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Allow vaccine imports, experts recommend to the government

By Henry Mwangonde

A COMMITTEE of experts tasked with advising the government on a strategy to deal with the coronavirus pandemic has recommended that the government be flexible in relation to introducing vaccines in the country as the committee has determined that approved vaccines are safe and effective.

The presidential committee yesterday handed over its report to President Samia Suluhu Hassan, listing 19 recommendations for the government to examine in its pandemic containment efforts.

Prof Said Aboud of the Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS), who chaired the committee, said the government needs to harmonise initial contingency and the longer term response for Covid-19.

He said the decision on whether to be vaccinated should be left in the hands of individuals but the government should facilitate importation, storage and usage of approved vaccines.

"People should be free to choose to vaccinate but the government should allow importing the product to protect people," the report indicated, an observation

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President Samia Suluhu Hassan pictured at State House in Dar es Salaam yesterday receiving a report relating to the state of Covid-19 in Tanzania from Prof Said Aboud, the chairman of a special committee that prepared it. Photo: State House

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Dar to get eight vehicle flyovers

By Songa wa Songa, Dodoma

FEASIBILITY studies and designs for eight more flyovers in the city of Dar es Salaam are ready, the National Assembly was told yesterday.

Tabling budget estimates of the Ministry of Works and Transport for the 2021/22 financial year, minister Leonard Chamurriho said the project seeks to end continual traffic snarls-ups that adversely affect the economy of the commercial capital.

The infrastructures will add to two finished flyovers, namely the Mfugale flyover on Nyerere Road and Kijazi interchange on the Morogoro Road -Sam Nujoma-Mandela Expressway junction, with the new flyovers slated for road junctions at



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Mwenge, Morocco, Magomeni, Selander Bridge, Fire, Oysterbay, Buguruni and Tabata.

The government is working on mobile flyovers in major cities for emergency use when infrastructures are impaired or rendered impassable, especially for Dar es Salaam, Dodoma and Mwanza, he said.

The mobile or Mabey flyovers are logistic support bridges working as pre-fabricated truss bridges, often used by military contingents in facilitate off road heavy duty transportation of equipment or personnel, or in upgrade routes for heavier traffic, replacing bridges damaged by firepower, or during floods.

As for decongesting the city of Dar es Salaam, the minister said the construction of the rapid transit bus terminal at Ubungo, at the former upcountry bus terminal, was on course.

He listed road tarmacking projects completed by April 2021 as including Mbezi - Malambawili - Kinyerezi - Banana (14km), Tegeta - Kibaoni - Wazo Hill - Goba - Mbezi (Morogoro Road) 20 kilometers long, part of Mbezi Mwisho

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Oath must be honoured, Samia tells new judges

By Henry Mwangonde

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan yesterday asked newly appointed judges to honour their oaths by delivering justice and refrain from corrupt practices as required by the profession.

At a swearing-in ceremony for the new judges at the State House in Dar es Salaam, the president said the judiciary is an important State organ which translates laws and dispenses justice, hence enabling peace and harmony to prevail.

"Tanzanians depend on you to get justice but I am also hoping that the increase in the number of judges shall speed up the adjudication of cases," she said.



The president urged the newly appointed judges to refrain from corruption and ensure that justice is served timely, swearing them in nearly a week after appointments of seven justices of appeal and 21 High Court judges. There was a tight Eid el Fitr engagement countrywide mid last week.

In the appointments, Judge Patricia Fikirini (pictured) from the Commercial Division of the High Court in Dar es Salaam became a justice of appeal, as well as Judge Penterine Kente from the Iringa division of the High Court, who also joins the Court of Appeal.

Other judges who become justices of appeal Dr Paul Faustine, erstwhile head of Institute of Judicial Administration in Lushoto, Tanga region; Judge Lucia Kairo from the High Court in Bukoba, Kagera region and Lilian Leonard Mashaka from the anti-graft division of the High Court in Dar es Salaam.

Others are Issa Maige from the

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Mweka staff now clearing Ngorongoro toxic species

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame,

Ngorongoro

A SPECIAL operation to clear toxic invasive species rapidly growing on Ngorongoro Crater has started, involving experts from the College of African Wildlife Management in Moshi, Kilimanjaro Region.

"Alien species have spread to cover 22 percent of the crater, encompassing some 5000 acres," explained Victoria Shayo, the Acting Deputy Commissioner at the Ngorongoro Conservation Area (NCA).

The operation kicking off this week will be assisted by local residents. "It is likely to take two weeks, which means we shall be compelled to camp in the wilderness for the entire fortnight," stated the NCA Commissioner for Conservation, Dr Fred Manongi (pictured).

"Actually we started uprooting and destroying the alien plants a while ago, but now the NCA is launching a dedicated exercise to clear the invasive species altogether," he asserted, with many ranking officers at NCCAA taking part in the operation.

One of concerns raised by President Samia Suluhu Hassan in during the parliamentary maiden speech last month was the creeping invasion of toxic alien species poisoning wildlife food in Ngorongoro, directing that a

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that rhymes with 'vaccination passports' now abuzz in many parts of the world, especially for those wishing to conduct the Hajj or Umra in Mecca, Saudi Arabia.

The committee advised that the government should coordinate the availability of vaccines for foreigners working for international organizations.

"The government of Tanzania should join the Covax facility by writing a proposal to receive vaccines from the Global Vaccine Alliance (GAVI)," the committee underlined.

The government should also intensify screening by facilitating setting up such units at public health centres to decrease the screening gap, it said, noting also on the need to restart issuing information and updating the data for a correct picture of the situation to be ascertained for local consumption and global comprehension.

It similarly urged a review of directives on Covid-19 medication, urging that recommendations for traditional medicine should be pegged to procedures valid in medical science.

The committee desisted from recommending any shutdowns of public activities, and instead said the government "should continue to consider Tanzania's situation" in any wish to impose lockdowns.

It urged the Treasury to conduct a survey of impacts of Covid-19 pandemic and come up with a strategy on how to resolve these drawbacks, also urging Union and Zanzibar authorities to work together in issuing

travel advisories or in other emergencies.

Prof Abel Makubi, the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children called upon those screening visitors for Covid-19 on arrival at the Julius Nyerere International Airport (JNIA) to enhance collaboration to boost efficiency.

He issued this appeal during a tour of JNIA to inspect how screening activity at the airport but also look at delays leading to complaints from customers.

He said delays in offering services to customers cannot be accepted and responsible officials need to address the matter immediately.

"There are delays which can be forgiven but when it reaches two hours, this is way too much; we should strive to remove these challenges so that we are not seen as a problem to people who wish to enter the country," he said.

Chief Medical Officer Dr Aifello Sicalwe assured the top ministerial civil servant that the challenges will be addressed to ensure that everything is properly conducted.

"I will work on ensuring that the challenges come to an end and we will work together with other stakeholders so that service delivery is genuinely improved," he stated

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Inspector General of Police Simon Sirro (R) pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday bestowing the rank of Commissioner of Police on senior police officer Salum Hamdun, who has been promoted by President Samia Suluhu Hassan and appointed Director General of the Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau. Photo: Police Hqs

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solution be to the problem, rapidly.

The NCAA has in the recent past reported a total of 139 exotic invasive plants including Acacia mearnsii, Datira stramonium, Lantana camara, Leucaena leucocephala, Lonicera japonica and Tagetes minuta.

Leading the Mweka team of experts, lecturer Dr Emmanuel Martin said the team comprises of 320 participants, mostly students and tutors in various subjects.

The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), has documented the spread of invasive alien species, one of them being 'Mexican poppy' (Argemone Mexicana of the plant family Papaveraceae) well known in the wheat fields around Karatu, and now encroaching the crater area.

'Mexican Poppy' can be observed at the Ngorongoro Crater floor, and along the roads towards Ndutu, Naabi

Gate and even Loliondo to the north, indicating that the spread is propagated by movement of people.

There are dangers that the weed could spread to the Serengeti National Park from which Ngorongoro was earlier a segment of it, plus the Loliondo Game Controlled Area, with worries being registered at Maswa Game Reserve, linked with Maasai Mara national park across the border, forming the Serengeti eco-system.

Alien plant species toxic to animals spread through the grass plains, competing with native grass species that are less sturdy than the invading species, cutting down the range of food sources for roaming ungulates in the zone.

Similar worries are directed at Gutenbergia (Erlangea) cordifolia and Bidens spp., invasive species which have infested up to one-quarter of the crater floor, officials noted.

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- Goba, Tangi Bovu - Goba (9km) and Kimara Baruti - Msewe - Changanyikeni (2.6km).

Others are Banana - Kitunda - Kivule - Msongola, (14.7km) part of Kitunda - Kivule (3.2km), Ardhi - Makongo - Goba (part of Goba - Makongo 4km road) and Tegeta Kibaoni - Wazo Hill - Goba - Mbezi/Morogoro Road (part of Mbezi Mwisho - Goba 7km road), Wazo Hill - Madale - Goba (5km).

Works in progress were listed as Ardhi - Makongo - Goba (part of Ardhi - Makongo 5km road) which has reached 20 per cent and Wazo Hill - Madale Section (6km) at 80 per cent of planned works.

Work on the Kibamba - Kisopwa - Kwembe - Makondeko road, including Kibamba - Mloganzila (4km) was largely complete and designs for the Mloganzila - Makondeko (1km) section are being completed, he stated.

"Tendering processes are ongoing to procure contractors for Goba - Matosa - Temboni (6km) as well as Mjimwema - Kimbiji - Pembamazi (27km)," he said.

"The government is also mobilizing resources for the expansion of Mwai Kibaki Road (9km) and Kongowe - Mjimwema - Kivukoni Ferry (25km), the minister added.



Germany's Ambassador to Tanzania, Regine Hess (L), and East African Community secretary general Peter Mathuki exchanges documents on an agreement under which under which Germany will extend 53.8 million euros to the regional economic bloc. The event was held in Arusha city yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Asraji Mvungi

Ministry seeks 3.7trn/-, faced with 869bn/- debt

By Songa wa Songa, Dodoma

THE Ministry of Works and Transport yesterday tabled a 3.747trn/ budget estimates for 2021/22 financial year as it owes contractors hundreds of billions of shillings for works done in 2020/21.

In his budget speech presented to the National Assembly, Leonard Chamuriho said as of April 2021, the ministry owed contractors 869,026,582,530.09 for works done, verified and received.

"One of the major challenges we face is lack of funds to implement projects which is occasioned by piling debts owed by contractors

and consultants engineers," he said.

The minister asked the House to approve 3,747,294,095,200.00 for 2021/22 out of which 1,627,244,274,200.00 is for works and 2,120,049,821,000.00 for transport.

He said that in the 2020/21 financial years, the ministry was allocated 1,577,586,781,000.00 for works projects but as of April 2021, only 1,060,741,508,270.64 was disbursed, equal to 67.2 per cent.

In its report, the Parliamentary Infrastructure Development Committee blamed the ministry's financial woes on low disbursement as well as low

collection of revenues by the ministry's internal sources.

The committee said that disbursement of internal revenues was low from both the consolidated fund and road fund—two main sources of revenue for the ministry.

"The committee established unsatisfactory disbursement of funds by the government whereby as of February 2021, only 138,655,097,992.32 was released by the consolidated funds which was equal to 32 per cent of the allocated resources and 403,184,932,487.02 by the road fund (62.83 per cent)," reads the report.

"The committee's analysis has

pinpointed delays in the issuance of Value Added Tax (VAT) waivers on works projects as one of the major challenges delaying construction projects."

The committee advised the ministry to work closely with its Finance and Planning counterpart to ensure that such tax waivers are granted to allow projects to start early and complete within agreed time.

The Ministry of Works and Transport is responsible for promoting a quality, efficient, environmentally friendly, and cost-effective construction industry that facilitates the social and economic development of the country.

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Land Division and Abraham Mwampashi from the High Court in Zanzibar.

Others are Devotha Kamuzora who was Registrar for the Tax Revenue Appeals Board (TRAB), Chaba John, till then the Deputy Registrar for the Dar es Salaam Registry of the High Court.

Others are Lilian Itemba, a senior attorney in the office of the DPP, Awamu Ahmada Mbagwa who was a senior advocate in the DPP's offices in Dodoma.

Other appointed judges sworn in yesterday are Ayoub Yusuf Mwenda, hitherto a direct assistant in the office of the DPP, Nyigulile Robert Mwaseba, then Deputy Registrar for the High Court, Dar es Salaam division.

Others sworn in are John Francis Nkwabi - formerly Deputy

Registrar for Arusha division of the High Court, Safina Henry Simfukwe - then Deputy Registrar for High Court's commercial division.

David Patrick Nguyale, then Deputy Registrar for the anti-graft division and Frank Habibu also Deputy Registrar for the High Court in the Mwanza registry made it to the High Court, as well as James Karayemaha who was Deputy Registrar for the High Court in Mwanza.

Other judges sworn in are Emmanuel Loitare Ngigwana, Abdi Kagomba, Arafa Mpinga, Dr Ubena John, Dr Eliamini Isaya Laltaika, Dr Theodora Mwenegoha, Mwanabaraka Saleh Mnyukwa, hailing from the academics and the law profession and not cited as occupying senior positions in the Judiciary.

CCM wins Muhambwe by-election

By Correspondent Deogratius Nsokolo, Kibondo

THE ruling CCM candidate in Muhambwe constituency, Dr Florence Samizi, was yesterday declared the winner in the by-election held on Sunday.

The election was held after former Muhambwe Member of Parliament (MP), Atashasta Nditwe died in February this year.

Announcing the results yesterday, the returning officer Diocles Rutema, said Dr Samizi had collected 23,441 votes out of 34,656 valid votes.

"With the powers conferred upon me by section 81 (a) of the National Electoral Act chapter 443 I declare Dr Florence Samizi the Member of Parliament for Muhambwe," said Rutema.

She named other candidates as

Julius Masabo (ACT-Wazalendo) who got 10,847 votes and Philipo Fumbo of the Democratic Party (DP) 368 votes.

Speaking after she was declared winner, Dr Samizi promised to start implementing the promises she made during the campaign immediately after being sworn in.

DP's Fumbo urged Dr Samizi to involve her competitors if she is to fulfill her responsibilities within Muhambwe.

"We are ready to cooperate with her even by advising her, it is not wrong to cooperate with your competitor," said Fumbo.

Fumbo said the results were announced as they had been reported at the polling stations.

Earlier yesterday, ACT-Wazalendo leader Zitto Kabwe wrote a congratulatory victory message on his Twitter to Dr Samizi.



Mbulu Rural legislator Flatei Massay contributes to debate on the 2021/2022 Budget estimates of the Works and Transport ministry tabled in the National Assembly in Dodoma city yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

Design outlines ready for Phase V of Dart - govt

By Songwa wa Songwa, Dodoma

DETAILED design for phase five of the Dar es Salaam Rapid Transit (DART) which the government is set to implement with 400bn/- loan from France is ready.

Minister for Works and Transport Leonard Chamuriho told the National Assembly yesterday that the design outlines the construction of dedicated lanes on Dar es Salaam Port - Mandela - Kawawa - Kigogo - Tabata and Segerea roads (km 26.5).

"As of April 2021, the detailed design for the project was ready and the French Agency for Development (AFD) has expressed interest in funding the project through the World Bank," he said.

In March this year, France agreed to release euro 150 million (over 400bn/-) for the implementation of the project.

The pledge was made by French Ambassador Frederic Clavier in a meeting with then Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation minister, Prof Palamagamba Kabudi in his city office.

Prior to AFD showing interest in investing in the fifth phase of DART, six French senators toured the DART corridor from Morocco bus stop to the Kivukoni terminal a year earlier to familiarize themselves with the project before making a final decision on its financing.

DART is a bus rapid transit system that began operations in May 2016 in The transit system consists of six phases and the construction of the first phase began in April 2012 by the

Austrian construction company Strabag International.

Construction of the first phase was completed in December 2015 at a total cost of euro 134 million funded by the African Development Bank, World Bank and the government of Tanzania.

The first phase of the project has a total length of 21.1 kilometers with dedicated bus lanes on three trunk routes with a total of 29 stations. It runs from from Kimara to Ubungo ending at Kivukoni-Morocco while the second phase runs for approximately 19 km from Kilwa to Kawawa via Kivukoni road.

Phase III covers 24.2 kilometers of road stretches including Nyerere Road, Uhuru Street, Shaurimoyo Street, Lindi Street, Bibi Titi Road, Azikiwe Street, and Maktaba Street and is financed by the World Bank.

Phase IV which covers 26.4 kilometers proceeding from Bagamoyo Road at Tegeta to Ali Hassan Mwinyi Road, Bibi Titi Road and Sam Nujoma Road was also discussed.



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SUA empowers 20m/- to student who invented FARN CUT tractor

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

SOKOINE University of Agriculture (SUA) expects to financially empower 20m/- Mussa Dotto from the university for the Innovation of a tractor dubbed FARM CUT.

Speaking here at the weekend after the conclusion of the national scientific,

technological and innovative competition (MAKISATU 2021) held in Dodoma SUA's Vice Chancellor Prof Raphael Chibunda, said the aim to reward Dotto was to bring up similar innovators.

The competition that brought together innovators from seven competitive groups in the country was closed by the Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa.

Prof Chibunda said in order

to ensure SUA innovators attain high level of success, they expect to empower one of them, Mussa Dotto, with 20m/- for the innovation of a farming tractor known as Farm Cut to enable him produce three tractors to enter the market.

The SUAS Vice Chancellor said when they saw Dotto had invented the tractor, the university decided to assist him via SUA

Innovation Fund to accomplish his innovation.

"Our aim is to show those who says the standard of education had gone down, to see how the youth can do great things at universities for the benefit of themselves, the society and the nation in general.

SUA entered three innovators in the competition through Universities Group that had 10 contestants.



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The Programme in many ways leverages existing programmes implemented in the sector by TAHA in partnership with other development partners and support the implementation of interventions around building export capacities (standards' compliance and other support services), addressing priority regulatory constraints, facilitating access to targeted market support infrastructure (cold chain, warehousing and aggregation), strengthening market linkages and access to market information.

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NMB Bank Plc head of innovation Josina Njambi briefs journalists at the launch of Innovation Week organised by the Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology (Costech) in Dar es Salaam yesterday. The bank is NMB is the main sponsor of the event. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Correspondent,

Morogoro

80 villages in Morogoro enlisted to benefit from REA project phase III

EIGHTY villages in Morogoro District are to benefit by the Rural Energy Agency (REA) electricity project phase III after the government enlisted them into the plan to ensure every village is connected to electricity in the district.

This was revealed by Morogoro District acting Tanzania Electric Supply Company (TANESCO) manager Hilda Luvuvu when presenting her report to the Morogoro District councillors meeting recently.

Hilda said: "There are 80 villages in the district that are yet to be connected to power and already preparations to connect them are under way and work will start any time."

She said power experts have begun preliminary works including site inspections after which the exercise to connect power to all 150 villages in the district will be completed.

She said electricity in the district

will spur growth for economic activities, hence Tanesco will make sure the work is finalised as soon as possible.

For his part the Morogoro District Council chairman Lucas Lemomo said residents of the said villages were ready to see electricity comes to their areas, and added that it will speed up development in their areas.

"Our district is famous for cultivation of various crops

hence electricity will help to woo investors to establish food processing factories," he said.

He said food processing would add value to the crops thereby boosting farmers' incomes as well increasing the council revenues.

For his part the Council's executive director Rehema Bwasi appealed to the people to avoid being the cause for delaying the project's completion, saying it was for their own benefit.

Covid-19: Arrivals fall by nearly half, minister tells MPs

By Songwa wa Songwa, Dodoma

INTERNATIONAL arrivals to Tanzania fell by nearly half from July 2020 to April 2021 because of the global COVID-19 pandemic, the government said.

Works and Transport Minister Leonard Chamuriho told the National Assembly here that the numbers went down from 4,423,732 registered in 2019/2020 financial year to 2,495,379 which is a fall of 43 per cent.

On the other hand, domestic air travel also saw a nosedive in the same period with the number of passengers falling from 2,342,059 in the previous year to 1,676,107; a fall of 28.4 per cent.

Also, the number of Tanzanians travelling outside the country fell from 2,081,673 in 2019/2020 financial year to 819,272 which is a downward trend of 60 per cent.

"The main reason for the decline of international and domestic arrivals is the outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic which resulted in many countries either closing or restricting air travel," he said.

As for cargo transport, a total of 19,779 tonnes of cargo was transported in the period compared to 20,417 transported in 2019/2020 financial year, the minister said.

"The number of flights fell from 175,567 in 2019/2020 to 103,110 from July 2020 to April 2021," he said.

According to estimates by the World Trade organization, revenues from tourism could fall by between USD910 billion to USD1.2 trillion in 2020. This will have a wider impact and could reduce global GDP by between 1.5 per cent to 2.8 per cent.

The Tanzania Association of Tour Operators (TATO) under the support of the UNDP, is currently implementing their 'Tourism Recovery Strategy' to help spur business, recover thousands of lost jobs and generate revenue for the economy.

Representing over 300 tour operators, TATO is a leading lobbying agency for the tourism industry in Tanzania which earns roughly \$2.05 billion per year for the economy, equivalent to 17 per cent of the country's GDP.

The recovery efforts include diversification of tourism marketing strategy in order to attract more visitors and boost arrival numbers in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic.

One of the strategies being implemented is to attract more local tourists instead of heavily relying on international visitors which saw the sector take a sharp nosedive during the pandemic.



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Baseline assessment

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'Govt processing payments for Dodoma carriageway evictees'

By Songa wa Songa, Dodoma

THE government is finalising payment processes for people evicted to pave way for the construction of the Dodoma City Outer Dual Carriageway Ring Road.

The Minister for Works and Transport, Dr Leonard Chamuriho, told the National Assembly that the money for compensation is ready, adding that the evictees will receive their compensation soon after the completion of few remaining verification processes.

"Contractors for Lot1 and 2 (km 112.3) Nala - Veyula - Mtumba - Ihumwa Dry Port (km 52.3) and Ihumwa Dry Port - Matumbulu - Nala (km 60.0) have already been engaged," he said.

In his budget speech for 2021/22, the minister said preparations for the construction of the aforementioned roads are

at final stages.

As for the Makulu Junction - Ntyuka Roundabout - Image Roundabout - Bahi Roundabout (km 6.3) sections, the minister said that as of April 2021, the project was on design stage with funding from the Japan International Development Cooperation Agency (JICA).

He added that tendering process is ongoing to engage contractors for Ntyuka Junction - Mvumi Hospital - Kikombo Junction (km 76.07) sections.

"Detailed design work is ongoing for Kikombo Junction-Chololo - Mapinduzi (TPDF headquarters) (km 18)," he said.

"Processes are under way for the start of feasibility study and detailed design for the expansion of main roads to Dodoma city (km 220)."

Last year, the government signed two agreements worth about USD 95.7 million for the

construction of 112.3-kilometer Dodoma City Dual Carriageway Outer Ring Road.

The agreements were signed by Patrick Mfugale, the Chief Executive Officer of Tanzania National Roads Agency (TANROADS), on behalf of the government, and Representatives Zhang Junle and Li Huan from China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation (CCECC) and AVIC INTL Project Engineering Company respectively.

According to contractual agreement, the CCECC is responsible for the construction of approximately 52.3 kilometers of the Dodoma City Dual Carriageway for about USD 43.5 million within a period of 39 months while the AVIC INTL Project Engineering Company will construct 60 kilometers of the road at 120.86bn/- within 43 months.



Residents of Kiponda Street in Zanzibar look on helplessly at the debris of a building gutted by fire at midnight yesterday, leaving scores of families homeless. Photo: Correspondent Martin Kabemba

'All residences to be identified by postcode addresses by June 2022'

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

COMMUNICATIONS and Information Technology Ministry has planned to make sure that by June 2022 all houses in the country will be identified by their residential postcode addresses.

The Ministry's Permanent Secretary Dr Zainab Chaula made the remarks at the weekend in his presentation to the District Executive Directors and Regional Administrative Officers in regard to the mobile phones use for the residential addresses postcodes system, as well as the stage reached so far in the installation of the system in the country.

The presentation was made during the 11th Meeting that discussed improvement of

performance in the country's local governments.

She said the ministry was implementing the installation of the system through all local councils whereas during FY 2020/21 13 local councils will have been incorporated into the postcode system.

"The ministry's plan is to see all residences in the country to have postcode addresses, I praise Bukoba Municipal Council and Mwanza City Council for being leaders in the implementation of the system," she added.

Dr Chaula said in order to make the system a success the ministry has come up with the programme that will enable to identify a residence anywhere it is, adding that this will simplify business transactions.

Speaking about the system's

implementation guidelines, Dr Chaula said the guidelines have been improved and will be distributed to the stakeholders because its implementation directly involves the ministry, in particular the Regional Administration and Local Government, but also the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development, whereas the Office of the Prime Minister will be coordinating and the Communications and Information Technology Ministry as the secretariat.

For his part Eng Jampyon Mbugi from the ministry called upon meeting participants to do their duties in the implantation of the address postcode project as well as the collection of information on the residences including street names and house numbers.



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By Guardian Reporter

East African stakeholders meet to salvage rice sector

ABOUT 1000 major players in East Africa's rice sector are today expected to meet in a three-day rice conference dubbed: 'East Africa Rice Conference (EARC)' so as to identify policy reforms to transform Africa's rice sector through scientific innovations.

Reports show that Africa has become a major consumer of rice with an estimated annual import cost of US\$5-6 billion. Between 2010 and 2035, an additional 116 million tonnes of milled rice will be needed worldwide to meet this increasing demand, of which 30 million tonnes will be needed for Africa.

The EARC which is held in Naivasha, Kenya will bring together government officials, development partners, members of the research and academic community, donors and investors, the private sector, and farmer and civil society groups to lead critical discussions for the region's agri-food systems transformation and development.

In a statement availed to the media, Hannington Odame, regional coordinator of the Agricultural Policy Research in Africa (APRA) programme, Nairobi said that the conference will discuss key topics surrounding the region's rice value chain in a bid to increase domestic rice production to fulfill the increasing demand.

According to him, the conference will be a hybrid of physical and online. The physical in-country component of the conference will take place on Tuesday 18th in Naivasha, Kenya. The virtual component will be on 19th and 20th May 2021.

Odame noted that sustained multi-stakeholder collaboration is a worthwhile investment and a step in the right direction for the achievement of national and regional rice self-sufficiency, food and nutrition security, poverty alleviation and improved livelihoods.

He said the discussions will focus on accelerating progress in rice research & development, inclusive markets & value chains, rice-based livelihoods - gender and youth integration, integrated rice sector development in a changing climate, inclusive finance & investment, and agricultural policy processes & reforms.

"Rice research is the linchpin of scientific innovations and basis for an enabling policy environment that will accelerate agri-food systems transformation to respond to challenges that the region is facing," said Abdelbagi Ismail, Regional Representative for Africa of the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI)

The conference will give impetus to agricultural growth, food, and nutrition security, and rural development as outlined in the Comprehensive Africa Agricultural Development Programme (CAADP).

Additionally, it will optimize gains from national rice development strategies (NRDS) and initiatives by organisations including the Africa Rice Center (AfricaRice), the Agricultural Policy Research in Africa (APRA) Programme of the Future Agricultures Consortium, the Center for African Bio-Entrepreneurship (CABE),

the Coalition for African Rice Development (CARD), the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), and other organizations.

The conference also provides an opportunity to revisit progress towards the 2014 Malabo Declaration on Accelerated Agricultural Growth and Transformation for Shared Prosperity and Improved Livelihoods commitments adopted by African Union (AU) Heads of State and Government.

Ultimately, the conference outcomes and recommendations will provide useful multi-stakeholder information and perspectives to current Africa-wide and worldwide food and nutrition security initiatives such as the upcoming United Nations Food Systems Summit 2021.

"Credible knowledge on rice is critical for informed policy making which is instrumental in increasing the productivity of rice-based agri-food systems and sustainable use of natural resources," said Harold Roy-Macauley, Director General, AfricaRice.

Africa has become a major consumer of rice with an estimated annual import cost of 5-6 billion USD. Between 2010 and 2035, the continent will need an additional 30 million tons to meet this demand (Seck et al., 2012).

According to Kilimo Trust, over 1.5 million farming households in the East African Community depend on rice for food and income security with an average of US\$ 550/ household/year from rice production enterprises.



Dr Khatibu Kazungu, the Finance and Planning ministry's Deputy Permanent Secretary, opens training on work contracts involving the Treasury Registrar's office and boards of government agencies and public organisations in Arusha yesterday. Photo: Treasurer Office

Use embassies abroad to procure warehouses for maize storage in border areas, says Bashe

By Guardian Correspondent,

Dodoma

Agriculture deputy minister Hussein Bashe has instructed the National Food Reserves Agency (NFRA) to work together with the country's foreign missions that buy maize from Tanzania to procure warehouses for the storage of the cereals in order to enhance the crop's market.

Bashe gave the instructions here at the weekend when closing NFRA Board and

Management meeting.

He said the step aims to enhance the procurement of the crop's market, and added that the NFRA Board has to see how to get warehouses near the country's border areas for storing maize that is to be sold to neighbouring countries.

"You are supposed to have strategies in the countries that buy our maize that will help to reduce congestion of maize cargo in the country's various border areas," he added.

He added that Tanzania

has been producing maize in abundance, hence it needs reliable markets.

"NFRA plans to buy 300,000 tonnes of maize during the current season, Tanzania maize is in high demand in Congo DRC, Sudan, Kenya and in other countries," Bashe said.

He added: "We should think about using our foreign embassies in countries that buy our maize to have warehouses in border areas for storage of the crop."

The deputy minister said 15bn/- has been allocated

to NFRA for the purchase of cereals from farmers and pledged to source more funds as loans from banks.

For his part the NFRA Board Chairman Eng Yustaki Kangole said they expect to start selling crops that have remained in the warehouses for too long as maize is not required to remain stored in the warehouses for more than three years.

He said the board continues to deal with purchase agreements whereby during this month they hope to start selling the crops.



Police officers direct Bajaj taxi riders at Kabwe bus stand in Mbeya municipality yesterday in an effort to forestall confrontation with operators of commuter buses. Photo: Correspondent Nebart Msokwa

CHRAGG: Tanzania is still scoring well in good governance and human rights

By Guardian Reporter

THE Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance (CHRAGG) has said that Tanzania has continued to perform well in the areas of good governance and human rights, something which should be praised.

The commission said that the country has shown high performance in the aspects of social and political rights.

Judge (rtd) Mathew Mwaimu, the commission's chairman said this in Dar

es Salaam in the meeting with Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation minister Ambassador Liberata Mulamula.

He said that Tanzania now has an 'A' rating among countries which are performing well in the area of good governance and human rights.

"Despite having some few gaps and areas which need improvements, Tanzania remains among the best countries in protecting human rights," he said.

The commission also

called for more education to be extended to the public in every part of the country so as to enable them to value every human being and cooperate to push the country's economic growth.

"CHRAGG will also continue strengthening efforts to ensure that rights of all people are protected."

Ambassador Mulamula commended the commission for implanting its duties well which include supervising and monitoring to ensure that human rights are respected in the country.

"You have been doing a very good job which includes advising and reminding the government on the importance of adhering to all the adopted international agreements on good governance and human rights," she said.

Ambassador Mulamula added that CHRAGG is a member of other regional and international commissions that measure human rights and good governance standards where Tanzania currently got an "A" rating.

US\$11.5 million worth programme to support startups is launched in Dar

By Correspondent James Kandoya

A new five-year innovation ecosystem support programme worth US\$ 11.5-million was launched in Dar es Salaam yesterday to support the Tanzania innovation startups.

The programme dubbed "Ufunguo" - Unlocking innovation, investment and impact, was launched by the United Nations Development Fund (UNDP) in collaboration with partners European Union Delegation to Tanzania and the British High Commission, The Human Development Innovation Fund (HDIF), and the Ministry for Education, Science and Technology.

Speaking at the ongoing Innovation Week Tanzania 2021 (IWTz2021) in Dar es Salaam, the UNDP Resident Representative Christine Musisi, said that the programme signals a continuation of development partner's support to the Tanzanian innovation ecosystem and builds on the legacy of the HDIF Programme, which is ending after 7 years of implementation.

She said that it further seeks to address three key challenges - access to finance, support for innovators, and the policy and enabling environment for innovation.

Musisi said that the programme will contribute to the ongoing growth of the innovation ecosystem by establishing an independent Financing Facility which will provide financial support to

innovative impact ventures at the seed stage.

It will also provide technical assistance to these businesses through contracting services already provided by hubs and other business development service providers in Tanzania, working with them to strengthen and support Tanzanian businesses.

She said the facility will also seek to bring in impact investors to Tanzanian to provide financing for businesses that are growing beyond the Facilities early-stage financing through showing them the exciting investment opportunities available.

"UNDP is proud to have stepped up to the challenge and put the initial funds down to have a full programme designed. We especially would like to thank our technical advisory committee made up of UNDP, Vodacom, Sahara ventures, Swiss Embassy, EU, British High Commission and HDIF to design the Funguo programme, and COSTECH who has been very supportive in this process," she said.

"The EU is committed to boost innovation and entrepreneurship in Tanzania, in particular for women and youth, whom we consider an important engine of sustainable development. We hope that the Funguo programme will be a key driver of innovation in Tanzania and look forward to creating meaningful impact by empowering entrepreneurs so that their ventures can

thrive and contribute to the nation's development," said Manfredo Fanti, European Union Ambassador to Tanzania.

Jane Miller, Development Director at the British High Commission said: "The UK has been a proud supporter of innovation and technology in Tanzania for the last 7 years through the Human Development Innovation Fund. In that time, I have seen how innovation in Tanzania has gone from strength to strength."

When launching the programme, the Deputy Minister for Education, Science and Technology Omary Kipanga reaffirmed the government commitment to continue collaborating with all partners.

He lauded the sponsors for embracing innovation and supporting the initiative to see more and more innovators countrywide are reached and recognised for the betterment of the economy and improved lives.

The HDIF Country Direct Joseph Manirakiza, the launching of the programme ushers a new era of the innovation ecosystem support in Tanzania.

"I am proud to say that HDIF has made its remarkable contribution towards building the ecosystem in Tanzania. The programme provided financial and technical supporting form of competitive grants to 48 projects, but also supported over 55 start-ups and hubs," he said.



A member of the Tanzania Red Cross in Simanjiro District donates blood to the National Blood Bank at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Gift Thadey

EAC and Germany ink financing agreements worth US\$65million

By Guardian Reporter

NEW momentum for cooperation between the East African Community and the Federal Republic of Germany following the signing of two Government Agreements thus paving the way for the implementation of projects of a total volume of US\$65 million in the areas of health, digital skills and water resources management.

The agreements were signed by EAC Secretary General, Dr Peter Mathuki and Regine Hess, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the United Republic of Tanzania and the EAC.

Amb Hess who paid a courtesy call on the Secretary General at the EAC Headquarters in Arusha today, congratulated Dr Mathuki on his assumption of office as new Secretary General at the end of April.

On the occasion of their first meeting, Amb. Hess and Dr. Mathuki signed two government agreements on development cooperation. The agreements are the legal basis for the implementation of projects in the areas of health, water resource management and digital skills, worth 65 million US Dollars (EUR 53.8 million).

Dr Mathuki exchanges documents with German Ambassador Regine Hess after the two signed government financing agreements between EAC and Germany.

In the health sector, the continued cooperation with the Regional Centre of Excellence for Vaccines, Immunization & Health Supply Chain Management, located at the University of Rwanda in Kigali (17 million Dollars), will allow the centre to expand its expertise and reputation, especially in the areas of digitalization in health supply chain management, cold-chain management and quality control/drug safety. Also under the health sector is the release of additional funds (30 Million Dollars) for the EAC's immunization programme with Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance that will contribute to reducing child morbidity and mortality in the region. The funds will finance the procurement of at least four different types of vaccines (Pentavalent, Rotavirus, Pneumococcal and Measles second dose), to be made available for routine immunization and immunization campaigns for children in all six Partner States of the East African Community.

The Integrated Water Resource Management Programme, which was successfully launched

in mid-February 2020 and is implemented by the Lake Victoria Basin Commission (LVBC), an EAC institution, will be stocked up (by 12 million Dollars) to finance additional measures to improve water quality and availability through strategic and sustainable management of the Lake Victoria Basin.

In order to strengthen digital skills and innovation in East Africa, the Secretariat and Germany further agreed on the implementation of the project "Digital Skills for an Innovative East African Industry" (dSkills@EA) that builds on the results of the project "Centre of Excellence for ICT in East Africa" (CENT@EA). The new phase (USD 6 million) strengthens digital skills of especially young women and men from all six EAC Partner States to strengthen their employability and innovation capacities. Based on a strong industry-academia partnership and regional collaboration, dSkills@EA together with the Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA) will promote innovative digital solutions for the region's economic development through the Master programme "Embedded and Mobile Systems", trainings and innovation transfer and entrepreneurship.

Ambassador Hess underscored Germany's commitment to remain one of the leading partners to the region.

"We can look back to over 20 years of successful cooperation with the EAC Secretariat. We are committed to continue this cooperation in key areas such as health, trade and economic infrastructure; and technical and vocational education and training under your new leadership of the EAC Secretariat, Secretary General Mathuki," said Amb. Hess. She expressed her appreciation, that the cooperation particularly supports the youth in the region, adding that the younger generation in East Africa would benefit from the programmes.

With a view to the current Covid-19 pandemic, that also hit hard Eastern Africa, Ambassador Hess promised that Germany will commit additional funds of up to US\$6.6 million for pandemic preparedness and response in 2021, to be implemented through existing EAC-German programmes on pandemic preparedness, economic integration and digital skills.

On his part, Dr Mathuki thanked Germany for her continued support to the EAC integration process stretching back to 1999 when the Community was established.

"The EAC and the Federal Republic of Germany have enjoyed a long-standing partnership since the EAC inception. Over the last 22 years, commitments from the German government amounting to over 516.88 million Euros to programmes and projects aimed at advancing EAC integration, specifically focusing on economic and social integration," said Dr Mathuki.

"The signing today of the two government agreements on development cooperation amounting to 65 million US Dollars (EUR 53.8 million) demonstrates the commitment of the Federal Republic of Germany to support the EAC Integration. It is my intention to continue strengthening this partnership," he added. Dr Mathuki informed the German envoy that the Covid-19 pandemic had devastated economies in East Africa over the past one year and thanked Germany for her support combating the deadly virus.

The Secretary General said that the EAC was well on course with the implementation of the Customs Union, Common Market, Monetary Union and the Political Federation.

"In establishing the Monetary Union, we will borrow a lot from the EU especially on how it set up the Eurozone and its experience with a single currency. We intend to benchmark with the best as far as the Monetary Union is concerned," said Dr Mathuki.



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By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

THE government has warned reckless registrars who fail to manage and hold accountable leaders of farmers' cooperatives (AMCOS) due to mismanagement of public funds and assets.

The Ministry of Agriculture's assistant director in the crop development directorate, Beatus Malema said this yesterday here during the coffee stakeholders' meeting. Organised by Café Africa, the meeting brought onboard coffee stakeholders from Ruvuma, Songwe, and Mbeya regions to improve the value chain of the crop which will help farmers and traders to overcome barriers including secure market and good management of cooperatives.

According to Malema, some registrars have been part of the problem as they have failed to properly manage their responsibilities including addressing disputes for farmers who joined AMCOS, a situation that causes farmers to take their

Govt warns errant AMCOS registrars

grievances to the Ministry of Agriculture.

"The government hired you (registrars) to monitor and resolve the grievances of farmers in AMCOS and not to sit in offices. There have been many complaints from farmers who come to the ministry to seek help while you are in those areas. You must change immediately," said Malema.

She however directed the Tanzania Coffee Board (TCB) to put in place strategies to ensure they increase productivity to improve the production of quality coffee seedlings after the decline in crop quality and affect the domestic and foreign market.

She said the current government strategy is to prioritize the coffee crop to increase productivity in the presence of world markets

and in parallel with providing modern technologies so that coffee production meets the needs of the world market and benefits the farmer.

Dafrosa Sanga, Café Africa Executive Director said that the aim of the conference was to enable the coffee governing bodies to improve the value of the crop in the value chain and improve the level of production to support farmers who have joined cooperatives.

She said for the year 2020/2021 a total of 6,000 farmers have been reached with education on quality coffee production and that the goal is to reach 24,000 coffee farmers in the country especially providing them with quality agricultural education, access to agricultural inputs along with repairing 20 plants at AMCOS.



National Technical Advisor (m/f/x) – Kigoma Region, Tanzania

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The Water and Sanitation Kigoma Region Project (WASKIRP) is a project focusing on water supply services sustainability in rural areas. In rural Tanzania and Kigoma region many water supply systems are mal functioning or out of order due to weak management, ageing infrastructures and lack of Operation and Maintenance (O&M) throughout time. As a consequence, a large part of the population is suffering from inadequate and intermittent water supply. For these reasons WASKIRP will be supporting the establishment of Community Owned Water Supply Organizations (COWSO) as well as improving existing infrastructures with a view of sustaining the water supply service in the long run. The project is aligned with national policies and strategies, contributing directly to the implementation of Tanzania Water & Sanitation Development Plan 2007-2020 (WSDP).

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Let foreign investors look into local smartphone assembling

REPORTS are being heard that at least two government agencies are working on plans to put up a local smart phone factory, with a tender having been floated in that direction. One version of the report said that the plan is meant to produce low-cost smart phones as part of an ambitious plan to ensure 80 percent of Tanzanians have access to digital communication services by 2025. There is an additional observation that setting up the industry will go hand in hand with expansion of the telecommunications fibre network, the broadband backbone to most rural areas. Does this require actual state investments?

Lack of access of certain areas by mobile phone firms is a relative quantity as most villages are accessed by at least one mobile phone network and all small towns definitely have a mobile phone network more or less for all major operators. So there is no crying gap there to be filled but mostly a continuation of five year plans where the government puts a lot of money on the ground to compete with the private sector, resulting merely in poverty. It takes away scarce resources for public welfare, employment of nurses, etc.

Dr Amos Nungu, managing director of the Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH) made this affirmation at a press conference in Dar es Salaam at the weekend, ahead of the Innovation Week taking the whole week to Saturday May 22. There are at least two international agencies involved in the show, namely the Human Development Innovation Fund (HDIF) and the strategic United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Enthusiasm smartphone assembling isn't new, and is part of the outlook after President Samia Suluhu Hassan gave strong

indications of a vastly improved investor friendly environment. That includes conditions for starting local smartphone assembling.

If one has been reading the president's remarks between the lines, and in undertones relating to the specific affirmations she has been making, competition between the private sector and government agencies in the mobile phone supply division isn't a priority, and perhaps not even feasible in the policy course at present. The two organizations - COSTECH and the regulator, TCRA - are supposed to have their hands full in their respective areas, namely raising scientific capacity especially in schools and colleges as well as coordinating research, and ensuring a level playing field for operators, for TCRA.

This idea is an illustration of the competing ideas and modes of initiative doubling up as advice at upper executive levels, first pursuing an import substitution policy - and hence raise tariffs on 'foreign' mobile phone brands and 'protect our mobile phone' type, whereas all these are luxuries and not a priority for public financing. It can't even be the object of guarantees for bank credit to that effect. When there is an initiative by government agencies to start a mobile phone company, it isn't possible that the Ministry of Finance will subject that company to a level playing field as imported ones. That will put at risk nearly everything the president has sought to declare in terms of commitments, assurances.

Talk about a smart phone factory and selling the sets at affordable prices is sort of interesting as there are such sets that sell at less than 50,000/- apiece. And do the rural dwellers it talks about really need smart phones? Is it not assured markets at the nearby population?

Museum Day: Museums must come clean on how they acquired African collections

THE National Museum of Tanzania is a consortium of five Tanzanian museums whose purpose is to preserve and show exhibits about the history and natural environment of Tanzania. The consortium developed from the National Museum of Dar es Salaam, established in 1934 by Tanganyika governor Harold MacMichael. Four more museums later joined the consortium, namely the Village Museum in Dar es Salaam, the National History Museum and the Arusha Declaration Museum in Arusha, and the Mwalimu Julius K. Nyerere Memorial Museum in Butiama.

The Dar es Salaam National Museum is located in Shabban Robert Street, next to the botanical gardens. Established in 1934 and open to the public since 1940, it was originally a memorial museum dedicated to King George V; one of the cars of the King is still on display. The museum was expanded in 1963, with the addition of a second building. It is now dedicated to the history of Tanzania. Its most famous exhibits include some bones of Paranthropus boisei that were among the findings of Louis Leakey at Olduvai. The museum also has a large section dedicated to the Shirazi city-state of Kilwa. More historical miscellaneous material is related to the German and British rule, and ancient Chinese pottery. The museum also has ethnographic collections on Tanzanian cultures.

Each year since 1977, the International Council of Museums (ICOM) has organised International Museum Day, which represents a unique moment for the international museum community.

The objective of International Museum Day (IMD) is to raise awareness about the fact that, "Museums are an important means of cultural exchange, enrichment of cultures and development of mutual understanding, cooperation and peace among peoples." Organised on 18 May each year or around this date, the events and activities planned to celebrate International Museum Day can last a day, a weekend or an entire week. IMD was celebrated for the first time 40 years ago. All around the world, more and more museums participate in International Museum Day. Last year, more than 37,000 museums participated in the event in about 158 countries and territories.

With the theme 'The Future of Museums: Recover and Reimagine', International Museum Day 2021 invites museums, their professionals and communities to create, imagine and share new practices of (co-)creation of value, new business models for cultural institutions and innovative solutions for the social, economic and environmental challenges of the present.

The dedicated website for International Museum Day provides you with all the information, tools and material needed to get involved in the 2021 edition. An interactive map will gather the events and activities taking place all over the world while the Communications Kit will help you participate in this occasion.

The event highlights a specific theme which changes every year to reflect the basis of the international museum community's preoccupations.

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By Special Correspondent

THE growing traffic congestion in Zimbabwean cities, and especially Harare, is not going to diminish unless a wide range of measures are adopted and the new inter-ministerial committee set up to ameliorate and solve the problem will not find a single magic bullet that will fix things.

As Cabinet noted recently, the congestion is growing because of a number of factors with the increase in economic activities as the Government puts Zimbabwe on a growth curve being the underlying driving force. Activities means more business traffic, more trucks and vans, and more people able to afford cars and to run cars.

So the pressure on the roads can only increase. Prosperity is the cause and growing prosperity cannot be termed a problem, but rather a reason for finding other solutions. But that prosperity will also generate taxes and rates that will assist in paying for solutions.

Many of the factors that reduced congestion in recent years were problems, not solutions. Shortages of fuel cut the number of trips, the high-level lockdowns used to combat the first two waves of Covid-19 meant far fewer people had to travel and a lot of business activity was curtailed. Those problems have been solved, so the vehicles are back.

It has not been a totally direct equation that more prosperity meant more congestion. One major gain, that has helped generate part of a breathing space, was the resurrection of Zupco as an urban bus company, something that needed both Government money, and Government intervention, the biggest being the lockdown rules that required private owners of kombis and buses wanting to maintain urban transport businesses to register with Zupco and, importantly, follow Zupco controls and rules.

That move had the immediate effect of seeing larger buses on routes, which cut back the number of vehicles needed, but more importantly ending the indiscipline that saw many roads totally clogged with kombis parked or waiting for passengers while creating their own routes.

So one strand in the committee's work will be to figure out how to grow and upgrade Zupco. Every large city in the world relies on an efficient public transport public system to get people to and from work. In developed countries this means having such a system that is so good that even the rich and powerful leave their cars at home and take the metro, bus, train or tram to work, not to save money

Traffic congestion can be fixed by range of measures



but because it is faster and more convenient.

If Harare and its surrounding towns had a really good public transport system far more people would use it, and leave their cars at home or in a car park next to the nearest suburban terminus. A single bus can replace several dozen cars. There will need to be some cultural changes as well, since many with a car prefer using a car, but once you have good public transport and dedicated bus lanes the time savings will see that switch.

A second strand is the growing traffic jams at intersections of main roads, with broken traffic lights a major cause.

Some benefit can be gained quickly by fixing these although quite a few outside the city centre can and should be replaced by roundabouts, which give far better traffic flows.

At the same time the jams caused by traffic inching forward at 5km/h over potholes is being fixed already in the Government's emergency action.

A third strand is the need to overcome the peculiar town planning of most Zimbabwean cities. This is built around good arterial roads into the city centre, but very modest links around the city centre. So a lot of traffic that wants to go from one side or a city to the other has to pass through the city centre. Even when there are partial ring roads, these are usually narrower than arterial roads and quickly clog, becoming congested in their turn.

So we are now talking about engineering, building by-pass

roads. For example, in Harare, the southern ring road, Harare Drive South, that would link the suburbs where most people live with the industrial sites where many people work has been on the plans for decades, and the plans were recently upgraded. Now bulldozers are needed to make it a reality. But we are moving into the realms of serious money, although all that means is the timing of the new roads; they will be needed.

Harare city centre presents some peculiar problems, that need to be addressed as a fourth strand. One-way streets have helped make better use of the road network laid down by the mid-1970s but have emphasised the problems of the chokepoints because so little has been done since the 1970s by road engineers in the city centre.

So we have Samora Machel Avenue which is three traffic lanes in each direction, except for a handful of blocks at its eastern and western ends. Yet at the eastern end, the congestion suddenly vanishes when those who have inched along the two lanes in each direction reach the junction with Emmerson Dambudzo Mwanganga Road, and split fairly evenly into that road or continue down the two lanes in each direction in the Samora Machel Avenue extension, in effect seeing two lanes going out suddenly doubling to four.

In the west of the city centre it is just as bad, going from three lanes in each direction down to two for a few blocks and then back to three in each direction as you leave the city centre. Widening the two ends of that major avenue would be fairly

cheap and have immediate benefit in eliminating two choke points.

In the west we have the primary western exit road, Jason Moyo Avenue, turning from the four lanes of the one-way west bound avenue into two lanes in each direction, for just two blocks, creating a choke point that sees a jam extend all the way to Sam Nujoma Street and then north up that street. The problem, of course, is that Harare City Council never exercised its option to buy out about four properties at the western end of Nelson Mandela Avenue to extend that one-way street to Abdel Gamal Nasser Road and so open up Jason Moyo Avenue.

There is plenty of land to widen Emmerson Mwanganga Road South and Gamal Nasser Road to carry the rush hour loads once the entry and exit points to the city centre are fixed. There are other examples in the southern exits.

Some solutions, such as a multiplicity of flyovers, are not needed yet although the planned replacement of the Mbudzi roundabout should come sooner rather than later and some sort of tunnels are needed to allow continuous two-way flow where Julius Nyerere Way, Kenneth Kaunda Avenue, Seke Road and Fidel Castro Road meet.

But basically, in Harare anyway, the committee can start making rapid improvements for modest costs by keeping the pressure on the Zupco upgrade and sorting out the choke points at the exits to Harare city centre.

Medium term plans can be more ring roads and by-passes, and not just in Harare.

Global Covid-19 cases continue rising, vaccination picks up with China's vaccines showing efficacy

BEIJING

THE COVID-19 pandemic continues to rage across the world with some countries bracing for fresh surges of confirmed cases. Yet vaccination worldwide has been picking up as more countries witness the Chinese vaccines showing high efficacy.

GLOBAL CASELOADS CLIMB UP

Asia-Pacific countries have witnessed various increases in both cases and deaths. India's coronavirus death toll crossed the 250,000 mark, and Thailand reported a new daily record of 34 COVID-19 fatalities.

India registered as many as 4,205 deaths, the highest so far, during the past 24 hours, with 348,421 new cases, taking the total to 23,340,938, confirmed the federal health ministry.

There are still 3,704,099 active cases in the country, with a decrease of 11,122 in the past 24 hours. This is the second consecutive day of falling active cases.

The Philippines has been battling one of the worst outbreaks in Asia. The country's Department of Health reported 4,842 new COVID-19 infections, bringing the total number of confirmed cases in the Southeast Asian country to 1,118,359. The death toll climbed to 18,714 after 94 more patients died from the viral disease, the department said.

The number of patients designated as having severe symptoms as a result of COVID-19 in Japan reached a fresh record high of 1,189, rising by 13 compared to the previous day's record, the health ministry said.

The latest data regarding critically ill patients who typically require hospitalization and the assistance of ventilators or extracorporeal membrane oxygenation machines have more than tripled over the past month, according to the ministry.

In the Middle East, Iran reported on Wednesday 16,409 new coronavirus cases, raising the country's caseload to 2,707,761. The pandemic has so far claimed 75,934 lives in Iran, up by 366 in the past 24 hours, the Iranian Ministry of Health and Medical Education said in a written briefing published on its official website.

Meanwhile, Turkey will gradually ease lockdown restrictions after the Eid al-Fitr festival that marks the end of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan. President Recep Tayyip Erdogan announced a lockdown ease in a video speech for the occasion of Eid al-Fitr.

"Having taken the pandemic under control, we will take normalization steps in a controlled manner after the fest," Erdogan said.

Turkey on Wednesday confirmed 13,029 new COVID-19 cases, including 1,496 symptomatic patients, raising the total number of cases in the country to 5,072,462, according to its health ministry. The death toll from the virus in Turkey rose by 232 to 43,821 in the past 24 hours.

In Latin America, Brazil, which has the world's second-highest COVID-19 death toll after the United States, and the third-largest caseload behind the U.S. and India, is seeing a second wave of the virus.

The country registered 2,494 more deaths from COVID-19 in the last 24 hours, bringing the total death toll to 428,034, the Ministry of Health said Wednesday.

The ministry said that tests detected 76,692 new cases, raising the national count to 15,359,397.

In Europe, Britain saw another 2,284 people test positive for COVID-19, bringing the total number of coronavirus cases in the country to 4,441,975, according to official figures released Wednesday.

Earlier Wednesday, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced that an independent public inquiry into the government's handling of the



A citizen receives a dose of the COVID-19 vaccine developed by Chinese pharmaceutical company Sinovac in Bangkok, Thailand, May 12, 2021. (Xinhua)

pandemic will begin in the spring of next year.

"Amid such tragedy the state has an obligation to examine its actions as rigorously and as candidly as possible" and "learn every lesson for the future," Johnson told lawmakers at the House of Commons, the lower house of the British Parliament.

VACCINATION WORLDWIDE PICKS UP

In North America, while the United States tops the world in both confirmed cases and deaths from COVID-19, the country is reporting an average of 2.2 million shots of COVID-19 vaccine per day over the past week, the latest federal data showed, up slightly from the most recent low reported on Saturday.

More than 46 percent of the U.S. population has received one or more shots and 35 percent are fully vaccinated, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Average daily U.S. COVID-19 cases fell further on Tuesday, with the seven-day average at about 38,000,

according to data compiled by Johns Hopkins University. New case counts are below 40,000 per day this week for the first time since September.

World Health Organization Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus announced last week that China's Sinopharm COVID-19 vaccine has been validated for emergency use, marking the first Chinese vaccine officially recognized by the WHO.

China's Sinopharm COVID-19 vaccine, widely used globally, have been considered both safe and efficacious, said Mariangela Simao, WHO assistant director general for access to health products.

"We still have data proving that they are efficacious against severe disease," she said in a press conference on Monday. "Sinopharm has been very much used globally. I think 62 million doses have already been applied. It has been considered both safe and efficacious."

The Brazilian government said Tuesday it would inoculate the country's Olympic and Paralympic ath-

letes using COVID-19 vaccines donated by China's Sinovac and U.S. firm Pfizer.

Around 1,800 Brazilians participating in the Tokyo Games -- including coaches, medical staff, officials and journalists -- will receive their first doses in the coming days, according to officials.

"We are going to vaccinate our Olympians ... to ensure that they can perform very well at the Tokyo Olympics and bring back medals," health minister Marcelo Queiroga told a news conference.

Meanwhile, China's Sinovac vaccine has rendered a Brazilian town "maskless" and created a "pandemic oasis" amid surging COVID-19 infections, Nikkei Asia has reported.

In Serrana, about a four-hour drive from Sao Paulo, a vaccination campaign known as "Project S" has successfully inoculated 97.7 percent of its adult residents with the Chinese-made shot, it reported.

Turkey began its drive with China's Sinovac vaccine on Jan. 14, with priority given to health care professionals and the elderly. Until the beginning of April, the country solely used Sinovac's CoronaVac jabs.

"Based on our field observations, we can say that the Sinovac vaccine prevents deaths and intensive care hospitalization 100 percent," Nurettin Yiyit, chief physician of the hospital, recently told Xinhua, referring to the general situation in the country.

"The phase studies had already proved its efficacy, but our field notes are even better," he continued while inspecting the ongoing vaccinations.

A study by the Indonesian Health Ministry said that China's Sinovac vaccine has effectively reduced the risk of COVID-19 symptoms in medical workers by 94 percent, and was 96 percent effective in protecting medical workers from hospitalization, and 98 percent effective in preventing deaths.

Xinhua



STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

IntraHealth International is a Non-government organization (NGO) registered in Tanzania as an international NGO in 2018 under NGOs Act no.24 of 2002. With funding from the Presidents Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) through the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), IntraHealth is supporting Government of Tanzania (GoT) in Accelerating the Scale-up of Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision (VMMC) services for HIV prevention for Maximum Public Health Impact and transitioning of services to the GoT for sustainability. In subsequent to pursuant to regulation 12 and 13 of the Non-Governmental Organizations Act (Disclosures) Regulations, 2018. IntraHealth is here by publishing audited financial statements for 2020 to cover the period of 1 July 2019- 30 June 2020

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020			
	2020	2019	
	TZS	TZS	
	"000"	"000"	
INCOME			
Revenue	35,184,951	49,026,418	
TOTAL INCOME	35,184,951	49,026,418	
EXPENSES			
Operating expenses	1,303,434	2,557,789	
Program expenses	29,480,212	42,164,202	
Staff expenses	4,401,305	4,304,427	
TOTAL EXPENSES	35,184,951	49,026,418	

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2020			
	2020	2019	
	TZS	TZS	
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ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash at banks	10,693	1,417,254	
Other receivables	606,768	208,497	
TOTAL ASSETS	617,461	1,625,750	
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS			
Current liabilities			
Other payables	617,461	1,625,750	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	617,461	1,625,750	

FUNDING ANALYSIS BY PROJECT AS OF 30 JUNE 2020			
S/N	PROJECT NAME	2020	2019
		TZS	TZS
		"000"	"000"
1	Public Sector System Strengthening	414,990	380,242
2	Family Planning Outreach		40,012
3	PAI Family Planning		33,759
4	Shangring Study	49,133	135,463
5	Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision for HIV Prevention	34,215,463	48,149,096
6	Other Intrahealth HQ Projects	505,365	287,845
	GRAND TOTAL	35,184,951	49,026,418

The Financial Statements for 2020 to cover the period of 1 July 2019- 30 June 2020 as approved by Intrahealth management for publication as per requirement to regulation 13 of the Non-Governmental Organizations Act (Disclosures) Regulations, 2018.

Devastating gun battle in Gaza being fought in uneven killing field

UNITED NATIONS

IN most civil wars and military conflicts across the politically-volatile Middle East, including in Syria, Yemen and Palestine, the ongoing battles are being fought not on a level playing field but on an uneven killing field.

And it is more so in the current fighting between Israelis and Palestinians, described as a "Middle East carnage" where children are among the civilians killed in airstrikes. The fighting is largely a battle of weapons: sophisticated US-supplied state-of-the-art fighter planes vs home-made rockets and mortars.

The overwhelming Israeli firepower that continues to be unleashed on Palestinians - which has so far killed 192, including 58 children, in a weeklong confrontation - is perhaps reminiscent of the Algerian war of independence (1954-1962) when France, the colonial power, used its vastly superior military strength to strike back at the insurgents with brutal ferocity.

While France was accused of using its air force to napalm civilians in the countryside, the Algerians were accused of using handmade bombs hidden in women's handbags and left surreptitiously in cafes, restaurants and public places frequented by French nationals living in occupied territory.

In one of the memorable scenes in the 1967 Academy Award winning, cinematic classic "The Battle of Algiers," which re-created Algeria's war of independence, a handcuffed leader of the National Liberation Front (NLF), Ben M'Hidi, is brought before a group of highly-partisan French journalists for interrogation. One of the journalists asks M'Hidi: "Don't you think it is a bit cowardly to use women's handbags and baskets to carry explosive devices that kill so many innocent people [in cafes and night clubs]?"

Responding with equal bluntness, the Algerian insurgent retorts: "And doesn't it seem to you even more cowardly to drop napalm bombs on unarmed villages on a thousand times more innocent victims?"

"Of course, if we had your fighter planes, it would be a lot easier for us," he adds. "Give us your bombers, and you can have our handbags and baskets."

Perhaps, in the current confrontation, it would be interesting to see the roles reversed: the Palestinians with American fighter planes and battle tanks and Israelis with homemade rockets and mortars.

Besides F-15 and F-16 fighter planes, the Israelis also use a wide array of U.S. weaponry, including Apache helicopters, M60 battle tanks, armoured personnel carriers and heavy artillery.

Israel's prodigious military strength and its economic stability are attributed largely to unlimited American economic and military assistance from successive US administrations and backed by American politicians.

On May 16 alone, 33 Palestinians were killed, in what was described as "the single deadliest airstrike" by the Israelis. But, as of now, and despite a Security Council meeting, there are no indications of a halt to the killings.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was quoted as saying: "We'll do whatever it takes to restore order and quiet."

According to a report in the New York Times, Israeli intelligence has estimated that Palestinian militants, including Hamas and Islamic Jihad, have access to about 30,000 rockets and mortar projectiles stashed in Gaza, most of them manufactured in Gaza with technical expertise from Iran. The rocket attacks have claimed 10 lives so far.



Escalated hostilities in the Gaza Strip have resulted in heavy casualties and large-scale displacement. More than 50 children have been killed in the current crisis in the Middle East, a senior UN official, said on Friday.

Asked about the massive Israeli military arsenal, Pieter Wezeman, Senior Researcher, Arms and Military Expenditure Programme at the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) told IPS the US, by far, has been the most important arms supplier to Israel since the 1970s.

He pointed out that over the past five years the uninterrupted US supplies included F-35 combat aircraft (described as the most advanced state-of-the-art fighter plane), F-15C combat aircraft and many thousands of guided bombs and armoured vehicles.

The purchases of such weapons (and similar weapons before), he said, are funded by the over \$30 billion in annual military aid the US provides to finance Israeli arms procurement.

In addition, the US also finances and provides technical input into Israel developing missile defence systems, include those that have been used so intensively in the past few days. The US also supplies Israel with a range of other military equipment, ranging from trucks and rifles to spare parts for older US-supplied equipment, Wezeman said.

A Reuters news agency report in September 2016 said the US agreed to provide Israel a staggering \$38 billion package in military assistance over the next decade, described as "the largest such aid package in U.S. history, under a landmark agreement signed by the two countries".

The \$38 billion memorandum of understanding (MoU) covered U.S. fiscal years 2019-2028 and replaced the \$30 billion MOU signed in 2007, (which expired at the end of fiscal year 2018).

Meanwhile, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres told a Security Council meeting May 16: "The current hostilities are utterly appalling. This latest round of violence only perpetuates the cycles of death, destruction and despair, and pushes farther to the horizon any hopes of coexistence and peace."

Fighting must stop. It must stop immediately, he urged. Rockets and mortars on one side and aerial and artillery bombardments on the other must stop. "I appeal to all parties to heed this call." The United Nations, he said, is actively engaging all sides towards an immediate ceasefire.

U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Linda Thomas-Greenfield told the 15-member Council "the United States has been working tirelessly through diplomatic channels to try to bring an end to this conflict, because we believe Israelis and Palestinians equally have a right to live in safety and security."

China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi, who chaired the meeting as Council president for the month of May, said: "We call upon the U.S. to shoulder its responsibilities, take a just position, and together with most of the international community support the Security Council in easing the situation."

Asked about secondary arms suppliers to Israel, SIPRI's Wezeman singled out Germany and Italy.

He said Germany has supplied engines for Merkava tanks made in Israel (the engines are really assembled in the US so that Israel can acquire them with US military aid financing) and torpedoes for submarines which Germany has supplied earlier.

One more submarine from Germany is planned for delivery this year while a contract for three more is apparently still being negotiated. Germany is also in the process of delivering four frigates to Israel, which will be equipped with Israeli combat systems.

Italy has supplied eight advanced military trainer aircraft to Israel 2016-2020 (in addition to 22 delivered five years earlier). These are used to prepare and train pilots who will fly the US supplied combat aircraft.

Asked about the state-of-the-art US weapons systems in the Israeli military arsenal, Wezeman said the US supplied combat aircraft, especially F-16s and F-15s, and US guided munitions have played a central role in Israel's military actions in Gaza and elsewhere (including Syria and Lebanon).

The most advanced weapon the US supplies to Israel is the F-35 combat aircraft, including a few delivered just a few weeks ago. Of the 50 ordered, about 31 have been delivered so far, while more are planned to be ordered.

However, these aircraft are designed for attacking targets deep inside well defended enemy territory, for example, targets deep inside Syria. They may thus not have seen much or any use in the past few days, he said.

IPS

Growing number of young Ethiopian women tap into traditional coffee as viable source of income

ADDIS ABABA

ETHIOPIA is often referred to as the birthplace of coffee, while traditional coffee ceremony that entirely involves the natural processing method is an integral part of the Ethiopian society.

The ritual of coffee serving and drinking in Ethiopia can last for hours, which is seen as an important social occasion for reunion of relatives and friends, as well as a chance to discuss community matters while enjoying first-rate Ethiopian specialty coffee.

Of late, a growing number of young Ethiopian women are flocking to the street of Addis Ababa, the national capital, and other major Ethiopian cities as they tap into the traditional Ethiopian coffee ceremony as a viable business opportunity.

Often, these young women serve traditional coffee in a tent-like makeshift coffee shop along the street, where coffee lovers enjoy aromatic and finest Arabica coffee.

"I exclusively make my coffee here - from roasting the beans to hand grinding the roast-

ed beans and brewing the coffee in front of my customers," said Yaynaalem Marew, 25, who serves traditional coffee to her customers in a residential street in Addis Ababa.

Marew, a graduate of electrical installation diploma from a technical and vocational training facility in Addis Ababa, had shifted two different professions before her present engagement as a coffee vendor.

Marew landed her first job right after her graduation in a construction firm, where she worked for more than a year in her area of education. Her most recent job was in a restaurant, as a waiter for close to two years.

"Working as a junior electrical installation expert, I was being paid a gross salary of 80 birr per day (about 2 U.S. dollars). As a waiter, I was getting almost a similar amount of salary, yet at least I was not subject to tax and other deductions," Marew said.

As a coffee vendor, Marew's loyal customers are mainly office people and construction workers who work close to her small makeshift shop.

"The number of my customers is growing



rapidly by day. Even though the number fluctuates depending on various factors, I serve about 100 cups of coffee a day on average," she said.

At the time of the interview, Marew was hard at work pouring coffee in a small cup in front of her customers who only sit for a few minutes before shifting their seats to newly arriving customers.

In addition to its superior taste as often described by Ethiopian coffee lovers, traditionally brewed coffee is also relatively cheaper as compared to that of coffee brewed by machine.

The price of a cup of traditional Ethiopian coffee is sold at about seven Ethiopian birr, while a cup of coffee in a cafe costs as high as 30 birr.

Now, Marew generates about 700 birr a day on average, of which close to 350 birr is her net profit. Unlike many restaurant owners that often complain about the soaring renting fees, Marew is free from such expenses.

Courtesy of the huge impact that the traditional coffee processing method plays on the final taste of the coffee as well as its cheaper price, many Ethiopian coffee lovers are in recent years shifting from machine-brewed coffee to the traditional one.

"Apart from the cost for the coffee beans and some other expenses, much of my earning is a net profit. This is mainly due to the fact that I make and serve the coffee on my own; and I only have to pay a small amount of monthly renting fee," said Kisanet Birhane, who runs a small coffee shop along a busy street in Addis Ababa.

Even though traditional coffee makes up much of their business, some coffee vendors also serve tea to their customers at a reduced price and minimum number due to limited demand. Others, like Martha Belay, also offer snacks and potato chips to their customers.

"People with low income are my regular customers. I serve snacks and potato chips during breakfast time. Thank God, the number of my customers is growing by day," Martha said.

Xinhua



Working as a junior electrical installation expert, I was being paid a gross salary of 80 birr per day (about 2 U.S. dollars). As a waiter, I was getting almost a similar amount of salary

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Morocco king sends out food, drugs to Palestine

RABAT

MOROCCAN King Mohammed VI has ordered the dispatching of humanitarian assistance to Palestine which included 40 metric tons of food items, medicines and blankets to assist with a worsening crisis as Israeli fighter jets pound West Bank and Gaza Strip.

A statement from the Moroccan Ministry of Foreign Affairs said last week King Mohamed VI the large shipment of humanitarian aid should be dispatched immediately by aircraft from Royal Armed Forces.

"Morocco will continue to support the Palestinian struggle in line with international agreements under the United Nations," the statement said while condemning Israeli airstrikes which have left dozens dead including women and children.

Meanwhile, Moroccan Foreign Affairs Ministry denounced "In the strongest terms the violence perpetrated in the occupied Palestinian territories. The continuation of those acts of violence will only lead to widening the gap, reinforcing resentment and reducing all the chances of peace in the region," the ministry said in a statement.

The decision is part of the "Kingdom's continued support for the just Palestinian cause and its permanent solidarity with the brotherly Palestinian people," the statement noted. Morocco has repeatedly condemned Israeli violations of human rights and the continuous cycle of violence and attacks against the Palestinians. The current assault on the Gaza Strip has so far claimed the lives of at least 119 Palestinians, including children.



Mobile firm highlights role of telecoms in driving the country's digital transformation

By Guardian Reporter

VODACOM Tanzania yesterday highlighted the key roles of telecommunications companies in driving digital transformation of Tanzania.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam during the ongoing innovation week, Vodacom Tanzania managing director Hisham Hendi said that Tanzania is undergoing a digital transformation which is reflected by the growing number of people connected to communications and internet services.

"This numbers have been on a sharp increase; to date mobile penetration in Tanzania stands at 85 per cent while internet penetration is at 49 per cent. The growth trajectory of these numbers reflects the appetite for digital adoption in the country", said Hendi.

Hisham added, 'this year's Innovation week theme of 'Innovation for a Resilient & Inclusive Digital Economy' speaks to the heart of our purpose as Vodacom. We therefore saw it fitting as a

technology and Digital company, where innovation plays a central role in creating an enabling environment for a resilient and inclusive digital economy in Tanzania to remain a key sponsor.'

He said that according to a GSMA report on Digital transformation in Tanzania highlighted 4 key areas where telcos can help to drive digital transformation thus realization of the development agendas which are Access to key services for people in underserved communities,

driving productivity and efficiency gains in businesses and public institutions, Contribution to economic growth and social development and Encouraging Good governance.

Commenting on investments, Hisham said that telecommunication companies have been at the center of driving the digital transformation agenda in Tanzania through massive investment in network infrastructure that has made access to digital networks possible to more

people all over the country. 'To date, mobile operators have invested around 6trillion/- (\$2.6 billion) in the country, primarily in network infrastructure and increasingly in new platforms that enable digital services, such as mobile money and M2M (this is according to a GSMA report)', said Hendi adding that Investments in mobile network infrastructure and services form the basis of the mobile industry's contribution to Tanzania's development goals. Which is why

telcos like Vodacom Tanzania have heavily invested in developing the infrastructure to enable digitization and ensure everyone is connected which in turn offers a unique platform for other innovations to happen.

'We at Vodacom have invested nearly 2trillion/- in the past decade alone in our networks and services enabling us to cover over 92% of the Tanzanian population with voice, data and sms services,' Hisham added.

Speaking on Mobile mon-

ey, he said that it has been at the center of financial inclusion in Tanzania driving the index up to 65 per cent in 2017 up from 6.5 per cent in 2008. Vodacom M-Pesa platform is probably the best example of how we are leveraging technology and innovation to bring to the market financial solutions that are transforming the digital payment landscape, promoting a cashless society where movement of money is safer, faster, more efficient, easier and convenient.

World Museum Day: Let us go to the National Museum

By Guardian Correspondent

TODAY is World Museum Day. Tanzania joins other 158 countries in the world to celebrate the day with the objective of raising awareness about the fact that Museums are important means of cultural exchange, development of mutual understanding, cooperation and peace among the people.

The International Council of Museum (ICOM) established Museum Day in 1977 to increase public awareness on the role of museums in the development of society. Since then the world has been celebrating the World Museum Day, which represents a unique moment for the international museum community.

The objective of International Museum Day is to raise awareness about the fact that museums are important means of cultural exchange, enrichment of cultures and development of mutual understanding, cooperation and peace among the people.

The International Museum Day gives chance for professionals of museums to meet people and inform them about the challenges museums face. The museums world over organise activities to celebrate the day that including processions, exhibitions and different outreach programmes.

The event always highlights a theme that keeps changing each year that's at the heart of the preoccupations of the international museum community.

This year's theme is "The Future of Museums: Recover and Reimagine". International Museum Day 2021 invites museums, their professionals and communities to create, imagine and share new practices of (co-)creation of value, new business models for cultural institutions and innovative so-

lutions for the social, economic and environmental challenges of the present.

The theme underscores the fact that the museums all over the world have been affected with COVID 19, a pandemic that affected every aspect of life. Many countries in the world were forced to close down their museums because of it and measures against it that included lock down, social distance and others.

Some already pressing issues have been exacerbated, questioning the very structure of our societies: the call for equality is stronger than ever. Museums are no exception to these changes, and the cultural sector is among the most affected: surveys conducted by ICOM and other international organizations present a dire situation for museums and their professionals, with serious economic, social and psychological repercussions in the short and long term alike.

But this crisis also served as a catalyst for crucial innovations that were already underway, notably an increased focus on digitization and the creation of new forms of cultural experience and dissemination. This is a pivotal moment society, and museums are called to embrace it and lead the change. Countries ought to ad-

vocate for the creative potential of culture as a driver for recovery and innovation in the post-COVID era.

The National Museum of Tanzania Director General, Dr Noel Lwoga pinpoint the importance of digitisation of museums as a vital move to the development of the sector which need a push in order to win the young generation.

"There is no way we can avoid digitisation of our products and services because we are living in the digital world where information is power," he says.

He says the future of museums relies in the digital world and therefore professionals ought to advocate and implement it effectively.

The National Museum of Tanzania started to implement digitisation by using different media that can enable the community to reach the Museum including mainstream media, Website, social media-Facebook, Instagram, and Youtube.

Furthermore, plans are underway to establish virtual tour of the museum whereby you can have museum exhibitions at hand through your handset (smartphone). These measures include digitisation of museum objects that are being kept in the database.

The National Museum of Tanzania will have different activities during the Mu-



The National Museum director general Dr Noel Lwoga (R) welcoming visitors at the Museum and House of Culture.

seum Day that include educational programs in all museum stations. The Natural History Museum and Arusha Declaration Museum invite Regional Cultural, Tourism, and Education Officers as well as secondary and primary school teachers in the region for a workshop.

The main objective of the workshop is to introduce them about different museum programmes including TwenzetuMakumbusho (Lets go to the Museum). This is a programme that aimed at educating the public about the history of the country and respective museum operations. The Natural History Museum Acting Director, Ms Christine Ngereza says the workshop focus on how teachers and students could benefit from the programme.

TwenzetuMakumbusho Programme focus on different kinds of visitors to the museums including corporate visits, groups and individual visits.

The Museum and House of Culture as well as Village Museum in Dar es Salaam invite over 300 students from different secondary and primary schools for educational programmes. The Head of Programmes at the Museum and House of Culture, Mr Chance Ezekiel says TwenzetuMakumbusho aims at educating and entertain the society about the country's history, patriotism as well as the natural and cultural heritage through different objects conserved at the museum.

The programme also aimed at sensitising the community to visit museums and antiquities so as to build a society that promote, value national and cultural heritage and use it sustainably for the present and future generation.

"We are inviting everybody to the museum in order to learn and celebrate the World Museum Day," he says.

It's well known worldwide that on

the International Museum Day the museums are open to the public free of charge.



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Not apologising and out of immediate political options, Ace places his fate in hands of judiciary

BY STEPHEN GROOTES

ON Friday it was confirmed that the suspended ANC secretary-general Ace Magashule is going to court to challenge his suspension. In his papers he makes a series of claims: that he was treated unfairly, that his attempted suspension of President Cyril Ramaphosa as leader of the ANC has legal standing, that his own suspension was an attempt to ensure Ramaphosa wins another term as ANC leader and that it is all about politics.

However, just by lodging the challenge with the court, he is also raising the stakes in the entire game and saddling his own career with another layer of risk.

It is clear that Magashule has lost the game of politics within the ANC's national executive committee. By going in this direction he is trying to broaden the playing field, with still no evidence that he is notching political wins on the ground level. In the end, his ultimate defeat may in fact be deeper than it could have been otherwise.

TV news stations had fun on Friday. They ran clips of Magashule famously saying that ANC members should not take their own movement to court. It is always good to catch a politician drowning in his own hypocrisy.

And yet, from Magashule's point of view, there appears to have been no other option, the strongest indication that he has lost the game that really matters within the movement: the game of political might.

The option of throwing more chaos into the already messy space, a move to delay the entire process appears to him to be the last possible avenue to explore.

Magashule's court application contains some interesting admissions.

For example, he says that the Nasrec Conference in 2017 saw the ANC being split "right down the middle".

He also simplifies the situation by saying that the "CRI7 ticket favours a reformist and tentative approach to transformation, with too much emphasis on pacifying investors, ratings agencies and local big business, which remains white dominated. On the other hand, the other grouping believes in a much more fast-paced and radical economic transformation programme, which is more focused on the needs of the poorest and most marginalised section of the population and not the richest of them".

In a way, this sums up, according to his world view, the situation in the ANC. It is also an attempt to racialise the entire argument, to once again push the sub-text that Ramaphosa is a tool of "white monopoly capital".

Nowhere does Magashule show any evidence of his own attempts to help the "most marginalised section of the population" during his notoriously corrupt time as Free State Premier or when he was the leader of the ANC in the Free State.

Magashule also appears to have contempt for some in the NEC who he believes have jumped ship.

He says: "Save for a few opportunistic individuals who were leading lights in the NDZ faction but who turned to the CRI7 faction in the realistic hopes of securing ministerial positions, the factions have remained intact and operate on the basis of mutual distrust and suspicion of each other."

He goes on to say that "there are no angels and devils, as the issues are carefully choreographed in the mainstream media, which supports the dominant CRI7 faction".

Then he claims:

"The real motive behind my being purged is the desire to remove me, by hook or by crook, from the all-powerful position of SG, so that the road to the re-election of President Cyril Ramaphosa and his faction at the next National Conference is made easier. I would add that the fears that I would interfere with the democratic process are a misplaced sign of unnecessary panic."



Ace Magashule

This is perhaps one of the strongest claims that Magashule makes. It was always obvious that the Nasrec outcome would result in a divided leadership at the top of the ANC, and thus it could not survive the five-year period intact.

At the same time though, there is no evidence that Ramaphosa has reason to believe he would lose a leadership election now.

He won it the last time against an opposition led by a sitting President, with a lot more money, state resources, more organisation and a better figurehead (in now COGTA Minister Dr Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma) than he currently faces.

Why would this grouping be stronger now than it was at Nasrec?

Magashule also points out that many of the resolutions passed at Nasrec (such as the nationalisation of the Reserve Bank, the introduction of a Basic Income Grant and on land) have not yet been implemented, but the implementation of the "step aside resolution" went into overdrive when it became clear he was going to be criminally charged.

He is, of course, correct. It does beg the question of using "whataboutism" as in "why is my own crime/misconduct/misbehaviour investigated before others?". It is a sad state of affairs when a secretary-general of the ruling party feels being charged with serious crime is not a matter of priority for the movement of which he is supposed to be one of the paramount leaders.

Still, even that argument falls flat. There is a lengthy list of resolutions passed at ANC conferences which have not been implemented yet. In 2007 the ANC resolved to set up a Media Appeals Tribunal, which of course did not happen. (It also resolved to dissolve the Scorpions, which did happen, a decision now lamented by many.)

In 2012 at Mangaung the ANC resolved to implement the National Development Plan, and that "urgent action is taken to deal with public officials, leaders and members of the ANC who face damaging allegations of improper conduct".

With the exception of one MEC in Limpopo who

resigned, this did not happen either.

So it could be argued that the "step aside" resolution has actually been adopted not once, but twice by ANC branches at a national conference before 2017.

Magashule may be on stronger ground when he makes the point that the Nasrec resolution has been narrowed.

He says that the NEC has resolved that those criminally charged must step aside, when the resolution says those implicated in wrongdoing must step aside. He says this means that "the application of the step-aside rule has been mortgaged to the NPA, which is not a structure of the party".

This has been part of his attempt to broaden the scope of the resolution. It is on this basis, for example, that he tried to suspend Ramaphosa's leadership of the party.

However the NEC has a strong argument in that it would be impossible to assess the actual definition of the phrase "implicated in wrongdoing".

Would it involve a newspaper report? Which newspaper? The Sunday Times or The Sunday Independent?

Would an affidavit making the claim against a person be enough, or would more proof be required?

It could argue that at the very least, the use of "criminally charged" is legally definable, and thus can actually be implemented as a principle. The use of "implicated in wrongdoing" simply cannot be implemented in its current form in a real world, where entire media houses have been placed in the hands of one of the ANC factions.

Magashule says that he understands that various examples of case law will be used to bolster his argument, in particular the cases of "Ramakatsa vs Magashule" from 2012, and "Ramakatsa vs African National Congress" which was resolved this year.

The first case relates to the way in which Magashule's Free State ANC ran its branch meetings before the 2012 Mangaung Conference. The second (these cases involve two separate people with the surname "Ramakatsa") relates to how his Free

State ANC ran branch meetings before the Nasrec Conference).

In both cases Magashule was on the losing side. And it now appears he is going to use the case law they have created to argue in his favour.

Magashule appears to believe that his suspension and the situation in the ANC is dangerous for the country. He says that "literally every day which passes edges the nation closer to a crisis", and that "The speedy resolution of this dispute will therefore not only benefit the parties and their organisation but also the stability of the country, the economy and investor confidence".

The nature of this crisis is not spelt out, but Magashule still appears to believe that this crisis could somehow threaten the country's stability.

However, there is simply no evidence that this is true. There has been no mass movement or uprising to defend Magashule, no protests, no demonstrations, no people massing to support him, or his grouping.

Tony Yengeni doing a series of interviews on TV does not necessarily amount to a national crisis. Twitter bots calling for violence do not amount to national crisis either, nor front pages of Independent Media newspapers.

Already over the last few days there has been discussion about whether Magashule can be suspended when the national Constitutional says that all are innocent before proven guilty.

While this is a technical legal area, employers across the country are allowed to suspend an employee, even on the basis of only a suspicion of wrongdoing. Magashule receives a salary from the ANC, and will continue to receive that salary during his suspension. This may mean that the ANC does have the legal right to suspend him as it has done.

But Magashule's action has certainly raised the stakes politically.

Should he win this application, he could then try to stage a triumphant return to Luthuli House.

But he would still have lost the politics within the NEC. Using courts to force the change of political structures' decisions could mean branches and provinces would not accept his authority, an act that would render his return meaningless.

In NEC meetings he could also be ignored. Or those meetings would simply dissolve into chaos.

While this might have the effect of causing more disruption to the ANC, it would not necessarily mean Magashule would return to any real political power or authority.

Of course, should he lose this application, the situation would become way simpler for Ramaphosa. The NEC could lodge more serious disciplinary charges against Magashule.

He would have taken the ANC to court (and lost) despite telling other members not to do so. He would have tried to suspend Ramaphosa's leadership of the party (acting only on his own authority and without the support of any structure), he would have refused to apologise for doing so, and he would have refused to step aside.

All of this, taken together, could amount to a serious case for him to be expelled from the party permanently.

This is the only option left to him. And while the case could take some time to reach certainty it appears unlikely that it will increase his political support in any way.

Rather, it may increase the chances of his ultimate political demise. It appears clear that Magashule is out of (peaceful) political options.

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Treasury demands better performance from 65trn/- state enterprises investment

By Smart Money Reporter, Arusha

SENIOR management officials of 237 state enterprises and companies in which Treasury has a stake should ensure that they perform above average and contribute toward economic development of the country.

Finance and Economic Planning minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba said here this week while officiating training of senior management officials of state enterprise who have signed performance contracts with Treasury Registrar's Office that the government needs maximum returns from its 65trn/- invested in the 237 firms.

In a speech read on his behalf by Deputy Permanent Secretary at Ministry of Finance and Planning, Dr Khatibu Kazungu, Dr Nchemba commended Treasury Registrar Athumani Mbutuka for coming up with the performance contracts but also regular training of such officials.

"This initiative will help the government identify productive companies and institutions and those that perform poorly hence become a burden to the state for action to be taken," Dr Nchemba said while warning senior management and boards of state enterprises that fail to submit annual financial reports to Controller and Auditor General for auditing purposes.

He further noted that the government has invested heavily in such enterprises hence needs to have dividend payment annually to support economic development activities hence top management officials and board members need to ensure that performance is given priority.

"You have to appreciate that taxpayers have invested heavily in these state enterprises and institutions hence need to see returns in terms of service delivery and con-



Treasury registrar Athumani Mbutuka makes welcoming remarks to Finance and Planning ministry deputy permanent secretary Dr Khatibu Kazungu at training on performance contracts for officials from state enterprises and public institutions being held in Arusha this week. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

tribution to gross domestic product," he pointed out while noting that President Samia Suluhu Hassan's administration will ensure that nothing will go to waste.

Dr Nchemba emphasized that perfor-

mance contracts will be a benchmark upon which senior management officials and boards will be evaluated and upon which contracts will be extended or renewed.

"Effective this fiscal year, I don't want to hear any state enterprise or institution that has failed to meet deadline of submission of financial reports to the CAG's office," he noted saying that such

firms should also strictly adhere to national budget guidelines.

The Finance Minister said any enterprises or institutions seeking to get loans should submit their proposal to Treasury Registrar for scrutiny and approval with respect to the 1974 Government Guarantee law which was reviewed in 2017.

"I have also directed Treasury Registrar to make sure that all payments of government loyalty, commissions and dividend is done electronically and on schedule," he ordered saying such systems are already in place.

Earlier in welcoming remarks, Treasury Registrar Athumani Mbutuka said his office has already signed performance contracts with 230 of the 237 senior management officials of state enterprises and institutions.

"This training today involves 711 officials from state enterprises, public companies and agencies who are involved in daily activities of their institutions," Mbutuka said while adding that in 2014/15 only 13 such contracts were signed.

Standard Bank taps AI to boost insurance business

JOHANNESBURG

BIG-four bank Standard Bank is using artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning to predict those clients likely to cancel their insurance policies. The initiative by Standard Bank's insurance business, aimed at democratising data science and improving client service, was recently recognised by US technology giant Microsoft.

Last year, the bank told ITWeb it is also dabbling with blockchain technology to process motor vehicle claims. A recent report by consultancy firm McKinsey says AI and its related technologies will have a seismic impact on all aspects of the insurance industry, from distribution to underwriting and pricing to claims.

Using AI and machine learning, a cross-functional Standard Bank team has developed a model that allows the insurance business to predict which clients are likely to cancel their poli-

cies, among other use cases.

In an interview with ITWeb last week, Dharmesh Kalain, head of business intelligence for insurance at Standard Bank, said this is part of an ongoing programme to develop "self-service analytics" capabilities within the bank, whereby employees are able to analyse data and generate insights - even if they are not data specialists or data scientists.

Earlier this month, the team behind this initiative was invited to present the solutions via an on-demand session at the global Microsoft Business Applications Summit. Further, the approach was featured in a keynote address at the annual summit.

"We have proven that data analytics can be democratised using the power of AI, and this will further empower the Standard Bank workforce as we accelerate the implementation of our future-ready strategy," said Kalain.

"We can now quickly build machine learning models without the long wait

times associated with the traditional approach by data scientists. This capability allows us to better understand our clients and solve everyday business problems at a rapid rate." In the first major use case, the team is using the model to predict which clients are likely to cancel their short-term insurance policies, and why.

This allows Standard Bank Insurance to proactively reach out to certain clients to find new ways to satisfy their needs, and ultimately, to improve client satisfaction and retention rates. The model analyses a range of data points and is continuously learning, says the bank.

In another potential use case, it adds, the model could be used to forecast business volumes based on factors such as marketing and COVID-19-related lockdown restrictions. It could also predict whether new products or app features are likely to be successful, and can assist with operational budget forecasting to ensure



Standard Bank insurance menu displaying on a smartphone.

the decision-making is made more efficient.

For instance, the bank explains, the insurance business's sales support team will leverage the forecasting model to plan for peak periods so that it can allocate resources effectively. "We are off to a good start," said

Kalain. "We will continue to look at ways to use data science that will help enable self-service analytics throughout the group. We are excited about the business intelligence opportunities created by cloud-based technologies, which will ultimately allow us to have a better relationship with our clients."

Ivory Coast, Ghana push cocoa industry to boost premium payments

ABIDJAN

IVORY Coast and Ghana asked cocoa and chocolate companies last week to pay more in premiums to support farmers' wages, the head of Ivory Coast's industry regulator told Reuters on Thursday.

However, Yves Kone, the head of Ivory Coast's Coffee and Cocoa Council (CCC), acknowledged that the countries have limited leverage to force the hands of companies suffering from a fall in global demand due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Ivory Coast and Ghana, which together produce about two-thirds of the world's cocoa, introduced a \$400 per tonne premium this season termed the living income differential (LID) to increase wages for farmers, many of whom live in poverty. But Ivory Coast was forced to repeatedly slash a separate quality premium that exporters pay, known as the country differential, in response to weak sales.

In February, the CCC turned the premium into a more than \$350-per-tonne discount, mostly cancelling out the LID. Ghana has also lowered its country differential.

"Because they cannot attack the LID, they prefer to attack the country differential, which amounts to exactly the same

thing," Kone said in an interview. "We asked them to stand down." Kone said he expected talks to resume in the coming weeks, adding that a country differential of around \$140 dollars would allow Ivorian authorities to pay farmers a good price during the upcoming 2021/22 season. Export contracts are currently selling with a discount on the country differential of more than \$140.

Alexander Ferguson, a vice president of the World Cocoa Foundation (WCF), an industry body, said companies wanted to ensure that farmers receive more income.

"This is why companies are providing premium payments for certified and/or verified sustainable cocoa, and supporting the living income differential," he told Reuters.

Kone said Ivory Coast was aiming to hold down annual cocoa production to 2 million tonnes by gradually removing cocoa farms from protected forests. The country produced 2.15 million tonnes during the 2019/2020 season.

The CCC also aims to become a direct exporter of beans and semi-finished cocoa products in the next two years in order to reduce the influence of multinational companies in the sector, Kone said.



A farmer prepares to collect a cocoa pod at a cocoa farm in Alepe, Ivory Coast December 7, 2020.

Bolt: Tackling unemployment through ride-hailing business

By Smart Money Reporter

SINCE its arrival in Tanzania in 2017, Africa's leading ride-hailing service platform Bolt, has helped thousands of drivers, riders and would-be job seekers to find a new way to earn a living or supplement their income.

A quick, reliable and affordable alternative to public transport, Bolt is a mobility platform, which conveniently allows passengers to request a driver to pick them up wherever they are and to take them wherever they want to go, at the tap of a button.

"Drivers use the Bolt platform to start their own business, and earn a flexible income to support their families," said Remy Esekwa, Country Manager for Bolt in Tanzania. "Some drivers use their own vehicles and motorcycles, while others work for fleet owners who have created new ride-hailing businesses," he added.

Employment estimates from the Tanzania National Bureau of Statistics (NBS -2018) indicate that more than 29 percent of Tanzanians are employed in the services sector - which includes transport business. According to The Labour Market Information for Tanzania (2018), about 9.7 percent of the population was unemployed in this period.

"The unemployment rate is a useful measure of the underutilization of the labour supply. It reflects the inability of an economy to generate employment for those persons who want to work but are not doing so, even though they are available for employment and actively seeking work," the report noted.

As such, the unemployment rate is an indicator of the efficiency and effectiveness of an economy to absorb its labour force and the performance of the labour market. Another NBS report titled, '2019: Tanzania in Figures' of June 2020, shows that the unemployment level went down from 10.1 in 2015 to 9.6 in 2019.

The report further states that the number of people employed had increased from 20.5 to 22.5 million.

While it is important for a country to absorb most of the existing labour force to boost the economy, still a large number of persons, not only in Tanzania but across the globe, remain unemployed and therefore are unable to fully participate in the existing opportunities the growing economy holds.



Remy Esekwa, Country Manager for Bolt in Tanzania.

With the ever-growing number of youth entering the job market, the economy needs new solutions to address the unemployment challenge. In Tanzania, a large number of individuals, especially youth have found work in the transport business - in formal public transport buses, as taxi drivers or as riders of the bodaboda (motorcycles taxi) and Bajaji (tricycles) that have revolutionized transport within urban areas.

Happiness Emmanuel, popularly known as 'Dada Bajaji' is one such youth who works as a tricycle rider in Dar es Salaam. Emmanuel said her forays into the business resulted from an inability to get formal employment after graduating from a tertiary education institution.

"Ride-hailing has eliminated the guesswork in looking for passengers. It also helps to ensure that we earn a good income by connecting us directly with customers when and where we are needed. There is no wasted mileage, no waiting aimlessly and alternative routes provided. I can earn money from the time I leave

home until I get back home. Its safety and security features have also made it easier for women drivers and riders to find empowerment in ride-hailing," she said.

In Tanzania where higher learning and tertiary education institutions churn out upwards of 800,000 graduates every year, the introduction of the sharing economy and rise of ride-hailing services like Bolt is, therefore, a much welcomed addition to tackling the job crisis.

"We are very excited to offer entrepreneurial opportunities that enable more people to earn a sustainable living. We are also happy to make it possible for more people in and around Dar es Salaam, Arusha, Mwanza and Dodoma to travel around efficiently and affordably," the Bolt Country Manager added.

As the world has just commemorated May Day, the great contributions made by workers over the years in economic growth through innovative solutions like the Bolt Application, are now changing how people view work and entrepreneurship.



Rwanda's Auditor General, Obadiah Biraro.

Irregular expenditures reduced by 65 pc, Auditor General reports

KIGALI

THE Auditor-General, Obadiah Biraro, last Tuesday tabled his report to a joint parliamentary session where he said there are fears that public funds amounting to over Rwf5.6 billion were either wasted or swindled during the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

Biraro pointed out that his team had audited 188 entities (both financial and compliance) compared to 181 in the previous years. They include 175 individual entities, which include; six government business enterprises, 10 boards, 63 projects, 10 ministries, 29 central government entities, 31 local government entities, and 26 district hospitals. The other audited entities are under state consolidated financial statement.

The irregular expenditures are in form of unsupported expenditure, partially supported expenditure, wasteful expenditure, unauthorised expenditure and funds diverted or fraudulently utilised. Performance audit focused on environmental protection, expropriation, trade and industry, revenue collection, land use, agriculture, infrastructure and education.

Improvement this year

Biraro told members of parliament that although institutions should do better, this year's irregular expenditures have reduced by 65 percent reducing by three billion during the year ended 2019 to Rwf5.6bn.

"Despite the decreasing trend, public resource management in some public entities is still weak and needs improvement. Unnecessary, unlawful and wasteful expenditure would have been avoided if public entities exercised due care in their operations, coupled with prudent management of public resources," he said.

Delayed contracts

Like in previous years, Biraro touched on the issue of delayed contracts. The current delays involve 38 public entities and projects to a tune of Rwf212bn. These include 50 delayed contracts worth Rwf195bn identified during this year's audits and 12 others worth Rwf21bn from previous audits. Some of these delayed contracts are as old as seven years. He reminded the legislators that successful and timely execution of government programmes helps to minimize the risk of time and resource waste during the implementation process.

"All these delays were associated with delays in paying suppliers' invoices and inadequate contract management. This results in increased cost of government projects and lack of value for money this affecting service delivery," he said.

The Auditor-General noted that public entities had abandoned contracts worth Rwf11bn comprising of Rwf795 million this past year and three others worth Rwf10bn from previous audits. By the time the works were abandoned, the contractors had been paid a total of Rwf3bn.

Idle assets

Biraro said that his team had identified 96 cases of assets worth Rwf21bn which are lying idle in 54 public institutions. These include 58 new cases worth Rwf16bn and 38 others worth Rwf5.6bn from last year's audits. The majority of the assets reported have been idle for a period ranged between three months and ten years.

He advised public entities to conduct proper needs assessments and to develop an effective asset management plan before assets acquisition and development. "This will help the government to avoid unnecessary expenditure through purchasing assets not required, additional maintenance costs due to idleness and any other potential losses," he said.

Egypt targeting one million tourists a month and \$8bn in revenue - minister

CAIRO

EGYPT is targeting tourism revenue of more than \$8 billion as it aims to attract more than 8 million overseas visitors in 2021, driven by the anticipated return of Russian holidaymakers and a revival in summer travel as the industry begins to recover, the country's tourism minister said.

The North African country hosted 1.8 million visitors mainly from Eastern Europe between January to mid-May, earning nearly \$2bn in revenue, Khaled El-Enany, Egypt's minister of tourism and antiquities, told The National on Sunday. In April, 525,000 tourists visited the country, representing about 60 per cent of April 2019 figures.

"I'm hoping that in the beginning of summer, with the return of the Russian, Arab and hopefully European markets, that we will reach our normal numbers at the nearest possible time," he said in an interview during the Arabian Travel Market in Dubai. "We are hoping to reach 1m visitors per month and we're not that far off."

Tourism is a key pillar in Egypt's economy, accounting for about 12 per cent of gross domestic product on average, with approximately one in five workers employed in the industry. Home to the Giza pyramids, the country also boasts various other attractions that include the upcoming Grand Egyptian Museum, new archaeological discoveries, and turquoise beaches. It recently made waves around the world with the Golden Parade of royal mummies. The country is undertaking measures to ensure the safe return of tourists as the global industry looks to recover from the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Egypt hosted 3.6m travellers in 2020, down from 13m in 2019 due to the pandemic, according to the ministry. Since re-opening its borders in July 2020 until now, it attracted 3m visitors. Russian tourists, Egypt's top source market, are expected to return "very soon" with bookings already in place for June, he said.

Arrangements are under way between Russian and Egyptian government entities, tour operators, airlines and other businesses that will revive tourism traffic following agreements by the countries' presidents to resume travel. "I'm hoping before the summer season so they can enjoy Sharm Al Sheikh and Hurghada and the beaches there," Mr El-Enany said. "We hope to see the 3.5m visitors that used to come before."

Arabian Travel Market latest

Egypt has \$15bn worth of tourism projects open to investors positioned as city destinations like Galala in the Gulf of Suez, Alamein in the north coast and Mansoura on the Mediterranean sea, the minister said. "These are major tourism projects and we're welcoming investors from around the world to participate," Mr El-Enany said.

Investment incentives include tax exemptions, facilitating partnerships, customs waivers, government-backed guarantees of the projects' success, enhancing infrastructure to alleviate the costs for investors, he added. Egypt is also working on establishing a network of roads and rapid trains to connect its coastal cities with inland destinations while strengthening its domestic air travel network.

"Our aim is that every tourist who comes to Egypt and goes to Sharm El Sheikh and Hurghada, must also visit the Grand Egyptian Museum as well as Luxor and Aswan, so we will increase domestic flights and make domestic travel cheaper," the minister said. Since the outset of the pandemic, Egypt's central bank rolled out a 50 billion Egyptian pound (\$3.2bn) package to support the vital tourism industry during the global crisis.

While the amount has not been completely used up yet, there is "no ceiling" for further funding until the sector has completely recovered, Mr El-Enany said. In general, countries will not return to pre-crisis tourist numbers before the middle or end of 2022, the minister said.



Khaled El-Enany, Egypt's Tourism and Antiquities minister.

Cape Town tops African tech ecosystems in new rankings for direct foreign investment

JOHANNESBURG

CAPE Town has ranked as one of the world's fastest-growing regions for foreign direct investment, according to the African Tech Ecosystems of the Future 2021/22 report from fDi Intelligence.

Eight countries from across the African continent, including South Africa (Cape Town), Nigeria (Lagos), Egypt (Cairo), Rwanda (Kigali), Kenya (Mombasa), Tunisia (Tunis), Tanzania (Dar es Salaam) and Zambia (Lusaka) submitted their entries and were judged according to their ability to actively sculpt their tech ecosystems with supportive regulation, funding and infrastructure.

South Africa came on top of the ranking, achieving not only first place overall but first place for Economic Potential, Start-Up Status and Business Friendliness. In addition to receiving the largest number of foreign direct investment (FDI) projects in the software and IT services sector, South Africa also recorded the second-highest number of start-ups, after Nigeria. Cape Town was awarded second place after Cairo for FDI strategy after displaying impressive initiative in creating the necessary infrastructure for a thriving tech ecosystem.

The Mother City prides itself on its tech startup scene, crediting its vibrant coffee culture with helping the startup ecosystem evolve. Over and above its startup incubators, Cape Town also has a nationally-funded 'Innovation District', which aims to build a strong technology innovation community.

Extending beyond Cape Town, the Western Cape boasts a robust tech ecosystem. The Cape Town - Stellenbosch corridor contains 450 tech firms employing more than 40,000 people, making the ecosystem bigger than Nairobi and Lagos combined.

Key government partners along with private sector tech enablers launched the 'Cape Town Tech Capital of Africa' brand to cement the growth of the tech sector in Cape Town and the Western Cape. This will be achieved through creating an enabling environment for technology companies from across the continent to open business locally, access clients, funding and institutional support.

Brewer busy equipping youths with knowledge and skills to be agricultural extension officers

By Smart Money Reporter

HELPING youths acquire technical skills to compete in the labour market locally and globally has become a nationwide debate. In her Budget speech for financial year 2021/2022, Education, Science and Technology minister Professor Joyce Ndalichako said that there will be major changes to address challenges facing the educational sector.

Prof Ndalichako said one of the critical areas that will be tackled is vocational training undertaken by Vocational Education and Training Authority. She said that sending VETA students to factories to get practical skills will be given priority. Other major changes that will be undertaken during the year include looking at the regulatory frameworks, teaching manuals, curricula development, learning environments and equipment, among others.

"We need to equip our students with knowledge and skills so that after completing their courses, they can get formal jobs but if that doesn't work then self employment should be an option," Prof Ndalichako told lawmakers while also requesting the private sector to back state efforts to that effect.

The minister's new push to reform the education sector has a trusted partner in Serengeti Breweries Limited which has since 2019, spearheaded a programme to equip youth with technical knowledge and skills to play a leading role in transforming the country's agriculture sector.

SBL has deliberately initiated the 'Kilimo-Viwanda' Scholarship Programme targeting youths from struggling families whose parents are mostly smallholder farmers. Under the scholarship, some 70 students are currently enrolled for diploma in agriculture related colleges to graduate as extension officers who will then go back to their homes to help with modernizing the sector.

"We work with four public colleges where the students are learning with full sponsorship from SBL," said Managing Director, Mark Ocitti who added that the beneficiaries are Igabiro Training Institute of Agriculture based in Kagera; Kilacha Agriculture Training College in Kilimanjaro; Saint Maria Goretti in Iringa and Kaole Agriculture Training College in Coast Region.

"Kilimo-Viwanda' Program builds on both the student's theoretical knowledge acquired in class which is complemented by practical exposure through visits to SBL breweries and to farms which are affiliated to SBL," Ocitti added.

Currently, the brewer works with over 400 local farmers in eight regions who grow and supply it with raw materials including maize, barley and sorghum used in beer



A SBL shift brewer, Christina Machaka (R), explains beer production to students from Kagera Region's Igabiro Training Institute of Agriculture who are beneficiaries of the firm's 'Kilimo Viwanda' scholarship when they visited SBL's Mwanza brewery last week. Photo courtesy of SBL

manufacturing. The smallholder farmers are provided with free seeds, technical services and linked them to financial institutions to get credit.

Last year, SBL sourced 17,000 metric tons of the raw materials which is equivalent to 70 percent of the brewer's annual total raw materials requirement. The company focuses on increasing the volume of raw materials sourced locally to 85 percent by 2025.

One of the beneficiaries of the scholarship scheme, is Neema Makenya of Igabiro College who recently visited SBL Mwanza beverage plant on a study tour. "I have no one to depend on but myself hence I never imagined that one day I will get a scholarship from SBL," Makenya said.

Makenya's observation was backed by Principal of Igabiro Training Institute of Agriculture, Sadock Stephano

who applauded the brewer for the valuable support which is contributing towards modernization and growth of the agriculture sector.

Sadock said more companies should emulate SBL and join the government to invest heavily in modernizing the agriculture sector. "The government can't do everything on its own hence needs support from the private sector," he said adding that solidarity is vital to improve and reform the agriculture sector through investment in theoretical training and practical exposure at factories.

CEO behind 5,500pc stock gain says his secret is raising salaries

TOKYO

MASARU Tange says the strategy that turned his company into Japan's best-performing stock may be surprising: He buys smaller firms and boosts their workers' pay.

Tange's Shift Inc., a software tester, acquires other businesses near the bottom of the industry supply chain and raises their engineers' salaries. He says he's able to do this and still charge competitive prices by cutting out layers of companies that serve as middlemen in the outsourcing process. And having more workers leads to higher sales.

Shift's shares have risen more than 5 500% since it went public in 2014, the best performance on Tokyo's benchmark stock index. The company's market capitalisation has surged to more than \$2.3 billion, pushing the value of Tange's 33% stake to about \$770 million.

Tange, 46, says his business model is an attempt to remove inefficiencies in Japan's software industry, where layers of subcontractors take cuts on orders before passing the work to another company below. It's also, he says, a break from the M&A strategy of buying a business and looking to reduce costs. "I have a strong urge to rescue these young employees," Tange, Shift's founder, president and chief executive officer, said in an interview. "I want to create a fair working environment through M&A."

Tange grew up in what he describes as an ordinary family in Hiroshima in southwestern Japan, where both his parents were civil servants. He established Shift in 2005 after majoring in mechanical engineering and spending more than five years working for a consulting firm.

Shift started out advising companies on how to improve profits. In 2009, it entered the software testing business. Tange said he wanted to change engineers' perception that software testing was a second-rate job, including by paying them more money.

For example, for a service where the market price was 2 million yen (\$18,280), Shift would charge 1.5 million yen. This would enable it to win customers. At the same time, it would raise the amount paid to the engineer to about 800,000 yen from 500 000 yen. It could do so, Tange said, by getting rid of middlemen. Shift acquired Yusuke Sato's company in 2016. Since then, the software developer says his salary has jumped by more than 70%.

"Joining Shift was a huge turning point in my career," Sato said. Shift has 3 308 engineers as permanent employees as of the end of February, up more than 14-fold from 228 at the end of November 2015. The company acquired at least 14 firms during that period.

Increasing engineers leads directly to revenue growth because it enables the company to do more business, according to Go Saito, an analyst at Credit Suisse Group AG who initiated coverage on the stock in February with an outperform rating.

"Sales can be derived by multiplying the number of engineers and the unit price for engineers," Saito wrote in a report that month. "The company has already created a framework for the skills development of engineers, enabling it to cultivate high-quality human resources."

Revenue rose to 28.7 billion yen in the 12 months ended August 2020, more than triple the level three years earlier. Profit increased to 1.6 billion yen, compared to 208 million yen three years before. Shift forecasts that sales will jump to a record 45 billion yen this fiscal year.

Software engineers are underpaid in Japan compared to the US and there's a shortage of them, according to Saito. That's one reason why Shift's model of outsourcing software testing works, he said. "We're the biggest in Japan in this area," Tange said. "I do see revenue reaching 100 billion yen," he said, referring to the company's goal for the fiscal year ending August 2025.

Shift's soaring shares haven't been immune to pullbacks. They've fallen about 19% from a record in October as investors sold high-growth technology stocks. Even after the drop, the company trades at about 90 times estimated earnings.

For veteran investor Mitsushige Akino, the stock may see more volatility in coming months and could fall in market downturns. But its "fundamentals are solid and Shift is making progress on the vision it laid out," the senior executive officer at Ichiyoshi Asset Management Co. said.

VIEW FROM THE TOP

Changes of shareholding: What if shareholders of paid up shares just can't be traced?

By Mary Evarist

CHANGING shareholding structure of a private company is a very sensitive matter, which if not carried out properly, may raise issues between shareholders, the company and regulators. Changes in shareholding of the company may trigger by allotment, forfeiture and transfer or transmission of shares, by the existing shareholder (s).

Allotment of shares is a process whereby new shares are issued to a person, in exchange for a consideration of either cash or non-cash consideration, such as conversion of a loan into equity. One can only allot shares once it is established that there are additional shares in the company that can be allotted-if not the company will have to increase its authorised share capital, in line with the Companies Act 2002 and create new shares, which can then be allotted. The legal process in this regard entails, inter alia, completion of prescribed forms and reporting to the Registrar of Companies within a prescribed period of time.

Forfeiture of shares happens when the subscriber of shares fails to pay for the same, upon being called up to do so by the directors of the company. The practise requires that all the processes pertaining call up of shares to be followed.

This includes; passing a board resolution

for call up of shares and writing a letter to the subscribers requesting them to pay for their shares, within a prescribed period. If a subscriber fails to pay for the subscribed shares, he/she is obliged to write a letter to the company to indicate such failure and thereafter a special resolution is passed signed by the chairman, company secretary of the company together with the outgoing shareholder, consenting to the forfeiture of shares.

A statutory declaration for forfeiture of shares is also prepared. Once all the documentation are in place, they should be filed with the Registrar of Companies, and once the Registrar is satisfied that the procedure has been followed, he will approve the application and record the removal of the shareholder from the list of shareholders of the company.

Transfer of shares takes place when a shareholder of a company, sells his/her share or shares for a certain consideration. It is also referred to as a sale of shares. This process requires several things to be effective including passing a special resolution consenting to the transfer of shares, preparing transfer of share forms which are duly signed and witnessed, and having a signed share purchase agreement or deed of surrender in place.

It should also be noted that according to section 90(2) of the Income Tax Act (CAP



332) the relevant authority for registration of transfer (in this case Registrar of Companies) cannot register transfer of shares unless a Tax Clearance Certificate is received from Tanzania Revenue Authority, certifying that the single instalment tax, which is a portion of the capital gain tax has been paid by the transferor of shares.

Lastly, transmission of shares is when shares of a deceased shareholder are transferred to another shareholder. In this regard, the processes are the same as that of transfer except that in this scenario there has to be in place copy of a death certificate,

as well as the letter of appointment of administrator of estate or executor to administer the deceased's assets.

From the above, one would note that the changes of shareholding of the company requires active participation of the existing owner of the shares unless there is evidence that such owner is a deceased person. Given the active participation required, there has always been a challenge where the existing owner of the shares cannot be traced.

In addition, there is a requirement by the Business Registration and Licensing Agency (BRELA) following introduction of the Online Registration System (ORS), which requires every company to update its records in the system. Among the details required by the system include the personal details such as passport or NIDA Cards for individual shareholders. It becomes challenging to update shareholders details when a shareholder cannot be traced.

Unfortunately, the Companies Act, 2002 is silent on measures to be taken where the existing shareholder cannot be traced. However, the High Court of Tanzania in a recent Miscellaneous Civil Application No. 684 of 2019 between Nyanza Mines (Tanganyika) Limited as Applicant and the Registrar of companies (as first respondent) and Bridge of Balgie Limited (as second respondent), this challenge was brought up to the Court's attention and it ruled out

what needs to be done where a shareholder of paid up shares cannot be traced for more than six years.

The Judge specifically noted the following: "Silence of the law on the remedy to cure inconveniences created by absence of untraceable shareholders is not an immunity of their inaction."

The Courts of law as fountain of justice have to step in and give a proper solution while protecting interests of all shareholders and wellbeing of the Company itself. A compulsory share sale by the Court is necessary by all purposes."

That is in a nutshell and you probably wonder as to why this intricate and compelling process. This is because change of shareholding is a very sensitive issue since it touches two divergent interests; one, interests of the Company and; two, interests of the untraceable shareholders. If not carried out carefully, it might (as noted by the judge in the above case), result in a danger for misuse of the Court's order for selling shares of untraceable shareholders.

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WORLD

Israel kills Islamic Jihad commander, Palestinians renew rocket barrage

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ISRAEL killed a senior Palestinian militant commander in Gaza yesterday in air strikes which it said also targeted underground tunnels used by Hamas, and Islamist groups renewed rocket attacks on Israeli cities.

The violence entered a second week with no sign of an end to the fiercest hostilities in the region in years, despite growing international concern and mounting calls for a ceasefire.

The death of Hussam Abu Harbeed, Islamic Jihad's armed commander for north Gaza, was likely to draw a fierce response from the militant group that is fighting alongside Hamas, the Islamist movement that governs the coastal enclave.

The Israeli military said in a statement that Harbeed had been "behind several anti-tank missile terror attacks against Israeli civilians," and an Israel general said separately that his country could carry on the fight "forever".

At least three Palestinians were also killed by an Israeli air strike on a car in Gaza City yesterday, medics said, after a night of heavy Israeli air strikes. Israel's

military said Gaza militants had fired about 60 rockets towards Israeli cities overnight, down from 120 and 200 the two previous nights.

Another Palestinian was killed in an aerial attack on the town of Jabalya, medics aid, and Gaza health officials put the death toll since the hostilities flared last week at 201, including 58 children and 34 women. Ten people have been killed in Israel, including two children, Israeli authorities say.

After rockets were fired from Gaza at the Israeli cities of Beersheba and Ashkelon, Israeli jets bombed what the military said were 15 km (nine miles) of underground tunnels used by Hamas. It also struck nine residences belonging to high-ranking Hamas commanders, it said.

With the sounds of Israeli bombardment continuing throughout the morning, some Gaza residents rushed to bakeries and drugstores to stock up on bread and other essentials.

"My children couldn't sleep all night even after the wave of intensive bombing stopped," said Umm Naeem, 50, a mother of five, as she shopped for bread in Gaza City. "What is happening to us is



An Israeli air strike in Gaza destroyed several homes

too much, but Jerusalem deserves all the sacrifices."

A number of people were lightly injured after a rocket hit a building in the Israeli coastal city of Ashdod, police said.

After a rocket hit a synagogue in the coastal city of Ashkelon, one resident, Osher Bugam, said: "We have to continue the war until there is long-term ceasefire - (one) that is not temporary."

'WAR OF ATTRITION'

Hamas began its rocket assault last Monday after weeks of tensions over a court case to evict several Palestinian families in East Jerusalem, and in retaliation for Israeli police clashes with Palestinians near the city's al-Aqsa Mosque, Islam's third holiest site, during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

World concern had already deepened after an Israeli air strike in Gaza that destroyed several homes on Sunday and which Palestinian health officials said killed 42 people, including 10 children, and persistent rocket attacks on Israeli towns.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, whose country is a strong ally of Israel, called for tensions to deescalate after speaking to Egypt's foreign minister on Sunday. U.S. Pres-

ident Joe Biden said his administration was working with all parties towards achieving sustained calm.

Brigadier General Yaron Rosen, a former Israeli air division commander, gave no indication on Monday there would be a let-up in attacks in what he called a "war of attrition".

"The IDF (Israeli military) can go with this forever. And they (Hamas) can go on with their rockets, sadly, also for a very long time. But the price they are paying is rising higher and higher," he told reporters.

The Israeli military said at least 130 Palestinian combatants had been killed since fighting began. Harbeed had been a commander with Islamic Jihad for 15 years and was behind an attack on the first day of hostilities last week, it said.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said at the weekend the United Nations was "actively engaging all sides toward an immediate ceasefire".

The United States said on Sunday it had made clear to Israel, the Palestinians and others that it was ready to offer support "should the parties seek a ceasefire".

Jordan's King Abdullah said his kingdom was involved in intensive diplomacy to halt the bloodshed, but gave no details.

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CPC's leadership capability key to China's success -- Palestinian party official

RAMALLAH

THE outstanding leadership capability of the Communist Party of China (CPC) is "a critical and very important factor" for China's success, according to a senior Palestinian party official.

"China's great changes are unimaginable," Abbas Zaki, head of Palestinian Fatah party's commissioner general of the Arab and Chinese Affairs, said in a recent interview with Xinhua.

The veteran official has visited China more than 10 times. His first trip to China was in 1974, when he visited China as a member of a delegation of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Talking about China's rapid

development over the decades, Zaki (pictured) spoke highly of the CPC's governance practice and achievements.

In just one generation, China has transformed into a strong and modern country, which has successfully addressed prominent challenges including meeting 1.4 billion people's basic needs for food and clothing, said Zaki.

During his China visits, he noticed that China's villages and towns are growing at an "incredible" rate.

"What used to be poor villages have been transformed into productive, rich ones almost overnight. Some backward and desolate places in the past have become vibrant industrial parks," he said.

He once visited a suburban



village near Beijing in the 1990s, which was surrounded by a lot of empty land with no decent roads. But when he visited the same place in 2018, what he found was a bustling town with a number of high-rise buildings.

To Zaki, the CPC's leadership and the political system with Chinese characteristics are admirable.

The party adheres to a people-centered development philosophy and takes people's

aspiration for a better life as its goal, he noted.

In Zaki's eye, the CPC has a far-sighted national development strategy, which not only focuses on economic development and industrial construction, but also values education and sci-tech progress.

All these measures have provided driving forces for China's growth, navigating the Chinese economy towards high-quality development, he said.

Zaki spoke highly of the CPC's new concept of green development, saying that such a concept indicates that the party is placing ecological civilization and environmental protection in a more important position in the country's governance.

China's 14th Five-Year Plan has included green develop-

ment into all aspects of China's economic and social development, he added.

"It's a very smart strategic plan," Zaki said, stressing that China's green development will benefit all mankind.

Zaki believes that the CPC's experience in governance and administration of state affairs is worth learning by other political parties around the world.

He noted the CPC is a political party that pursues the spirit of openness and is willing to conduct dialogue and exchanges with political parties of different types around the world.

Fatah looks forward to enhancing party exchanges with the CPC in a bid to seek a development approach that is most suitable for Palestine, he said.

Xinhua

Blinken to discuss Nord Stream 2 issue with Lavrov

WASHINGTON

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken plans to discuss bilateral relations and the Nord Stream 2 project with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov on the sidelines of an Arctic Council ministerial meeting, a senior US Department of State official told reporters accompanying Blinken on a trip to

Denmark. The conversation's transcript was released by the US Department of State.

When asked if he planned to raise the Nord Stream 2 issue, Blinken said: "It could come up in the bilat, I suppose. And I think the same holds for Lavrov."

"We've been very clear, as has the Congress, in our views of Nord Stream 2, and that it is

a Russian strategic project that undermines European security, European energy security.

So we'll see if those things come up," the US top diplomat noted. "We don't seek to escalate, we are simply, again, looking for a more predictable, stable relationship. And I think there are areas where we can discuss these things with Foreign Minister Lavrov," Blinken

said.

"We were able to do the extension of the important New START Treaty for five years right off the bat, but we also look at areas where Russia has behaved aggressively and undertaken malign efforts for which, as the president said, there will be a cost," he added.

Blinken is on a trip to Denmark, Iceland and Greenland

on May 16-20. The Arctic Council ministerial meeting is set to take place in Iceland's capital of Reykjavik later in the week.

Lavrov and Blinken earlier held a telephone conversation. According to the Russian Foreign Ministry, the parties "agreed to hold a meeting on the sidelines of the session in order to address key bilateral and global issues." **Agencies**

Xi's civilization view offers insight into today's world

BEIJING

CHINESE President Xi Jinping has stressed the unique and important role of the world civilizations in his address at the 2019 Conference on Dialogue of Asian Civilizations.



"To meet our common challenges and create a better future for all, we look to culture and civilization to play their role, which is as important as the role played by economy, science and technology," Xi (pictured) told the audience.

Over the past two years, China's culture and civilization has played an important part in contributing to the world afflicted with COVID-19 and conflicts.

As the pandemic still rages and new challenges arise, people across the world need to come together to promote interaction among civilizations and make joint efforts to build a community with a shared future for mankind.

PROMOTING PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT

As the international landscape undergoes profound changes, Xi's remarks on multiple international occasions, which demonstrate China's view on world civilizations, offer an insight.

"Diversity spurs interaction among civilizations, which in turn promotes mutual learning and their further development," Xi told the Conference on Dialogue of Asian Civilizations in May 2019.

"No two leaves in the world are identical, and no histories, cultures or social systems are the same," Xi told the World Economic Forum Virtual Event of the Davos Agenda in January 2021.

"Diversity is what defines our world and makes human civilization fascinating," Xi told the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference in April 2021.

Russian sinologist Yuri Tavrovsky said he was impressed by Xi's remarks at the Conference on Dialogue of Asian Civilizations two years ago.

"The meaning of the speech goes far beyond the cultural scope. President Xi hopes that different civilizations will strengthen exchanges and mutual learning to promote world peace and development," he said.

As humanity has been battling COVID-19 over the past two years, regrettably, the debate of "clash of civilizations" resurges, with some countries forming values-based alliances to provoke ideological confrontation.

At this critical time, Xi's remarks may shed light upon how to understand and handle cultural and civilizational differences.

"The moderate tea drinker and the passionate beer lover represent two ways of understanding life and knowing the world, and I find them equally rewarding," Xi said, using a comparison of tea and beer to explain the diversity and inclusiveness of human civilization.

China's view of world civilizations is rooted in its traditional values of peace, harmony without uniformity, and harmonious coexistence, which have not only shaped its own action model but also added impetus to global efforts to promote world peace and development.

China's view of world civilizations is characterized by equality, mutual learning, dialogue and mutual accommodation. It calls for replacing mistrust with exchange, clashes with mutual learning, and a false sense of superiority with coexistence in order to safeguard world peace and development.

FACILITATING DIALOGUE AND COOPERATION

In March, significant discoveries were made at China's legendary Sanxingdui ruins, which show that the region's ancient Shu state civilization may bear similarities with the Maya in their perception of the universe.

"At the end of the day, man is still man independent of time and space, and what we have is that, at this latitude, both that culture and the Maya looked at the same sky, they had the same stars on the horizon," said director of the Chichen Itza archaeological site, Marco Antonio Santos.

Cultural exchange and dialogue prompt the evolution of human civilization. The ancient Chinese Silk Road, for instance, has played a big role in connecting peoples and cultures over centuries. In this day and age, China's exchanges with other countries in culture, arts, archeology and education go far beyond the past.

As the president of a country with an ancient civilization, Xi has made personal efforts to promote exchanges and mutual learning among civilizations.

Xi has been fascinated by the diversity of civilizations during his overseas trips, including those to the ancient Mayan ruins of Chichen Itza in Mexico, the Acropolis Museum in Athens, the Luxor Temple in Egypt, the ancient city of Bukhara in Uzbekistan and India's Group of Monuments at Mahabalipuram.

Xinhua

Spotlight on heavyweights in Iran's presidential race as vetting begins

TEHRAN

IRAN'S Constitutional Council, which supervises elections in the country, on Sunday started the process of vetting the large number of registered presidential hopefuls, of whom a few number would qualify, with heavyweights already in the spotlight.

As scheduled, the vetting body will release the names of qualified candidates by May 27. The nominees will have 20 days to campaign before the Election Day on June 18.

REGISTRATION PROCESS

The five-day registration process ended on Saturday and 592 hopefuls signed up to officially enter the up-

coming race.

Of the total number of the registered hopefuls, 552 are men and 40 are women, the official IRNA news agency quoted Jamal Orf, head of Iran's Elections Headquarters, as saying.

On the last day of the registration, three senior political figures, Iran's Judiciary Chief Ebrahim Raisi, First Vice President Eshaq Jahangiri, and former Parliament Speaker Ali Larijani, officially registered for the campaign.

During the whole registration process, other prominent figures include Saeed Jalili, a former nuclear negotiator under ex-president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, Mohsen Reza-

ei, secretary of Iran's Expediency Discernment Council, and Rostam Qassemi, Hossein Dehqan and Saeed Mohammad, all former commanders at the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps.

Of these potential candidates, four have run for presidency in the previous rounds, with the highest number of attempts belonging to Rezaei, this time being his fourth consecutive effort. The other three are Raisi, Jahangiri and Jalili.

Raisi and Jahangiri were presidential candidates in the 2017 election, where the former lost the race and the latter pulled out in favor of outgoing President Hassan Rouhani. Jalili's failed attempt was in 2013, when he

also lost the race to Rouhani.

As with previous election cycles, several eccentric characters also signed up. A man said he has come to save humanity from going extinct in the next 20 years; a 74-year-old man claimed that if elected president, he would destroy all weapons of mass destruction in the world, and another man said he would dissolve the Foreign Ministry if elected, according to Mehr News Agency.

NEW REQUIREMENTS

To exclude a large number of the individuals who register every four years as potential candidates with very basic or no qualifications, the Constitutional Council on May 5 ap-

proved an amendment to further clarify the criteria based on which it vets the potential candidates, according to the council's official website.

Orf, who heads the Interior Ministry's election headquarters, said the lower number of registrants for this year's election compared to the previous votes has proven that the council's move to clarify the criteria has been effective in bringing greater rationality to the registration process' general atmosphere, the IRNA wrote.

In the 12th and 11th elections, the number of the registered hopefuls stood at 1,636 and 686, respectively, Orf said.

According to the amended criteria, hopefuls must be between 40 and 70 years of age, hold at least a master's degree or its equivalent, have a work experience of at least four years in managerial posts, and with no criminal record.

In addition, the country's top military commanders with the status of major general and higher are also allowed to run.

On Sunday, Abbas-Ali Kadkhodaei, spokesman for the Constitutional Council, said for the hopefuls to qualify as presidential candidates, they must secure at least seven votes in favor from the 12-member vetting body, the IRNA reported.

Xinhua

Russia can play important role in resolving Israeli-Palestinian conflict – Iran's envoy

MOSCOW

RUSSIA can play a significant role in the settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict thanks to its close contacts with both sides, Iranian Ambassador to Russia Kazem Jalali said at an online conference on Monday.

"We believe that Russia can play a very important role in this historical time period since it has contacts with resistance groups in Palestine, they come here. Russia also has good relations with Israel," he said.

According to the ambassador, it is essential to take every opportunity to stop the violence in the region and provide support to the Palestinian people. "Of course, we must support the oppressed people of Palestine."

These brutal killings, oppression and crimes against the Palestinian people must be prevented by any available means," Jalali added.

The exchange of missile attacks between Israel and the Gaza Strip, which has been going on since May 10, was triggered by riots near East Jerusalem's Al-Aqsa Mosque.

Clashes between Palestinians and Israeli police officers erupted after an Israeli court had ruled to evict several Palestinian families from the city's Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood.

According to the latest reports, the strikes have claimed at least ten lives in Israel and killed more than 210 people in Palestine.

Vaccine shortfall leaves nations vulnerable as COVID-19 spreads

By Bloomberg

THE campaign to deliver COVID-19 vaccines to vast parts of the world is grappling with a significant supply shortage, leaving many nations vulnerable and piling pressure on wealthy governments to share doses.

The initiative known as COVAX expects the shortfall to reach about 190 million doses next month, UNICEF, one of its partners, said yesterday.

COVAX has shipped less than 40 percent of the doses it had intended to distribute by now, hurt by delays in supplies from hard-hit India, a global hub of vaccine production.

The urgency is growing in nearby countries like Nepal and Sri Lanka, as well as in nations in Latin America and beyond.

World Health Organization Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus warned last week of the risks of "trickle-down vaccination" in battling the deadly virus, estimating only 0.3 percent of vaccines are reaching low-income countries.

The US, Britain and others, meanwhile, are racing ahead with their immunization drives. A group of wealthy governments could donate about 150 million doses if they shared 20 percent of their available supplies over the months of June, July and August, UNICEF found, citing data from Airfinity Ltd., a London-based research organization. They could do so while meeting commitments to vaccinate their own populations, the agency said.

"We have issued repeated warnings of the risks of letting down our guard and leaving low- and middle-income countries without equitable access to vaccines, diagnostics and therapeutics," UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore wrote in a statement. "We are concerned that the deadly spike in India is a precursor to what will happen if those warnings remain unheeded."

COVAX deliveries will hit 65 million doses in the coming days, but it should have been at least 170 million, she said. Soaring demand in India has meant that 140 million doses intended for distribution to low- and middle-income countries through the end of May cannot be accessed by COVAX, while an additional 50 million doses are likely to be missed in June, UNICEF said.

The rollout is also behind schedule because of vaccine nationalism, limited production capacity and a lack of funding, it said.

An independent review of the international COVID-19 response last week called on Group of Seven (G7) countries to commit 60 percent of the US\$19 billion needed this year to fund the effort known as the Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator.

The report also urged high-income nations to provide more than 2 billion vaccine doses to poorer regions by the middle of 2022.



Workers load boxes of the Oxford-AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccines, provided through the COVAX program, into a truck after they arrived by plane at the Ivato International Airport in Antananarivo, Madagascar, on May 8, 2021. (AFP)

UN Security Council urges cessation of violence amid Israeli-Palestinian tension

BEIJING

AS the Israeli-Palestinian conflict keeps escalating, the United Nations (UN) Security Council on Sunday held an open debate on the situation, during which countries around the world called for an immediate end to the bloodshed.

Confrontations between Palestinians and Israelis at the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in Jerusalem's Old City have been intensified following a court ruling that tried to evict several Palestinian families from their homes in the Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood in East Jerusalem.

After hundreds of Palestinians were injured in clashes with Israeli police in East Jerusalem last week, Hamas, which rules the Gaza Strip, launched rocket attacks against Israel, which responded with intense airstrikes against targets in Gaza.

The fiercest fighting between the two sides since 2014 has killed nearly 200 Palestinians and about 10 Israelis.

In his opening remarks at Sunday's meeting, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres described the conflict as "utterly appalling," calling for an immediate end to it. "Fighting must stop."

It must stop immediately. Rockets and mortars on one side and aerial and artillery bombardments on the other must stop. I appeal to all parties to heed this call," Guterres said.

Warning that the fighting has the potential to unleash an uncontrollable security and humanitarian crisis and to further foster extremism, the UN chief said this senseless cycle of bloodshed, terror and destruction must stop immediately.

"The only way forward is to return to negotiations with the goal of a two-state solution, with two states living side-by-side in peace, security and mutual recognition, with Jerusalem as the capital of both states, based on relevant UN resolutions, international law and prior agreements," Guterres added.

During the meeting, China put forward a four-point proposal regarding the escalating conflict. The escalating conflict between Israel and Palestine had resulted in a large number of casualties, including women and children.

The situation is extremely critical and severe, and a ceasefire and cessation of violence is urgently needed, Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi said. In response to the current tense situation, Wang put forward a four-point proposition: First, ceasefire and cessation of violence is the top priority; second, humanitarian assistance is an urgent need; third, international support is an obligation; fourth, a "two-state solution" is the fundamental way out. "China will continue to intensify efforts to promote peace talks, and fulfill its



Rescuers help a man trapped in rubble of a house destroyed in Israeli airstrikes in Gaza City, on Saturday. (Xinhua)

duties as the rotating presidency of the UN Security Council," said Wang, adding that China reiterates its invitation to peacemakers from Palestine and Israel to hold dialogue in China, and welcomes negotiators from the two countries to hold direct talks in China.

U.S. Ambassador to the UN Linda Thomas-Greenfield said "the human toll of this past week has been devastating. Hundreds have been killed and injured by rockets and airstrikes, including children."

"The United States calls on all parties to ensure the protection of civilians and to respect international humanitarian law. We also urge all parties to protect medical and other humanitarian facilities, as well as journalists and media organizations," said Thomas-Greenfield.

"It's time to end the cycle of violence ... We urge all parties to avoid actions that undermine a peaceful future. This includes avoiding incitement, violent attacks, and terrorist acts, as well as evictions ... And critically, all parties need to uphold and respect the historic status quo at the holy sites," she added. The armed confrontation must end, said Russian Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Sergey Vershinin, who condemned the use of force and violence against civilians in Israel and Palestine. Stressing that the priority is to cease fire and bloodshed, he denounced attempts to change the demographic character of East Jerusalem.

Parties must comply with international humanitarian law and protect civilians as well as infrastructure used by journalists and the media, he added.

During the open debate, senior officials from Palestine and Israel traded accusations against each other. "Israel is killing Palestinians in Gaza, one family at a time," Palestinian Foreign Minister Riad Malki said, adding there are no words to describe the horrors his people are enduring. "We are not two neighbours living side by side in peace," said Malki, calling Israel an armed thief who has "entered our house and is terrorizing our family."

Noting Palestinians are victims of dispossession, forced displacement, and discrimination, Malki said they deserve compassion, solidarity and action and called on the international community to take actions to ensure Israel's compliance with its obligations and bring about an end to its occupation.

In response, Israel's representative accused Hamas militants of being responsible for the escalation, saying, "What would you do if thousands of terrorist rockets were being fired at your country?"

Describing Hamas' attacks as a "double war crime," the Israeli representative emphasized that Israel has always sought peace and continues to do so. During the meeting, other countries, including France and Britain, also called for an immediate end to the rising tension, sounding alarm bells over the imminent potential for the violence to spill into the wider region, according to a UN press release.

Xinhua

Students look back on flaming youth of late Chinese leaders in France

MONTARGIS

LEA Pereira is impressed by the solemn looks on the faces of Zhou Enlai and Deng Xiaoping, two late Chinese leaders who worked and studied in her hometown a century ago.

"They were motivated by a strong desire to lift their country out of poverty and hardship. Each time I look at their portraits, I'm touched by the looks on their faces, and I can feel the strong emotions in their hearts," said Pereira, a high school student from Lycee en Foret in Montargis, about 100 km south of Paris.

Pereira is among the more than 40 French and Chinese teenagers who participated last month in a virtual learning program about a special chapter in bilateral exchanges, in which thousands of progressive Chinese youths worked and studied in France a century ago.

Having learned Chinese as a second or third foreign language, Pereira and her schoolmates zoomed in on this special period of history through documentaries, a biography on Deng's life, a virtual visit to a local museum on France-China friendship and a series of online conferences to interact with their peers in China.

The 21 students from the No. 1 High School in Liuyang City of China's central Hunan Province are mostly learners of the French language at beginner to intermediate levels. After a brief exchange of "nihao" and "bonjour," the teenagers soon resorted to their mother tongues for more effective communication. Their teachers voluntarily became their interpreters.

Flavien Gavaille, another student, said he was amazed at the diligence of Deng during his days in France. "Deng toiled 10 hours a day in a factory in Montargis and earned only one franc per hour. He lived in a shed and saved every cent for his study."

He worked hard despite poverty and tough living conditions," Gavaille said. "His hard work paid off: he found that Marxism was the only way out for China." Deng was among thousands of progressive



Baptiste Ducharme (L) talks with Wang Peiwen, director of a museum on France-China friendship in Montargis, France, April 2, 2021. (Xinhua)

young Chinese who went to France under the Diligent Work-Frugal Study Movement starting in 1919. They worked in factories in Paris, Lyon and Montargis to pay for their studies. Some of them became interested in Marxism and established one of the earliest Chinese Communist party groups in France.

The movement played an important role in history and contributed to the founding of the Communist Party of China in 1921 and the People's Republic of China in 1949, leaving behind a heritage that continues to inspire the younger generations today.

Zeng Guoxiang, from Liuyang City, said he was impressed by Cai Hesen, one of the founders of the CPC. To improve his French, Cai kept reading local newspapers with the help of a dictionary in a park until its closing time. "Touched by his perseverance, a janitor of the park offered to be his French tutor," Zeng said.

Nowadays, more than 10,000 Chinese students choose to study in France every year. Most of them are well-prepared financially and linguistically, unlike their predecessors 100 years ago, when most France-bound Chinese students traveled by land and sea and faced huge challenges including poverty and language barriers, among others.

"But still, there's so much we can learn from those role models of the past century," said Wang Ziyuan. "Their ability to adapt rapidly to a new environment, their passion to learn, and more importantly, their patriotism and passion to serve their country with what they learned."

The work-study movement also played an important part in the history of China-France relations, said Wang Peiwen, a Chinese teacher at Lycee en Foret. "We need to pass it on to the new generation, instead of leaving it buried in oblivion."

In response to the repeated appeals of Chinese teachers in France, the French Ministry of National Education incorporated the history of the movement into the curriculum of Chinese language learners at the international sections of French high schools a few years ago.

The joint study brought Chinese and French teenagers closer and bridged the gap between younger and older generations, said Yu Peiyao, who teaches French at the No.1 High School in Liuyang. When Enzo Rouhaud shared with his parents what he had learned at school, he was surprised to find that they knew little about what happened in their hometown 100 years ago. "They were amazed at the story I told them. Now they know that France-China relations are of particular importance and these links will last," he said.

Of the 1,600 young Chinese students arriving in France between March 1919 and December 1920, more than 300 came to Montargis, a small town known for its comparatively low costs of living as well as the openness and hospitality of locals, said Jean-Louis Rizzo, a retired history professor from Paris Institute of Political Studies.

Xinhua

Long working hours are a killer, WHO study shows

WORKING long hours is killing hundreds of thousands of people a year in a worsening trend that may accelerate further due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the World Health Organization said yesterday.

In the first global study of the loss of life associated with longer working hours, the paper in the journal *Environment International* showed that 745,000 people died from stroke and heart disease associated with long working hours in 2016.

That was an increase of nearly 30 percent from 2000.

"Working 55 hours or more per week is a serious health hazard," said Maria Neira, director of the WHO's Department of Environment, Climate Change and Health.

"What we want to do with this information is promote more action, more protection of workers," she said.

The joint study, produced by the WHO and the International Labour Organization, showed that most victims (72 percent) were men and were middle-aged or older. Often, the deaths occurred much later in life, sometimes decades later, than the shifts worked.

It also showed that people living in Southeast Asia and the Western Pacific region -- a WHO-defined region which includes China, Japan and Australia -- were the most affected.

Overall, the study - drawing on data from 194 countries - said that working 55 hours or more a week is associated with a 35 percent higher risk of stroke and a 17 percent higher risk of dying from ischemic heart disease compared with a 35-40 hour working week.

The study covered the period 2000-2016, and so did not include the COVID-19 pandemic, but WHO officials said the surge in remote working and the global economic slowdown resulting from the coronavirus emergency may have increased the risks.

"The pandemic is accelerating developments that could feed the trend towards increased working time," the WHO said, estimating that at least 9 percent of people work long hours.

WHO staff, including its chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, say they have been working long hours during the pandemic and Neira said the UN agency would seek to improve its policy in light of the study.

Capping hours would be beneficial for employers since that has been shown to increase worker productivity, WHO technical officer Frank Pega said.



The pandemic is accelerating developments that could feed the trend towards increased working time

SPORT



Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) Information Officer Clifford Ndimbo.

TFF unveils new date for Simba SC vs Yanga clash

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

THE Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) has picked July 3 as the new date for the cancelled Vodacom Premier League clash between age-old rivals Simba SC and Yanga.

The second round fixture of the tie, nicknamed 'Dar Derby', was postponed on May 8 at the eleventh hour after Yanga, who were the visiting team, vehemently protested the change to the kick-off time from 17:00 to 19:00 by the federation.

The TFF had communicated the change of kick-off time to both clubs on the matchday, a decision which did not go down well with the Jangwani Street giants, who instead went to the match venue at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam at the earlier kick-off time.

Yanga arrived at the stadium at 16:20 EAT, went to the pitch at 16:35, and carried out their light pre-match training session until 16:50. The players and the coaches came again at 17:10 EAT and remained there for 10 minutes before finally leaving.

At 17:40 EAT, they boarded their bus and left the venue while Simba, on the other hand, came at 17:25 EAT, but they were notified the match had been called off because Yanga had already left the match venue.

The postponement of the derby caused

uproar amongst Tanzanians with the government through the Minister for Information, Culture, Arts and Sports, Innocent Bashungwa, also intervening and ordering the TFF and the Premier League Board to set a new date.

According to a revised fixture obtained by The Guardian, TFF has settled for July 3 as the date for the two sides to square it out at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium and the match will kick off at 17:00.

The TFF has also confirmed the date for the unplayed fixture between Simba and Namungo FC, which was postponed since both teams were taking part in the CAF competitions.

Simba is participating in the CAF Champions League and Namungo took part in CAF Confederation Cup.

The first-round match will see Namungo host Simba on May 29 at Majaliwa Stadium in Ruangwa, while the second round meeting will see Simba invite Namungo at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium on July 18.

After playing Namungo on May 29, Simba will also play their two matches in hand, against Ruvu Shooting on June 3 at CCM Kirumba Stadium, and then face Polisi Tanzania on June 19, also at CCM Kirumba Stadium in Mwanza.

Simba is currently leading the 18-team league table with 61 points from 25 matches, while Yanga sits second with 58 points from 28 matches and Azam FC is placed third after amassing 57 points from 29 matches.

Former Gwambina FC tactician Badru moves to Mtibwa Sugar

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

FORMER Gwambina FC head coach, Mohamed Badru, has confirmed his move to Mtibwa Sugar, insisting he is ready for challenges he will face in the club.

Badru was hired by Gwambina FC mid this season, replacing Fulgence Novatus who was ousted by the side alongside the tactician's assistant Athuman Bilali 'Billo'.

Badru said he has already arrived at Mtibwa Sugar and he will today complete all the formalities and start duties in the evening.

He said he is aware of the situation at Mtibwa Sugar but cannot avoid any of the challenges, given he is a professional coach.

He insisted that is what makes him prove his expertise.

He disclosed: "I will continue having a good relationship with Gwambina FC because they have introduced me to Mainland Tanzania

football." He said: "They, though, forgot to give me a comprehensive contract because I was seemingly working without a contract. I got a new place with good interest and today I will start my program."

The tactician, who hails from Zanzibar, has coached Gwambina FC in 10 games, winning four, drawing one, and losing five.

He had seen Gwambina FC placed 15th in the league standings with 30 points.

Mtibwa Sugar, now striving to get out of the relegation zone, is placed 17th.

The situation puts the coach in a tricky position, as far as helping Mtibwa Sugar avoid relegation.

The Morogoro team earlier parted ways with their long-serving coach, Zubeir Katwila.

Regarding his contract with Mtibwa Sugar, he said after the end of this season he will sit at the table with the club's leadership to negotiate a new contract.

SPORTS

Simba Queens lift Women Premier League top honour



Simba Queens

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

SIMBA Queens have clinched the 2020/21 Mainland Women Premier League's top honour, edging Dodoma's Baobab Queens 1-0 at the latter's venue last weekend.

The all-important goal for Simba Queens was netted by attacker Asha Jaffary in the added-on time, consequently seeing the side collect 54 points from 20 clashes to stay a point above closest challengers, Yanga Princesses.

The champions recorded a victory in 17 clashes, three draws and it was so far the side that did not lose a match.

Simba Queens has been a club with the biggest number of goals scored, netting 73, whilst having few goals scored against them, as they let in eight.

They were undoubtedly one of the clubs with good defense, based on the number of goals conceded.

Second-placed Yanga Princesses conceded the fewest number goals, given

they let in six.

A defeat in one clash saw Yanga Princesses settle for the second spot.

The team went down 3-0 to Simba Queens.

Although they were level with the eventual league winners on the number of matches won, the loss turned out to a huge blow.

With Yanga Princesses attacker Aisha Masaka winning the Women Premier League's top scorer's prize, having notched 35 goals, her feat has offered her team consolation.

Yanga Princesses finished the league impressively, hammering Alliance Girls 6-0 in a match, held in Dar es Salaam the same day.

Yanga Princesses goal-getter, Aisha, was in great form, posting five goals for her outfit in the tie.

The former league winners, JKT Queens, finished third, registering 16 wins, four losses, they netted 66 goals.

Ruvuma Queens, Mlandizi Queens, and Alliance Girls ended fourth, fifth and sixth respectively.

Simba Queens, coached by Mussa Hassan, for that matter, has lifted the women league's trophy for the second consecutive season.

Baobab Queen on several occasions blamed match officials for what the side felt was unfair officiating.

Simba Queens' spokesperson Yvonne Cherry stated it was a pleasure for her team to be champions and she boastfully said she is now the champions' spokesperson.

Tanzanite SC finished seventh, Baobab Queens came eighth and Kigoma Sisters ended ninth.

Mwanza's TSC Queens ended 10th, Njombe's Mapinduzi Queens finished 11th and Tabora's ES Unyanembe finished last.

Mapinduzi Queens and ES Unyanembe, therefore, have faced relegation to Mainland Women First Division.

Yanga Princesses' attacker revels in clinching best goal scorer prize

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

YANGA Princesses striker, Aisha Masaka, who is this season's Mainland Women Premier League's top scorer, has said that female footballers should work hard so they can enjoy success.

Aisha registered 35 goals in 20 outings, seeing to it Yanga Princesses finish second behind the league winners Simba Queens.

The forward was moreover adamant Yanga Princesses fans should not lose hope.

Aisha noted the enthusiasts should believe that next season the team will do well and live up to expectations.

The team cruised to a 6-0 victory over Alliance Girls at Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam last weekend.

Aisha is lately the number one striker at her side and she is also doing well in the Tanzania women's national team.

She went on a rampage in the last weekend tie given she scored five goals against Alliance Girls.

She scored an early hat trick within 15 minutes and she thereafter posted two goals, adding sharpness to the team's forward line.

Forward Clara Luvanga scored one of six goals and completed a 6-0 rout of Alliance Girls.

The team has happened to be Simba Queens' closest challengers this season.

Simba Queen's attacker, Asha Jaffary, scored the winning goal that ruined the joy of Yanga Princesses, who was waiting to take the title for the first time.



Aisha Masaka

Real making plans for Zidane departure - sources

MADRID

REAL Madrid are considering Massimiliano Allegri and club legend Raul to replace Zinedine Zidane if the French coach decides to leave at the end of the season, sources have told ESPN.

Allegri, out of a job since leaving Juventus in 2019, and Raul, currently in charge of Madrid's B team, Castilla, are the best-placed candidates, but not the only names on the shortlist.

Zidane -- who already quit the Madrid job once in 2018 -- has persistently refused to confirm that he'll see out his contract, which runs until 2022.

"There are moments when you have to stay, and others when you have to go," he hinted in a cryptic news conference on Saturday.

The radio station Onda Cero reported that Zidane told his players that he would not be carrying on as coach during a team talk ahead of their La Liga game with Sevilla last weekend.

Zidane called that "a lie" on Sunday, speaking after a 1-0 win at Athletic Bilbao kept Madrid in the title race.

"How am I going to say to the players that I'm leaving now?" he told Movistar. "We're fighting for the league, and I say that I'm going? No... I'd never say that to my players. Why would I say that? At the end of the season we'll see what happens... We can't constantly talk about my future, it isn't the most important thing."

Sources told ESPN that while the coach had raised the possibility of leaving at the end of the season, it was not left "very clear" to multiple players that a definitive

decision had been made.

"I saw the news story that he'd said something to us in a talk the other day. I don't know," said Nacho Fernandez, who scored the only goal at San Mames. "The boss has a contract, he's with us all the way. It's a decision he'll take with the club, but we want him to stay."

However, sources say the feeling among the squad is that Zidane is likely to depart. The coach has not told the club whether he will be continuing, and executives expect to discuss his future at the end of the season.

Madrid would like Zidane to stay until 2022, but preparations are already underway in the event of a possible exit, according to sources. In addition to Allegri and Raul, Belgium coach Roberto Martinez has also been discussed as a potential replacement.

President Florentino Perez has been a long-term admirer of Allegri, and his track record and experience in managing star players are seen as factors in his favour, while Raul has impressed while in charge of Castilla since 2019.

The sources added that Raul has attracted interest from Eintracht Frankfurt but is waiting on news of the Madrid job before making a decision.

"This is my home, where I want to be, where I feel like I belong... I'm a club man, I'm working, I'm happy at my home, and I hope to continue," he said Sunday.

Club sources told ESPN that for now, nothing had changed -- "We'll see if it's confirmed," one source said -- and talks with Zidane will wait until the La Liga season ends next weekend.

(Agencies)

Chelsea, Tuchel falling apart with Premier League top-four race still on, Champions League final ahead

By Mark Ogden, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

THE business end of the season is the wrong time for questions to be asked regarding a team's ability to get the job done, but that is precisely the scenario that Chelsea find themselves in after Saturday's FA Cup final defeat against Leicester City.

Out of nowhere, Chelsea's almost serene renaissance under manager Thomas Tuchel, who replaced the sacked Frank Lampard in mid-January, has become a slump, and the former Borussia Dortmund and Paris Saint Germain coach is faced with the task of saving the club's season for a second time.

Just a week ago, Tuchel's team were cruising to a top-four finish in the Premier League, were strong favourites to beat Leicester at Wembley and, having beaten Manchester City for the second time in 21 days, had positioned themselves as the side most likely to win the Champions League when the two clubs meet in the final in Porto on May 29. But what a difference a week makes. Two 1-0 defeats -- at home to Arsenal in the league, and against Leicester at Wembley on Saturday -- have knocked Chelsea off their stride and doubts are now creeping in from all angles.

Big wins in the league for Leicester and Liverpool over the past seven days -- both against Manchester United at Old Trafford -- have also chipped away at Chelsea's morale, and their grip on a top-four spot has been loosened even further by Liverpool's dramatic victory at West Brom on Sunday, when goalkeeper Alisson Becker headed the winning goal with seconds remaining.

All of which explains why Tuesday's Premier League clash with Leicester at Stamford Bridge has become so crucial. If Saturday was about the glory of lifting a trophy, Tuesday is about the financial importance, and prestige, of playing in the Champions League next season, and it's debatable as to which carries most importance. Chelsea can still, of course, secure Champions League qualification by winning it vs. Man City, but they've lost any margin for error.

"Does losing the Cup final add



Chelsea seemed certain to sweep the FA Cup final and easily book their top-four finish in the Premier League. But back-to-back defeats have cast doubt on their quality.

to the pressure? Absolutely not," Tuchel said after the FA Cup defeat. "Arsenal made the pressure for Tuesday: Saturday was an isolated game. The Arsenal defeat has a lot to do with Tuesday, but the Man City win also has a lot to do with it, too, in a positive way.

"It is in our hands. We have two finals [in the league], against Leicester and Aston Villa, and then another final [against Man City]. It is about bouncing back now."

Tuchel's insistence that Chelsea can still control their own destiny was echoed by Ashley Cole, the club's former defender, in his role as a match pundit during the FA Cup final. But Cole, who won eight major trophies (including the Premier League and Champions League) during his eight seasons at Stamford Bridge, delivered a more blunt assessment of Chelsea's situation.

"Is it the same team as Frank Lampard's?" Cole said. "When Frank was here, they controlled and dominated games but couldn't finish it off. The last couple of weeks, it has felt the same.

"Chelsea have three Cup finals now, basically, if they want to finish in the top four and win the Champions League. They have got to pick themselves up and go again. They can't feel sorry for themselves."

Cole's observation about Tuchel's team beginning to regress back into the side that lost its way

under Lampard is perhaps slightly premature. It has been eight days since Tuchel's players beat champions City at the Etihad to take what seemed to be a huge step toward clinching a top-four finish. But some of the issues that haunted Lampard's team are beginning to resurface, with a lack of goals being a problem Tuchel hasn't really been able to solve.

Lampard's team scored just four goals in his final five league games in charge, and Tuchel's side have managed only five in their past five league games. The FA Cup final loss against Leicester was another example of the team lacking a cutting edge. During Tuchel's 27 games in charge, Chelsea have scored more than two goals in a game just once -- a 4-1 win at Crystal Palace in April -- and their failure to score in their past two games, against Arsenal and Leicester, has led to damaging defeats each time.

Tuchel has been able to get more consistency from expensive summer signings Timo Werner and Kai Havertz than Lampard, but neither Germany forward has been anything close to prolific. Havertz, who did not start against Leicester, has scored only three goals -- against mid-table Palace and relegated Fulham -- in 19 games under Tuchel, while Werner has been even less productive, with three goals in 21 games. The former PSG boss has overseen an improvement in

Christian Pulisic's form, but the American rarely starts the biggest games. As for Mason Mount, arguably Chelsea's player of the season, Tuchel said after the Wembley defeat that the young England midfielder needed a break to revitalise himself after 61 appearances for club and country this season.

Chelsea's options up front are limited, too; neither Olivier Giroud nor Tammy Abraham appear to have the manager's confidence, and Pulisic doesn't score enough goals.

Defensively, Chelsea remain strong, with Antonio Rudiger making a big difference to the team's solidity since being restored to the team by Tuchel after being consistently overlooked by Lampard. But Tuchel's tinkering in goal has proved costly. Kepa Arrizabalaga played in the defeats against Leicester and Arsenal as Tuchel rested Edouard Mendy, who has been outstanding since arriving from Rennes last summer. Mendy will return against Leicester, but the damage to Chelsea's confidence has already been done.

As both Tuchel and Cole said, Chelsea's fate remains in their own hands. Three wins from their final three games of the season will ensure a top-four finish and the club's second Champions League title. It's all there for Chelsea to grasp, but Tuchel cannot rely solely on narrow counter-attacking victories

Messi's Camp Nou farewell? Koeman hopes not

BARCELONA

BARCELONA coach Ronald Koeman hopes Lionel Messi hasn't played his last game for the club at Camp Nou but conceded the forward has not had enough support this season.

Messi (pictured) scored his 30th league goal of the campaign on Sunday as Barca's title hopes went out with a 2-1 defeat to Celta Vigo in their final home fixture of the year.

The forward is out of contract at the end of June, when he will also turn 34, and he has not yet agreed to a new deal with the club. Next week's match at Eibar, therefore, could be his last in a Barca shirt.

"I hope not because I think [against Celta] he's shown his effectiveness and that he's still the best in the world," Koeman said in a news conference when asked if Messi had played at Camp Nou for the final time.

"It [would be] impossible to play without him. But it's Leo on his own and, to win more games and get more points, we need more players to score goals.

"Leo's scored 30 goals and won us a lot of points. But [his future] is a question for him. For me and for the club, we hope he stays. Because if there's no Leo, we have doubts about who will score the goals."

Messi previously stated a desire to wait until the end of the season before deciding on his future, with Paris Saint-Germain and Manchester City both monitoring the situation.

ESPN reported earlier this year that Barca president Joan Laporta is working on a two-year deal with the option for an additional season which he hopes will convince Messi to remain at the club he first joined 20 years ago.

"I hope not, but it's his decision,"

(Agencies)

Jordi Alba told Movistar when also asked if Messi has played his last game at Camp Nou. "I hope it's not his last."

Messi reached 30 league goals for the ninth time in his career with a header against Celta but a brace from Santi Mina stretched Barca's winless run to three games.

Just one win in their last five games has seen the Blaugrana throw away the chance of winning the league and has increased the speculation surrounding Koeman's future at the club.

Even prior to the midweek draw with Levante and Sunday's defeat against Celta, sources told ESPN there were "growing doubts" among the board regarding the Dutchman.

"That's not a question for me," Koeman said when asked if he would be in charge next season.

Koeman met with Laporta last week and said on Saturday that he hopes to continue beyond the summer and that he's arranged to meet with the president again upon the conclusion of the season.

Results elsewhere on Sunday mean Barca are guaranteed to end the campaign in third place, regardless of what happens next weekend.

Koeman said the season, which saw Barca win the Copa del Rey but knocked out of the Champions League by PSG in the last 16, should be analysed in full, "not just on results over the last two weeks."

With Barca out of the picture, Atletico Madrid and Real Madrid will compete for the title on the final day. If Atletico win at Real Valladolid, they will be champions, but a draw or a defeat would open the door for Madrid, who host Villarreal.

By Bill Connelly, ESPN Staff Writer

THE best outcome of this offseason, then, would be the creation and execution of an actual plan. Conceiving of such a thing will likely require answering the following questions.

1. Who's leaving?

Various rumors suggest that 29-year-old goalkeeper Bernd Leno, 34-year-old center-back David Luiz (whose contract is finally expiring), 26-year-old right-back Hector Bellerin and perhaps some combination of Khaka, Lacazette and Willian could either ask, or be asked, to leave. Loanees like midfielders Ainsley Maitland-Niles, Joe Willock, Matteo Guendouzi and Lucas Torreira could all end up making permanent moves away.

Moving Khaka with two years left on his contract -- especially with the value he's created and the lack of midfield depth on the roster -- would probably be a mistake, but none of the others above are particularly irreplaceable. Lacazette, whose contract expires next year, has been productive this season, but not at a level that developing players like Nketiah (if retained), Balogun and Martinelli couldn't replace to some degree with more playing time.

2. What about the Madrid duo?

Midfielders Dani Ceballos and mid-year addition Martin Odegaard are both on loan from Real Madrid; Ceballos, 24, has easily been one of the team's better players in his second year with the club, with an 87% pass completion rate and 27 chances created. Odegaard, 22, has alternated between inconsistency and moments of wonder.

Ceballos has declared his desire to move back to Spain and while Odegaard appears more open-minded, Real Madrid has declared they have no intention of selling him. The asking price would likely be far beyond Arsenal's range. Losing either or both of them, however, would further dimin-



Eduardo Camavinga

ish depth in the midfield and assure that the club would need to acquire at least one possession-friendly midfielder.

3. Who's actually going to be part of the next great Arsenal team?

Last offseason, I said that it appeared Arsenal was at least three years from reaching any sort of Liverpool-esque peak window. It's safe to say that after a lost season, they're still three years away at the least, which means any sort of core they build needs to be made up of guys who will be within their generally accepted peak age (25 to 29, generally) three years or so from

now.

Tierney and center-backs Rob Holding and Gabriel fit within that range; so does Nicolas Pepe, the perpetually tantalizing, 25-year-old winger whom Arsenal paid way too much for in 2019. Pablo Mari and Partey will both be 30 three years from now, but could obviously still be of use. Plus any number of the group of exciting young attackers -- Saka and Smith Rowe in particular -- could be in brilliant form despite still being short of their peak.

That's Arsenal's core if it chooses to accept it.

Is it good enough to compete for a Premier League title if the players involved develop properly? Probably not, but it wouldn't be too far off the pace.

4. Where are the biggest holes in creating that team?

There is a short-term hole to be addressed at goalkeeper if Leno leaves, and while Soares or perhaps Calum Chambers could take over at right-back if Bellerin leaves, they don't seem like long-term solutions.

The biggest holes, however, come in midfield. Arsenal needs at least one more high-quality passer to likely replace Ceballos and at 28, Khaka likely isn't a long-term building block even if he does remain at the club next season. The academy has produced

some exciting attackers, which could help Arsenal's high press and pressure numbers over time, but progressing the ball into dangerous areas is still a requirement, and it's unclear who would be particularly good at that. This should be priority number one.

To the club's credit, they seem to understand this. The Gunners have been linked to midfielders like Rennes' Eduardo Camavinga (18 years old), Brighton's Yves Bissouma (24) and Fulham's Andre-Frank Zambo Anguissa in the transfer rumor mill. Camavinga would come with a massive price tag, but if you're looking to make a bold, PR-friendly gesture, that would be about the best place in the world to start.

Regardless of the names involved, simply showing the fruits of an actual plan would be a step in the right direction. We're used to Arsenal being seen as one of Europe's most progressive clubs, from the Gunners' push for more of a televised presence in the 1980s to the hiring of ultra-progressive Arsene Wenger in 1990s to the building of Emirates Stadium in the 2000s.

But as they prepare for a fifth consecutive year without Champions League play -- and a first without any European play since 1996 -- the club's total lack of direction has never been more clear.



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Jackson Group Sports Chief Executive Officer, Kelvin Twissa (3rd R) pictured with sponsors and boxing officials during the launch of the second edition of the boxing bouts' series, alias 'Rumble in Dar', whereby Tanzanian boxer Hassan Mwakinyo will fight against Brendon Denes of Zimbabwe at Dar es Salaam's Next Door Arena later this month. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

Tanzania to battle it out in 2021 Deaflympics Qualifiers

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA will send its athletes to the maiden Africa Deaflympics balls qualifiers slated for September in Kenya.

Tanzania Deaf Sports Federation (TDSF)'s secretary general, Simon Mwakatobe, said the event will be held at Moi International Sports Complex (MISC) in Nairobi from September 11-25.

He said the Kenya event will be used as qualifiers for the 24th Deaflympics Games, which will be held in Brazil in May next year.

"We are delighted that we have been invited to compete at the maiden Deaflympics balls qualifiers (basketball and football), we are looking at modalities transporting athletes to Kenya," he said.

He said TDSF will organize a local sports competition for 20 teams for both men and women to meet qualification criteria for both Kenya and Brazil events.

Mwakatobe asked well-wishers to help his federation prepare the team for the event and also to overcome the impact of COVID-19 which he said has greatly affected the deaf people in the country.

He disclosed: "We do hope that you continue with daily activities well. While many consider 2020 to be a bad year, we believe this lockdown and COVID-19 outbreak will have a positive impact as it has given us time to look inward and reflect on ourselves and what's important."

He noted: "This has been a wonderful time for us to reflect and learn about ourselves. For us due to COVID-19, we have had to cancel most of our fundraising and activities for 2020 until lately when restrictions were removed by the Tanzania government, having had a severe impact on deaf people, the majority of whom also lost jobs and faced an economic downturn in the process of combating COVID-19 pandemic."

He stated in a letter requesting sponsorship: "Our organization has several sports programs."

He further said the TDSF advocates for vaccine equity and solidarity in tackling the COVID-19 pandemic and the need to better recognize sports within the relief, response, and recovery efforts.

Simba SC steps up quest for progression to CAF Champions League semi-finals



Simba SC midfielder, Luis Miquissone (2nd R), dribbles past Kaizer Chiefs' midfielder when the clubs met in the first leg match of the CAF Champions League's last eight, which took place in South Africa last weekend. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA'S Simba SC says it has formed a committee to champion the club's mission of reaching the semi-finals of the 2020/21 CAF Champions League.

Simba SC Chairman Murtaza Mangungu said the club is determined to proceed to the semi-finals of the premier continental club tournament.

Simba on Saturday lost 4-0 to Kaizer Chiefs in the showpiece's quarter-finals' first leg, which took place at FNB Stadium in South Africa.

Mangungu, though, said his team will overturn the scoreline in the return leg, scheduled for Saturday at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

"We will do our best to win, to others it seems a tough and tall order, but we will do the job and hopefully reach the semi-finals," he said.

The Msimbazi Street-based side arrived in Tanzania on Monday and

went straight to the camp.

In a monitored interview, Simba's head coach, Didier Gomes, said his charges will turn tables on Kaizer Chiefs at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium.

The French tactician said he has enough time to work on the shortfall which his charges committed during the first leg match.

"After this defeat, we analyzed and worked on the problems which led us to lose by that big margin, I'm sure we will do well in the return leg match at home," he said.

Simba SC topped the showpiece's Group A with victory in four fixtures, one draw, and one loss, confidently making it to the last eight.

In another development, Kaizer Chiefs head coach Gavin Hunt has explained why he gave a rare smile on the bench while enjoying their 4-0 drubbing of Simba SC.

Chiefs managed a surprise thrashing of Simba, who beat reign-

ing CAF Champions League champions Al Ahly in the group stage, during their quarterfinal first leg showdown at FNB Stadium on Saturday evening.

Erick Mathoho, Samir Nurkovic, and Leonardo Castro all got on the scoresheet without any response from the visiting side, who now have a mountain to climb to try and progress to the next stage.

Amakhosi's struggles on the domestic scene are well documented and Hunt has come under continuous scrutiny as they head towards their worst finish in the local league since the inception of the PSL back in 1996.

Having earlier described the season as his worst in his 27-year coaching career, the 56-year-old was seen enjoying an extremely rare moment of joy and laughter during the whipping they handed out to Simba.

More boxers set to spice ABU Super Welterweight title fight

By Guardian Reporter

FOUR more Tanzanian professional boxers will spice up the African Boxing Union (ABU) Super Welterweight title bout pitting domestic pugilist Hassan Mwakinyo against Brendon Denes of Zimbabwe at Dar es Salaam's Next Door Arena on May 28.

The boxers are Imani Daudi who will fight South African Chris Thompson in a heavyweight bout while another Tanzanian boxer Hamis Palasungulu will trade blows with Ardi Ndembo of Congo Brazzaville in the division. Halima Bandola will exchange blows with Bulgarian Joana Nwamerue in a women's Super Lightweight fight.

Also on the list is Daniel Materu who will fight against Pencho Tsvetkov from Bulgaria in a heavyweight bout. Initially, the fight was expected to only involve three Tanzanian boxers namely Mwakinyo, Ibrahim Mgendera, and Shaban Jongu Mgendera will face Sibusiso Zingange of South Africa, Jongu is to take on Nigerian Olanrewaju Durodora in ABU's cruiserweight fight.

Speaking yesterday, Jackson Group Sports Chief Executive Officer Kelvin Twissa said they have decided to add more boxers aiming at promoting the talent of Tanzanian boxers in the fight where KCB Bank has poured 94.4m/- to sponsor it. Twissa said that the preparations for the bout are progressing well and all boxers are in intensive training.

"This is the second edition of Rumble In Dar and we expect it to be a thrilling one due to the quality professional boxers who have been involved in the fight," he disclosed.

Christine Manyenye, KCB Bank's Head of Marketing and Communications, said that they have decided to sponsor the bout as part of their efforts to support the development of sports in the country. Christine said the bank also is sponsoring the Tanzania Mainland Premier League, Nondo Cup, and other sports competitions like Rock City marathon which is taking place in Mwanza every year. Marketing Manager of M-Bet Tanzania, Allen Mushi, said that they have decided to get into professional boxing aiming at expanding the scope of their activities in the country.

Mushi said that M-Bet is currently sponsoring Kinondoni Municipality Council (KMC) FC which takes part in the Mainland Tanzania Premier League.

Multichoice Tanzania's Head of Marketing, Ronald Baraka Shelukindo, said all professional boxing fans in 32 African countries and various countries around the world will watch live the fight through Dstv decoder. Shelukindo said the fight would be live through Plus TV channel which is on the Dstv channel.

The fight is also sponsored by Onomo Hotel, Fight Vibe, and Clouds Media Group, and Tanzania Tourist Board (TTB) which will use it as a platform for promoting tourist attractions in the country.

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