIYET), DSW is working a wonderful job including addressing a number of social issues including, planning, community development and HIV-Aids awareness programs and youth education.

"Through this initiative, DSW Tanzania has strengthened youth groups, training youth on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) issues, entrepreneurship, leadership and vocational training," Mpeleta said, adding:

"There are some young people in our municipality who have been empowered with soap making, glasscutting and beads making skills and they are earning income. That's why we're asking DSW Tanzania to expand their scope of operation so that more youth are reached."

She said: "What you do is wonderful as addresses challenges affecting the youth, whose number is increasing in the society and most of them, are in daring need of social and economic services. In this, there are more youth who are unaware of what to do, so by empowering them with all those skills it make them better citizens in future."

The official also assured the youth in Makuburi ward that the municipal council will work closely with them to ensure that they reach to their desired

"At the municipality level, we'll ensure that you (youth) get our all the support that will be wanted," she said, urging the youth to take the centre as a motivation to better in their day-to-day activities.

Mpeleta further called on youth in Makuburi ward to be good ambassadors of DSW Tanzania's empowerment initiatives by taking what they have learnt to other youth in Dar es Salaam and the country at large.

In Dar es Salaam, the organization works with youth groups in Makuburi, Kibamba, Bunju and Magomeni wards.

Peter Owaga, DSW Tanzania country director urged youth in the area to use the newly built centre wisely, so that the intended mission is realized

He said that the newly established center provides a platform for youth in the area to meet and exchange their views on various issues ranging from reproductive health education, entrepreneurship and leadership skills. Owaga also said that the center has been built at the tune of over 7m/-.

Apart from empowering youth, DSW runs youth clubs in different regions and there are many youth who do different activities-peer education and participation in health services' deliveries, as well as economic activities to produce goods and do business.

In Tanzania, DSW works in the regions of Mtwara, Dar es Salaam, Tanga, Kilimanjaro, Dodoma, Mwanza, Arusha, Shinyanga and Manyara.

With headquarter office in Hannover, Germany, DSW Tanzania works with more than a million youth in different clubs for their own economic empowerment purposes.

The NGO was initiated to empower young people and communities in low- and middle-income countries, by addressing the issues of population dynamics and by improving health as a way to achieve sustainable development.

"At the municipality level, we'll ensure that you (youth) get our all the support that will be wanted"



Tanzania Investment Centre managing director Dr Maduhu Kazi (R) holds talks in Dar es Salaam at the weekend with Ibrahim Qamar (L), a representative of

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

THE MAASAI pastoralist community in Kisaki village, Morogoro Rural District have built three classrooms at Kisaki Primary School for their children.

This was disclosed by the community's traditional leader Olewaso Timoyo at the weekend during the visit by the District Commissioner Bakari Msulwa.

Timoyo said they have resolved to support the government efforts to develop the education sector by building the three classrooms.

"Many of our children do not know

Maasai community at Kisaki village builds three classrooms for children

how to read and write and that is because they are grazers for our livestock and initially we did not see the need to take them to school, but now we have realized the importance of education in the country," he

He said their community decided to build the classrooms out of their efforts and assets and decided that every Maasai child should go to

He said soon after the classrooms are completed they will mobilize for each child to attend school.

also congratulated the government for its efforts in developing the education sector in the country and pledged that the Maasai community will be in the frontline in solving various challenges facing the education sector in the country.

Saitoti Mwalimu, a village said a big percentage of pastoralists' children are illiterate due their parents' insensitivity to education but now all that was changing.

The District Commissioner, Bakari Msulwa hailed the move by the Maasai community to build the classrooms and promised to provide 3m/- for the completion of the project including other repairs for the school.

the weekend



Plan International Tanzania, Kigoma Region Request for Quotation (RFQ) for Supply of non-food items, MHM and Hygiene kits to Support Refugees' Adolescent Girls and Boys Respectively RFQ No. PIT/KIB/ER/080

- 1. Plan International Tanzania is an International humanitarian child-centered development organization without religious, political or government affiliation. Plan's mission is to achieve lasting improvements in the quality of life of deprived children in developing countries through a process that unites people across cultures and adds meaning to their lives. Plan is operating in Dar es Salaam, Coast, Morogoro, Geita, Kigoma, Rukwa, Dodoma and Mwanza regions. In addition, Plan also supports Burundian and Congolese refugees Kigoma region through Child Protection, Education in Emergencies programs.
- 2. Plan International Tanzania under FFO Grant has set aside funds for the program implementation and operations. It is intended that part of the proceeds of the funds will be used to cover eligible payment for provision of non-food items, MHM and Hygiene kits to support refugees' adolescent girls and boys respectively.
- 3. Plan International Tanzania now invites sealed bids from eligible suppliers. Interested eligible bidders must confirm their intention to bid indicating all relevant contact information including an email address to tenders.kibondo@planinternational.org Bidding documents in the English language will be sent to interested bidders by email or be collected at Plan International, Kibondo office. Plan Tanzania will not be held responsible for any costs related to printing of the bid documents.
- 4. Bidders are hereby requested to submit quotation to electronic.bids@planinternational.org attn: Head of Procurement and Logistics, Plan International Tanzania before 10 AM Tuesday 11th August 2020, marked "RFQ No. PIT/KIB/ER/080 for supply of non-food items, MHM and Hygiene kits to support refugees' adolescent girls and boys respectively
- 5. Late bids shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstance.

Tender Panel Plan International Tanzania Central Technologies House Plot No. 96 Mikocheni Light Industrial Area New Bagamoyo Road - Next to TBC1&NECTA P O Box 3517 Dar es Salaam Tel: + (255) 22 2773264/+ (255) 22 2773272

'Porn play stations destroying children in Moshi municipality'

RESIDENTS Municipality, Kilimanjaro standards among the youth. Region are annoyed on the mushrooming of digital play the government to take

station centres in the area appropriate steps against their that has spurred the increase of incidents of rape, sodomy Bomambuzi Ward in Moshi and falling of education

They have called on

stalls owners that show pornographic videos, saying large groups of children have been rushing to the stalls to view nude pictures.

The residents registered

Municipality's Pasua Sokoni Grounds during a special festival to discuss Covid-19 infections effects to women and children in the community. Speaking at

discussion, Amani Bendera, a resident of the area and Chairman of Moshi Municipality's Motorcycles and Tricycles owners group said: "What we want now is the removal of the play stations in the interest of our children, as they get attracted to the area where they get raped, sodomized while others become totally uncaring about their studies."

Kanisani Chairman Juma Juma aka 'Obama' said as residents of the area, they expect to meet and pass a resolution calling for closure of the stalls, and if that happens, his office will swiftly close all of them,

The festival, organized by Tusome CDO under Equitas - an international running Education and Human Rights Centre.

Chairman of Bomambuzi Ward Emanuel Mgonja admitted the falling education standards especially since the time the schools were closed due to Covid-19 pandemic as many children were frequenting the station stalls.

"We shall inspect all these centres to determine their legal existence, and we shall forcefully remove them if they will be found to be operating illegally," he said.

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Zanzibar Education and Vocational Training minister Riziki Pembe Juma pictured at the State University of Zanzibar yesterday addressing people expected to enrol for university studies in the upcoming (2020/2021) academic year. Photo: Correspondent Rahma Suleiman

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

THE Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute at Uyole (TARI-Uyole) in Mbeya has established a special centre for disseminating better farming technology and skills to farmers aimed to increase crops yields.

The centre has been established at the Nanenane exhibition grounds in Mbeya City and will operate all year round and that seedlings for various crops have started being prepared.

Speaking to reporters at the centre, TARI-Uyole director Dr Tulole Bucheyeki said the education will be disseminated both theoretically

TARI-Uyole establishes centre for disseminating farming technology

used will be those used during the here," he said. exhibitions.

He said the institution's building during the exhibition will be used as classroom for teaching people farming various agricultural colleges. theories before sending them to farms for practical training.

have been transferred here, they will work all the time at this area inside our institution, hence it will

and practically and that farms to be be easy for the people to learn

The centre's supervisor Lusungo Paul said already the centre has been receiving including students from

He said the targeted are individual farmers, farming groups, public "We have enough experts which and private corporations, regional governments and local councils from the Southern Highlands regions and other stakeholders.

Executive Directors in particular, including private institutions to bring people here to learn about farming technology for better farming practices," he said.

TARI coordinator of research and innovation Dr Ndabhemeye Mlengera said the establishment of the centre is a strategy of the Ministry for Agriculture to ensure there a continuity of farming education to the people.

Tour operators mull strategies to promote domestic tourism

By Correspondent James Lanka, Moshi

TOUR operators have been urged to take advantage of the massive opportunities in the tourism sector particularly in promoting domestic tourism for the country's development.

This was said by Edgardo Welelo, the founder of special Swahili language website, which is meant to promote Tanzania's tourism and destinations.

Welelo said that domestic tourism offers immense opportunities for tour operators to grab which include organizing tours targeting different groups in the society to visit tourist attractions.

He said lack of domestic tourism awareness is a gap and opportunity for the investors to take advantage and contribute to national economic building efforts.

Welelo who also owns the Moshibased Tourism College called Udzungwa Mountains College Trust (UMCTO), said that the Swahili website is very crucial in promoting Tanzania's domestic tourism as it is a medium of instruction for many communities in the country.

"Most of the tourism adverts are in English language that targets only foreigners, insisting that, Swahili Website like the one he established will provide important information on the country's tourism sites and destinations so as to attract as many local tourists stead of depending only on foreign visitors," he said in an interview.

He added: "We are encouraging Tanzanians, particularly those in Kilimanjaro and nearby regions to take advantage of various natural tourist attractions at Mkomazi National Park (MNP) or Arusha national park (ANP) for escape and leisure after hard work." Welelo further said various efforts

tourism in the country particularly the northern tourism circuit have paid off after increasing the number of visitors, but the use of the most spoken language in Tanzania-Swahili is vital for promoting sustainable tourism.

He said it is high time for players in the private sector to influence Tanzanians to become tourists in their own country and enjoy the leisure of the country's diverse natural heritage.

"Private sector may design affordable and attractive packages for locals in groups which suit most corporate and individual clients, especially those attending professional workshops, conferences and training throughout the country. People travel from different parts of the world to visit tourism attractions and we remain spectators with believing that tourism is for foreigners, expensive and a waste of money," he said.

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encouraging Tanzanians, particularly those in Kilimanjaro and nearby regions to take advantage of various natural tourist attractions at **Mkomazi National** Park (MNP) or **Arusha national** park (ANP) for escape and leisure after hard work



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)/ REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI):

SERVER UPGRADE AND REPLACEMENT FOR **GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML) TANZANIA.**

I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited - GGML ("The Company") an AngloGold Ashanti Ltd ("AGA") subsidiary is located in North Western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria Goldfields of Geita Region, about 120km from Mwanza and 4km West of the town of Geita.

The purpose of the EOI/ RFI is to explore the supply market for competent Suppliers with the requisite technical skills and Knowledge and financial capacity to undertake the project for server Upgrade and replacement Services to Geita Gold Mine in accordance with

The responses to this EOI/RFI will be used to shortlist capable Service Providers that will be invited to respond to the Main Tender for the Server upgrade and replacement service for Geita Gold Mining Ltd (GGML). The details and dates for the issue of the Main Tender will be communicated to shortlisted Companies only. It is necessary to respond to this EOI/ RFI in order to be pre-qualified to be

Scope of work:

Provision of Server upgrade and replacement or Services as detailed below: -

S/N	Reference Number	Projects Description	Pre-Qualification Criteria
1.	GGME0840	Provision of Server upgrade and replacement	 General Brief Company Profile Company Ownership and Shareholding Organization structure Certified copy of Certificate of Incorporation/Registration Valid Tax Clearance Certificates Certified Copy of Valid Business License List of Key Personnel including their CV's and Academic Qualifications Details experiences of provision of services on similar work for the last 3 years and references from the past Employers (At least 3 reference letters from existing customers are required) OSHA Compliance and Environment Registration Certificates Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 as amended and details of capability of the contractor to hire local resources and procure local goods Current Audited financial statements Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission Technical Capability Warranty where applicable Service Reliability – to ensure quality service are provided Financial Capability – to ensure quality service are provide details of their financial capability supporting their ability to render the service. Technical criteria Dell Partnership Level: Must be a Local Dell Authorized Partner for Tanzania including MAF letter for Tanzania Dell Projects Experience: Must have done previous Dell Projects on Enterprise Equipment installation/implementation Services: Must have a relationship with Dell for installation/implementation services.
			NOTE: Dell Installation/Implementation Services must include Unity Storage and Data Domain

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide supply and delivery of various Goods and Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com not later than 0830 A.M 31st August 2020 (the "LOI" Submission Deadline"). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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COURSE ON CONDUCT AND PRACTICE OF ARBITRATION HOLIDAY INN, DAR ES SALAAM from 23rd -25th September 2020

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION MECHANISM

The National Construction Council is organizing a three day course on Conduct and Practice of Arbitration.

OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE

The objectives of the course are:

- To create awareness on the various methods of settling commercial disputes particularly alternative dispute resolution mechanism [ADR].
- To create awareness on the procedures for arbitration as means of resolving commercial disputes.
- To equip participants with knowledge on Law and procedural aspects of Arbitration.

COURSE CONTENTS

The course will cover the following: Settlement of dispute practice, Mediation in the Courts of Law, Law of Arbitration, Appointment of Arbitrators, Powers and Jurisdiction of the Arbitrator, Inter-locutory matters, Hearing procedure, Costs and Interest, Award and Challenges on Award. At the end of the course, participants will sit for an examination.

Participation is open to all those who are interested in the resolution of commercial disputes through arbitration and other alternative dispute resolution mechanisms. The course is of particular interest to: Architects, Engineers, Quantity Surveyors, Contractors, Estate Managers, Insurance personnel, Lawyers, Shipping industry personnel and other professionals.

VENUE

The course will be conducted at HOLIDAY INN Dar es Salaam.

The course will run for three days from 23rd – 25th September, 2020. Each day the course will start at 8.30 AM.

COURSE FEE

The course fee is Tshs. 750,000.00 per participant. The fee is to cover for course materials, lunch, and refreshments. Participants should make their own travel and accommodation arrangements. Those who do not wish to attend the course but would like to sit for the examination only are also invited at a fee of Tshs. 375,000.00. Payments should be made through the NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION COUNCIL NMB account via payment control number. Early booking and confirmation is essential.

NB: Please make your booking and Payment before 20th September, 2020.

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NECTA merits applause on announcing of exam results

Examinations Council of Tanzania (NECTA) have lately gathered courage to call a press conference in Zanzibar to announce the results of National Form VI examinations countrywide. It is possible a number of eyebrows were being raised somewhere to the effect that education isn't a Union matter, or that Zanzibar has its own educational authorities to make that announcement. The gesture was right as recognition and accreditation of academic, educational or professional examinations is a Union matter, and thus Zanzibar is an integral sphere of those results.

As a matter of fact the gesture by NECTA Executive Secretary Dr Charles Msonde wasn't entirely of his imagination and courage, but a follow up on an initiative by President Dr John Magufuli in that same regard. The president had occasion earlier this year or thereabouts to express concerns as to Zanzibar schools scoring lowly in national examinations, wishing that the matter be examined a bit closely. There were steps that followed in that direction, some rectification measures showing that the president's appeal had not fallen on deaf ears, and indeed illustrating that authorities have taken note of its significance.

while exam results aren't meant to put regions against other regions, or zones in the country against other zones, it is still of pivotal significance where a region falls in the pass out parade, as it were. The main lines of contention are usually girls vs boys, with a note taken each year (each announcement of results) who led the pack between the two competing gender classes. Another sphere of contention is public (often called government) schools vs privately run authorities a down such offer disjoin students or It is from extension from good material authorities and down such offer disjoin students or It is from extension from good material authorities and down such offer disjoin students or It is from extension from good material authorities and down such offer disjoin students or It is from extension from good material authorities and down such offer disjoin students or It is from extension from good material authorities and down such offer disjoin students or It is from extension from good material authorities and down such offer disjoin students or It is from extension from good material authorities and down such offer disjoin students or It is from extension from good material authorities and down such offer disjoin students or It is from extension from good material authorities and down such offer disjoin students or It is from extension from good material authorities and down such offer disjoin students or It is from extension from good material authorities and down such offer disjoin students or It is from extension from good material authorities and down such offer disjoin students or It is from extension from good material authorities and down such offer disjoin students or It is from extension from good material authorities and down such offer disjoin students or It is from extension from good material authorities and down such offer disjoin students or It is from extension from good material authorities and down such offer disjoin students or It is from good material authorities and good materi

OR once, authorities at the schools, and this slant was also on National Examinations notice this year.

Making the formal announcement of examination results in Zanzibar was by and large meant to kindle the wish that Zanzibar should in future be part of the top ten schools, or at some point one or more of its candidates appear on the top ten. As Zanzibar has a population of slightly over one million people, its portion of national examination candidates is rather tiny, but it is evident that even from a small number of entrants one or two especially remarkable performances can be registered from that side as well. In its environment Zanzibar is close to coastal regions, and there were two top ten schools from Coast Region, one a government school and another a private school, in which case there is no overall 'coastal problem.'

For some logistical and organizational reasons, countrywide comparisons are possible only in school examination results, largely the totals for primary schools and wider comparisons for secondary schools and high schools. No college results are compared at the national level as each sets own exams and only invites external examiners to help oversee that there is no problem of standards, etc. When such a situation arises and is pursued year in year out without major changes, authorities are then compelled to close down such facilities, not continue to offer disjointed education to hapless students or rather clients.

It is from secondary schools and by extension from primary schools that good material for colleges is prepared, and through this process, even the competence of the teaching staff. Each level of education recruits the best passes to be retained for teaching. If secondary schools are lowly, the system fails.

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Press freedom on a darkling plain in Nigeria



Get-together by soccer giants Simba SC is tradition well worth emulating

OCCER giants Simba SC were over the weekend marking their annual club get-together known as Simba Day, about the only club in the city that has a tradition of regularly marking the date of founding the club. Their archrivals across the street, Young Africans SC have been rather inconsistent in marking their founding day, while less popular clubs have scarcely thought coming up with annual gatherings. Still there are clubs that ought to be in their 60th year of their founding like Coastal Union FC, among others.

Simba SC was marking a far more respectable age than 60 or 70 years as the club famously came into being in 1936, where their alter egos are their arch rivals, posting a similar age. Their inception was at the time that stirrings of a nationalist sort were just starting, Africans recognizing themselves that way and their youth forming a sports group, and others emulated one of the leading clubs in England at that time, Sunderland FC. This name endured until well after independence, where around 1970 it shifted to Simba.

One reason why other clubs haven't seen much importance in heralding their founding anniversaries is that the whole country is in a sense split in loyalties between the two city rivals from the populous quarter of the old city. While there are 16 to 20 premier league clubs annually in the country's premier soccer competition, each participant there is either Simba or Yanga, and these affinities reach farther up to the legislature, and even top government levels.

The founding Zanzibar president Sheikh Abeid Karume is the one who put up Yanga infrastructure on its feet, and the late parliamentary speaker,

Samuel Sitta, once proudly told his fellow MPs that he wrote the Simba SC constitution - apparently in the mid-1970s.

In that case it will be a rather long journey for other clubs to build the sort of loyalties that the two city rivals have cultivated, but there is no shortage of fans to form such loyalties, only that organization is at times lacking for such initiatives. At the same time, depending on the cultural outlook of a country, a city can have one or two clubs or it can have many, all capable of getting loyal supporters and sponsorships. Perhaps it is in this regard that the situation here is still lacking, as soccer promotion doesn't yield much.

All the same, were other clubs to start organizing the days/years in which they were founded, and then brought to attention former luminaries of those clubs, they could fill a glaring cultural gap in the country. We know a few things about past Yanga and Simba players because plenty is said about the two sides, especially when they infrequently meet and put the whole country on tenterhooks, as if the result thereof is the end of the world, or something distantly similar. It is getting to be familiar, but still mesmerizing.

Were it that our industrialization efforts would make greater headway, especially by facilitating foreign companies to purchase assets in the country, willing partners could form liaisons with local clubs, the way Nairobi city giants Gor Mahia etched a relationship with Everton FC and facilitated regional soccer excitement. In the past West Bromwich Albion, then an England premier league side, visited here for a series of matches, including an East Africa XI match. We can do the same.

By Jide Jimoh

E are witnesses to these significant events that have blighted the record of Nigeria as a press-friendly nation. It has become an incremental foray in the ignominy of incessant attacks on the press and freedom of speech generally. The zenith, so far, of that ignominy, is contained in the recent amendment of the Nigerian Broadcasting Code (NBC)...

Once reputed as the freest press in Africa, the Nigerian press is sliding down at a quick pace as one of the worst. The litany of the subterfuge against the press in Nigeria is reaching a crescendo during this administration of President Muhammadu Buhari and the ruling party. It is like a premeditated onslaught to bring the press to its knees to assuage the whims and caprices of those who hold the levers of power.

We are witnesses to these significant events that have blighted the record of Nigeria as a press-friendly nation. It has become an incremental foray in the ignominy of incessant attacks on the press and freedom of speech generally. The zenith, so far, of that ignominy, is contained in the recent amendment of the Nigerian Broadcasting Code (NBC) conceived, nurtured and birthed by the minister of Information and Culture, Lai Mohammed, who gleefully announced those ignominious provisions.

Let us look at the hate speech phenomenon on which I have carried out academic research in recent times.

There is no universally accepted definition of hate speech. The possible effect of hate speech is determined by

some five criteria that have no universal application. They are moderated by specific sociological and political variables that are shifting with time and circumstances. The implication of such shifts in circumstances in the political context is the possible manipulation by those who hold the levers of power. It is my view that in the current Nigerian situation, the hate speech posture of the government, is a veneer for silencing dissenting views and imposing a spiral of silence on an increasingly disillusioned polity, in a situation of a rising frustration of expectations.

The expectation was high; the deliverables were mouth-watering at the onset of this administration. Not a few thought that the Fundamental Objectives and Directive Principles of State Policy, as listed in Chapter Two of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as Amended, was inching towards implementation. But what we have witnessed is a regression to the dark days of blatant disregard for the rights and basic humanity of the average Nigerian.

Backtothe hate speech phenomenon. In hate speech scholarship, five criteria are generally recognised in assessing the possible impact of hate speech on the polity: The status of the speaker, the reach of the speech, goals of the speech, the content of the speech and the surrounding climate (social/economic/political). Even if all of these are present in a particular hate speech, it is no guarantee that it will have impact in the society. What is considered hate speech by government might just be an early warning signal for society to

arrest a deteriorating situation.

So the definition of hate speech has to be socially defined and recognised, irrespective of what the government of the day feels. Some speeches are necessary to galvanise actions from the holders of the levers of power, more so as a feedback from the populace on possible implications of certain actions on the society. Patriotism is said to be the refuge of every scoundrel. We are witnesses to the idea of national security being appropriated as the personal interests of those in power.

For a phenomenon that has no universal definition, caution must be the watchword. The fake speech debate gained prominence when Donald Trump became the president of the world's most powerful nation, the United Sstates of America. Every news that did not suit his agenda he regarded as fake news. We had Decree Four of 1984 during the military regime of General Muhammadu Buhari, which criminalised truth, if the truth embarrassed the government or any of the officials. Under that decree Tunde Thompson and Ndukar Irabor went to jail for a report that embarrassed the government. Are we back to that period? Buhari had earlier told Nigerians in an interview that he would tamper with press freedom. Are we back to those days?

In the particular circumstances that led to a fine being imposed on a radio station, there are many questions begging for answers. Not the least of these is whether the National Broadcasting Commission (NBC) can be accuser, judge and executioner in its own case. Another

poser is whether they have the right to impose fines in the first place. The board of NBC has also disowned the purported amendment to the Nigerian Broadcasting Code. I believe our positive minded legal luminaries will not allow these anomalies to reign.

From conception to implementation, the amendment to the Broadcasting Code has been trailed by controversies. It is obvious from reactions from stakeholders that there were no industry-wide consultations before the amendments were foisted on the public.

As it turns out, not even the internal mechanisms were exhausted, judging by the rejection of the Code by the Board of NBC. The posture of the minister in privileging the legal option over other mechanisms for stemming hate speech has not helped matters. A holistic look at the sociology of hate speech will put Nigeria in a better position to counter it.

Nobody is advocating a situation where hate speech dominates the air. It is just that governments throughout history cannot be allowed to be the sole determinant of what is and what is not hate speech. When a government believes a hate speech has been uttered, it must go through a judicial process, instead of instant judgement. The media are also duty-bound to undertake regular assessments of their internal mechanisms for selfregulation and stick to professional and ethical standards. That role cannot be outsourced to government. A vibrant press is the one that uncovers what governments would rather put under

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We cannot celebrate Women's Month in an atmosphere of fear

By Nonhlanhla Makhuba

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Every year, South Africa celebrates National Women's Month in August, in commemoration of the 9 August 1956 march of almost 20,000 women to the Union Buildings in Pretoria. Led by uMama uLilian Ngoyi, Rahima Moosa, Helen Joseph and Sophia de Bruyn, they marched to petition against the laws requiring South Africans who were classified as black in terms of the Population Registration Act to carry pass books.

This year, we celebrated 64 years since this iconic

government has selected the theme, "Generation Equality: Realising Women's Rights for an Equal Future'" for Women's Month 2020. As we embark on these celebrations, we

est conversation about the actual state of affairs for women living in this coun-

It is common knowledge that violence is intricately woven into the fabric of South African society. The most recent crime stats (2019/2020) confirm this. Despite the national lockdown, crime stats soared and offences that target primarily women were no different. A significant increase in sexual offences paints a dark picture for the safety, dignity, and equal treatment of women in this country.

We cannot celebrate women in an atmosphere of fear.

Women across the country are consistently afraid of leaving their homes alone, returning home to abusive partners, and raising their daughters in an inherently violent society which disproportionately affects the girl child and women. The statistics are horrendous and should never cease to elicit a strong response from both the public and all government agencies.

Covid-19 has also taken its toll. Following the outbreak of the coronavirus in early March, South Afrineed to engage in an hon- cans were soon forced to



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remain in their homes.

In the first week of lockdown alone, the South African Police Service (SAPS) received 2.300 complaints of gender-based violence (GBV). Police Minister Bheki Cele said that in the first three weeks of the lockdown, government's GBV and Femicide Command Centre, which runs a toll-free, 24/7 emergency call centre, recorded more than 120,000 calls to the helpline for abused women and children. This is double the usual volume of calls. One can easily imagine the extent of violence that has occurred and continues to take place over the extended State of National Disaster.

According to the World Organisation (WHO), five times more women are murdered by an intimate partner in South Africa than anywhere else in the world.

GBV is indeed the second pandemic South Africa is facing. In fact, this pandemic was here before Covid-19 and will continue to ravage our communities long after it is over.

Over and above concerning GBV statistics, women a stating effect of amplifyhave borne the brunt of the devastating economic downturn because of Cov- and Covid-19 has been no

id-19. Women occupy the overwhelming majority of unskilled labour positions and experience the most iob insecurity in the labour market. Women make up the majority of frontline workers - nurses, social workers and other hospital staff. They are exposed to

the pandemic in alarming

proportions, yet they re-

ceive limited support.

Further, women continue to fight structural inequality in workspaces where their upward mobility is limited and there are fewer female executives than male ones. Women are paid less than their male counterparts and have to battle harassment of all forms, in disproportionate amounts, no matter what levels of professionalism they occupy.

Black women remain the most affected by the systemic inequality we see in South Africa. We may have a representative Parliament, and on paper, through our progressive laws, extend equality to all women, but on the ground, we are far from our imagined democracy.

Pandemics have the deving existing inequalities in the societies they affect,

It cannot be the responsibility of women alone to effect change when it comes to the scourge of GBV. A collective self-reflection and effort must take place. More male voices must be heard calling out their peers and championing the cause for equal treatment of women and girls.

As we celebrate Women's Month, let us all come together and demand accountability from the government. Let us call on President Cyril Ramaphosa to tell South African women what has been done by the steering committee established in April 2019 to respond to the GBV crisis.

We demand a follow through on the National Strategic Plan on Gender-Based Violence and Femicide. We want to know where the action plan is. We want to know when legal changes will be implemented to guarantee harsher sentences for perpetrators of gender-based violence.

Until we have visible action and accountability from the government, all we have are empty promises for vulnerable women, and another hollow celebration for South Africa's women.

By Julius Jeh and Alphonso **Toweh**

ike in 2016 when the Government Liberia public-private partnership (now the Liberia Education Advancement Program -LEAP) with Bridge Liberia, U-Movement, Street Child Rising Academies other non-state and providers to run public schools, disagreements, and criticisms from some legislators and civil society have continued to this day. Recently, an education coalition and the National Teachers Association of Liberia (NTAL) renewed the usual critiques after some furloughed employees (as a result of Covid-19) had complained about the process, despite partners such as Bridge living up to the Ministry of Labor's mandate per the COVID guidelines for the organization to pay nonessential staff half of their salaries, when not working.

NTAL has called many times loudly for Bridge to stop operating in Liberia, and waved placards. They are less active and vocal about making sure that Liberian teachers have their rights and are getting paid. The thousands of 'volunteer teachers' in government schools, wait in hope for the day that they will be put on the government payroll and paid for their work educating the country's youth. NTAL is strangely quiet about this situation. Even more odd is that they campaign against organisations who are paying teachers while they wait to be put on the government payroll - making sure they can feed their families. I have not heard their raised voices offer any other practical ideas, better or worse.

Now, NTAL are working with two former employees in the LEAP programme who were dismissed for breach of contract; to help them in their campaign with a spree of unfounded and made-up allegations against the edu-

Why government partnerships make sense for delivering education



Former Education Minister backed up findings from a three year study conducted by two American independent research bodies, that showed the Liberian Education Advancement Program - has increased learning outcomes significantly

cation provider, Bridge. NTAL is happy to continue their campaign, teachers who are working hard and getting support, are not. While many mainstream media entities have seen through the allegations of angry ex-employees, a few others have continued to peddle the false claims with complete disregard for the facts which have been outlined. Others will think twice about working in Liberia and bringing funding into the economy if they have to

where truth and facts are unimportant.

It has become messy, again. Ironic when the aim is to get from MESS to BEST. Despite the unfounded critique from these quarters, former Education Minister George Werner recently weighed in on the debate, expressing optimism that "publicprivate partnership is the future for education in Liberia." Speaking on the popular OK Conversation on OK FM 99.5, Mr. Werner argued that it was a work in an environment false sense of dichotomy

actors should not get involved in the provision of education, as the private sector is the original, historic provider of education. He noted that it is a win-win situation for the government and the public as entities like Bridge are providing better quality education with digital capability at a lower cost every year so far. When asked about NTAL's recent comments he says it is not new and began when he built the programme originally. However, he notes Minister backed up find-

from NTAL that private it is things like this that stops Liberia progressing well. According to him, Bridge and other providers deserve commendation from the Union for paying government teachers (mostly volunteers) who were otherwise not being paid before the entities took over the running of the schools. Getting government teachers on the government payroll has been a long running challenge for all adminis-

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ings from a three year study conducted by two american independent research bodies, that showed the Liberian Education Advancement Program - has increased learning outcomes significantly. Other countries are now adopting the model, thanks to its success in Liberia - as attested to by local educational officials, parents and guardians, even from the remote parts of the

Now with COVID, the programme in partner-

ship with the MoE's Emergency in Education continues to benefit Liberian students in all counties using radio, digital study materials and SMS - all remote parts of the country are still learning. In schools, teams are helping distribute food and teaching about hygiene as well as supporting all remote learning efforts.

Mr Werner believes Bridge is mostly being criticised once again because it is the lighting rod for the education program. LEAP's success raises challenges for the development sector as a whole when it has seen the advances made by private providers in government systems. People are worried, not only about the success of the programme but the success of a big organisation in public education; even if it's as a government partner. Bridge presides over the highest number of schools, and the expectations are high both in terms of learning and team performance. That is right and it is what we should expect from all institutions if we are serious about growth and prosperity. Mr Werner in fact expressed support for this approach "If somebody is not up to the mark on the job, it is not like our public sector where they would go to someone to beg. In the private sector we have a company to run, you can't go there and expect to become a politician, pushing allegations to undermine the institution, damaging the chances of our youth, you should get pushed out."

LEAP is a programmatic success for the country. It has a proud legacy for Mr. Werner even more so because it is championed quietly by the current Ministry of Education. The government should claim it loudly; instead the worry now is that other countries who visited Liberia in several years have replicated the programme and will steal the acclaim. Liberia as the first will be forgotten and we will have ourselves to

General Babangida at 79: A hero or a heroic failure?

By Dan Muye

August, 2020, birthday for former President Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida (IBB), our nation's 8th ruler. Where presidential birthdays are a cause for public reflection, this too is not supposed to pass without some reflection. Not entirely surprising because he is one of the ex-leaders some Nigerians love to hate and prominent on the regular lists of the most "misconstrued presidents".

His case is a metaphor for destiny, as all he aspired in life as a youngster was to become a practising civil engineer, but ended up becoming the President of Nigeria.

To talk about IBB requires a thesis. He gentle-mannered, cosmopolitan, charming, elegant, consensus-builder, eloquent, modest, proud African, peacemaker and one of the truly iconic figures of modern times. General Babangida is not a run-of-the-mill persona, but an extraordinary leader whose footprints are literally everywhere in the country with a happy and optimistic temperament which enabled him to stand for his constituency and the country without losing sight of larger interests.

As a young Lieutenant, on his return from United Kingdom in 1967, he was

posted to the war front. His first taste with battle was at the Nsukka sector where he fought gallantly in the Civil War under the command of General Muhammad Wushishi. A year after in August 1968 as a Captain, he was given the command of the 44 Infantry Battalion, known as "The Rangers" that was known for its bravery to both the Nigeria and Biafran side of the war.

All those who served

under him gave testimonies

of the sacrifices he made not only to win the war, but the knack to manage casualty for loss of lives from both federal and Biafran forces. On 13th February, 1976, when General TY Danjuma gave him a matching order to go and crush the coup plotters at the premises of Nigerian Broadcasting Corporation House, Ikoyi, Lagos, where Lt. Col BS Dimka and his coplotters were, he complied. Unarmed, coming face-toface with the coup plotters, he was able to neutralise the leader of the rebel, a turning point in quashing the coup that claimed the life of General Murtala Mohammed. His heroic exploits against the plotters boosted his profile, not only with the army, but also the entire armed forces, and he became a household name

Action and dynamism were central to IBB's remains the only expresident at par with our



founding fathers who have influenced our national development. Some of the signature projects of his administration included: 3rd Mainland Bridge, Abuja-Kaduna-Kano dual carriage way, Phase 1 & II of Federal Secretariat Complex in Abuja, 6 Military Barracks in Abuja, International Conference Centre, ECOWAS Secretariat, Aso-Rock Presidential Villa, and so many projects too numerous to mention.

The most important prerequisites for a leader are vision to overcome the danger of stagnation and courage to navigate hitherto uncharted territory. His administration gave local government areas full executive powers; their

share of revenue from the federation account was increased from 10% to 20% and paid directly to their treasuries bypassing the state governments.

His late wife, Mrs. Babangida's Maryam "Better Life for the Rural Women" was instrumental in closing gender gap and ushered involvement of women in governance of Nigeria. From mid 80's to date, we have had women as appointed and elected officials at the state, central government and private sector. IBB exhibited a "mathematical cast of mind" and a "taste for adventure". He had the intuition of grasping situations holistically.

IBB is blessed with a

that he did his best to take the country from where it was to where it had never been. His attempt at re-engineering Nigeria can never be regarded as a whacked exertion. For instance, the Structural Adjustment Programme SAP led to the establishment of the following institutions; FIRS, NDIC, NEXIM, NERFUND, NEPZA, NAIS, NDE, NASENI, FMBN, NPC, SHESTCO, NMC, NPC, NALDA, RMRDC, NAFDAC, NDLEA, TAC, and RMAFC.

Three decades after, the aforementioned agencies and many others are still functioning and aiding the nation's economic growth and development.

deep sense of obligation of manipulating and who values knowhow,

programme in order to prolong his stay in power, he facilitated the entrance of new breed of politicians. Many revelations show that the annulment of June 12 election was handiwork of members of the political elite pursuing selfish interests. The significant political gladiators that blamed him for annulling the election ended up lobbying and taking appointments as ambassadors ministers, and other heads of agencies immediately after he stepped aside. Today, the young politicians that emerged owing to the cancellation of June 12 elections are those currently controlling both political and economic power in Nigeria.

His foresight for creation of states and LGAs in 1987 and 1991 helped in aking governance to the grassoroot. The sates and LGA's he created offered opportunities for people and communities who have for long been neglected, relegated, under-represented at both the state and federal level sto have a voice.

President Among Babangida's legacies is accomplishing the dream of Late General Murtala Muhammad's administration by moving the capital of the country from Lagos to Abuja.

Babangida President Despite being accused is a visionary leader

aborting the transition excellence, merit and good governance. proved that by stocking his administration with brain powers, policy makers, strategists and professionals. Some of his ministers, appointees and committee members contributed immensely to the development of the nation.

General IBB is a visionary leader who shunned the traditional, authoritarian and anti-Western norm of leadership whose administration started the economic diversification of Nigeria. General Babangida indeed does deserve to be called a hero. This is because his achievements are still very glaring, enduring and will increase in significance as the years press on.

As he clocks 79, I will end with one of his quotes, "History will forgive you for taking a wrong decision, but history will not forgive you for not taking a decision at all". Every leader, even those that were feted as the best in the world have their shortcomings.

This is to join the family, friends, associates and wellwishers on this occasion of the unique anniversary to salute his selfless, unwavering commitment to humanity and astonishing accomplishments to the country. Happy birthday and happy many more years of sound health to the most urbane president in the history of Nigeria.

By Omphemetse S Sibanda

recovery will be with us for not to let our guard down, excited that many of the things we could not do under Levels 5 to 3 can now be done.

Much was said by President Cyril Ramaphosa in his announcement on 15 August that South Africa will be placed on lockdown Level 2. What struck a chord for me is the fact that as a country we have had to endure a lot: "It has been an immensely difficult five months, and the pandemic has taken a heavy toll - on the health of our people, on families and communities, on the public health system, on the economy and on people's everyday lives", said Ramaphosa.

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in its document "Policy measures to avoid corruption and bribery in the Covid-19 response and recovery" describes this as a time of "unprecedented challenges of human suffering, uncertainty and major economic disruption on a global scale".

Ramaphosa takes South Africa out of hard lockdown, lifts cigarette and alcohol ban

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Worth noting are the words by Ramaphosa that "we have proven our resilience as a nation over the past five months" and that "the task before us now is to apply the same energies with which we have battled this pandemic to the economic recovery effort".

The president also appreciated that the country

Rooting out corruption is the duty of law enforcement agencies and not politicians

CORRUPTION

will have to traverse a long road **from corruption to be sustain**towards full economic recovery:

"Even as we open up economic activity, it will take a long time for industries and businesses to recover, and there is much work still to be done," noted

South Africa's post-Covid economic recovery will be multifaceted, requiring a comprehensive series of innovative legislative, policy, and practical interventions. Consider, for example, the comprehensive blueprint for a post-Covid recovery and building economic resilience issued by the American Sustainable Business Council (ASBC) in April. The strength of such a recovery plan lies with it addressing key issues including putting in place effective policies to encourage small business retention; reframing economic development policy and practices to focus on local business needs and local economies; and banking, finance and procurement practices. Other areas that will need closer attention are health and safety, climate and energy, and food and water security.

Anti-corruption is critical in the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). Thus, any post-Covid-19 recovery plan must take into account the SDG targets on corruption and requires major policy shifts and structural reforms to the economy. The world is replete with examples that corruption is an antithesis to development and economic recovery. To this end, we must implore the government of South Africa to work towards achieving the anti-corruption targets in SDG 16, if it is serious about sustainable post-Covid-19 economic recovery. SDG 16 targets enjoin countries to promote access to justice, transparency, accountability and integrity.

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However, it must be conceded that South Africa's socioeconomic recovery will not be easy, and may face some perennial challenges such as corruption. The Desmond and Leah Tutu Foundation correct-**Recovery plans must be free** ly warned that corruption will tion. Unchecked corruption is

hamper South Africa's Covid-19 recovery plans. In fact, the risk of corruption during the country's post-Covid-19 recovery will be with us for a long time. The OECD also noted that Covid-19 responses and recovery plans create endless opportunities for corruption and bribery: "Identifying and addressing corruption risks will thus be crucial to protect trust in public institutions and business, and to galvanise public confidence in the governments' ability to mobilise an effective crisis response," noted

Thus, it is important not to let our guard down, excited that many of the things we could not do under Levels 5 to 3 can now be done. The ills of corruption are well known and well documented and should never be forgotten as we enter the Covid-19 countrywide economic activities and recovery initiatives.

In her 2015 book, "Thieves of State: Why Corruption Threatens Global Security," Sarah Chayes, using Afghanistan as a case study, explains the consequence of unchecked corruptional frustration, and can be the cause for violence or violent protests and people seeking puritanical solutions. Chayes refers to the Afghan government as a vertically integrated criminal network where lowlevel government officials skim money from the population and the high-level officials loot the money with a guarantee of protection from prosecution. Corruption and well-

planned criminal networks are what we all should be worried about with regard to the government's economic recovery plans. I do not want to suggest that the South African government is organised in a mafia style, with kleptocrats, skimmers, and thieves waiting to fleece resources earmarked for the post-Covid-19 recovery plan.

Interestingly, however, some of the accusations in the book have been repeated against renowned South African politicians, the government or government officials. For example, investigative journalist Pieter-Louis Myburgh's book on State Capture was titled "Gangster State: Unravelling Ace Magashule's Web of Capture"; and a forensic report into the role of individuals and municipalities in the looting of the Venda Building Society (VBS) was titled "The Great Bank Heist", with allegations implicating key members from the ruling African National Congress (ANC) and the opposition Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) or those associated with these two parties in corrupt pracFormer Public Protector

Thuli Madonsela's report on an investigation conducted into allegations of impropriety and unethical conduct relating to the installation and implementation of security and related measures at the private residence of former president Jacob Zuma at Nkandla was titled "Secure in Comfort". Madonsela's report on the investigation into allegations of maladministration relating to financial mismanagement, tender irregularities and appointment irregularities against the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa (Prasa) was aptly titled "Derailed".

As I noted in a previous article in Daily Maverick, the government's Covid-19 responses with regards the procurement of personal protective equipment (PPE) have been marred by allegations of corruption systematically organised around benefiting ministers, public officials, politicians, and well-connected individuals and their families.

We must purge corruption from the belly of the Covid-19 beast

Legal, ethical and accountable approach to

Covid-19 recovery Back to the OECD policy: some measures are notable and should be given priority in South Africa. With regard to accountability and control of the economic recovery measures, the report calls for the integration of anti-corruption risk assessments "throughout programme design and delivery phases, in the areas

of economic stimuli, subsidies, official development assistance, and export credits" and that "actual instances of corruption and bribery should be addressed comprehensively, using a whole-of-government approach where possible".

The OECD cautioned against the exploitation by unscrupulous and corrupt individuals of the economic and fiscal measures being implemented by the government. A typical case of such exploitation was the abuse of the emergencv PPE procurement measures in South Africa.

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To use the words of the OECD policy, how the South African government dealt with corruption that may creep in during the recovery phase of the economy will provide "a stress test for public integrity and public financial management systems, and more specifically internal control systems within public organisations".

I wish I could confidently say that as a country we have everything under control and that we will deal holistically and effectively with corruption. Unfortunately, it would seem that the president's recalibration of our anti-corruption landscape with regard to Covid-19 is flickering. More concerning is when the oligarchs and politicians are given the authority to investigate their cronies, as with the announcement by Ramaphosa that a six-member Committee of Ministers (CoM) will investigate the corruption in PPE. The CoM is seen as a ruse to exonerate or create doubt regarding the complicity of comrades in the alleged PPE procurement

Agency launches employer handbook to deal HR issues amid Covid-19 pandemic

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA'S recruitment firm, BrighterMonday, has launched an employer handbook with guidelines on the best ways to deal with human resources during and after pandemics like the coronavirus.

Among other things, the handbook highlights important steps in the recruitment process, decision making, working from home and the challenges involved, the policies and necessary tools to facilitate working from home.

Also, the handbook has touched on the effective communications methods with employees, supervision of staff and human resources strategies after the coronavirus

The handbook has been prepared as a result ofa compilation of different strategies which includes information gathered from several international studies, BrighterMonday's human resources experts and HR experts from different companies in Tanzania.

This handbook is meant to help people in the human resources sector during and after pandemics. It can be used as a guideline in work performance and to create better strategies in the working environment.

Speaking during the event to launch the handbook held on Friday in Dar es Salaam, the Chief Executive Officer for BrighterMonday Tanzania, Reshma Bharmal-Shariff said: , "We are all aware of the bewildering challenge we went through which brought disruption to human resources management. As human resources stakeholders, we saw the need to provide curated expert advice and research insights and we want to share HR best practices that apply to the above, during this period and its aftermath."

Reshma added that the handbook aims to assist HR practitioners with HR best practices during disruption and in the future. Also, the guide book will help in improving the working environment both for employers and employees. On the other hand, it can also help job seekers in understanding the whole recruitment process.

The BrighterMonday's Marketing Officer, Erica Uisso said: "This handbook is free for everyone and it is available in softcopy on our website."



Leading in time of Covid: A true test of leadership

By Folake Olayinka

In 1918, the Spanish Flu, a deadly influenza caused by the H1N1 virus, decimated the world. Over the course of four successive waves, it infected 500 million people, about a third of the world's population at the time, resulting in 50 million

More recently between 2014 and mid-2016, the Ebola virus epidemic was the most widespread outbreak of Ebola virus disease in to hospital-based intensive care. history--causing devastating loss of life and socioeconomic disruption in the West Africa region, mainly in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone. These outbreaks, as well as SARS and MERS, each have provided lessons on how to better handle future pandemics.

The biggest takeaway for COVID-19? We need effective leadership and an intersectional response.

For years, scientists and thought leaders have warned about the need for preparedness against a potential pandemic. Five years ago, Bill Gates in his TED talk 'The next outbreak? We're not ready', drew attention to a potential epidemic from a corona-like virus. In an interview in 2019, the Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Dr. Anthony Fauci shared similar sentiments.

In a sense, a pandemic like

COVID-19 was anticipated and yet impact of the virus. it still took the world largely by surprise. When it came, it changed everything, as we knew it would. It also exposed deep underlying disparities and inequities fueling poor health outcomes. In the absence of a vaccine, health professionals and public health leaders explored the range of interventions and tools they could deploy against the virus from simple infection control measures

Although the focus continues to be minimizing the death toll while urgently working towards a vaccine, it is important to reflect and learn from the past months. What did leaders do well and what did they not do well, while not fully understanding the disease and how can we use these lessons right now and in the future?

Rapidly changing information led to a complex cycle of responses but at the center of this conversation is the recognition that the intersection between public health leadership and political leadership holds the key to getting ahead of the disease.

the unprecedented With spread of the pandemic, varying transmission rates at country levels, cross border spread, and a lack of a cure or vaccines, both political and public health leaders have had to chart new pathways in order to limit the catastrophic

Another critical question is what type of leadership is needed to get through such an unprecedented crisis? New Zealand presents an effective leadership model not only through their rapid and aggressive response, but also a strong adaptive leadership in that complex intersection of politics, health and economics.

Without a doubt, Prime Minister COVID-19 as declared on June 8, 2020 about 11 weeks after the first case. It can be argued that by basing decisions on science and prioritizing health outcomes, the leadership of New Zealand set a high bar for other leaders to overcome COVID-19.

The early lockdown measures were stringent and fast and certainly affected the amount of income from tourism usually seen at this time of the year in the short term. This approach was necessary to achieve longer term objectives of restoring the health and economy.

Going into the lockdown, Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said in a statement in March 14, 2020, "we must fight by going hard and going early." This leadership strategy was certainly effective by any standards. Jacinda Ardern not only successfully eliminated COVID-19 within eleven weeks; she

also balanced her leadership with

She demonstrated purposeful, empathic leadership on science and public health. This aligns with the leadership approach put forward by Former President of Liberia, H.E Ellen Sirleaf Johnson, who led her country to recovery after fourteen years of civil war.

"To me, there is no contradiction between being an empathetic Jacinda Ardern provided effective leader and being a strong leader." political leadership in eliminating A lot can be learned about effective leadership from these women leaders in times of crisis.

Here are five critical things that leaders need to do to get ahead of the COVID-19 pandemic:

Use the scientific evidence and data regularly to innovate, adapt tools and approaches to contain disease, reduce severity of illness and prevent deaths

Listen and respond to people's concerns, needs with empathy; communicate consistently clearly and factually through trusted voices and ensure access to accurate information at all levels

Collaborate and coordinate actions across sectors at global, country and subnational levels, with communities and relevant stakeholders. This will create greater efficiency and avoid wasting resources

Adapt approaches based on emerging issues, draw lessons fast and apply relevant learning using

talent and technology

Rapidly determine high-risk populations, those suffering the greatest burden and address systemic inequities that perpetuate spread of the disease.

To be sure, this pandemic has brought the political, health and economic leadership of countries into a complex intersection and leaders have had to grapple with taking the right decisions.

There are a number of considerations that inform the type of decision-making, resources, and interventions that must be prioritized to prevent deaths, stop the spread of the diseases, protect vulnerable populations, and keep the economies running. But COVID-19 anywhere is a threat everywhere and to overcome it, the world will need coordinated and effective leadership.

Only a healthy nation can grow an economy. Effective leadership, particularly in a time of crisis, is the key to restoring economic balance.

There is still a ways to go for many regions and countries in combating COVID-19, but I am sure that leadership modeled after Jacinda Ardern and the critical actions above will go a long way in halting the pandemic where they are applied. With the right leadership at all levels, we can have a better and more resilient post pandemic world.

Beyond September 17th fire disaster

By Cornelius Robert U-Sayee

In the midst of severe

economic challenges and

skyrocketing school fees,

Mama Liberia and dozens of families mourn the death of 26 pupils and their teachers who fell to the cold hands of death during a catastrophic fire outbreak while on campus. I imagine their shouting and screaming... the physical pains they felt while battling for their lives. Today, we are in sympathy with their families and love ones, a good sign of "national solidarity".I would like to draw the public attention to the other side of the coin - our educational environments. How safe are they for Liberia's treasures the children? Where are they located? Who monitors them? My 2017 research experience in Liberia confirmed that many schools in our country, especially in Monrovia do not have the prerequisites to exist and operate under the name school. Firstly, they are neither accessible by cars or bicycles. This means that, in case of any eventuality, like fire outbreak, fire fighters will be unable to reach and rescue the situation. However, they do exist in our capital city and other parts of the country as recognized places for molding the minds of our children or better put, Liberia's future leaders. These also illustrate and expose the weakness and underequip educational

Additionally, many of our schools whether primary, elementary, junior or senior high schools do not have fire extinguishers, infirmary, safe drinking water, cafeterias or playgrounds. Not to talk about libraries, research laboratories or proper toilet facilities. Neither are they enclosed or having separate places for entrance and exit like in the case of the school where our children were engulfed by the furnace fire... it was just one way into

monitoring system we run

as a nation.

the building and out of it! No emergency exit places like we have in contemporary schools' buildings around the world. Even cars, ships, trains and airplanes have emergency exits, why not our schools too? Why should we often wait for disasters to destroy us first before taking precaution? Is it not wiser to be on the preventive side than to be victimized often by controllable circumstances?

We cannot just mourn and allow our other children to remain vulnerable in those so-called schools. The Government of Liberia through the Ministry of Education (MOE) must now step fully into the picture to make sure our schools environments are safer and conducive for learning. I do recognize the gradual reforms that are ongoing in our educational system. Notwithstanding, needs to be more proactive in the supervision of schools in order to ensure that our kids are in a happy and safe learning environment. Even if such monitoring operations will lead to the suspension of license or closure of those "by-the-wayside" schools, the Ministry should unwavering endure to do so, as a viable remedy towards having a secure educational environment for Liberia's children and the next generations to come.

If we must act as a nation in the interest of its children, the time is now! Let us not delay this process of transforming our schools into more conducive and suitable learning centers for Liberia's children. This gone fire disaster is a wakeup call for MOE. There are lots of schools' buildings in Liberia that may be "death traps" for our children. The sooner our Government will put into place practical implementation plans to curb out this situation, the safer for Mama Liberia's children in those so-called schools.savee

AU launches continental campaign to mitigate COVID-19 impact in Africa

By Special Correspondent, Addis Commission, Infrastructure and

THE African Union (AU) Commission has launched a flagship campaign to intensify the continental fight against the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic toward protecting African economies and livelihoods amid the easing of lockdowns.

The newly launched continental initiative, dubbed "Africa Against COVID-19: Saving Lives, Economies, and Livelihoods Campaign," mainly envisaged protecting borders and travelers, economies and livelihoods, as countries ease lockdown and resume economic activities, the AU announced on

The initiative was launched jointly by the AU Social Affairs

Energy Commission as well as the Africa Center for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) during weekly virtual news briefing on the COVID-19 pandemic in Africa.

John Nkengasong, Director of Africa CDC, said during the virtual briefing that as AU member states begin to ease lockdowns and reopen, "it is critical to prepare Africa for the next phase of the COVID-19 pandemic."

As of Thursday, the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases across the African continent reached 1,147,369 as the death toll from the pandemic climbed to 26,618, while some 870,568 patients who tested positive for COVID-19 had recovered across the continent, according to the Africa CDC.

Noting "sign of hope" in terms

Noting that only 28 percent of health facilities in Africa have reliable sources of energy, the AU Infrastructure and **Energy Commissioner** stressed the need "to speak in one voice and turn around this crisis in Africa to do things better for the wellbeing of our people.

of decrease in the number of new COVID-19 cases in Africa during the past week, Nkengasong, how-

ever, emphasized the need to avoid "prevention fatigue," and further intensify precautionary measures, such as the use of masks, social distancing as well as increase COV-ID-19 testing.

Recalling the continental Partnership to Accelerate COVID-19 Testing in Africa initiative that was launched on June 4 that envisaged testing 10 million COVID-19 targets across the continent, the Africa CDC Director stressed that more than 10.2 million tests have been conducted so far across the continent, exceeding the initial target.

According to figures from the Africa CDC, South Africa, Morocco and Ethiopia are among the African countries that have conducted the highest number of COVID-19

Amani Abou-Zeid, AU Commis-

sioner for Infrastructure and Energy, also said during the virtual briefing the need to expedite investments in the energy infrastructure sector, as she emphasized that challenges associated to the energy sector is greatly hampering the public health sector.

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Amira Elfadil Mohammed, AU Commissioner for Social Affairs, on her part also emphasized the need to exert concerted efforts as a continent towards mitigating the socio-economic impacts of the

Walter Carrington: Ambassador who refused to stay silent in face of tyranny

By Demola Ojo

n this tribute, Demola Ojo honours a former United States Ambassador to Nigeria, the late Walter Carrington, who passed away last week at 90 years

One of the most prestigious streets in the upscale Victoria Island axis of Lagos is named after a former United States Ambassador to Nigeria, the late Walter Carrington, who passed away last week at 90 years, which invariably means it is one of the most important streets in Lagos, and by extension, Nigeria. And for good reasons too.

Carrington adopted Nigeria as his own country, and the country reciprocated, adopting Carrington as its son. Carrington was so enmeshed in the Nigerian culture that he took a Nigerian wife, Arese. As an African-American, it was pretty natural for Carrington to assimilate. But this is not as easy as one would expect.

While the descendants of Africans forcibly transported across the Atlantic centuries ago yearn to have a connection with the Motherland, the unpalatable reality is that it hasn't

do so. Economic realities are among the inhibiting factors, in tandem with a paucity of information on Africa in the United States.

Carrington was among the rare breeds that probably saw themselves as African first, despite being American. It was probably by design rather than chance that his official assignments as ambassador were to Africa. Senegal, then later, Nigeria. These turned out ideal opportunities for him to embrace his roots. He served as the US ambassador to Senegal from 1980 to 1981 and was later appointed by a former US President, Bill Clinton, in 1993 as the ambassador to Nigeria, where he remained until 1997.

However, his deep ties with Nigeria went further back in time as he had lived in three Nigerian cities since the late 1960s.

Carrington had an illustrious career across both the academia and the diplomatic services, as well as a lifetime lived in service of humanity, and especially the Black race.

Born July 24, 1930, in New York City to an immigrant father from Barbados, Carrington was raised in a predominately Italianalways been practical to Irish community and was



vice president of his class throughout his four years at the predominantly white Parlin Junior High and Everett High School.

Graduating in 1948, Carrington became one of four black students at Harvard University. There, he founded the first Harvard chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People.

He was the first student elected to the National Board of Directors of the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People).

A graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School, Carrington practiced law in Massachusetts and served on the threemember Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination, becoming at the age of 27, the youngest person to be appointed a commissioner in the state's

While there, he was in charge of the case, which led to the Boston Red Sox, the last remaining all white Major League Baseball Team, hiring their first black player.

history.

elected the NAACP Youth Council delegate to Senegal. Carrington organised for John F. Kennedy in 1960. In 1961, he came to Africa as one of the first overseas Directors of the Peace Corps, eventually becoming the Peace Corps director of Africa.

In 1967, he had the responsibility of evacuating young Americans as Biafran troops were advancing towards Benin. He then served as executive vice president of the African American Institute from 1971 to 1979 and was also a member of Africare.

In 1980, Carrington served President Jimmy Carter as Ambassador to Senegal. In 1981, he was named director of the Department of International Affairs at Howard University. He also taught at Marquette University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Washington College and from 1990 to 1991 acted as a consultant at the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies.

President Bill Clinton appointed him US Ambassador to Nigeria in 1993 and he arrived in Lagos a few months after the annulment of the June 12 elec-

In 1952, Carrington was tion, subsequently opposing the abuses of Nigerian Head of State, General Sani Abacha.

> He criticised Abacha's regime, and campaigned vigorously for a return to democracy in Nigeria. Carrington rallied the diplomatic corps against the regime's abuse of human rights and brutalisation of Nigerians, especially critics and pro-democracy activists. He went beyond diplomatic limits in the engagement of the Abacha regime and the struggle for military disengagement and enthronement of democratic government.

Although his tenure ended in 1997, Carrington showed interest in the affairs of Nigeria till his last days on earth.

From 1997 to 1998, and again in 1999, Carrington worked as a fellow of Harvard University's W.E.B. DuBois Institute. He was also a MacArthur Fellow in 1998. In 2004, he was named the first African American Warburg Professor of International Relations at Simmons College in Boston.

In 2014, alongside his Nigeria-born wife, Arese, he was winner of the City of Lifetime Human Rights Award, a sort of crown on

In the same vein, not

the lifelong struggle for human rights.

In 1991, Carrington published Africa in the Minds and Deeds of Black American Leaders (with Edwin Dorn). In 2010, he published A Duty to Speak: Refusing to Remain Silent in a Time of Tyranny, a compilation of his speeches supporting democracy and human rights in Nigeria during the Sani Abacha military dictatorship.

According to a statement signed by his wife, Arese Carrington last Wednesday, "It is with a heavy and broken heart but with gratitude to God for his life of selfless humanity that I announce the passing of my beloved husband, Walter Carrington, former US Ambassador to Nigeria and Senegal.

"He passed away peacefully, surrounded by loved ones at the age of 90 years old on Tuesday, August 11, 2020. Further announcements will be made shortly. Walter was a loving husband, father, grandfather, cousin, uncle, friend and in-law.

"Ralph Waldo Emerson said. It is not the length of life but the depth of life. Walter was fortunate, his life had both length and depth."

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By Gbenga Odegbami

needs more funds to make progress. Identity management is important and cannot be overemphasized. It is so strategic that almost all the past administrations in Nigeria since 1976 have considered it a critical space for development. Recently, the Presidency, via the Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation (OSGF), inaugurated a Steering Committee for the Nigeria Digital Identity, to develop the Ecosystem Project to ensure that issues of identity management stay at the forefront and ensure that the government achieves its objectives.

Considering that my company, Youverify, is a key player in the Nigerian identity management ecosystem, some stakeholders have repeatedly sought my opinion on developments in this industry. Here are my thoughts on how Nigeria arrived at where we are presently, lessons learned from history and steps to achieve the nation's identity management objectives.

So far, we have spent some much, with little re-

The World Bank has estimates that Nigeria is on the track to spend about \$4.3b on identification and addressing programmes. This figure seems realistic when you consider the fact that Nigeria spends an average of over \$500m on each voter registration cycle before an election.

To ensure that the thrust of this article is not missed, I will refrain from focusing on the two major factors that affect every public initiative in Nigeria; the first being corruption (the bogeyman of all problems in Nigeria, according to popular perception), while the second is lack of continuity after the change of regime.

So let's examine the issues that really count.

Citizens' identity management is beyond the BVN. A review of the Bio-

Identity management crisis in Nigeria



metric Verification Number (BVN) exercise conducted within 18 months less than the time frame prescribed by the Banker's Committee (led by the CBN) agreed to show it was successful a initiative. However, some stakeholders believe that it is focused only on the financially included, thus, excluding more than 60% of the population. For this reason, the BVN cannot be used for voter registration or economic intervention in Nigeria i.e. National Social Register (NSR). Nevertheless, we cannot ignore the gains from adopting the BVN, especially within the Fintech space and the resultant economic value and security we enjoy today. I believe that if we galvanize the identity system to cover for almost all Nigerians, the economic impact will be widespread.

NIMC Has its Challenges: As human in a democratic society, we are quick to blame the government agencies for failed systems without really considering the requirements and realities of operating such systems in our polity. Perhaps you are among those who applied for the National ID four years ago and have not received it. Statistically, transformational projects such as a National ID scheme have an average of 30% success rate of meeting their objectives across the globe. Ni-

geria is not an exception. I have analysed four factors, from my perspective, responsible for the failure of the National ID scheme.

One, Value to Citizens: The bottom line in ID compliance is largely driven by the perceived value to citizens. For many years, we have repeatedly failed to emphasize this point, and people only wilfully submit to an identification process when they appreciate the benefit or need for them. For instance, the success attributable to the adoption of the Permanent Voters Card is largely due to the desire of people to vote during elections. Even still, INEC has registered just above 80m Nigerians in two years. For the BVN, you cannot partake in the financial ecosystem without one, therefore you must enrol to participate.

The success of all national identification efforts in other countries is because the citizens are required to use it to access social intervention/ insurance/retirement packages and to file personal income taxes.

In Nigeria, this never existed until the creation of the National Social Investment Office (NSIO) (now Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs). However, this ministry is focused on the vulnerable and poor for now and it therefore excludes some section of the populace. empire or try to increase it.

I believe we don't have enrolment problem but a value one.

Two, Funding. Like all nonrevenue generating agencies, NIMC struggles with obtaining timely funding to achieving its stated objectives. We perpetually run a budget deficit, and the focus seems to be on capital-intensive infrastructure project for the real sector, while other projects, like citizen identification, are neglected and pushed to compete with other projects designed to provide basic services like food, jobs, etc. The balance is grossly uneven and agencies like NIMC are forced to halt or delay in delivering on their objectives. I doubt if NIMC has gotten \$200m combined from inception and they have enrolled more than 40m Nigerians, which is significantly productive based on the data from other climes. As important as NIMC's mandate is, it has struggled to get the funding it required because we have so many competing priorities.

Three, Silos in Government: Although we have had presidential committee(s) to ensure harmonization of identity management efforts, often such committees stymie the effort on the long run. This issue is not unique to Nigeria. Government agencies led by political appointees and career civil servants naturally protect their Considering that political powers and organizational influence are at play here, the silos in Nigeria can be as complex as it gets. Even though NIMC operates an open-door policy with other agencies, it takes more than open-door policy to tango in government even with direct presidential oversight.

Four, Technology appropriateness: The technology deployed for identity biometrics has evolved significantly over the years, making the process more accessible, efficient and affordable. NIMC ought to stay updated with developments in technology. Considerable time is required to identify the technology and complete the procurement process, which is being hampered by government bureaucracies. I will illustrate this malaise. When the project commenced execution, there were cheaper alternatives in the market. For instance, the NIMC smart card was ahead of the game and probably the most forwardthinking ID approach. Today, the tech space has moved on to digital identity apps on smartphones and blockchain-based plat-

too long ago, you needed: a physical location with an agent, a digital camera with specific background, a desktop computer, 4-4-2 fingerprint scanner, a printer, electrical power and internet connection, to conduct an enrolment exercise. Presently, these processes can be replaced with an app on a smartphone and executed at the fraction of the cost and with the same or higher data quality. Comparison with the

BVN Exercise

Let us consider the challenges listed for NIMC IDing in comparison to the BVN project: The value proposition and narrative for the BVN exercise were easy and simple for all citizens to understand. Furthermore, the use and access of bank accounts was tied to the BVN thus making it mandatory.

Besides, the BVN was well funded from commencement and it is still funded through a sustainable model that doesn't require government grants. It does not have to deal with government silos because it is executed within financial industry where government plays a regulatory function mostly.

The timeline between planning and execution was very short so technological changes in the landscape did not affect the ex-

ecution of the project. The INEC registration exercise enjoyed similar circumstances with the BVN. Speaking objectively, the OSGF and NIMC comprise of erudite individuals with relevant experience, who have consistently tried to address these factors within the legal and procedural frameworks available to them.

Suggestions on the way forward: Based on the existing road map, NIMC secured funding approval from the World Bank, as part of Africa ID4D, to ac-

is pegged at \$4-7 per person. For NIN to be a viable foundational ID, enrolment must be done for at least 51% of the population. Considering that our population is forecasted to grow exponentially to 450m people by 2050, NIMC needs more funds to successfully deliver on its

mandate. Based on World Bank estimates, it should cost between \$400m \$700m to complete. Assuming funding issues are resolved, we have three more factors to consider.

The first and arguably most unpredictable factor is the risk associated with change of power, post-election. Every new administration seeks to change the social order, whether or not such change is necessary or relevant. This disrupts the execution of time bound deliverables. I recommend that shorter time frames be implemented to ensure NIMC closes the project at least 10 months before the next election.

The second factor is creating a value-rhetoric among the citizens. The existing approach is to basically forces people to use NIN by making the certain agencies to require it before rendering services. While this is a brilliant approach by NIMC, we will probably not capture 50% of Nigerians this way because the majority of the citizenry do not interact with these agencies requiring the national ID. We need a more aggressive and all-encompassing social net and rhetoric for all Nigerians to help prepare Nigerians for the realities of Nigeria post-identification, and to accelerate universal ID enrolment. In addition, social net helps government agencies at levels increase tax coverage and compliance, thereby increasing revenue.

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BASA CEO Patricia Pillay

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Beer Association relieved to reopen trade after wave of bankruptcies

JOHANNESBURG

The Beer Association of South Africa (BASA) said it's relieved that the sale of alcohol may resume under Alert Level 2 of the lockdown, especially for restaurants, bars and taverns.

"We can assure customers that we are ready to serve them under the strictest safety conditions, taking into account social distancing and health protocols," BASA CEO Patricia Pillay said. BASA brings together the Craft Brewers Association, Heineken South Africa and South African Breweries in order to form a unified voice on issues affecting the beer industry.

Thousands of business closures

The Association also welcomed government's consideration that protecting livelihoods is equally important as saving lives. Many businesses in the beer industry have still not recovered from the first nineweek ban in place from 27 March to 31 May, including 8,000 licensed taverns and 30% of craft breweries that were bankrupted. The second ban, that came into effect on 13 July, forced an additional 15% of craft breweries and thousands more taverns to shut down permanently.

"This is a tragedy of epic proportions, especially since 54% taverns are owned by women supporting their families," Pillay added. In addition to jobs losses, the bans forced South African Breweries to cancel R2.5bn in capital and infrastructure upgrades this financial year; it is currently reviewing a R2.1bn planned spend for 2021. Heineken South Africa has also halted plans for a R6bn brewery expansion in KwaZulu-Natal, which would have created 400 new jobs.

"It is therefore critical that we do not ever have a repeat of the situation we had on 12 July 2020, where an immediate ban on the legal trade in alcohol was announced - without the industry being given any prior warning or opportunity to engage. This posed major logistical and operational challenges for beer manufacturers, distributors and retailers.

"The sudden announcement also placed a huge financial strain on businesses who had bought stock, which they were prevented from selling, which had to be subsequently discarded due to being expired," Pillay

"We appreciate however the challenges government is facing when it comes to fighting the Covid-19 pandemic. As responsible South Africans, we will continue to work with government to identify hospitals in need of support during the pandemic and will provide personal protective and other related equipment."

Responsibility to help fight alcohol

The beer industry, along with the broader alcohol sector, recognised that they have has a responsibility to help fight alcohol abuse in communities.

"At the National Economic Development and Labour Council (Nedlac), we are working with government, labour and community on a social compact to address the underlying societal issues linked to alcohol abuse, and how South Africans' views and behaviour around alcohol consumption and abuse can be changed for the better.

"We are also committed to partnering with government to implement its Gender-Based Violence Masterplan. Furthermore, we support government's zero tolerance for drinking and driving campaign, as well as amendments to the legal bloodalcohol limit for drivers," Pillay said.

"We can, and we must, fight against alcohol abuse and its underlying causes. But we must also recognise that alcohol consumption and abuse does not stop just because the trade of alcohol is banned or restricted. The illicit black market has flourished over the past few months with people having continued to find ways to consume and abuse alcohol, often more recklessly and dangerously than

"We trust that the Nedlac process and our broader engagements will ensure that government and the alcohol industry moves forward together as partners," Pillay said. The industry committed to play its part in cooperatively dealing with issues as they arise rather than having another ban summarily imposed. "Together, we can devise sustainable solutions that encourage citizens to responsibly exercise their choices, that prioritise lives during the Covid-19 pandemic and that safeguard livelihoods across the value chain," Pillay concluded.

COOPERATION

BUSINESS TPA seeks deal with NIT to train its human capital

By Guardian Reporter

N a bid to build capacity of its employees, Tanzania Ports Authority is planning to sign a memorandum of understanding with National Institute of Transport to train them on latest marine skills.

Speaking during a familiarization tour of NIT's Governing Council members last week, the institute's Rector Professor Zacharia Mganilwa said TPA management has promised to work with them to train staff through its various marine programmes.

"We are welcoming Tanzania Ports Authority's decision to collaborate with us and an MoU will be signed soon," Prof Mganilwa said adding that NIT has acquired 115.6 acres of land in Lindi Region to expand its maritime training facility.

He said that the Lindi plot will be used by newly established School of Shipbuilding and Marine Technology (SSMAT). "Maritime transport training is one of the five modes of courses being offered by National Institute of Transport," he said.

He noted that the Dar es Salaam based institute has divided maritime transport courses into two major disciplines: maritime transport management and maritime transport engineering. The NIT chief also urged TPA to make sure that it competes at par with neighbouring ports of Mombasa in Kenya and Beira in Mozambique. "Dar es Salaam Port received 17 million tons of cargo last year, while our competitors, Mombasa received 34 million tons of cargo and Beira in Mozambique got much more at 44 million tons of cargo in 2019," he revealed.

Speaking during the visit, Dar es Salaam Port Manager, Elihuruma Lema said the country's prime port is currently handling over 90 percent of all seaborne trade and serves eight landlocked countries with a combined



Dar es Salaam Port manager (R) Elihuruma Lema briefs members of NIT's governing council who visited the facility.

population of approximately 200 million.

"We want to forge partnership that will see our employees get training at NIT," Lema said adding that the responsibility to serve as maritime gateway for the country and the landlocked countries demand competent staff.

Dar Port serves Burundi, DR Congo, Malawi, Rwanda, Uganda and Zambia in addition to the host nation. "There are also small coastal ports which are under the supervision of Dar Port and they include Mafia and Bagamoyo," he stated.

"Currently the port open storage areas which have the capacity to store 9,780 containers, 4,650 motor vehicle units at any given time. Dar es Salaam Port has the capacity to handle 10.34 million tons per annum with 11

berths," Lema added.

The country's prime port also comprises of Berths 1-7 for general cargo with capacity of 3.1m tons per annum, Berths 8 - 11 for containers have capacity of 400,000 TEUs managed by TICTS. Other terminals include Bulk Liquid with six million tons per annum, grain terminal with 30,000 metric tons and the dockyard with capacity of 21,000 square metres.

He pointed out that TPA is currently undertaking major expansion and modernization of Dar es Salaam Port involving Berths 1-7, dredging and widening of the port's entrance channel. "All this investment is aimed at improving efficiency and facilitating growth of trade by reducing time for cargo clearance from the port and ultimately reduce cost of cargo shipments along the Central Corridor," the Dar Port Manager added.

Upon completion, the Dar Port expansion and modernization project will ultimately result in increased cargo throughput to 28 million metric tons per annum by 2025, reduced vessel waiting time from 80 hours to 30 hours and enhancing vessel turnaround time from an average of two to 1.5 days. The modernization of Dar es Salaam Port will also improve cargo trucks turnaround time from an average of two hours to an hour as well as improving dwell time from an average of 10 days to three

REBUTTAL

Dutch conglomerate Rabobank dismisses NMB share sale talk



Finance and Economic Planning minister, Dr Philip Mpango.

African gem miner digs up 442-carat diamond that may sell at \$18 million

A small diamond miner that has dug some of the world's most valuable gems from a mountainous African kingdom has found another huge stone.

Gem Diamonds said on Friday it had an unearthed a 442-carat diamond at its Letseng mine in Lesotho. While it's hard to establish a price for such stones before cutters can evaluate them, it could sell for as much as \$18

million Edward Sterck, an analyst at BMO Capital Markets wrote in a note. Given the rarity of such large stones, demand for big diamonds has traditionally been resilient, even at times when the wider industry has struggled.

The Letseng mine is famous for the size and quality of the diamonds it produces and has the highest average selling price in the world. Two years ago, Gem Diamonds found a 910-carat stone,

the size of two golf balls, that sold for \$40m.

The find comes as the global diamond industry has been brought to its knees by the pandemic. Jewellery stores have closed and India's cutting industry, which handles almost all of the world's stones, has come to a halt. The miners that dominate the industry, De Beers and Russian rival Alrosa, have seen their rough diamond sales collapse.

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

NETHERLANDS based financial conglomerate Rabobank, which is a strategic investor in NMB Bank Plc, has dismissed reports that it plans to sell its 34 percent stake at the local bank.

Dutch Embassy's First Secretary for economic affairs, Mathij van Eeuwen said in Dodoma last week after receiving a 16.8bn/- divided pay cheque from NMB Bank, that the social media reports have no figment of truth. Eeuwen told Finance and Economic Planning Minis-

ter, Dr Philip Mpango, NMB's Board Chairman, Dr Edwin Mhede and CEO, Ruth Zaipuna that Rabobank actually will transfer its shares to Arise which it also owns.

"We have no plans to withdraw from NMB and as we had already informed the government of Tanzania, our decision is to shift the shares to Arise which is an institution owned by Rabobank," he noted.

He further assured Dr Mpango that the Dutch bank has confidence in NMB's leadership which has resulted into sustained impressive performance for many years."What Rabobank is actually doing is a normal thing in business and investments," Eeuwen added while expressing confidence in newly appointed CEO, Ruth Zaipuna.

Speaking at the same event, Minister Mpango commended Rabobank's leadership for its decision to invest in NMB and maintain its shares which has made the former state owned bank into the largest in the

"We also thank Rabobank's owners for endorsing the appointment of the first Tanzania as CEO of the bank since its privatization," Dr Mpango stated while assuring the Dutch envoy that the government will continue to put in place a conducive environment for private investments to yield better results.

He said private investments made by banks such as Rabobank are important in ensuring that the government gets revenue to finance development projects mentioning the 15.2bn/- that Treasury received as dividend from NMB this year as an example.

In her remarks, NMB's Zaipuna said apart from dividend paid to Treasury and Rabobank as majority shareholders, minority shareholders who include individual Tanzanians received 13bn/- in total as divided

"We are looking forward to making more profit this year based on our half year performance so far," Zaipuna added while thanking both Treasury and Rabobank for supporting her management.

INVESTMENT

African central bank governor approve framework for micro-enterprise finance



Bank of Tanzania governor, Prof Florens Luoga.

By Francis Kajubi

AFRICAN central banks' governors and their deputies have approved a framework for enhancing Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) intended to finance and strengthening them.

In a statement on Friday, Bank of Tanzania said during the 8th Annual African Financial Inclusion Policy Initiative (AfPI) virtual roundtable meeting chaired by Professor Florens Luoga, the governors agreed that implementation of the financial inclusion policy and related responses is pivotal to ensuring that social stability is maintained.

They approved the framework that contains approaches to enhance financing of MSMEs in Africa with involvement of private and public sector dialogue on strengthening last mile delivery channels for digital financial services uptake.

In line with the new framework, Prof Luoga informed his peers that Tanzania is implementing a National Financial Inclusion Framework for 2018/22, which focuses on usage of financial services as the next phase of the country's financial inclusion journey. The framework emphasizes on aspects of women and MSMEs.

"MSMEs contribute significantly to employment creation,

income generation and stimulation of growth in both urban and rural areas. Tanzania is reviewing small and medium size enterprises development policy of 2003 to come up with a new one which will provide a conducive environment to MSMEs to ensure they access finance easily," Prof Luoga said.

Addressing the virtual meeting, Central Bank of Kenya Governor, Dr Patrick Njoroge said challenges including concerns of credit to MSMEs as well as working with large telecoms to convince them to come to the fore to address the pandemic lest it becomes a systemic crisis.

Speaking earlier, outgoing AfPI Chairperson who is also Governor the central bank of Guinea, Dr Louncény Nabé thanked his peers for the cooperation he enjoyed during the past two years. Dr Nabe called upon members of the body to continue their commitments in implementing the framework in their respective countries.

Alliance for Financial Inclusion was founded on the idea that a global knowledge exchange platform is key to expanding and improving financial inclusion policy. Over the years the AFI network, with the support its partners, has invested deeply in this platform and data shows the model is delivering tangible results. AfPI is AFI's African regional forum.

STIMULUS

At least 600 projects seek funding from new culture and creative recovery grant

KIGALI

A total of 668 project proposals have been pitched and submitted to Imbuto Foundation seeking funding from the recently launched Cultural and Creative recovery grant.

Launched in July, the recovery fund is a financial grant initiated by the Ministry of Youth and Culture and Imbuto Foundation to support young artists with seed funding and business training to implement innovative projects and overcome challenges caused by Covid-19.

Application was open to all Rwandans, either individuals or enterprises that have artistic and innovative projects with the potential of creating job opportunities and skills development in the Cultural and Creative Art Industry.

Eligible applicants for the funding vary from individual artists, an organisation in the creative and cultural industry and an organisation in another sector (ICT, multimedia or e-commerce) that aims to support artists in the creative and cultural industry.

Joel Murenzi, the Youth Empowerment Unit Coordinator at Imbuto Foundation, told The New Times that they are looking for projects that have the potential of creating jobs, projects that can support skills development gaps or ideas and tools that can facilitate/boost commercialization of Made in Rwanda art products.

"The selection criteria will be based on the originality and relevance of the project, its target population and expected impact, observed research made on the subject (if applicable), the creativity expressed in its presentation as well as the business plan," Murenzi said in an interview.

The grant winners will be selected by a panel of judges with an expertise in Cultural and Creative Industry, entrepreneurship and innovation. The assigned panel of judges is currently preselecting the best 60 projects, from which the 30 top winners will be selected from a pitching phase. The best projects will be announced by mid-September 2020 where each one of the 30 winning projects will be awarded with Rwf 10,000,000 seed funding.

The grant will be disbursed in two instalments. The second instalment will be disbursed upon evaluating the performance of how the first instalment was used. Whoever misuses the grant will be investigated and charged by relevant authorities, the official said.

Prior to receiving the funding and during the implementation of their projects, successful applicants will undergo a boot camp training to fine-tune their projects as well as an intensive training on financial management.

The training will be part of a six-month coaching that will be provided by Business Professionals Network (BPN). The creative industry is among the hardest hit sectors since the first case of the novel coronavirus was reported in Rwanda in mid-March.

However, given the high demand and the loss that was experienced by the key players in the industry, Murenzi believes the grant will play a significant contribution to the sector's recovery so that it can bounce back from the crisis caused by the pandemic and promised to advocate for more opportunities that can contribute to the recovery of the industry.

IATA lists hurdles that will slow Kenya's aviation revival

NAIROBI

WARNING

Kenya is among five key regional markets that will continue to see job losses and diminished passenger numbers even after the resumption of local and international flight services

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) has listed Kenya, Ethiopia, South Africa, Nigeria and Rwanda as the countries that would be adversely impacted on passenger numbers and jobs, following the slow recovery in the sector. Kenya is estimated to have 223,600 jobs at risk by the end of this month, which is up from 207,800 that had been projected in June.

IATA Economics' latest outlook for key national markets in Africa has worsened since the previous assessment in June. For example, passenger numbers, jobs at risk and GDP impacts for the five biggest African markets have declined across every metric," said IATA.

The association noted that continued financial and regulatory support, particularly financial relief that does not increase industry debt levels – through direct cash injections, credit or loans and deferrals or discounts on user charges are essential to support airlines over the restart and recovery

"We are grateful to the few African



Kenya Association of Air Operators' executive secretary, Eutychus Waithaka.

relief to aviation so far - Rwanda, Senegal, Côte d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso actions have helped save thousands of jobs and will enable some airlines to restart and support the wider can be restored. We urge African

governments that have provided economies they serve," said the association.

"But the situation is worsening. and recently Cape Verde. Their Continued relief measures are essential to minimise job losses and ensure that connectivity

institutions who have committed funding to provide it urgently in a structure that does not weaken already stressed airline balance sheets, before it is too late.

Kenya is among African nations that are yet to release all the required funds for the national carrier, Kenya Airways months after the airline requested for a bailout. Private players have also sought State aid in a bid to weather the Covid-19 storms, but this is yet to be granted. Treasury said the national carrier is seeking over Sh7 billion in bailout in order to survive in this turbulent times.

The airline, however, said they had requested for Sh9 billion as a bailout package and that they had so far received Sh5 billion in January with the balance expected to be issued in July. Domestic air travel operators said they are yet to get Sh10 billion bailout they requested from Treasury to cushion them from reduced bookings.

The Kenya Association of Air Operators (KAAO) executive secretary Eutychus Waithaka told Shipping and Logistics in an interview that their application is still pending at the Ministry of Transport in a move which could delay the recovery of the airlines. The association, that represents all licensed commercial air operators

governments and the development such as Safarilink, Jetways, and Fly 540, had requested for the funds from the state in April to settle staff salaries.

They also wanted to use the funds

to settle navigation and landing charges at airports. "Sh10 billion is the money local aviation is yet to receive from state in bailout. In our meeting with Transport Ministry three weeks ago, they said they are still looking at how they can support the industry," he said. Mr Waithaka said the Sh10 billion

is not a grant or a loan but a "relief fund" to help cushion the sector from collapse during this difficult time. He noted that the State will decide whether the money will come in the form of tax concessions or "release from banks" Apart from the Sh10 billion state

bailout they are vet to receive from the State, KAAO said another key challenge facing domestic air operators is the low uptake of air ticket by passengers. Some airlines, he said are still carrying passengers at 30 percent capacity since the resumption of flights on July 15.

"We are currently at 30 percent. If passengers will be assured of their safety in our planes, we think the numbers will jump up to 50 percent. The low passenger numbers can also be attributed to depressed earnings at the moment," he said.

CONTROVERSY

NGO considers government international fuel tender 'tainted'

MAPUTO

The Centre for Democracy and Development (CDD), a Mozambican non-governmental organisation (NGO), said the international tender launched by the government for the selection of a fuel marking company tainted due to suspicions of lack of transparency.

In an analysis it released on Friday, the CDD stated

Resources and Energy (Mireme) of Mozambique was forced to suspend the tender, launched on 22 June this year, following legal action by the consortium led by the Swiss company SICPA, also a competitor and that it feels damaged in the process.

that the Ministry of Mineral

SICPA is the company that currently makes the marking of fuels in the country, after having been selected in 2017 by the

Mozambican government and intends to renew the contract, citing a clause in the first contract it signed with the government. The DDC stated that the firm

has challenged the operation because it believes that Mireme distributed different documents to the bidders, prejudicing the applications of some companies. That civil society organisation said that the new tender was launched

because of a lobby undertaken court. Also heard by Lusa, SICPA by figures close to the elite in power.

SICPA contested competition before Administrative Court of the City of Maputo, having obtained from this instance the decision to suspend the process until final judicial deliberation. Mireme's source told Lusa that the institution will not rule on the case, since the matter is in

declined to talk about the issue, stating that it is being dealt with in court.

In the announcement of the launch of the contest in June, Mireme said that the mark is made by placing a chemical product in imported fuel for domestic consumption and the absence of this mark is considered evidence that the product entered the country

through smuggling.

Fuel in transit to southern African countries that depend on Mozambican ports for their imports is not subject to marking, the note said. The winning firm or consortium will operate from the ports of Maputo, in the southern region, Beira and Quelimane, central and Nacala and Pemba, in the north, said the statement

from Mireme. The company will

responsible for conducting quality tests to stop fuel adulteration. Mireme stated that it intends to ensure fair competition between the different operators in the liquid fuel import and marketing chain in Mozambique and to guarantee efficiency and effectiveness in tax control and the collection of taxes and fees at reception terminals and retail outlets.

OPTIMISM

Turkey's Black Sea gas find may transform its energy landscape

ANKARA

urkey's discovery of 320 billion cubic metres of natural gas in the Black Sea on Friday "would be transformational" for a country that has traditionally relied on costly imports to meet its energy needs, according to analysts.

"Even if the official ... figure given by President Recep Tayyip Erdogan is treated as an estimate of gas in place, this is Turkey's biggest find - by a wide margin and one of the largest global discoveries of 2020," said Thomas Purdie, an analyst with Wood Mackenzie's upstream research team.

Turkey's energy import bill stood at \$41 billion last year. Mr Erdogan said the country intends to begin extracting gas from the field in 2023 as it pushes to become

a net energy exporter. "The depreciation of the Turkish lira [had] made things challenging for the Turkish economy. Now, Turkey can bolster its currency reserves because it may not need to spend that mammoth amount on gas," Naeem Aslam, chief market analyst at AvaTrade, said.

Mr Purdie said that the find also reaffirmed the Black Sea's hydrocarbon potential after several disappointing wells in Bulgaria. Turkey's exploration comes after large-scale discoveries in the Eastern Mediterranean became game-changers for Egypt and Cyprus.

A 2010 US geological survey estimated that the Levant Basin in the Eastern Mediterranean could hold as much 122 trillion cubic feet of gas, which is equal to the total reserves of Iraq, the Middle East's second-largest crude producer.

Turkey has relied on piped gas from Russia, Azerbaijan and Iran in the past and its share of liquefied natural gas imports has continued to grow. "This discovery could have far-reaching implications for future gas imports and coming negotiations with suppliers - Gazprom, Azerbaijan and Iran," said Murray Douglas, research director of the European gas and LNG team at Wood Mackenzie.

Mr Aslam termed the find "a game-changer." "Turkey will no longer need to depend on US [LNG] supplies going forward," he said. Turkey will hope to replicate the success of Egypt, whose economy rebounded on the back of gas discoveries in the eastern Mediterranean that began with the Zohr gasfield and turned the North African country from



Turkish drilling ship Fatih had been carrying out exploration activities in the Tuna-1 sector in the western Black Sea for the past month.

an importer of gas to a net exporter.

Turkish drilling ship Fatih carried out exploration activities in the Tuna-1 sector in the western Black Sea over the past month. However, experts said the Black Sea find would need billions of dollars in investment to build production and supply infrastructure.

Mr Purdie said that it could take up to a decade for gas from the Black Sea find to be put to commercial use, with a 2023 date for extraction looking ambitious. "It is early days, but any future development would cost billions of dollars. Deepwater projects are complex in any environment, but the Black Sea poses additional logisti-

cal challenges that must be managed," he said.

"This is one of the factors that has stalled Romania's Neptun Deep megaproject, located just 100 kilometres north of the Tuna well." Experts said Turkey's gas discovery will also need to be appraised by the drilling of more wells in order to confirm the estimate on the size of the reserves.

Turkish Energy Minister Fatih Donmez said on Friday that the operation of the recently discovered field would be handled by stateowned energy company TPAO. "In the upcoming period, we will do the seismic research and drilling by ourselves ... the operation will be completely handled by Turkiye Petrolleri," Mr Donmez said. However, experts said bringing in an international partner would benefit

"There could be attractions despite the market outlook - highly competitive tax terms in a basin that international oil companies know increasingly well over recent years. Majors operating across the border in Romania and Bulgaria have had mixed recent success, but will take note of this momentous news," Mr Purdie said. Mr Donmez said Tur-

key could float an international tender to build a pipeline to transport the natural gas to shore.

"What worries me [are] the challenges around building a pipeline and exporting this oil, given Turkey's tense relationship with Middle East countries," said Ipek Ozkardeskaya, a senior analyst at Swissquote Bank.

"But overall, finding black oil will certainly have a positive impact on the lira and Turkey's energy stocks. If it could just temper the actual sell-off due to questionable and blurry central bank policy, that is already a win. Turkey has been embroiled in territorial disputes with Greece and Cyprus in the eastern Mediterranean as it searches for oil and gas in contested waters. The EU has already expressed its opposition to its exploratory activities.

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Turning the Spotlight rpt

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Sports Gazette rpt

Business edition rpt

Tanzania Yetu rpt

Bundesliga kick off

Korean Drama rpt: Beating

Korean Drama: Beating Again

Movie: Evidence of love

Series rpt: Grapes of justice

Telenovela rpt: (Destino)

Usafiri wako rpt

Eco@Africa rpt

Destiny

Capchat rpt

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Jagina rpt

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Capchat rpt

PESSIMISM

A quarter of US layoffs to soften pandemic impact will become permanent, Goldman Sachs projects

NEW YORK

The rehiring of temporarily laid-off workers will continue to bolster the US labour market's recovery in the months ahead, but Goldman Sachs Group expects almost a quarter of those layoffs to become permanent.

In the early months of the pandemic, employers shed more than 22 million people from their payrolls. The staggering figure had a small silver lining: the majority of those layoffs were billed as temporary. More than 18 million people were classified as temporarily unemployed in April, the most

When state economies began to reopen, the rehiring of many of those workers helped to drive the labour market's rebound in May, June and July. And with more than 9.2 million unemployed still on temporary layoff, "the labour market seems poised for additional large job gains later this year", Joseph Briggs, an economist at Goldman Sachs, wrote in a research note.

In some ways, the staggering number of temporarily laid off workers could be a tailwind for the recovery. These workers tend to face better hiring prospects, and transitions

to permanent unemployment remain relatively low. In fact, Goldman expects rehires to account for most of the 5.6 million net job gains they anticipate later this year.

However, "other patterns suggest that rehiring prospects for temporarily laid-off workers started to deteriorate in July", Mr Briggs wrote. Goldman Sachs now anticipates that almost a quarter of the temporary layoffs will become permanent. Some 2 million of those individuals could remain unemployed well into 2021.

While the transition rate from temporary to permanent lavoffs remains historically low, the figure nearly doubled from June to July, and Goldman expects further increases as fiscal support and the Paycheck Protection Programme dries up.

At the same time, survey data from the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago indicates workers are increasingly pessimistic that they will return to their same job. "Overall, these patterns suggest that temporarily laid-off workers will boost the labour market recovery for the remainder of 2020, but will increasingly transition to permanent unemployment as time separated from their prior job increases," Mr Briggs wrote.

MONDAY - FRIDAY STARTING 7:30 PM

SUNDAY 23 Aug Uwanja wa Mazoezi

6:00 HABÁRI

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7:00 Habari 8:00 Al iazeera

09:00 Watoto Wetu 10:00 Isidingo

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Bongo Movie rpt: Before

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15:00 Mwangaza

16:00 The Great queen Seonduk

16:45 ITV Top 10

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18:15 Mapishi

18:30 Matukio ya wiki 19:30 laizo: Mteao

20:00 Habari

21:05 Mizenawe

21:20 Mjue Zaidi

22:05 Bongo Movie: Telenovela rpt: Elena's Ghost

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Habari za saa Al Jazeera Afya ya jamii rpt Habari za saa

Kesho leo rpt Shika Bamba rot Habari za saa Telenovela rpt: Elena's Ghost Habari za saa

15:00 The Base Jiji Letu

18:10 Yu wapi Mapishi rpt Uchumi na biashara 18:30 Jarida la wanawake

19:30 Isidingo Tanzania yetu Chetu ni chetu

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WEDNESDAY 26 Aug Uwanja wa Mazoezi

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Al Jazeera

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CAPITAL

Sat 22 Aug

Al jazeera Rev rpt Turning the Spotlight rpt Culinary delight rpt Innovation rpt

11:00 Out n'about rpt 11:30 Sports Gazette rpt 12:00 Usafiri wako rpt Eco@Africa rpt

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Destiny 17:15 Tanzania Yetu rpt 17:45 Bundesliga kick off Capchat rpt 19:15 Mizengwe

19:30 The Decor Korean Drama: Beating Again Out n' About Movie: Out of fathers 2 Series rpt: Grapes of justice

Sun 23 Aug

08:00 Aljazeera In good shape Capchat rpt Sports Gazette rpt Korean Drama rpt: Beating 11:30 again

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Mon 24 Aug Al jazeera

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Telenovela rpt: (Destino) Club 101 (via Capital Radio)

Series rpt: Grapes of justice

Eco@Africa rpt Meza huru The Décor rot

Shamba lulu Series: Itohan

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"This body of experts will



serve as an essential mechanism to effectively address the widespread impunity for human rights violations

and abuses committed, and can also serve as a deterrent to prevent further violations and contribute to peace and stability in the country," said Bachelet.

Summary executions and other unlawful killings, torture and ill-treatment, gender-based violence, including conflict-related sexual violence, abductions, enforced disappearances, as well as incitement to violence on social media, continue to be committed in a climate of complete impunity, Bachelet added.

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WORLD

US House passes US\$25 billion/- postal service bill opposed by Trump

By Bloomberg

THE House on Saturday passed a bill aimed at rolling back service cuts at the US Postal Service that Democrats say could harm the ability of Americans to vote by mail in the November presidential election that's being shadowed by the coronavirus pandemic.

The "Delivering for America" measure. which would allocate an additional US\$25 billion for the Postal Service, had limited Republican support. It passed 257 to 150, with 26 GOP members voting yes.

The effort comes as the number of Americans using the mail to cast their ballots in November is expected to surge in the face of the coronavirus pandemic -- but as President Donald Trump's new Postmaster General has swept into office with a series of cutbacks that have affected mail service.

Passage of the bill is unlikely to have

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has indicated the Senate wouldn't be taking up the House bill, and the White House threatened to veto it.

President Donald Trump railed against the House action on Saturday, terming it a "HOAX by the Democrats" and continuing to draw a distinction between mail-in ballots, which he says are subject to fraud, and absentee vot-

Democrats say hard data from the Postal Service has emerged about recent mail delivery delays that support many anecdotal complaints and media

reports over the past month. Speaker Nancy Pelosi called the House back into session in the middle of its August recess in response to demands from rank-and-file Democrats, who say their constituents are experiencing long delivery delays in the wake of changes instituted by Post-



A customer deposits mail into a US Postal Service mail collection box outside a post office in Burbank, California, US, on Friday (PHOTO / BLOOMBERG)

mid-June.

In a press conference on Saturday ahead of the vote, Pelosi drew a distinction between the USPS as a "service," similar to other parts of the government, and as a "business" that must turn a profit. Criticisms that the service loses money are off-base, she said.

The legistlation, H.R. 8015, was sponsored by Oversight Committee Chairwoman Carolyn Maloney of New York. It would roll back any changes to postal operations made since January, while providing US\$25 billion in new funding to the USPS, an independent federal agency.

Maloney said Saturday that figures from the Postal Service about recent mail delivery times confirms that widelyreported constituent complaints are valid. The data shows a decline in performance since early July, just weeks after DeJoy's arrival.

"There new documents that show the delays we have all master General Louis DeJoy, a donor to heard about are far worse than previous expected," said any impact on Post Office operations. Trump, who has been on the job since Maloney. "It makes absolutely no sense to implement these

dramatic changes in the middle of a pandemic less than three months before an election."

Bipartisan Hopes

Pelosi said she hoped the bill would receive bipartisan support, and that lawmakers of both parties had been hearing from their voters about recent disruptions to deliveries. Everything from medications to military veterans to baby chicks have been affected.

"Public sentiment is everything. They will be hearing from their constituents," Pelosi said, noting the impact on delivery of medications and other important mail, as well as the vote-bymail situation.

Libya's Tripoli-based government declares ceasefire

TRIPOLI

LIBYA'S internationally recognised government in Tripoli announced a ceasefire on Friday and the leader of a rival parliament in eastern Libya also appealed for a halt to hostilities.

The statements offered hope for a deescalation of a conflict that has wracked the country since a 2011 uprising, displacing hundreds of thousands, slashing oil production, and opening space for migrant smugglers and militants.

However, previous efforts to secure lasting ceasefires have stalled, and political leaders hold limited sway over armed groups in two broad factions that have been statement said. largely split between the west and east of Libya since 2014.

The Tripoli-based Government of National Accord (GNA) has been locked in conflict with east-Libyan based forces led by veteran commander Khalifa Haftar, who launched a 14-month offensive on Tripoli before Turkish support for the GNA forced him to retreat in

Forces from both sides and their international backers have been mobilising around the central city of Sirte amid diplomatic efforts to forestall an escalation.

GNA head Fayez al-Sarraj (pictured) "issued instructions to all military forces to immediately National Army (LNA), but the head cease fire and all combat operations in all Libyan territories", a

There was no immediate com-



of an eastern-based parliament month blockade on oil facilithat is aligned with Haftar issued a statement appealing for an end to

hostilities across the country.

ment speaker Aguila Saleh both cited the spread of coronavirus as a reason for backing a ceasefire.

Saleh is seen to have gained influence compared to Haftar since the LNA's retreat from Tripoli. Egypt, one of the LNA's key backers, welcomed the statements from both parties.

International intervention in Libya has deepened since the LNA offensive began in April 2019, with the LNA also receiving backing from the United Arab Emirates

The GNA appealed in its statement for the lifting of a seventies that has all but stopped the country's output, saying revenue should be held in a special account ment from Haftar or his Libyan The GNA and eastern parlia- and only be released after a politi-

cal deal was reached.

The state-run National Oil Corporation (NOC) said it backed the proposal, but that military forces should be withdrawn from oil facilities before any resumption of

Distribution of oil revenue has been a key source of tension between the two sides. The acting UN envoy to Libya, Stephanie Williams, said she "warmly welcomed the points of agreement" in the statements by Saleh and Haftar, including calls for the resumption of oil production.

The UN has been coordinating international efforts for military, political and economic deals in Libya following an international conference in January in Berlin.

investment from developed countries by establishing itself as a global manufacturing hub. China's export-led and huge home market-based industrial expansion has created a market for developed and developing countries including Bangladesh, which has now been enjoying a zero-tariff facility on 97 percent of exports to China, said Uddin, also former chairman of Janata Bank Limited, one of the largest state-owned commercial banks in Bangladesh. Xinhua

China contributes significantly to world economy amid COVID-19 pandemic - economist

CHINA'S contributions to the world economy have proven significant amid the COVID-19 pandemic, a leading Bangladeshi economist told Xinhua in a recent interview. Jamal Uddin, general secretary of the Bangladesh Economic Association (BEA), said scientific innovations from

Chinese mobile handsets and electronic devices, including those of Huawei and cashless financial and banking systems, have reduced the cost of doing business, said the leader of BEA, which has more than 4,500 members from academia, government, businesses, civil society and the

Uddin, also a leader of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's ruling Bangladesh Awami League party, noted Chinese e-

This has helped add value to micro-level transactions in

poorer people to enjoy electronic financial services, said

Uddin, also former president of the national professional

accountancy body, the Institute of Chartered Accountants

Uddin, who obtained his Ph.D. in economics from Cardiff

Business School in Britain, spoke highly of China's capac-

ity to manage the economy, calling its model unique and

The expert noted China's discipline was "most impor-

China has sufficient resources to overcome COVID-19,

such as technology, skilled health professionals, health

infrastructure and management capacity, said the econo-

mist, adding that with all these necessary logistics, China

China has demonstrated its excellent capability of run-

ning the economy smoothly, the expert said, noting that

the country has maintained steady gross domestic prod-

uct growth, transformed its financial management, bank-

ing system and capital market, and attracted foreign direct

tant" in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

can win this fight and manage its economy.

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China have made the world competitive.



A China-Europe freight train with 45 compartments of antiepidemic supplies leaves the Xinzhu Railway Station in Xi'an. northwest China's Shaanxi Province, on Aug. 12, 2020, to head for Italy's Milan. (Xinhua)

Somali leaders reach agreement on election model

MOGADISHU

SOMALI President Mohamed Farmajo and three regional leaders have agreed on a new election model for the 2020/21 polls, which is seen as crucial for the country's stability.

Farmajo, who joined leaders of the regional states of Galmudug, South West State and Hirshabelle, as well as the governor of Banadir in Dhusamareb, the capital of Galmudug agreed on Thursday evening to form Electoral Constituency Caucuses, with each caucus consisting of 301 delegates who will vote for a seat in parliament.

The agreement, which was reached at the end of the third round of talks, must be approved by the Lower House of Par-

"We have reached an electoral agreement with the leadership of federal member states and the Banadir region, which we hope will pave the way for free, fair, multi-party, and timely elections," Farmajo said at the end of the six-day meeting. "We extend a brotherly hand to those who are yet to join us."

Leaders from Jubaland and Puntland states did not attend the meeting, which also agreed that the election will be presided over by the Independent Electoral Commission (INEC) and that elections will involve multiple parties.

Children aged 12 and over should wear masks like adults - WHO

ZURICH

THE World Health Organization (WHO) said children aged 12 and over should wear masks to help tackle the COVID-19 pandemic under the same conditions as adults, while children between six and 11 should wear them on a risk-based approach.

Children aged 12 and over should particularly wear a mask when a one-meter distance from others cannot be guaranteed and there is widespread transmission in the area, the WHO and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) said in a document on the WHO website dated Aug 21.



Students wearing masks and face shields leave after attending classes during the first day of reopening of public high schools following closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic in Yangon. (File photo)

Whether children between six and 11 should wear masks depends on a number of factors, including the intensity of transmission in the area, the child's ability to use the mask, access to masks and adequate adult supervision, the two organizations said.

The potential impact on learning and psycho-social development, and the interactions the child has with people at high risk of developing serious illness, should also play a role. Children aged five years and under should not be required to wear masks based on the safety and overall interest of the child, the WHO and UNICEF said.

Studies suggest older children

potentially play a more active role in transmission of the new coronavirus than younger children, the WHO and UNICEF said, adding more data was needed to better understand the role of children and adolescents in the transmission of the virus, which causes COVID-19.

The WHO first advised people to wear masks in public on June 5 to help reduce the spread of the disease, but had previously not issued specific guidance for children.

More than 23 million people have been reported to be infected by the coronavirus globally since it was first identified in China last year and 798,997 have died, according to a Reuters tally. **Agencies**

43 foreign financial institutions to join thematic exhibition of financial services at 2020 China International Fair for Trade in Services

FORTY-THREE foreign-funded financial institutions from 18 countries and regions around the world have confirmed their attendance to the online and offline activities of the upcoming 2020 China International Fair for Trade in Services (CIFTIS), including Morgan Stanley, UBS Group AG, Deutsche Bank, Standard Chartered Bank, Daiwa Securities Group, and Mizuho Bank.

These foreign-funded institutions are expected to exhibit at the event their comprehensive cross-border financial services, as well as promote featured services tailored for the Chinese and global products of trade in financial services.

So far, more than 100 Chinese and foreign financial institutions have signed up for the thematic exhibition of financial services at the CIFTIS.

The financial services exhibition has attracted 26 leading financial enterprises on the Fortune Global 500 list, and international companies account for over 60 percent in the comprehensive exhibition, according to preliminary statistics.

The event will provide opportunities for global financial institutions to cooperate and exchange with each other, and serve as a platform facilitating cooperation and connectivity for international trade in financial services, said the organizer of the fair.

At the same time, the thematic exhibition of financial services will further fulfill the principle of inclusive finance and offer the world a financial feast from international perspective, with diversified services, and in a more down-to-earth manner, the organizer introduced.

The Beijing International Finance Expo (FINEXPO), one of the most influential financial expos in China initiated in 2005, will be incorporated into the CIFTIS for the first time this year. The FINEXPO will serve as the financial services exhibition in the thematic exhibition section during the 2020 CIFTIS.

As one of the eight thematic exhibitions of the 2020 CIFTIS, the exhibition of the financial services will be held under the theme - "New Finance, New Opening-up, and New Development." Activities like exhibition, presentation, and forum will all be included.

The financial services exhibition will cover an area of 6,555 square meters, including 555 square meters for comprehensive exhibition, and 6,000 square meters for outdoor exhibition.

The exhibition of the financial services is expected to highlight five major subjects through five exhibition zones, including the national financial management center, the opening-up of the financial industry, the financial support for global trade in services, future finance and smart finance, as well as global wealth management.

In addition, financial services with Chinese characteristics, such as the services tailored for real economy, green development, poverty alleviation, COVID-19 response, and financial infrastructure construction, will be exhibited at the thematic exhibition of financial services to demonstrate China's recent achievements in reform and opening-up in the financial sector.

Exhibition halls of the thematic exhibition of financial services will be made

modern, digital and smart with 3D, virtual reality (VR), augmented reality (AR), and 5G technologies.

"Everything you will see at the exhibition will be showcased via high-tech means", said Huo Xuewen, director of Beijing Local Financial Supervision and Administration, adding that the financial industry will be a sector closely linked with science and technology.

Enhancing the application of scientific and technological results such as high-tech equipment, touch control systems, artificial intelligence (AI), and the Internet of Things (IoT) in financial sector can help make the exhibits readily understandable and livelier, Huo

Against the backdrop of the rapid development of financial technology (fintech) around the world, the thematic exhibition of financial services will show the "Beijing sample" of financial technology.

A variety of fintech companies in China, such as JD Digits, Tencent, Du Xiaoman Financial, and Lakala, as well as Beijing financial technology and professional service innovation demonstration zone and Chinese tech firm ByteDance, will showcase the application of state-of-the-art technologies, including 5G, IoT, block chain, AR, and AI, in the financial field.

Three major forums will be held during the 2020 CIFTIS, namely 2020 China International Finance Annual Forum, the 2020 Global PE Beijing Forum, and FIN-TALK, a dialogue between leading Chinese and foreign financial institutions.

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A Cold War in no one's interest

TODAY'S Cold War between the U.S. and China is serving little, if any, purpose. Mainly, the goal seems to be to divert U.S. voters' attention away from the current administration's mishandling of COVID-19.

While, outwardly, the U.S. has rationalized its actions as a response to China's behavior towards Xinjiang and Hong Kong, within the U.S. the human and economic costs of the virus are becoming painfully clear to many Americans.

The human cost, reported daily, stands over 5 million cases and over 160,000 deaths, both far higher than any other country in the world. While numbers can leave one numb, it means hundreds of thousands American have lost someone dear.

In economic terms the Federal government has already spent \$2 trillion, a number likely to increase substantially to cover ongoing unemployment, financial aid for businesses and support for state and local governments.

While the U.S. government projected an optimistic V-shaped recovery in the third quarter, the Federal Reserve chair projected the economy would not return to normal before the end of 2021 at the earliest and the GDP is likely to be double digit negative this year.

Consumer confidence will likely continue to trend downwards as many states report severe outbreaks after opening too early and unemployment rate is expected to surpass 10 percent. It's hard to believe anything, including a Cold War with China, can divert voters' attention away from the hard truths on the ground.

The U.S. has thus far focused its new Cold War around the issues related to Hong Kong, Xinjiang, the Covid-19 pandemic, Huawei, and the Chinese students and scientists within the U.S.

In response to these perceived threats, it has levied sanctions against Chinese officials, banned Huawei 5G equipment and pressed other countries to do so, passed legislations on Hong Kong and Xinjiang, incited developing countries against partnering with China through its Belt and Road Initiative, prevented Huawei from accessing nanochips manufactured with U.S. equipment and sent two aircraft carriers into the South China Sea.

While the material impact of these actions is largely inconsequential, they do negatively impact the international community's perception of the U.S., which is already severely damaged by its inability to contain COVID-19's impact on the U.S. population and the domestic and international economy.

The US's requested withdrawal from the WHO has also been broadly condemned internationally. In contrast, China's international reputation is faring quite well.

China's response to the pandemic has been highly successful. China's decision to extend its national security to Hong Kong, highly controversial in some countries, has the support of many others.

Additionally, China's Belt and Road Initiative, after several hiccups early on regarding financial viability, is supported by many developing and developed countries, and China's participation in multinational organizations is in sharp contrast to the US's position. Another element of this new Cold

War is the ongoing and well-publicized trade war. While advertised domestically as a win for the U.S., the trade

war has instead resulted, as predicted

by economists, in a lose-lose for both

countries. The U.S. effort to decouple from Chinese technology led to China doubling down on its 2025 advanced technology initiative and its goal of manufacturing its own nanochips, where China

trails the U.S. By cutting off the sale of chips to Huawei and other Chinese companies, the U.S. eliminates a major revenue source for US-based chip manufacturers such as Qualcomm, leaving those companies with less cash to invest in

their own research and development. The administration has also targeted Chinese students at U.S. universities as well as Chinese scientists. Both groups have been identified as security risks and have been subject to immigration

Historically 40% of Chinese students, generally among the most talented graduates, have remained in the U.S. This number is likely to decline, depriving the U.S. of critical talent. Predictably U.S. corporations have pushed back against the immigration restrictions.

A final consequence of both the trade war and the Cold War is domestic Sinophobia, which affects tens of millions of not just Chinese Ameri-

Fueled by the U.S. media, anti-China sentiments in the U.S. are at an all-time high, impacting the lives of Chinese and Asian American citizens, businesses, and communities.

The issue of Sinophobia has, unfortunately, been largely ignored by the U.S. public, media, and government, while racial tensions between black and white Americans draw the focus of both international and domestic

So, if a Cold War with China does not support U.S. self-interest, why is it | lift the existing restrictions and let the happening? While diverting attention from the U.S. COVID-19 response in an election year is an obvious answer, there are other important factors to consider as well.

One is the lack of understanding by U.S. officials as to what China's priorities really are, though China has made little attempt to hide them.

The Chinese priorities lie in domestic stability and prosperity for the Chinese people as well as protecting their sovereignty and borders, and reclaiming global respect.

Rather than constructive engagement with China within the context of each country's priorities, the U.S. has opted for broadly based criticism.

Unfortunately, the Cold War's impact will likely not be limited to the two protagonists as countries in the Asia Pacific region will be pressured to align one way or the other.

Fortunately, the vast majority of these countries will resist choosing sides and will deal with the US and China on a basis consistent with their

own self-interest. Just as U.S. attempts to "contain" China have not been effective, time will demonstrate that a Cold War with China isn't in either country's best in-

Russia's Sputnik V coronavirus vaccine trials reveal no serious side effects

MOSCOW

NO serious side effects have been identified in medical records of volunteers who took part in clinical trials of the Russian coronavirus vaccine dubbed Sputnik V, Denis Logunov, the deputy research director at the Gamaleva Research Institute of Epidemiology and Microbiology, said Thursday.

"The vaccine was administered to

healthy volunteers aged between 18 and 60 and showed a very good profile of safety. Not a single serious side effect was registered," he told an online conference discussing the first COVID-19 vaccine in the world. According to Logunov, the most common side effects are pain in the injection spot, hypothermia in some volunteers and headache. "All these undesirable effects were qualified as insignificant," the deputy director noted.

He added that just like in pre-clinical trials the center employees studied the vaccine's efficiency by stimulation of immune response. "[The research] showed that 100% of participating volunteers had developed antibodies in high quantities," Logunov underlined. "Moreover, 100% of volunteers developed virus-neutralizing antibodies," he emphasized, adding that the clinical trials featured both types of the vaccine - freeze-dried and liquid.

Xi stresses advancing integrated, highquality development of Yangtze River Delta

HEFEI

CHINESE President Xi Jinping has stressed efforts to seek continuous results in the integration of the Yangtze River Delta through focusing on major work of integrated and high-quality development.

Xi (pictured), also general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, made the remarks at a symposium held in Hefei, capital city of east China's Anhui Province on Thursday.

The integration mechanism and interconnected infrastructure have played a role in epidemic prevention and control as well as economic recovery, Xi said in a speech delivered at the symposium.

In general, a new development pattern for the integration of the Yangtze River Delta is taking shape, Xi said.

WHY THE DELTA

He called for a deeper understanding of the delta's status and function in China's economic and social development, so as to better promote the region's integrated development amid grave and complex

Xi urged the delta region to take the lead in forming a new development pattern that takes the domestic market as the mainstay and allows the domestic and foreign markets to boost each other.

Noting that the region should also rise to assume the role of the trail-blazer of China's technological and industrial innovations, Xi said Shanghai and the entire delta region should not only provide quality products but also serve as a source of high-level technologies to support China's high-quality development.

Xi underscored achieving faster progress in developing the region into a new high ground of reform and opening up.

Efforts should be made to improve the business environment in line with worldclass standards, and attract talent and enterprises from home and abroad with a development environment scoring high in openness, services, innovation and efficiency, Xi said.

He also called for efforts to promote trade and investment facilitation and strive to make the delta region an important bridge between the international and domestic markets.

US plan to restore anti-Iranian sanctions can erode Security Council's authority – Lavrov

MOSCOW,

THE US attempt to restore sanctions on Iran might trigger a serious scandal at the UN Security Council and eventually undermine its authority, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said in an interview with the Rossiya-1 TV

According to the transcript of the interview, posted on the Russian Foreign Ministry's website, Lavrov expects the United States to try to restore international binding sanctions against Iran "by using legalistic, quasi-juridicial methods.

"We are working with our US partners and other Security Council members in New York and in capitals. We understand that the vast majority of nations realize the incorrectness and counter-productivity of this attempt. It will produce no result anyway, but it might eventually lead to a very serious scandal and a rift within the UN Security Council, and, in the final analysis, undermine its authority," Lavrov said.

Russia's top diplomat recalled that Washington withdrew from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) on Iran's nuclear program by describing it as a 'bad deal.'

"The thing is that one of the states behind the consensus resolution on Iran's nuclear program announced that it would not comply with the obligations it had undertaken, but at the same time demanded that others follow its recommendations," Lavrov said.

"[They] announced that no one can stop the United States when it would decide to punish Iran for allegedly violating the agreement from which the US had withdrawn. Sounds paradoxical and quite clumsy, but this is how it is," Lavrov said. "The US declared that it would not comply with its obligations not to impose new sanctions on Iran, to Islamic Republic of Iran to participate



Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov

fully in international trade and economic exchanges. The United States said they were not going to do this and, what is more, will prohibit everyone else from doing this in relations with

Arms embargo failure Lavrov also recalled the US attempt

to "modernize" the JCPOA, including by extending the arms embargo on Iran, which expires in October 2020. According to the Russian foreign minister, neither Russia, nor other JCPOA participants see any legal, political or moral grounds for "deriding UN Security Council's decisions and the Council itself in such a brutal fashion."

"We explained it all clearly to our American partners. Nevertheless, they made the decision to submit a relevant resolution. Only one country - the Dominican Republic - voted to support it along with the United States. Russia and China voted against. The remaining 11 members of the UN Security Council, including European countries, abstained from voting on this resolution. Therefore, there even was no

essary only when a resolution receives no less than nine votes. This time, there was only two," he said. "Generally speaking, I think they

need to use the veto, because it is nec-

knew what the result will be, but, evidently, they wanted to send <...> a message about their determination to settle this matter, and would attempt to ensure the adoption of a new resolution,' the Russian top diplomat added.

Attempt to impose 'rule-based order The Russian foreign minister went on to say that the US attempt to restore sanctions against Iran is a clear example of how Western nations try to replace the notion of "international law" with "rule-based order."

"There have been many examples of this, and they are becoming more and more frequent. This is a very dangerous tendency," Lavrov added.

He went on to say that the United States will not be able to violate the UN Security Council resolution and distort the internationally sealed agreement, but "they can still deal damage to the UN Security Council."

Agencies

Zimbabwe president signs law allowing pregnant girls to continue in school

ZIMBABWE President Emmerson Mnangagwa has signed a law barring government schools from excluding girls who fall pregnant from attending

Teachers are also no longer allowed to cane pupils, under amendments to the Education Act which became law on Saturday. The new law also says that no pupil shall be excluded from school for non-payment of school fees.

Prior to the amendments of the law, school authorities could expel a girl for falling pregnant but spare the boy responsible for the same pregnancy, which was seen as discriminatory against the girl child.

The educationists welcomed the amendments as progressive. Primary and Secondary Education Minister Cain Mathema said he was excited that the President had signed the new law."The President has just signed the law and we will fully enforce the provi-



sions for the furtherance of education in the country. We believe the Act is a progressive legislation," he said.

Zimbabwe Teachers Association (Zimta) chief executive officer Sifiso Ndlovu said they fully supported the provisions of the Act as it was consistent with modern society.

He said corporal punishment engendered a violent society and it was refreshing that it was removed while the outlawing of the exclusion of pregnant pupils helped in the furtherance of the rights of the girl child.

"As Zimta, we fully participated in the crafting of that law. Most of what we raised has been included. We abhor the

use of corporal punishment because it is an old-fashioned tool of instilling discipline," he said.

"It has the effect of engendering a violent society. We also support any measure meant to safeguard the interests and rights of the girl child. One such provision is outlawing the exclusion of those that fall pregnant. This is what other societies have embraced and we fully support the provision," said Ndlovu.

Progressive Teachers Union of Zimbabwe secretary-general Raymond Majongwe said while the law would pro tect the rights of girls, there were fears that some people could take advantage of that.

He also said there should be more consultation on the issue of corporal punishment as pupils could engage in illicit behavior knowing that they would not be punished."There should have been more consultation on these measures, especially on corporal pun-

INTEGRATION, HIGH-QUALITY

Xi stressed focusing on the keywords of integration and high quality to push forward integrated development of the delta. Integrated approach and measures should be taken to break administrative barriers, enhance policy coordination, and enable the smooth flow of production factors on a larger scale.

He underlined promoting high-quality economic development of the Yangtze River Delta, intensifying efforts to achieve scientific and technological breakthroughs, boosting quality development of cities in the Yangtze River Delta region, fostering the momentum of high-quality development in underdeveloped regions, and promoting high-standard reform and opening-up of Pudong.

Xi urged the provinces of Jiangsu, Anhui and Zhejiang as well as Shanghai to prioritize key areas and major fields including integrated circuit, biomedicine, artificial intelligence, and called for efforts to foster the innovative development of micro, small and medium-sized technology companies.

Mixed reactions pour in as Democrats wrap up Biden's presidential nominating convention

WASHINGTON

AS the four-day Democratic National Convention (DNC) concluded Thursday night with now presidential nominee Joe Biden's speech bringing him to the pinnacle of his nearly halfa-century political career, comments on the highlights of and regrets about the event kept pouring in on Friday.

Although the Democrats tried to make full use of this most important occasion in the 2020 election so far to contrast President Donald Trump's failure of leadership and unfitness for the presidency with Biden's sturdi-

ness and decency as a political veteran, The Washington Post regretted that the convention stopped short of hitting Trump's most notorious scandals as well as the biggest catastrophe of his presidency.

"Over eight total hours, the Democratic convention made countless critiques of the Trump administration's policies. But it did not make much use of the scandals that had defined long stretches of his presidency and captivated news outlets.

While Trump is only the third president to be impeached and stand trial in the Senate, none of that came up. Neither did the arrests of some of his close campaign advisers," wrote the Post's David Weigel.

On the same day when Biden delivered his acceptance speech, a federal judge in New York blocked Trump's latest bid to conceal his tax returns to prosecutors, and the former chief strategist for his presidential campaign, Steve Bannon, was indicted on charges of defrauding donors in a crowdfunding campaign for building the U.S.-Mexico border wall.

The Post went on to bemoan the fact that the resolve to win back the Republican-controlled Senate was not declared as



mination to propel Biden to the White House. "Democrats' chances of keeping the majority of the House of Representatives are looking pretty good, but the Senate is a much harder lift," it

While Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer urged in his speech that "we must win back

the Senate" and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi repeatedly underscored in hers that Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and Trump are "standing in the way" of better policies for the American people, the Post argued "you wouldn't know the Senate was in play from watching the Democratic convention." Besides not giving the liberals enough spotlight for them to advocate their policy agenda, analysts also reckoned that the Democrats didn't seem to have paid much attention to appealing to the so-called Obama-Trump voters -- those who voted for Barack Obama in 2008 or

2012 (or both) but later cast their manity shine. ballots for Trump in 2016.

Trying to reach out to the Obama-Trump voters "just wasn't a major theme for Democrats, even though Biden has proved particularly talented at connecting with this group of voters over his career," it added. Reactions to Biden were mixed from commentators for the New York Times.

While some praised his masculinity, empathy and patriotism, others said that the Democrats, instead of putting forth policies envisioning a post-Trump America, focused too much on Biden's personal tragedy to make his hu"It's also worth noting the im-

age constructed by this convention: Joe Biden as a traditionally masculine American man who seeks to provide and protect, while also showing empathy. It is also Joe Biden as a traditionally patriotic American man, vouching for a younger generation of leaders," said the Times' Jamelle Bouie, who was echoed by Melanye Price, saying "Biden was eloquent on issues of race, on the pandemic, on the economy and on the discomfort and uncertainty Americans are feeling. He understands the emotional appeal in elections." Xinhua

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Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Damas Ndumbaro, takes part at a monthly golf tournament, which took place at the Lugalo Club's course in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Telecomms firm, Zantel, organized the tournamen.PHOTO; COURTESY OF ZANTEL

How will Simba SC line up this season?

BY CORRESPONDENT MICHAEL MWEBE

THE transfer window is open for Vodacom Premier League clubs up to August 31 but Simba are already done with strengthening their squad for the upcoming season.

Head coach Sven Vandenbroeck's club opened their transfer business through the controversial signing of Bernard Morrison from age old rivals Yanga and later added Kenyan international defender Joash Onyango, Chris Mugalu, Ibrahim Ame, and Larry Bwalya- who had previously been linked with Yanga.

Charles Ilanfya, a striker from Kinondoni Municipal Council (KMC) FC, and David Kameta from relegated Lipuli FC are the other players who have already signed for the outfit, alias 'Wekundu wa Msimbazi'.

Those acquisitions give Vandenbroeck a headache, but a good one.

Simba already boasted of greater squad depth than rivals Yanga and Azam FC.

However, the club hierarchy. understandably frustrated by last season's preliminary CAF Champions League exit, has wasted no time rectifying apparent

With that in mind, we look at how Simba will line up in the upcoming season given the wealth of talent available to Vandenbroeck.

Aishi Manula has been excellent in between the sticks, picking up his third consecutive season's Premier League best goalkeeper award, but it is the back four in front of him which has been an area of

Paschal Wawa is one of the best defenders to ever play in the Tanzania Premier League but his pace is gone.

Erasto Nyoni missed a major chunk of the season through a combination of injury and form. Shomari Kapombe's injury record is well known.

In the closing part of the campaign, Vandenbroeck opted to play Kennedy Juma alongside Wawa but it was clear that the defense is an area they needed to strengthen.

Two centre backs have been added, Onyango from Gor Mahia and Ame from Coastal Union.

It seems implausible they would bring an experienced foreign defender to warm the bench which means former Azam FC defender Nyoni, Ame and Juma are likely to find themselves in a backup role to Wawa

Yusuph Mlipili is surplus to requirements and has been subsequently released.

Kapombe and Mohamed Hussein are

expected to keep their place as the default right and left fullbacks.

The difference between Kapombe and other Tanzanian fullbacks is huge, Haruna Shamte offered no competition and has since been offloaded and replaced by youngster Kameta.

Hussein seems to have the upper edge over Gadiel Michael who has to fight for more game time given the fact that he is entering the last year of his contract.

In midfield, Vandebroeck will likely continue to play Jonas Mkude deep.

Mkude can be joined by the impressive Gerson Fraga to mimic the Mkude-James Kotei partnership that proved so impressive under the then head coach Patrick Aussems.

Gerson, former Brazil U-17 international captain, can break up play and protect the defense which allows attack-minded players to push forward.

Further upfield, the addition of Morrison and Bwalya means Simba are overstocked for attacking midfielders and that could force Vandenbroeck into a change of

The talents at his disposal are, Francis Kahata, Morrison, Luis Miguissone, Clatous Chama, Hassan Dilunga, Said Ndemla and

The conundrum for Vandenbroeck is that he cannot compete on three fronts without good attacking midfielders. But he will not be able to guarantee all of them first-choice status.

Irrespective of the controversies, the fact remains that Morrison is one of the deadliest midfielders in the league on his day, and is an assured starter alongside

Miquissone on the flanks. Clatous Chama who often plays with so much arrogance and confidence is a guaranteed starter if he stays fit, leaving Kahata, Bwalya, Dilunga and Dilunga

competing to play alongside him. In attack, Congolese striker Mugalu joins a wealth of attacking options and will compete with John Bocco and Meddie Kagere for a starting spot.

How Simba could line up next season will make their local rivals sweat with fear but fallouts with the coach are inevitable.

Whichever formation a sports enthusiast looks at, good players are going to struggle for consistent playing time.

Vandenbroeck is going to have to manage unhappy players struggling for game time. A lot more diplomacy is needed than what was reported last season.



Simba SC winger, Bernard Morrison (R), dribbles past Burundi's Vital'O defender, Jumapili Iddy, at an international friendly clash involving the two clubs, which took place at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Saturday. Simba SC won 6-0. P; CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

Nyerere National Park named as historical, cultural heritage

CORRESPONDENT MICHAEL SIKAPUNDWA, MOROGORO

THE Nyerere National Park, formerly known as Selous Game Reserve, has been mentioned as another tourist attraction in the Southern circuit in Tanzania.

The park, measured 30,893km2, is blessed with a river that flows into the area from surrounding highlands and chiselled features like ox-bow lakes, which are habitant to hippopotamus.

The park is also confirmed a rituals' site for Mozambique's ethnic groups, who spent two months on their way to Tanzania.

Researchers and conservation officials have mentioned the park as another tourist attraction and historical site for academic matters for students that are specialized in arts subjects.

Briefing The Guardian during the Eastern Zone peasants' trade fair, held in Morogoro recently, the grounds, the Nyerere National Park warden, Apaikunda Mungure, said the park adds value to tourism activities and encourages more tourists, particularly locals, to visit the area.

With the park having been named after the Father of the Nation, the late Julius Kambarage Nyerere, Mungure noted, the number of people visiting the area definitely stands to improve.

"It's time for us to promote tourist attractions, fortunately the locals are charged reasonable price for visiting all national parks, compared to foreigners who have to book flights to Tanzania and then return to their countries," she disclosed.

She said charges for children's trips to Udzungwa National Park is 33,000/- each while adults pay 35.000/- each.

She disclosed trips to Sadan National Park cost 38,000/- each for



Tanzania National Parks Authority (TANAPA) Eastern Zone warden, Apaikunda Mungure (L), briefs a tourist, Manase Abel, on tourist attractions available at Nyerere National Park at the peasants' trade fair grounds in Morogoro recently. PHOTO; MICHAEL SIKAPUNDWA

children, whereas adults pay 40,000/- each for touring the area.

"Amount fixed for go and return costs aims at ensuring that natives enjoy the natural resources during the peasants' trade fair, but, children will also be charged 2360/- each for the park's gate pass, whereas adults pay 5900/- each for gate pass," she disclosed.

Udzungwa National Park's Conservation Officer, Richard Hayri, related the importance of Nverere National Park's vegeta-

tion to the one at Udzungwa. He disclosed that Udzungwa

National Park's vegetation has been mentioned as one of the world's biodiversity hot spots.

"It is time for the locals to change their mindset towards tourism, it's not only part of refreshment but it should motivate people to use the attractions as an employment," he

He cited the hydroelectric power plant constructed in the country is part of efforts to conserve water sources from Udzungwa National Park.

He noted the facility has created employment for people around the areas.

Manase Abel, a Dar es Salaam resident, urged the national parks' managements to keep on promoting the Nyerere National

He stated he, for instance, had earlier not been informed that the park had previously been known as Selous Game Reserve.

Ulanga District Commissioner, Ngolo Malenya, said her district is polural nowadays, thanks to the presence of the Nyerere National Park.

She stated since the locals, particularly from the Lake Zone, are currenltly heading to the area for domestic tourism.



Simba SC's investor, Mohammed Dewji. PHOTO; CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

Dewji targets to put more investments at Simba SC

BY CORRESPONDENT JOSEPH MCHEK-**ADO**na

SIMBA SC investor Mohammed Dewji has said he and the rest of the outfit's leaders are committed to improving the club and see to it that it turns professional by making big investments in human resource, infrastructure and technology.

Dewji, who is better known as 'MO', issued the comments at a press conference he organized in last weekend to brief the latter on the development of the club.

He said Simba's target for this season is booking a place in the group stage of CAF Champions League, building club's hostels, all departments and using be achieved in short term. The

technology like purchasing of GPS football tracking device.

"I'm happy that we are going on very well, our aim is to become full professional, we have our training ground (MO Simba Arena at Bunju), we now want to build club hostels which I believe will help the club serve revenue," he stated.

"We are currently using rented houses, we will also purchase GPS which will be of great importance to the team," he said.

If Simba manages to buy GPS player tracking device, it will be the first outfit in East Africa to use the gadget.

Sonda Sports publication employing professionals in said the gadget's benefits can

in enhancing football players development.

"You play at the rhythm you train at, if you train badly, you play badly, if you work like a beast in training, you play the same way," the publication quotes Manchester City FC Manager, Pep Guardiola, as saying.

The device moreover helps in preventing injuries among players, analysing volume and intensity, identifying talents and motivating players, overseeing proper performance

analysis. "By using GPS you can assess the overall workload to which a is also possible to quickly evaluate the outfit's culture.

official described it as the best players on the basis of their physical and mental parameters," the publication stated.

"As measuring data alone will not help the team, the key aspect is properly conducted data analysis, drawing the right conclusions and consistent work on improving the quality training."

Dewji, who recently disclosed that commercialization of the club has reached almost 96 percent, also noted that they want to see the team recruit

players from its academy. The approach, he disclosed, will help to serve revenue for the team, maintain Simba SC's given player was subjected and it playing philosophy and maintain

How Bayern Munich grew into the super club of German football

only the second treble in their proud history by beating Paris Saint Germain in Sunday's Champions League final to underline their status as Germany's super club.

Bayern have cruised to the Lisbon final, scoring 42 goals in their Champions League matches.

In all competitions, they are on a 20-game winning streak stretching back to early February.

"FC Bayern is a global football club that has an obligation to play at the top internationally. That is our focus," said Bayern board member Oliver Kahn.

Since the turn of the century, Bayern have made the knock-out stages of the Champions League 19 times, reaching five finals and winning two of them, in 2001 and 2013.

In that time, they have won the Bundesliga 15 times.

Bayern last failed to win the German league in 2011/12, when Jurgen Klopp led Dortmund to the second of back-to-back titles.

They responded in 2012/13 with the first treble in club history - Bundesliga, German Cup and chester City for next season. Champions League titles - which they can repeat Sunday.

Such is their grip on German football that Dortmund, Bundesliga runners-up for the last two seasons, have given up promising to end Bayern's domination.

"We don't have to say anything more about Bayern Munich, because their opponents will no longer be beaten but destroyed," grumbled Dortmund chief execurive Hans-Joachim Watzke in the wake of the 8-2 quarter-final drubbing of Barcelona.

Bayern are Germany's richest club, with a turnover for 2018/9 of 750.4 million euros (\$883 million) and an operating profit of 146.1 million euros.

The 2020 Deloitte Football Money League estimates that Bayern are the fourth richest club in Europe, behind Barcelona, Real Madrid and Manchester United.

Building revenue has been a central element of club strategy under former president Uli Hoeness and current chairman Karl-Heinz Rummenigge.

Hoeness, a former Bayern and Germany striker, was at the helm

for 40 years, interrupted by a brief BAYERN Munich can complete stint in jail after being convicted of tax fraud in 2013.

He resisted selling stakes in the club to outside investors.

Main sponsors Audi, Adidas and Allianz, all companies with their headquarters in Bavaria, hold 8.33 percent each. The remaining 75 percent is owned by club support-

Through a transfer policy of cherry-picking - sometimes ruthlessly - from other German clubs and adding affordable foreign imports, Bayern have dominated the Bundesliga since the 1970s.

After Dortmund routed Bayern 5-2 in the 2012 German Cup final, the losers took note.

Bayern bought Dortmund's rising star Mario Goetze in 2013.

They then added the striker who scored a hat-trick in the final Robert Lewandowski in 2014 and centre back Mats Hummels in 2016, as their Dortmund contracts expired.

They have already signed rising Germany stars goalkeeper Alexander Nuebel, on a free transfer, from Schalke and Leroy Sane from Man-

Bayern players are expected to show the same self-confidence exuded in the club's Bavarian motto 'Mia San Mia', meaning "We are who we are".

- Changing of the guard -

Head coach Hansi Flick, another former Bayern player, replaced Niko Kovac in November and has brought order and clarity.

"What sets him apart is his calm, level-headedness and his work with the coaching team," said Bayern captain Manuel Neuer.

"He showed that not only in the Bundesliga and the Cup, but also in the Champions League.'

Even when the personnel change, Bayern roll on.

Rummenigge is grooming former club captain and Germany goalkeeper Kahn as his replacement.

Former Adidas CEO Herbert Hainer has replaced Hoeness as club president.

Hoeness may be gone but his presence will still be felt for years

"I would be stupid if I didn't get his advice from time to time," said

Why street football is still the best academy in the game



Manchester City's Riyad Mahrez scores his side's fourth goal during the English Premier League soccer match between Manchester City and Norwich City at the Etihad Stadium in Manchester, England, Sunday, July 26, 2020. (Agencies)

BYTIM WIGMORE, THE TELEGRAPH

REATER Paris is the football hub of the world. Sixty players who played in the past five men's World Cups were born here, the most of any city. Eight members of France's victorious 2018 World Cup squad came from the Paris region - including Paul Pogba, N'Golo Kanté, Blaise Matuidi, Benjamin Mendy and Kylian Mbappé, the tournament's breakout star who is now carrying Paris St-Germain's hopes in the Champions League final.

To understand why the area produces such an extraordinary array of talent, take the RER train for 16 minutes north from the Gare du Nord. Then, you will arrive at Sarcelles: the home of Riyad Mahrez, who chose to play for Algeria but whose story is typical of the products of the banli-

Even more than at AAS Sarcelles, the local club, Mahrez and others like him learned to play football in the spaces between Sarcelles's ubiquitous tower blocks. It was here - in at a faster rate, ultimately role street sport can play the hours accumulated in basketball, many American between trees, park benches, and in any space he could find - that Mahrez learned the dribbling, step-overs and dazzling ball control that would make Manchester City pay £60 million for him. Even after he had begun his professional career, Mahrez still returned to Sarcelles for more games of street football - what locals call ballon sur bitume, which translates as 'concrete football'.

These games - which locals now play between the tower blocks in concrete cages which were not built when Mahrez was a child - are fiercely contested. They are generally pickup matches of four- or five-a-side. played in tight spaces. The games of ballon sur bitume are the playgrounds of champions. Since 1998 France has reached five World Cup and European Championship finals, two more than anyone else.

Part of the magic of street football lies in simple mathematics. Because games are played in smaller areas, and the number of players per side is fewer, each player is more involved.

Players get more time on the ball and more touches than in structured matches - though each time they get the ball they have only a few split seconds before needing to pass or dribble, as opponents charge towards them. In this way, ballon sur bitume is a perfect environment to accelerate skill development.

"In four- or five-a-side, the player will touch the ball every four seconds, whereas with 11 players, you can have a whole minute where you're not going to touch the ball," explained Mahamadou Gory, the coach of US Torcy U-16s - a rival club of Sarcelles from another banlieue where Paul Pogba used to play.

"When you're playing four- or fivea-side, you're already working on technical quality and above all on 'one against one' - when an attacker must try to go past a defender, and the defender must try to stop him."

Street football trains the body and the mind. As the number of players, the opponents and even the size

of the pitch change constantly, players are always reacting to new information and having to make decisions off the cuff. "You develop an independent intelligence, because you don't have a coach telling you 'play there, play there'," Gory said. "It's you who takes your own decisions.

In ballon sur bitume, "there is no age," explained Ardhaoui Oualid, the assistant coach of AAS Sarcelles. "When I was about 10, I could play with people of 15 or 16. It makes you stronger." Playing with older children effectively means that young footballers in Sarcelles can enjoy the same benefits that younger siblings do in sport more broadly: by being exposed to older players, they develop skills increasing their chances of reaching the top.

This environment is particularly challenging for small children - as Mahrez was, until fleshing out a little around the age of 17. With no referees, he had to take care of himself in ballon sur bitume.

"Players like Mahrez learn in the street that nobody is going to give you something or treat you another way because you are not strong," Oualid said. "You need to be efficient."

Perhaps this is what street football prizes above all else - efficiency. It does not matter how players play. It just matters that they win.

The benefits of street sport are not only glimpsed in France. They are also detectable in the previous men's World Cup winner, the 2014 champions Ger-

Sports scientists analvsed the development histories of members of the victorious German World Cup squad, in search of what helped differentiate them from other players in the Bundesliga and amateur players who played from the fourth to sixth tiers. Strikingly, the World Cup winners had actually played less formal football all the way up to the age of

But the World Cup winners had played significantly more unstructured football - street football - in their teens than the other players. Similarly, women's German national team players had played more unstructured football than Bundesliga players. So the world's best players learned more of their football themselves, rather than following instructions from coaches. An analysis of Premier

League academies in England reaffirmed the crucial in nurturing athletes. A comparison of two groups of players who graduated through the academy structure - one group who were offered three-year scholarships aged 16 and another group released at 16 - showed no difference in the number of hours of coach-led practice the two groups accumulated.

But there was one salient difference away from the training ground. Players offered contracts had engaged in an average of nine hours each week of informal football play - street football with their friends in streets and parks. Those not offered contracts engaged in such informal play for only five hours a week.

"Everything I learned came from those small matches," Wayne Rooney, who grew up playing on a small tarmac pitch over the fence from his estate in Croxteth, later said. "The tactical side of things comes later but 95 per cent of my game is from those

days playing as a kid." Paradoxically, what sepa-

rates the players wanted by the best clubs from those discarded lies outside the academy grounds. If structured coaching accounts for too high a proportion of a child's exposure to the sport, it can hinder development and players' ability to work through problems themselves.

Players who play more unstructured football as children have been shown to possess superior game intelligence - essentially, the ability to anticipate and recognise situations during a game and make correct decisions under pressure. Street sport may also

inoculate players against burnout or dropout. A study of elite youth playcoach-led practice negacorrelated with tively levels of motivation, suggesting that overly pushy coaching was leading players to fall out of love with football. As talent identification

becomes more industrialised, the ingenuity that is best learned in street sport has become more important than ever. In the cauldron of professional sport, those who can retain a sense of spontaneity, mischievousness and fun are more likely to shape a game than those who are merely relentlessly well drilled. The chaos of unstruc-

tured youth matches gives players the tools to thrive when thrust into structured matches. Those elevated from street football in Paris to formal games have proper protection from the referee, smooth ground to run on, and more space; what should be a huge step-up might actually feel easier.

Street spirit is a com-

mon thread among the greatest talent hotspots in sport. South London has produced players including Jadon Sancho, Joe Gomez and Reiss Nelson in recent years. All are products of playing on concrete courts and in cage football - a culture of street football resembling that in the Parisian banlieues.

"It's how we were brought up from the start it's street football," Sancho explained. "Everyone just expresses themselves and that's how people learn their skills. Street football means you fear no one."

The benefits of street sport are not confined to football. In rugby, dynamism and self-knowledge are cultivated in the rural areas of New Zealand, before players often move to ers in the UK found that leading rugby schools. In inner cities breed players with spontaneity and individual brilliance.

> In baseball, 102 Major League Baseball players in 2019 - 12 per cent of the total - were born in the Dominican Republic, where there is a vibrant culture of baseball games in streets and parks. In Twenty20 cricket, the greatest concentration of talent is in Trinidad & Tobago, where players learn the sport playing small-sided games with a plastic windball.

> The vitality and certain chaos of these informal environments imbues children with the skills, and spirit, needed to set them on their path to becoming elite. As Albert Einstein observed: "Play is the highest form of research.'

> This is an from The Best: How Elite Athletes are Made which is out now featuring interviews with Marcus Rashford, Siya Kolisi, Steph Curry, Ada Hegerberg, Pete Sampras and Elena Delle Donne

End of the line? Conte and Inter at a crossroads after one season

ANTONIO Conte's future at Inter Milan looks increasingly uncertain after just one season, with the Italian coach hinting at his departure to rub salt in the wound after another night of bitter European disappoint-

Inter's 3-2 Europa League loss to Sevilla in Cologne left Conte searching for an international trophy to add to his league titles in Italy and the Premier League.

"Conte, are you leaving?" asked the Gazzetta dello Sport on Saturday, while Corriere dello Sport were already saying "goodbyes" to the coach who took over in May 2019.

An Italian team has not won a European trophy since Inter secured the Champions League to complete a treble under Jose Mourinho in

"Now we'll return to Milan, we'll take a couple of days off. We will try to plan the future of Inter with or without me," said Conte.

"I didn't like some situations," continued Conte without elaborating, although he insisted his relationship was good with the club's Chinese owners and fans.

"I have an excellent relationship with (club president Steven Zhang), just like with his father," Conte said, as the former Juventus coach thanked "the real Inter fans who supported me despite being a sporting enemy".

But Conte's relationship with club CEO Giuseppe Marotta is reported to be tense.

until 2022 and worth a reported 12 rope. AFP

million euros (\$14 million) a season. - Eternally dissatisfied -

It has become a familiar story for the 51-year-old Conte who despite his success rarely hangs around for the long haul.

His three-year spell at Juventus is the longest of a career already spanning seven clubs.

Even after a first season that saw Inter close the gap on Juventus to just one point at the top of Serie A, Conte plunged his future at the San Siro into doubt when on the final day of the domestic season he claimed he and his players had been offered "little protection from the

"I'm not going backwards. If we can improve things, we will, other-

wise we will see. "I don't want another year like

Conte has had a positive impact on most of the teams he has man-

He took Bari and Siena into Serie A, began Juventus' hegemony of the Italian top-flight by winning three straight titles, guided an unfancied Italy to the semi-finals of Euro 2016 and won the Premier League in his first season at Chelsea.

But he has never tasted European success, falling short with both Juventus and Chelsea before his nearmiss with Inter.

As during his time at Juventus and Chelsea, Conte blamed a Champions League group-stage exit on a lack of investment even though Inter smashed their transfer record to sign Romelu Lukaku for 75 million A divorce could prove costly for euros (\$89 million) as part of the Inter with Conte's contract running fourth-highest transfer spend in Euby David Chikoko

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Njombe's Madope Athletics Club's runner, Violet Kidasi, takes part in training at the Sabasaba venue in the region recently to prepare for domestic and international races. PHOTO; CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

AT worried by low turn out for National Championships

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

ATHLETICS Tan (AT) has said it is concerned with the low number of regions registering for the coming National Championships slated for next month at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

Closing date for registration was set at Sunday at 12pm, but by noon, the time we went to press, AT information officer, Tullo Chambo, disclosed that Dodoma, Kilimanjaro, Mbeya, Geita, Njombe, Manyara, Iringa, Shinyanga, Mara, and all Zanzibar regions have so far registered for the championships, which is to take place from September 12-13.

He said regions of Tanga and Morogoro promised to register yesterday before close of business while Tabora, Mwanza, Simiyu and Singida communicated to them that they are failing to release their teams as they have not held regional championships.

Chambo though stopped short of saying what AT will do to regions which have failed to register before the

He noted that the championships' organizing committee will hold a meeting in the city tomorrow to come up with a resolution.

"It is very surprising that although registration is free of charge, many regions have not registered for the coming National Championships," he disclosed.

"The closing date is today (yesterday) but very few have registered, the organizing committee will meet Tuesday this week and I'm sure the committee will come up with a stand," he said.

The National Championships is organized jointly by the National Sports Council (NSC), Tanzania Olympic Committee (TOC) and AT.

Initially, the deadline was last Saturday but it was pushed forward to yesterday due to the less number of regions which have registered.

Bayi, TOC secretary general, had in a previous interview said he is not aware of what is either hindering or delaying all regions to register for the championships.

"It is true, the deadline for registration was August 15, unfortunately many regions have not registered, tomorrow (yesterday) the organizing committee will meet where one of the agenda will be on the registration," he disclosed.

"For now I don't know what will happen, the aim of TOC and AT is not to punish regions but educating them on their responsibilities," he said.

Chambo also advised regions, which want to have many athletes at the championships against their given quota, to pay for the added athletes.

"Each region was given a quota of its athletes, but if the regions want to add more athletes on the quota they must pay for the added athletes," he disclosed.

"Participation cost for each of the added athlete amount to 100,000/-, the regions must deposit the money before the championships," he said.

The National Championships was last held in Kibaha, Coast Region, in 2016.

Simba SC forward, John Bocco (R), negotiates his way past Burundi's Vital'O FC defender, Gyslain Nahimana, at an international friendly clash involving the two clubs, which took place at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Saturday. Simba SC won 6-0. PHOTO; CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

talk of CAF Champions League group stage ambitions by insisting Simba's main priority is winning the Vodacom Premier

"I think the first target is the league, because the league gives you access to the Champions League," he noted.

"Last year we took that, so this year that is your first target. The Champions League is a bonus for us. If we can get into the group

stage that is already a good thing for Tanzanian football and Simba," he insisted.

"And once you are in anything can happen. Once you are in, it depends on the lucky on who you draw in the group stage. Maybe with this number of fans at home you can do great things and then you need some points outside Dar es Salaam."

He added: " The Champions League is a big target but your

first is the league and if we can take a bonus in the Champions League then that is a bonus for

On Friday, Simba SC's Board of Directors' Chairman, Mohammed Dewji, revealed his ambitions with the club ahead of the new campaign, stating he wants the team to target success in CAF Champions League.

Without mincing words, Dewji boldly stated they are used to

winning local trophies and their main target this season is to at least reach the CAF Champions League group stage.

Simba already strengthened their squad with six arrivals as they target to qualify for the CAF Champions League group stage after last season's failure.

The outfit was eliminated in the premier continental club tournament's preliminary round by less fancied Mozambican side, UD Songo, on away goals rule.

Vandenbroeck's squad has been beefed by the controversial signing of Bernard Morrison from arch rivals, Yanga, Kenyan international defender Joash Onyango, Chris Mugalu, Ibrahim Ame, and Larry Bwalya - who had previously been linked with

Charles Ilanfya, a striker from Kinondoni Municipal Council (KMC) FC, and David Kameta from relegated Lipuli FC are the other players who have signed for the outfit, popularly known as 'Wekundu wa Msimbazi'.

After Saturday's 6-0 victory over Burundi's Vital'O in the friendly, Simba SC will paly Namungo FC in the Tanzania Community Shield clash, a season opener, in Arusha on August 30.

The Tanzania Community Shield is contested by the winners of the Vodacom Premier League and Federation Cup.

With Simba having won both, they therefore take on Namungo FC, who ended as runners-up in the Federation Cup, and will therefore represent Tanzania in the CAF Confederation Cup.

Ihefu FC steps up preps for Premier League

By Correspondent Joseph

MAINLAND Premier League new entrants, Mbeya's Ihefu FC, have said they have lined up three friendly matches to prepare for the league's kick off, set for early next month.

By Correspondent Michael

Premier League trophy, Simba SC head coach,

has made his intentions

clear that domestic glory

remains his main objective

ahead of the upcoming

the statement in an

interview, held before his

club took on Burundi's

Vital'O in an international

friendly clash played in

Dar es Salaam on Saturday.

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The club's head coach Maka Malwisi, said he has proposed to the squad's management to arrange the three friendly matches with Premier League

He said if the plan will materialize the three games will give him a good picture of his side's readiness for Premier League games.

Malwisi mentioned the teams he had proposed to play with Ihefu FC as Mtibwa Sugar, JKT Tanzania and KMC FC.

Ihefu FC will start the Premier League 2020/21 assignments against defending champions Simba SC at Sokoine Stadium in Mbeya on September 6.

He lamented that he did not have enough time to prepare staff try new combinations as the team has 10 new players.

The head coach said after Premier League, he allowed FC," Malwisi noted. his players to rest for 10 days, a situation he said is likely going to affect his charges' preparations.

"We don't have enough time



his charges, but he is of the view League, I wanted more friendly that the three friendly games games, but it waill not be will help him and his technical possible, in the meantime, I have written the management of my club proposing that we play three friendly games against Mtibwa earning promotion to the Sugar, JKT Tanzania and KMC

> "In case we fail to get one of them we can play our fellow Premier League new entrants, Dodoma FC.'

"I'm sure the three games will to prepare for the Premier be of great importance to my

team as the matches will help me assess the strengths and weaknesses of my players."

kick off," he said. Malwisi is reported to have said

that his side will be ready to face Simba SC in the league opener. He said meeting Simba SC in the first game has hardly surprised

"There is nothing strange, meeting the defending champions

"I will also be able to see how ready they are before the league

"We are prepared to meet any team in either the league or cup tournaments, what is needed is good preparations and I can tell you that by the time we will host Simba, my boys will be ready for the challenge," he said.

other teams," he noted.

in the opening game is good, by

featuring in Premier League we

were aware that we will meet

Simba SC, Yanga, Azam FC and

The Mbarali District-based side has signed 10 new players and the

coach said he expects the new players to have a big impact in the squad.

"After going through the team's needs in the league, we thought it wise to boost the squad with 10 new faces, the new players were recruited after meeting our team's needs," he disclosed.

"The combination of the new players and old ones will help the team realize its dream in the league," he said.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

