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Continental free trade area rumbles off the starting block

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AFRICAN leaders meeting here at the weekend launched the operational phase of the African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement.

The launch occurred at the 12th Extraordinary Summit of the African Union (AU) Heads of State and Government.

"The free trade area plays a big role in walking out of the 84,000-km boundaries that we inherited from our colonial past, which means it ensures full African integration instead of eliminating the boundaries," noted Nigerien President Mahamadou Issoufou (pictured).

Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi



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said Africa was now walking on the right track towards a bright future. "The launch of the free trade area opens a new window for development and progress instead of economic stagnation and conflicts."

On Sunday, Africa's largest economy, Nigeria and Benin joined the list of signatories of the African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement signed on March 21 last year in Kigali.

Eritrea is the only member of the African Union that has not signed the historic accord.

It came into force on May 30, after the deposit of the required minimum 22 instruments of ratification by AU member states to the AU Commission.

The pact provides for a single continental market for goods and services, with free movement of business persons and investment, paving the way for faster establishment of a customs union.

When fully operational, the free trade accord is projected to boost the level of intra-Africa trade by more than 52 percent by 2022, according to the UN Economic Commission for Africa.

Road crash tragedy: JPM mourns Azam Media crew



DISASTER STRIKES YET AGAIN
This is the scene of yesterday's road crash at Shelui in Singida Region in which seven people including five Azam Media Group TV crew members died. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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By Henry Mwangonde

PRESIDENT John Magufuli yesterday sent a message of condolences to the families of seven individuals, including five crew members from Azam Media Group, who died early yesterday in a road crash in Singida Region.

The seven, along with three survivors, were travelling to Chato where they were to conduct live coverage at an event where President John Magufuli was scheduled to inaugurate the Burigi-Chato National Park.

The accident occurred when the minibus they were travelling in was involved in a head on collision with a lorry at Shelui at around 8 am.

In a statement, President Magufuli said he was saddened and shocked by the deaths and prayed for a quick recovery for those injured.

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tragedy," the president said, asking motorists and all road users to abide by road safety rules.

Those who died are cameramen Said Haji and Charles Wandwi, switcher Salim Mhando, Florence Ndibalema (sound) and Kasongo (engineer).

The injured are Said Mwinshehe and Massawe. The president is currently in Chato on a short break.

CEO Mhando issued a statement saying the Tanzania National Parks Authority (TANAPA) has sent a helicopter to pick the injured and bring them to Muhimbili National Hospital (MNH) for treatment.

He said Azam Media Group daily programming would be altered from yesterday as the management works on how to handle the situation following the tragedy.

Various individuals and institutions sent their condolences to mourn the dead.

The Tanzania Editors Forum (TEF), the Media Council of Tanzania, CCM and ACT-Wazalendo were among many others who joined Azam Media with condolences following the loss.

The road crash horror rekindled government efforts for an intense campaign on strict measures on road usage after habitual road

NMB gives 10.48bn/- annual dividend cheque to Treasury

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE National Microfinance Bank (NMB) yesterday handed over 10.48bn/- in dividends to the government, being the dividend portion for its 31.8 percent shares in the bank.

Handing over a dummy cheque to the Minister for Finance and Planning, Dr Philip Mpango, NMB Acting Managing Director Albert Jonkerkou said NMB Bank paid over Sh 168.8 billion to the government so far as taxes ranging from PAYE, corporate tax, skills development levy, excise duty and VAT on services.



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"We are a strong and reliable bank with a strong balance sheet and working to explore the country's business environment that still has enormous opportunities," he said.

The bank with the largest network is ideally positioned to support the community in achieving their goals, as it has over 220 branches, 6800 agents and more than 800 ATMs across the country and is present in all districts, he stated.

Minister Mpango in his remarks praised the NMB, terming it one of the success stories of

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Business delegation visiting Brazil meets firms, Diaspora

By Guardian Reporter

A Tanzanian delegation consisting of 12 people from government departments and the private sector made a tour of Brazil to explore business, investment and market opportunities.

The tour was an idea from the private sector in collaboration with the Brazilian embassy in Dar es Salaam and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

During the tour the delegation met held talks with various Brazilian companies and institutions including state-controlled oil company Petrobras and the Brazilian Petroleum, Gas and Biofuels Institute (IBP).

The delegation which toured cities of Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro and Brasilia and held talks with the business community in those cities also met with



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privatization. "The bank is doing great and the government is proud of what the management is doing to steer it further," he said.

"The financial institution is on the move while others are complaining, capitalizing on opportunities in the country to do sound business," he remarked, expressing his being happy with the dividend.

Other companies in which the government has shares need to emulate the practice shown by NMB, he stated. NMB board chairman, Prof Joseph Semboja thanked the government for efforts to create a conducive environment for business and elevate economic growth.

"The government is doing great work whose results evidently show the commitment to improve people's lives," he said.

He said that NMB is strong, has enough capital and has worked well since privatization in 2005.

At the annual general meeting in Dar es Salaam last month, shareholders approved Sh 33 billion in dividends

to be distributed to shareholders, equivalent to Sh 66 in dividends per share.

The bank reported a Sh 142 billion profit before tax for the year ending December 31 2018, a three percent increase from 138 billion recorded in the previous year.

NMB is among well performing privatised companies, after it was hived from the defunct state-owned National Bank of Commerce in a much disputed move inked in 1997.

For the past ten years it has paid over Sh 118 billion dividends to the government, the board chairman underlined.



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accidents claimed lives of hundreds of people over the past few years.

In July last year the Traffic Division of the police force announced that drivers of public service vehicles will be required to carry along their driving school certificates. That was part of an inspection exercise for defective vehicles for their owners to be arrested alongside those behind the wheels.

The pressure gained momentum when at least 20 people were killed and 45 injured following another gory road accident in Mbeya during the same month.

It was the fifth fatal road accident during the month alone, coming barely three days after five people died and three others were injured after their

car veered off the road, overturned and caught fire in Nanyumbu district, Mtwara region.

On June 18, 14 people were killed and four others injured in a collision between a minibus and a sand lorry in Mkuranga district, Coast region.

Four days before that, 13 people died and 50 others were injured after the bus they were travelling in overturned in Mbeya region.

And on June 6, ten people were killed and 28 seriously injured when their bus rammied into a cargo train in Kigoma Region.

Motor traffic experts believe that reckless driving and poor road infrastructures are to blame for the vast majority of road accidents in Tanzania and elsewhere.



UTSS founder and CEO Peter Ash poses for a photograph at the weekend with pupils at Summer Camp 2019 which the NGO has organised at Butimba Teachers College in Mwanza city. Photo: Correspondent Emmanuel Kwitema of UTSS

By Correspondent Emmanuel Kwitema in Mwanza

UNDER The Same Sun (UTSS) has organised a summer camp for pupils with and without albinism at Butimba Teachers College in Mwanza.

The camp is for the NGO's sponsorship grantees with albinism studying at different schools in Tanzania. These include those from kindergartens, primary and secondary schools. A total of 180 are currently attending classes under the programme.

Education, Science and Technology deputy minister William ole Nasha on Friday visited the camp and addressed

UTSS organises Summer Camp for 180 students with albinism

the students and UTSS staff, saying students with albinism suffering from impaired vision would be assisted with visual aids in school. He said those joining institutions of higher learning would enjoy a 100 per cent government loans.

Ash, a Canadian national, said he was happy with the government's promise and that the organisation would do the most it could in making sure that

Tanzania's education system benefits people with albinism to the fullest possible.

He pledged doing his utmost to ensure continuation and strengthening of collaboration between UTSS and the government in offering specialised training on albinism to teachers in Tanzania, adding: "We at UTSS have been waiting for this opportunity for quite a long time and promise to make

this partnership work to satisfaction."

Ash said he saw Tanzania leading the way in Africa for persons with albinism (PWA) and UTSS was moving into the future with hope to that effect, "so that great stories come from this country as a model for the rest of the continent".

UTSS is a Christian charitable organisation that promotes the wellbeing of PWA chiefly through education and advocacy.



Children of Vodacom Tanzania employees attend training on how to use an instant school platform that helps students access a variety of text books. This was at the firm's 'Bring your Kid to Work' festival held in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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members of the country's Diaspora in Brazil.

During the talks it was agreed that despite Petrobras stopping its operations in Tanzania, the two sides can work together to exchange knowledge and expertise in the sector.

A local branch of Petrobras was the

first international oil and gas company to take up an offshore gas block here, in 2011.

Members in the delegation expressed the possibility for Tanzania to import sugar from Brazil and sell its products like cashew-nut and cloves.

Trade relations between Brazil and Tanzania are now way below potential and highly concentrated on Brazilian

exports to Tanzania, which on average represented slightly over 99 percent of the trade flow from January to July 2014, where total trade reached only \$11.7 million.

Brazil and Tanzania established diplomatic relations in 1970, with Brazil opening an embassy in 1979 that was later closed and reopened in 2005. Tanzania set

up an embassy in Brasilia in 2007, the two countries cooperating in projects related to livestock, horticulture and the fight against HIV/AIDS.

In 2017 the Brazilian government wrote off a \$203 million (455bn/-) debt, where arose from a loan granted in 1979 for the construction of the Morogoro-Dodoma road, officials noted.

Villagers want forest product harvesters' permits be monitored

By Gerald Kitabu

Authorities at Mtanza-Msona village in Rufiji district have said that hundreds of logs have been impounded in different occasions this year in what the village leaders said was against the permits.

Village chairman Adiona Ali Milandu said that some permits were issued to the traders to harvest in the woodlands found outside the village land forest reserves without proper supervision and monitoring mechanisms.

As a result, some unfaithful traders took that loophole of lack of proper supervision to sneak in the nearby well conserved village land forest reserve and cut down trees for the logs using chainsaws. For example, he said that this year alone at least 500 logs were impounded from December last year to June this year.

The village land and natural resource committee Salum Amir Mnuli called upon the government to make sure that they support the committee and equip them with working tools to properly conserve the forests.

"We call on the government to listen to us and work on our reports otherwise, our efforts to conserve the forests will be fruitless," he said.

Commenting on the achievement

registered on forest conservation through the project on "Leading the change, Civil Society rights and Environment that aims at improving governance for the CBFM in the village, the village Chairman said that so far the villagers have collected more than 42m/- shillings being revenue accrued from the forest products.

"We have benefited a lot. Some percentage of the revenues is used for the village development activities and some percentage is used for the forest conservation," he said.

Contacted for comments, Rufiji district commissioner Juma Njwayo said that the district is taking action against all illegal log harvesters. He said that the TFS manager in collaboration with district forest officer visits the area regularly and takes action.

"Two weeks ago, I received information that there are some logs that were harvested illegally by the traders, I directed TFS manager to go there and reported back that the logs had no problem. They had permits only that they had been shifted from the forest to the village where they are kept for safety," he said.

He urged the villagers to cooperate with the district government and continue disclosing illegal logs and timber harvesters so that legal action can be taken.



TPB Bank CEO Sabasaba Moshingi (L) symbolically presents tiles worth 8m/- to Katavi Regional Police Commander Benjamin Kuzaga in Mpanda at the weekend. The donation is meant as the bank's contribution to the construction of houses for police officers in Mpanda District. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Minister Mpango calls on financial institutions to take extra precautions in face of money laundering

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

FINANCE and Planning minister Dr Philip Mpango has reiterated the call for financial institutions in the country to take extra precaution on money laundering, saying there are few people who still practise it.

The minister noted that while the government and other agencies are keen on stopping the vice, some people are out to use different methods like pretending to purchase goods.

He urged the institutions to be wary of international online banking fraud, citing a recent case where one of his assistants realised that some transactions was going on in his account without his permission.

He explained as they travelled from Dar es Salaam city centre, just before reaching Kimara area, about some 15 kilometres, he realized that a total of three transactions had been done in his account.

"Upon close tracking, it was revealed that the transactions was done by some unknown people in Vietnam," he said, adding that in another incident a lady reported money swindled from her Tanzanian bank account by somebody in Zimbabwe.

He also called on the banks to ensure high level of integrity among their staff, noting that some workers in the banking sector have been found to steal from customers.

Speaking at the event to receive dividends from the National Microfinance Bank (NMB), the minister noted that the government would not tolerate financial institutions that violate the set standards.

NMB handed over Sh 10.48 billion

in dividends to the government, being part of its 31.8 percent shares in the bank. Mpango praised the NMB, terming it one of the success stories of privatisation. "The bank is doing great and the government is proud of what the management is doing to steer it further" he said.

According to the minister, the financial institution is on the move while others are complaining, capitalizing on opportunities in the country to do sound business. He expressed happiness in receiving the dividend, calling on other companies in which the government has shares to emulate the practice shown by NMB.

The minister urged NMB and other banks in the country to have in place strong financial systems, stable to guarantee business confidence and attract more customers.

He also challenged the bank to help reach out for non covered customers, saying there many people out there who still have little knowledge on banking, loan access and repayment of loans.

Mpango also expressed concern on the high interest rates charged by commercial banks in the country, arguing that it block potential customers from getting loan services, and expand their businesses.

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Rise in inflation due to increased speed of price change, NBS says

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE annual headline inflation rate for the month of June, 2019 has increased to 3.7 percent from 3.5 percent recorded in May 2019, the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) said yesterday.

Releasing the statistics yesterday, Director for Economic Statistics, Daniel Masolwa, said the increase of the headline inflation explains that the speed of price change of commodities for the year ended June, 2019 has

increased compared to speed of price change recorded in the previous year ended May, 2019.

He said the overall index went up to 117.03 in June, 2019 from 113.24 recorded in May, 2018, adding that food and non alcoholic beverages inflation rate increased from 2.2 percent from 0.9 percent in June, 2018.

Annual inflation rate for food consumed at home and away from home for the month of June, 2019 increased to 4.3 percent from 3.9

percent recorded in May, 2019.

"On the other hand, the 12 months index change for non-food products in June, 2019 has stagnated at 4.7 percent as it was recorded in May, 2019," he said.

The annual inflation rate which excludes food and energy for the month of June, 2019 has slightly decreased to 3.4 percent from 3.5 percent recorded in May, 2019.

On the same note, he said the consumer price index from May, 2019 to June 2019 has increased by 0.2

percent compared to an increase of 0.4 percent from April 2019 to May, 2019.

The overall index has increased to 117.03 in June, 2019 from 117.23 recorded in May, 2019. "The increase in overall index is attributed to price decrease for non-food items," he added.

Some non-food items that contributed to such increase include gas by 2.2 percent, charcoal by 2.8 percent, mobile phones by 3.7 percent, handbags by 0.5 percent and clothing by 0.2 percent.





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<p>SPEAKERS FROM : MSD, Ministries (Health, Finance, Industry), Tanzania Investment Center (TIC), TFDA and Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF).</p>	<p>VENUE: Julius Nyerere International Convention Centre (JNICC) - Dar es Salaam - Tanzania</p> <p>DATE: 17th JULY, 2019</p>
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Tanapa to reinforce Great Ruaha River protection

By Guardian Correspondent, Mwanza

THE Tanzania National Parks Authority (Tanapa) has unveiled measures to reinforce protection of the Great Ruaha River against environmental degradation.

Tanapa's Southern Zone Senior Commissioner, Christopher Timbuka, revealed this in Mwanza Region when speaking at the just-concluded three-day annual workshop organised for senior journalists and editors from across the country.

Timbuka said that unfriendly human activities have put the river under

alarming stress of long dry spells.

"Plans to protect the river included improving infrastructure and providing citizens with alternative means to earn income instead of depending water on the river," the commissioner said.

"The Great Ruaha River which used to flow throughout the year could now go dry for six months in a year," said Timbuka.

In April 2017, Vice President Samia Suluhu Hassan launched a special task force to rescue the Great Ruaha River ecology from rampant environmental degradation.

"The Great Ruaha River ecology is in

bad shape. We need fast and immediate intervention to address the situation," said Hassan.

The Great Ruaha River is a river in south-central Tanzania that flows through the Usungu wetlands and the Ruaha National Park east into the Rufiji River. Its basin catchment area is 83,970 square kilometres (32,421 sq mi). The population of the basin is mainly sustained by irrigation and water-related livelihoods such as fishing and livestock keeping.

Great Ruaha is about 475 km long, its tributary basin has a catchment area of 68,000 km² and the mean annual

discharge is 140 m³/s. The Great Ruaha River supplies 22 per cent of the total flow of the Rufiji catchment system. Thirty-eight species of fish have been identified in the Great Ruaha River.

The river's headwaters are in the Kipengere Range. From there the Great Ruaha River descends to the Usungu

plains, an important region for irrigated agriculture and livestock in Tanzania. The river eventually reaches the Mtera Dam and then flows south to the Kidatu Dam. These two generate about 50 per cent of the Tanzania's electricity. The river continues southwards and flows across the Selous Game Reserve

before reaching the Rufiji River. The major rivers contributing to the Great Ruaha River are Lukosi, Yovi, Kitete, Sanje, Little Ruaha, Kisigo, Mbarali, Kimani and Chimala whereas the small ones include Umrobo, Mkoji, Lunwa, Mlomboji, Ipatagwa, Mambi and Mswiswi rivers.



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(iii) Recommendation from at least two referees - one academician and one practicing professional.

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Entry Qualifications
Bachelor degree with a minimum GPA of 2.7 in the fields offered at ARU and other related fields or equivalent qualification as shall be approved by the University Senate; Candidates with unclassified undergraduate degree may be considered for admission provided she/he has a minimum of a B grade.

Doctor of Philosophy in Built Environment Analysis (PhD BEA) - By Thesis
Doctor of Philosophy in Climate Change Studies (PhD CCS) - By Thesis
Doctor of Philosophy in Housing and Settlement Studies (PhD HSS) - By Thesis
Doctor of Philosophy in Policy Analysis and Programme Management (PhD PAM) - By Thesis
Doctor of Philosophy in Development Studies (PhD DS) - By Thesis
Doctor of Philosophy in Urban Governance and Environmental Studies (By Coursework & Dissertation)

Entry Qualifications
Relevant Master's Degree of the Ardu University or holder of equivalent standing Master's Degree from a recognised University.

Duration for the programmes
Masters degree by Course work and dissertation: 18 months
Masters degree by thesis: 24 months
PhD by thesis: 36 months

HOW TO APPLY
(i) Applications forms can be obtained from the office of the

Director, Postgraduate Studies Research and Publication
Ardu University,
P.O Box 35176,
Dar es Salaam.

OR in the ARU Website

(ii) A non-refundable application fee of Tshs.20,000/= for Masters and Tshs.30,000/= for PhD) must be deposited to ARU NMB Account, University Agency Branch with Account Number 20801100034 or paid directly through mobile network operators (Tigopesa, Mpesa and Airtel money) after requesting control number from admission office available with Tel. No. 0738357314 and submit the original pay slip/confirmation message from mobile network operator together with the application form.

Deadline for receiving applications is 31st August, 2019 for all programmes except for the Master's Degree by Thesis and PhD.

Starting date for Postgraduate Programmes by Coursework and Dissertation is 4th November, 2019

This announcement is also available at www.aru.ac.tz

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A Dar es Salaam resident goes hunting for customers for empty plastic bottles, as captured along the Jangwani Valley stretch of the city's Morogoro Road yesterday. Photo: John Badi

Registrar issues one-month ultimatum to meat processing stakeholders to ensure they follow laws governing sector

By Beatrice Philemon

STAKEHOLDERS in the meat processing industry have been urged to adhere to laws and regulations governing the sector, by ensuring that their working environments are clean for the well-being of consumers.

Registrar of Tanzania Meat Board (TMB), Geoffrey Sosthness made the call over the weekend at the ongoing 43rd Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF).

He called on players in the sector to improve their slaughter slabs, slaughterhouses, butchers and abattoirs in order to protect consumer's health and help customers get high quality products.

Sosthness issued a one-month ultimatum for all stakeholders to ensure that they meet the required standards in meat processing and those who would not meet standards the law will take its course.

By Guardian Reporter, Morogoro

Call made to media to offer deserving coverage to upcoming SADC summit

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MEDIA has been challenged to offer in-depth coverage of the coming Southern African Development Community (SADC) summit of Heads of State and government scheduled to take place in Dar es Salaam.

The meeting to be held for two days from August 17th to 18th 2019 will be preceded with the meeting of SADC council of ministers and permanent secretaries from August 9th to 16th 2019.

Deputy Minister for Information, Culture, Arts and Sports, Juliana Shonza made the remarks here yesterday when speaking at the opening of the three-day capacity building training to journalists.

The training is jointly organised by the Ministry of Information, Culture, Arts and Sports and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation with support from European Union and GIZ.

"Media plays an important role in educating Tanzanians on economic, political and social opportunities available in the SADC. It is crucial that citizens are aware of the importance of Tanzania being a member of the

community," insisted Shonza. According to the Deputy Minister, Tanzania stands to benefit with market opportunities in the SADC which has a population of nearly 450 million people.

Shonza asserted that through the media Tanzanians will be aware of many economic opportunities available during and after the meeting as well as to be able to grab them accordingly.

She noted that prior to the Heads of State summit, there will be industrialization week exhibition to be held in Dar es Salaam city. She said the exhibition is crucial since it is in line with the government's industrialisation agenda and will help to promote locally made products that can be exported to the community.

Acting director Department of regional cooperation in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Corporation, Agnes Kayola said the training was organised to capacitate media practitioners with issues related to the community.

She said the trainings will be offered to 60 journalists in two phases. Dagmore Tagwoneuzi from GIZ office in Gabarone added that the

person fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the registration, his or her registration will be revoked or suspended.

He said suspension may be in addition to any other penalty to which the registered person may be liable under this Act.

He however said that since 2014 to 2019, a total of 1146 transporters have been registered at TMB, 1040 butchers, 136 importers and exporters, 25 meat processors, 96 meat producers and 96 livestock commercial producers and 111 national stakeholders associations.

On the other hand he called on butcher stakeholders to stop using logs to cut meat and instead they should start using modern equipment.

"As the board we have a lot of stakeholders who can supply modern equipments to cut meat such as PIMAK group, they have modern equipment," he said.

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organisation is implementing a project to capacitate member states build awareness on SADC matters.

"Most of people are not aware of SADC and it's significance. It is through the media that people can know its importance", he noted.

During the meeting which will be attended by more than 1,000 delegates, President John Magufuli will take over the chairmanship of SADC.

President Magufuli was nominated Vice Chairman for SADC for a period of between August 2018 to August 2019 during the 38th summit of Heads of State and government of SADC that was held in Windhoek, Namibia last year, and attended by Vice President, Samia Suluhu.

The current chairman of SADC, Namibian President Hage Geingob assumed the leadership of the regional organization from his South African counterpart Cyril Ramaphosa in August 2018.

SADC has a total of 16 member states namely, Comoros, Angola, Botswana, Democratic Republic of Congo, Lesotho, Malawi, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Seychelles, ESwatini, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.



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INVITATION TO TENDER (ITT)

TENDER TITLE: CIVIL WORKS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE HARGEISA BYPASS ROAD (ROUTE 200) IN SOMALILAND

TENDER NUMBER: PRQ20181136

TradeMark East Africa (TMEA) is an organization funded by a range of development agencies to promote regional trade and economic integration in East Africa. The Government of Somaliland has been allocated grant funds from TradeMark East Africa which are administered by TradeMark East Africa and executed by Ministry of Transport and Roads Development. TMEA intends to apply the funds to eligible direct payments under the contract for which this Invitation for Bid is issued.

As a result, TMEA now invites sealed bids from eligible contractors/ bidders for Civil Works for the construction of the Hargeisa Bypass road (Route 200) (22.5 Km).

The tender documents can be obtained at <http://www.trademarkea.com/get-involved/procurement/>. All queries quoting the Tender Title and Number in the email subject should be emailed to procurement@trademarkea.com. The closing date for submissions is **14 August 2019 at 11.00 am (Hargeisa time)**.

TMEA cannot answer any query relating to this tender 7 days or less prior to the submission deadline



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

TENDER TITLE: CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR THE DESIGN REVIEW, CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION AND CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION OF THE HARGEISA BYPASS ROAD (ROUTE 200) IN SOMALILAND

TENDER NUMBER: PRQ20181138

TradeMark East Africa (TMEA) is an organization funded by a range of development agencies to promote regional trade and economic integration in East Africa. The Government of Somaliland has been allocated grant funds from TradeMark East Africa which are administered by TradeMark East Africa and executed by Ministry of Transport and Roads Development. TMEA intends to apply the funds to eligible direct payments under the contract for which this request for proposal is issued.

TMEA seeks to engage the services of qualified consultancy firms/consortiums to provide Consultancy Services for the above-mentioned consultancy services.

Terms of reference for this consultancy and the Request for Proposals (RFP) document can be obtained at <http://www.trademarkea.com/get-involved/procurement/>. All queries quoting the above Tender Title and Number should be emailed to procurement@trademarkea.com.

You are further advised that only applications from registered firms/consortiums shall be accepted. Interested, qualified and registered consultancy firms/consortiums should submit bids in line with the bidding instructions in the tender document.

The closing date for applications is **13 August 2019 at 11.00 am (Hargeisa time)**.

TMEA cannot answer any query relating to this tender seven days or less prior to the submission deadline.



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

TENDER TITLE: PROVISION OF SECONDARY INTERNET CONNECTION FOR EAST AFRICAN TEA TRADE ASSOCIATION (EATTA).

TENDER NUMBER: PRQ20181094

TradeMark East Africa (TMEA) is an aid-for-trade organization established in 2010 with the main aim of promoting economic development in all East Africa Community states by supporting trade facilitation. EATTA is at an advanced stage of developing an electronic tea trade platform to facilitate the sale of teas in East Africa. The system is designed to operate in a high efficiency and availability ICT infrastructure environment due to the nature of data it will handle. EATTA is currently connected to one internet connection, acting as the primary. It is therefore necessary to acquire a secondary internet connection that will serve as a redundant connection to augment the primary internet connection. From this perspective, EATTA with the support of TMEA is planning to upgrade their bandwidth and acquire a secondary service provider to serve as a redundant connection to support the operations of the integrated Tea Trade System under development.

Terms of reference for this consultancy and the Request for Proposals (RFP) document can be obtained at <https://www.trademarkea.com/get-involved/procurement/>. All queries quoting the above Tender Title and Number should be emailed to procurement@trademarkea.com. The closing date for submission of this tender is on **Monday, 29 July 2019**.

Interested and qualified firms/consortiums must submit their bids through TMEA's mail box using the email address, procurement@trademarkea.com, clearly indicating the tender number and description. All attachments must be **5 MBs** or less.

TMEA cannot answer any query relating to this tender 7 days or less prior to the submission deadline.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

TENDER TITLE: CONSULTANCY SERVICES – DEVELOPMENT OF NORTHERN AND CENTRAL CORRIDORS TRANSPORT OBSERVATORY TOOLKIT SYSTEMS.

TENDER NUMBER: PRQ20180947

TradeMark East Africa (TMEA) is an aid-for-trade organization established in 2010. Its main aim is to promote economic development in all East Africa Community states by supporting trade facilitation.

TMEA works closely with East African Community (EAC) institutions, Corridor Authorities, National Governments, the private sector and civil society organizations to increase trade by unlocking economic potential through. TMEA offered financial and technical support for the development of both NCTO (for NCTTCA) and CCTO (for CCTTFA). TMEA therefore seeks to hire the services of an ICT consultancy firm to develop new Transport Observatory Toolkits for each of the two corridor institutions for NCTTCA and CCTTFA.

Terms of reference for this consultancy and the Request for Proposals (RFP) document can be obtained at <https://www.trademarkea.com/get-involved/procurement/>. All queries quoting the above Tender Title and Number should be emailed to procurement@trademarkea.com. The closing date for submission of this tender is on **Thursday, 1 August 2019**.

Interested and qualified firms/consortiums must submit their bids through TMEA's mail box using the email address, procurement@trademarkea.com, clearly indicating the tender number and description. All attachments must be **5 MBs** or less.

TMEA cannot answer any query relating to this tender 7 days or less prior to the submission deadline.

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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Applications are hereby invited from qualified and experienced Tanzanians for the following vacant posts advertised by the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Secretariat:-

1.0 Vacant Positions	Job Grade
1. Senior Officer – Defense Affairs and Planning (10-15 yrs experience required)	4
2. Senior Officer Operations & Training (Based in Harare, Zimbabwe) (5yrs experience required)	4
3. Senior Translator – Portuguese (7-10 yrs experience required)	5
4. Senior Programme Officer – Meteorology (10-15 yrs experience required)	4
5. Re-advert - Head Civilian (10 yrs experience required)	4
6. Re-advert - Senior Programme Officer – Documentation and Information (10 yrs experience required)	4
7. Re-advert - Senior Programme Officer – IN – SITU Conservation (10 yrs experience required)	4
8. Re-advert - Senior Programme Officer Transport (10-15 yrs experience required)	4
9. Re-advert - Reviser French (10-15 yrs experience required)	5
10. Programme Officer – Wildlife (7-10 yrs experience required)	6
11. Programme Officer – Value Chains (7-10 yrs experience required)	6
12. Programme Officer – Industrial Policy (7-10 yrs experience required)	6
13. Programme Officer – ICT (7-10 yrs experience required)	6
14. Communication Officer – Internal (7-10 yrs experience required)	6
15. Programme Officer – Fiscal (7-10 yrs experience required)	6
16. Training and Roster Officer (5 yrs experience required)	6
17. Officer – Meetings Management and Logistics x 2 (7-10 yrs experience required)	6
18. Programme Officer - Climate Database and IT (Climate Services Centre) (7-10 yrs experience required)	6
19. Programme Officer - Climate Diagnosis and Monitoring (Climate Services Centre) (7-10 yrs experience required)	6
20. Programme Officer - Climate Modeling (Climate Services Centre) (7-10 yrs experience required)	6
21. Programme Officer - Seasonal and Climate Forecaster (Climate Services Centre) (7-10 yrs experience required)	6
22. Information Systems Officer (7-10 yrs experience required)	6
23. Translator x 2 (French) (5 - 7 yrs experience required)	6
24. Legal Counsel (7-10 yrs experience required)	6
25. Officer Research and Statistics x 2 (7 yrs experience required)	6
26. Re-Advert - Programme Officer - Gender Mainstreaming (7-10 yrs experience required)	6
27. Re-advert - Programme Officer - Capital Markets (7-10 yrs experience required)	6
28. Re-advert - Operation and Plan Officer (7-10 yrs experience required)	6
29. Re-advert - Planning and Budget Support Officer (7-10 yrs experience required)	6
30. Re-advert - Programme Officer – Regional Trade (7-10 yrs experience required)	6
31. Officer Records (7-10 yrs experience required)	6
32. IT Internal Auditor (7-10 yrs experience required)	6

2.0 Remuneration and Tenure of Appointment

The SADC Secretariat offers a competitive package for all the positions as outlined below.

Job Grade Average Package per Annum:

Job Grade 4 US\$ 81, 650

Job Grade 6 US\$ 72, 527

Job Grade 5 US\$ 77, 090

All appointments for the above positions will be on a fixed term contract for a period of four (4) years, renewable once for an equal period subject to satisfactory performance, retirement age limit of 60 years and the continued need for the position.

3.0 Eligibility

All qualified Tanzanians aged not more than 50 years old are eligible to apply for all positions listed above.

4.0 Closing Date for the Submission of Applications:

All applications must be submitted not later than **17th July, 2019**. Applications should be accompanied by the following:

- A cover letter stating the position desired describing the applicant's academic qualifications, experience and competencies relevant to the position;
- A five (5) page current Curriculum Vitae;
- Certified copies of the applicant's Degree(s), Diploma(s) and Certificate(s);
- A duly completed SADC Application Form that can be downloaded from the SADC Website: www.sadc.int

5.0 Submission of Applications

Two hard copies of applications must be submitted to the President's Office Public Service Management and Good Governance - Dodoma Office Room No. 217B and 221B by hand or mailed to the following address:

**Permanent Secretary,
President's Office,
Public Service Management and Good Governance,
College of Business Studies and Law,
University of Dodoma (UDOM),
Mkalama Road,
P.O. BOX 670,
40404 DODOMA. Attention: Human Resources Development Division,**

6.0 Gender Mainstreaming

SADC is an equal opportunity employer and encourage applications from female candidates.

NB:

- Only applicants who meet the requirements of the SADC Secretariat and being considered for interview will be contacted.
- Shortlisted applicants' will be required to present original copies of their academic qualifications during the interview.

All applicants should visit the SADC Website: www.sadc.int for further details about each vacant position advertised and to obtain the SADC Application Form.



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**YAH: TAARIFA YA MKUTANO MKUU
WA KUMI NA NNE UTAKAOFANYIKA
SIKU YA JUMAMOSI TAREHE 10
AUGUSTI 2019, KWENYE UKUMBI
WA MIKUTANO WA KARIMJEE,
DAR-ES- SALAAM, SAA TATU
ASUBUHI**

Tanapenda kukujulisha kuwa Mkutano Mkuu wa Kumi na Nne wa TCCIA Investment PLC, utafanyika siku ya Jumamosi tarehe 10 Augusti, 2019 kwenye Ukumbi wa Mikutano wa Karimjee, Dar-es-Salaam. Mkutano utanza saa tatu (3.00) asubuhi. .

Dondoo za Mkutano Mkuu wa Kumi na Nne ni:

- Kufungua Mkutano Mkuu wa Kumi na Nne.
- Kupokea na kuridhia Dondoo za Mkutano Mkuu wa Kumi na Nne.
- Kuthibitisha Kumbukumbu za Mkutano Mkuu wa Kumi na Tatu uliofanyika tarehe 30 Novemba, 2018.
- Kupokea, kujadili na kuridhia Utekezaji wa Maazimio ya Mkutano Mkuu wa Kumi na Tatu uliofanyika tarehe **30 Novemba, 2018**.
- Kupokea, kujadili na kuridhia Taarifa ya Wakurugenzi wa Bodi ya Kampuni kwa mwaka wa fedha ulioishia tarehe 31 Desemba, 2018.
- Kupokea, kujadili na kuridhia Taarifa ya Mahesabu ya Kampuni yaliyokaguliwa kwa mwaka wa fedha ulioishia tarehe 31 Desemba, 2018.
- Kupokea, kujadili na kuridhia Pendekezo la Bodi kuhusu Uteuzi wa Mkaguzi wa Mahesabu ya Kampuni kwa mwaka wa fedha unaoishia 31 Desemba, 2019 pamoja na Malipo yake.
- Kupokea na kuridhia Pendekezo la Bodi kuhusu Gawio kwa mwaka wa fedha unaoishia tarehe 31 Desemba, 2018.
- Kupokea, kujadili na kuridhia Pendekezo kuhusu Malipo ya Wajumbe wa Bodi (Directors Fees).
- Kupokea, kujadili na kuamua kuhusu Dondoo mbalimbali zitakazokuwa zimewasilishwa na wanahisa kabla ya tarehe 22 Julai, 2019.
- Kufunga Mkutano wa Kumi na Nne.
Mwisho tunapenda kuchukua fursa hii kuwahimiza wanahisa kuhudhuria Mkutano huu muhimu.

Angalizo:

- Mwanahisa atakayehudhuria Mkutano Mkuu wa Kumi na Nne atakiwa kujigharamia mwenyewe. Hii ni pamoja na usafiri, malazi na chakula.
- Mwanahisa anatakiwa aje na Cheti chake cha Hisa pamoja na kitambulisho chake, ambacho ni aidha Kitambulisho cha Uraia, Kitambulisho cha Mpiga Kura, Hati ya Kusafiria, Leseni ya Udereva au barua ya Utambulisho iliyotolewa na Afisa Mtendaji au Mwenyekiti wa Mtaa anakoishi.
- Mwanahisa anayestahili kuhudhuria Mkutano Mkuu na kupiga kura lakini akashindwa kuhudhuria kutokana na sababu mbalimbali anaweza kuwasilisha jina la Mbadala wake yaani **"Proxy"** kabla ya tarehe 27 Julai, 2019. Fomu ya Proxy imeambatanishwa kwenye Taarifa hii.
- Tunarudia na kusisitiza kuwa Dondoo za Wanahisa zitakazojadiliwa ni zile ambazo zitawasilishwa kabla ya tarehe 27 Julai, 2019 tu.

Imetolewa kwa niaba ya Bodi ya Wakurugenzi

Donald J. Kamori

Katibu wa Bodi ya Wakurugenzi



GF Trucks & Equipment marketing officer Lukolo Juma (R) briefs visitors on road construction equipment at the firm's pavilion at the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

Butterfly farmers call upon govt to lift ban on exportation

By Correspondent John Ngunge

BUTTERFLY farmers in Same District, Kilimanjaro Region have appealed to the government to lift the ban on export of butterfly and other insects to address poverty and strengthen forest conservation.

They made the call over the weekend when speaking to a team of journalists who visited Bwambo—one of the villages located around the Chome Nature Forest Reserve (CNFR), which is under the Eastern Arc Mountains Conservation Environment Fund (EAMCEF).

Journalists were accompanied with experts from EAMCEF and some officials from Same District Council in the trip aimed at witnessing improvement of EAMCEF-funded income generating projects in the reserve.

One of the farmers in Bwambo village, Mseso Mbwambo said that for the last three years, the government imposed a ban on exportation of live wild animals including butterfly.

"This has been a challenge to us. Butterfly farming has been an important activity, which has helped young people, in particular, to shun activities which are unfriendly to forest conservation like illegal logging, that's why we're appealing to the government to work on it and lift the ban for our benefits and the environment too," he said.

Mbwambo, who is also a farmers' group secretary said: "We've no local markets for butterflies, hence we're relying on foreign markets, but we can't trade due to the existing ban."

"We are facing difficulties in getting a market for pupae, earlier, we had a one buyer from Amani in Tanga Region who used to buy them before the ban...

we eagerly request our dear government to lift the ban," he said.

For his side, Emmanuel Mbwambo said, pupae trading which took its peak in 2016, made most of the butterfly keepers get income from the project, something that started changing their livelihoods, but suddenly the opportunity vanished in a thin air after the government's ban.

According to the fund's coordinator, Magreth Victor who is based in Muheza District, the support from EAMCEF to nature forest reserves aims among other things to keep away human activities so as to conserve the wilderness and biodiversity of the forests.

Projects involving the communities around the forests were initiated by EAMCEF, as a means of empowering villagers by income generating projects, and for butterfly keeping project in Bwambo Village started in 2013.

Margaret said that the project was intended to improve the lives of villagers so that they should not invade the forest and deforested.

She cited Chome Nature Forest Reserve in Same District as being one of the renowned national and international forest rich in biodiversity around the area.

However, she said some of the villagers living around the forest had started deforested it and this caused overwhelming fear of the lives of people, animals, insects and trees that depend on the ecosystem.

Conservator at Chome Nature Reserve, Sosthenes Rwamugira, said the forest has many unique species in the Eastern Arc, including over 500 plant species and 136 vertebrate species that are found nowhere else on earth of which 18 are found in the forest.

By Guardian Correspondent, Bariadi

Vodacom donates 300 desks in Bariadi District, helping more than 400 students

VODACOM Tanzania has donated 300 desks worth 61.3m/- to Salunda and Somanda primary schools in Bariadi, Shinyanga, at a handover ceremony held at Sengerema Primary School that was witnessed by Bariadi District Commissioner, Festo Kiswaga.

The move is in support of the government's efforts to curb the existing shortage of desks in primary schools and increase availability of basic school infrastructure countrywide.

Speaking during the ceremony, DC Festo Kiswaga said the 300 desks will greatly improve access of learning facilities as well as the learning condition for children in Bariadi, and called upon other well-wishers to come forward

and join the effort to offset the remaining shortage of desks in the District.

"As we all know, education is an instrumental vehicle of development. We sincerely want to thank Vodacom for supporting us in our effort to improve access of learning facilities and offset the existing shortage of desks in schools here. We believe these 300 desks will go a long way in enabling hundreds of children with a conducive environment needed for effective learning," Kiswaga said.

Vodacom Tanzania Lake Zone Head of Consumer Business Department,

Dominician Mkama, said the donation is in line with the company's vision of being a purpose led brand and the new Vodacom Tanzania Foundation's strategy of contributing towards fostering Tanzania human development through inclusive and quality education.

"Education is a fundamental human right and a key aspect of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. The donation is part of Vodacom's investment in human development projects that have high impact to the community. Through this donation, Vodacom is

playing a key role in shaping the future leaders, doctors, engineers and other experts of this country," Mkama said.

He added that the company has been actively engaging with communities and collaborating with social partners to tackle national challenges including education and last year, they were able to reach 60,023 students through Instant schools' platform. Vodacom continues to support government's effort to make education accessible and conducive for every child in Tanzania under the country's Development Vision 2025.



Embassy of the United States of America

U.S. MISSION DAR ES SALAAM VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The U.S. Mission in Dar es Salaam is seeking eligible and qualified applicants for the position below.

Position Title: Public Health Specialist – Laboratory Advisor - CDC

Vacancy Number: TANZ-2019-025

A copy of the complete position description listing all duties, responsibilities and qualifications required is available at:

<https://tz.usembassy.gov/embassy/jobs/>

HOW TO APPLY:

Applicants MUST follow instructions in the notice on the website: Failure to do so will result in an incomplete application.

Previous applicants do not need to reapply.

Only Shortlisted candidates will be contacted only via email.

CLOSING DATE: July 23, 2019



Embassy of the United States of America

U.S. MISSION DAR ES SALAAM VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT - Re-advertised

The U.S. Mission in Dar es Salaam is seeking eligible and qualified applicants for the position below.

Position Title: Regional English Language Office (RELO) Assistant

Vacancy Number: TANZ-2019-021-RA

A copy of the complete position description listing all duties, responsibilities and qualifications required is available at:

<https://tz.usembassy.gov/embassy/jobs/>

HOW TO APPLY:

Applicants MUST follow instructions in the notice on the website: Failure to do so will result in an incomplete application.

Previous applicants do not need to reapply.

Only Shortlisted candidates will be contacted only via email.

CLOSING DATE: July 31, 2019

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Some advice on modalities of long-distance bus travel

AFTER decades of "silent" or informal but at times heated debate and consultations involving a wide range of public and private sector players, it is now perfectly legal again in Tanzania for long-distance buses to be in business around the clock.

This is in immediate implementation of Home Affairs minister Kangi Lugora's announcement at the weekend effectively ending a long-standing ban on post-10 p.m. travel for the buses.

If one were to hazard a guess, it is that millions of people will applaud the move by heaping praise on the government - minister Lugora, in particular, for having taken what is widely regarded as a long-awaited step in the right direction.

It is no exaggeration that this is indeed the case with many of the people who have benefited from the move from the very first day of its implementation, this including travellers and their friends or relatives as well as bus operators.

For instance, passengers on two buses operated by two different companies were all smiles as they narrated how they left Mwanza's Nyegezi bus terminal a few minutes after the scheduled 6 a.m. departure time on Sunday only to find themselves at Dar es Salaam's main upcountry bus terminal just minutes before midnight (for one) and roundabout one hour later (for the other).

Throughout the years the ban stood, passengers had no option but to kill the night right inside their respective buses or dozing on benches in the respective arrival and departure lounges from whatever time they reached the municipal right to daybreak - which is when they would have official permission to resume their journeys.

However, the government's change of heart has not been without challenges

and passengers have said as much, recommending ways to make things work better.

Some have noted that some drivers sit behind the steering for way too long for the comfort and safety of both themselves and passengers as fatigue soon sets in and this could spell disaster.

There has also been talk of passengers still being denied ample room to attend to calls of nature, a problem that existed even under the previous regulations - as drivers sought to reach their destinations early enough to have a rest.

Both drivers and their employers do not subscribe to this line of argument, of course, instead saying that they have been caring enough to advise both embarking and disembarking passengers to use bus terminals as safe havens by desisting from venturing out into potentially dangerous zones at awkward hours when waiting for departure or at the end of their journeys.

Some passengers and various other public transport stakeholders have welcomed the day-and-night travel modality, while adding that the authorities concerned should go even further by making sure that transit or continuing passengers can actually "conveniently move on" - that is, without having to wait till dawn to proceed.

We see this as excellent food for thought in that it makes a lot of economic sense for, otherwise, the newly reintroduced modality would not mean as much as would be expected.

It is further worth noting that some of the buses we are talking about ply both domestic and cross-border routes and, with improvements or modifications here and there, the newly announced modality could mean much more to our country economically and in various other ways. All this merits serious consideration.

We certainly need to take up damming techniques as well

COUNTRIES across the Horn of Africa and its East African 'hinterland' are waking up to the rising challenge relating to availability of fresh water in the wake of deforestation, prolonged droughts and during up of many rivers and streams that were in past decades taken for granted.

As a result, virtually every village needs the government to take piped water to the locality, and it hard to say that some areas only need to put up pumps at river banks and all will be well. The trouble is that the sources are diminishing, and alternative sources like wells often give out low-use salty water.

Looking at countries across East Africa and its immediate neighbourhood, Tanzania isn't the most endowed with rivers but it might be the slowest in taking up the technique.

Uganda and South Sudan have more expansive resources in that direction in relation to their land mass and river spread, and may conceivably not take the lead in damming techniques.

For its part, Ethiopia also looks from the outside as having extensive rivers due to the famous Blue Nile but has been having problems with ensuring water not just for industrial and domestic use but for irrigation. Damming is usually the solution, and after Ethiopia went into the drive, Kenya soon followed suit.

The whole idea of damming is not new in terms of experts knowing about it or discussing it in various conferences or workshops but has never really come up at the policy making level as an imperative.

Sometime in 1992 during the prolonged blackouts due to inability to generate power at Mtera and Kidatu dams, Mtera was restricted to being

used as a reservoir and electricity generated only from Kidatu. The matter came up in the media, as experts talked about 'recycling' the water.

But no feasibility study was conducted on that idea, whose results are yet to be known or sufficiently circulated for the wider public to hear, in which case the issue remained muted.

Now the cry about irrigation is intense across the country and public authorities may be working to ensure supply of piped water to households in urban and rural areas. But they admittedly have few reliable answers on irrigation.

That is why emulating efforts over the past decade in Ethiopia and lately Kenya is not quite irrelevant here, but they had often intense administrative challenges related to project execution, which ministerial advisers would also have to take into account.

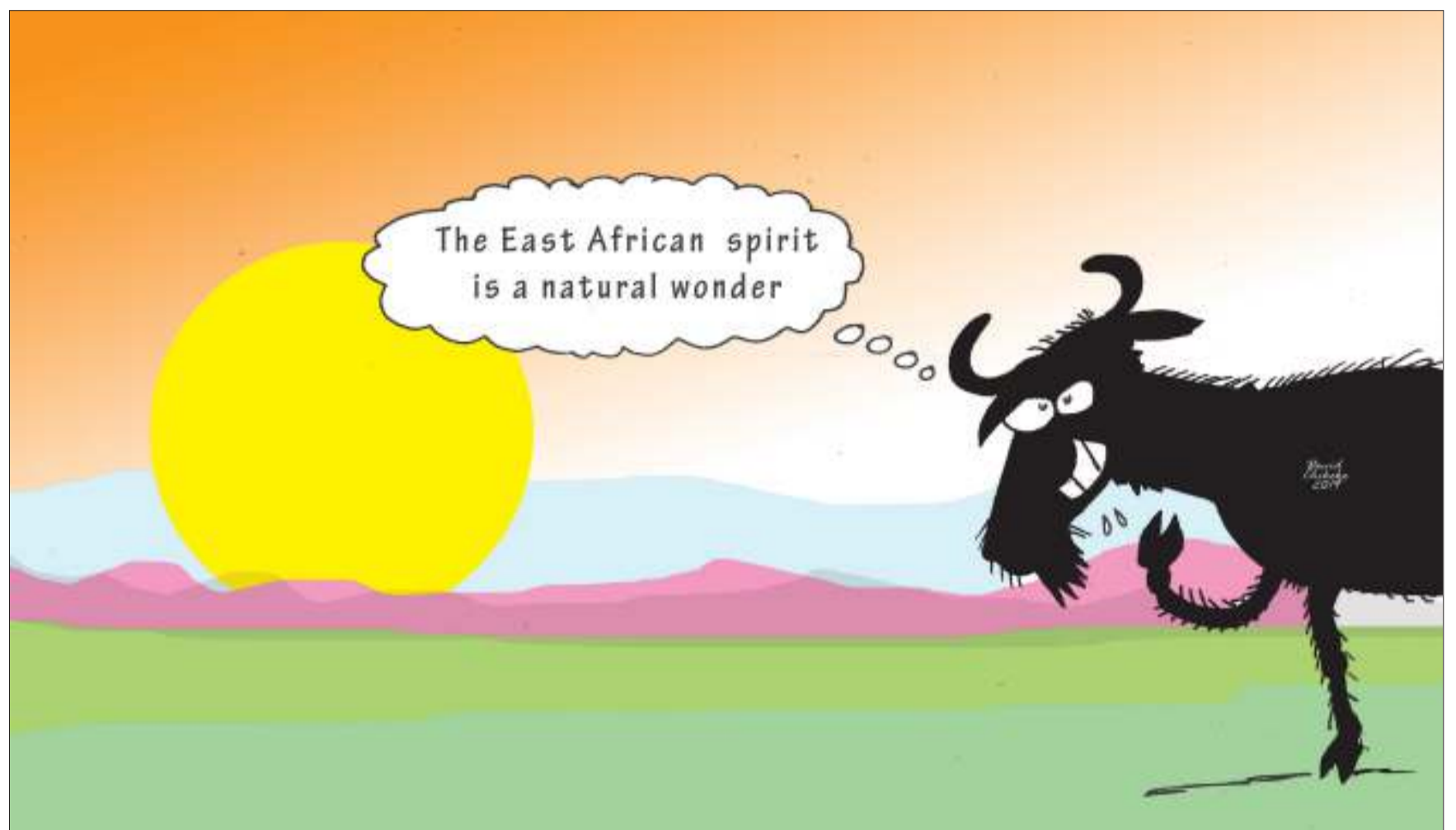
However, the big issue is still one of urgency, as burdening public coffers with building a series of dams for irrigation while current major projects proceed is difficult.

The public authorities need to decide as to how far that is important for agriculture at the moment, including providing anchorage for the livestock sector so as to end the perennial meandering of livestock in search of green pastures.

With a limited land area that has water all the time and where fallow grazing is important and property rights are added to the bill so that they can obtain bank credit to have the facilities set up, vast modernisation is likely in the livestock sector.

Much the same applies for crop cultivation, in which case the public-private partnership method is applicable, but only when investors will be dealing with clients as appropriate.

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Banga: A lifetime dedication to Tanzania's national parks

Paul Banga is a Tanzanian dedicated to nature conservation and wildlife management. He has a career of over 22 years with the Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA), from park cadet to currently responsible for managing all the agency's development investment programmes. He has a clear vision for further skills development and dreams about changing the vision his country has on the role of protected areas, by demonstrating their unique role in balancing global and local climatic factors. Excerpts from this recent IUCN-facilitated interview:

You describe yourself as "Tanzanian in every aspect". What does this mean for you?

Paul Banga: I was born in rural Africa and raised under the mud roof in the family of a farmer and livestock herder just like many Africans and received my Primary and Secondary schools while living in the same environment. My regional city, Arusha, is famously known as "Geneva of Africa", situated in northern Tanzania. Arusha is famous as tourism city because of its proximity to the unique biodiversity centres and unsurpassed tourism destinations particularly Kilimanjaro, Serengeti, Ngorongoro, Lake Manyara, Tarangire, Kilimanjaro Mountain (Roof of Africa), and Arusha National Parks and most importantly as a gateway to Nairobi-Kenya that links or connects our country with the outside world.

What motivated your choice for a career in nature conservation?

I was so much motivated by the rich biodiversity and diverse ecosystems in my region that has formed the backbone of the tourism sector growth. Moreover, I always wanted and dreamt to study Wildlife Management and Tourism discipline in the College of African Wildlife Management (CAWM). But a pre-condition to joining this college was previous work experience with one of the three mandated Wildlife-Management institutions in the country: Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA), Ngorongoro Conservation Area (NCAA) or Wildlife Division. This was the beginning of my career with TANAPA, where I started as a Park Cadet when I was 22 years old and just graduated with an Advanced Certificate in Economics, back in December 1996.

So, your academic formation did not start with wildlife and conservation studies?

My Lower and Advance Secondary School Certificate centred on Economics, English and Social studies where I graduated with Upper Second Class. I was also lucky that I schooled in Roman Catholic seminaries in both levels, which offered me top academic preparations and taught me about hard work and discipline.

Later on, I started working with TANAPA. This is when I joined my dream career path at the College of African Wildlife Management and Studies, with a Diploma in Wildlife Management programme. I graduated with excellence by scoring First

Class Grade.

Then I up-scaled my career to the Undergraduate Programme at the University of Dar es Salaam where I pursued my Undergraduate Degree in Wildlife Science and Conservation and graduated with Honours. The last but not least I believe is for the advance Degree in Masters Programme I studied a Project Planning and Management at the Bradford University, UK.

My big dream before then was to study Wildlife Economics and Strategic Planning discipline. I hope next year I will pursue my PhD on Strategic Planning Process and Wildlife Economy if I will manage to secure funds for my fees. I am currently studying different offers from universities and colleges.

Your career in conservation gravitates around Tanzania's national parks. Can you tell us more about it?

When I joined TANAPA as park cadet, I was posted to the famous Serengeti National Park, as my first workstation where I served for 10 years, until 2006. Later, I served in several national parks, including the Udzungwa Mountains, greater Ruaha and Rubondo Island National Parks. I participated in, and later coordinated, a variety of tasks linked to protected areas management, supporting the local communities and local governments, research and projects management. More specifically, I had the chance to work on, among others, protection operations and ecological monitoring, enforcement of National Parks Acts and Regulations, anti-poaching missions - that resulted into successful arrest of wildlife-related crimes and networks - tourism management, implementation of general management plans and parks' security.

Now the national parks remain at the heart of your mission, but your work is different...

I am currently based at the TANAPA Head Office in the Directorate of Conservation and Business Development as a Senior Assistance Conservation Commissioner, National Parks - Parks Development. I am responsible for managing all the development investment programmes, Managing donor/development partners funded projects, securing funds from donors, development partners and well-meaning individuals to support various conservation initiatives in our unique globally highly rated reputable organization. My other role is to Coordinate Enterprise Risk Management Unit in the organisation. Risk Management is centred on managing threats and maximizing available opportunities; this allows us to implement strategic and annual plans within the National Parks and areas and improve community welfare through the Corporate Social Responsibility approaches.

You first set foot in TANAPA in 1996 as Park Cadet. 22 years later, you manage the development of investment programmes. What are your biggest achievements?

There are definitely several recognizable

and outstanding achievements over the last 22 years in which I served my organization. I must say that, first and foremost, conservation work is for the very passionate, committed, dedicated and the professionals who have almost foregone everything else and have sacrificed their lives to do this ever-noble job.

I have been able to secure funds for establishing the Udzungwa Ecological Monitoring Center, a field station whose mission is to promote and facilitate biological research and monitoring and increase our knowledge of the outstanding biodiversity of the Udzungwa Mountains.

With the USD 150 million secured from the World Bank, key biodiversity and tourism infrastructure are under development in the southern protected areas in Tanzania, namely, Ruaha, Udzungwa Mountains, Mikumi parks under TANAPA and Selous Game Reserve under the Tanzania Wildlife Management Authority (TAWA). From this overall budget, TANAPA earmarked USD 96M for conservation programmes and tourism growth in the National Parks, under the REGROW Project. This contributed to the diversification of livelihoods in the communities living in and around the national parks.

More recently, I secured another big initiative conceptualized for community enhancement, infrastructure improvements and modern communications for the effective tourism development and biodiversity conservation, with USD 100M from the Green Climate Fund (GCF) through the African Development Bank (AfDB) - an Accredited Entity. This initiative spans in the newly upgraded three parks which are constituted from five game reserve parks: These Reserve Parks are Biharamulo-Burigi and Kimisi, Ibanda and Rumanika.

My experience with donors expands to the French Development Agency (AFD), with whom I am negotiating for another grant for financing climate resilient biodiversity conservation and tourism growth infrastructure around the Tarangire and Lake Manyara National Parks Ecosystems (TME), Tanzania.

Cumulatively, these are a multi-million-dollar or multi-billion-shilling initiatives that have a positive impact on Tanzania's conservation efforts that I hope will warrant the printing of my name on alongside those of conservation iconic or remarkable professionals appearing on the walls of Tanzania's national parks.

What is the key to this success?

I am grateful to the TANAPA top leadership and my fellow staff across the network of 19 iconic national park sites that covers over 57,000-sq km, accounting for approximately 6 per cent of Tanzania's landmass. They have afforded me excellent chance and lent me invaluable support that has enabled me to do several great things in the spirit of "Together We Can".

Knowing to negotiate is a skill that really matters in the contemporary conservation development and it is

the best tool I have used in defending our precious financing opportunities from donor and development partners whenever I was involved. This will remain my "professional weapon" alongside my professional knowledge and skills as well as diverse experiences.

An important opportunity to enhance this skill came back in 2014 when I attended a five-day BIOPAMA-organised and facilitated training on negotiation skills in the management of protected areas. This training has provided me with unique exposure in negotiating for high-value conservation projects. I used my newly acquired skills in negotiating for World Bank funding amounting to \$150 million which was conceptualised for tourism growth in southern Tanzania's national parks. I therefore strongly recommend BIOPAMA that organise such capacity building initiatives for wildlife managers for the better management of national parks across sub-Saharan Africa or in the Eastern and Southern Africa regions.

I am forever grateful to my TANAPA leadership for the opportunity that has had a remarkable impact. I also extend my heartfelt appreciation to the BIOPAMA training organising committee and the training facilitators.

What are your next endeavours?

As for what I stand for in future, my biggest mission is to make sure that our parks make a significant contribution to the national economy and livelihoods of the people that surrounds them. Our parks constitute protected landscapes and ecosystems that have a huge potential to support the livelihoods of millions of our communities and national economies.

Many national parks were established in the 1960s, through the 1970s, 1990s and 2000s, yet many national governments and public at large commonly forget the environmental services and their unique roles of balancing global and local climatic factors.

So, I have a dream of coming up with a policy and legal instruments that will warrant more public-private partnership approaches so that these protected sites can along with other sectors make a greater contribution to the national economies and livelihoods for the well-being of our communities.

Various models exist in the sub-Saharan and Southern African regions from which we can draw experiences from and see how we can engage with conservation partners by creating a win-win scenario.

IUCN, International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, is an international organisation working in the field of nature conservation and sustainable use of natural resources. It is involved in data gathering and analysis, research, field projects, advocacy, and education. Its mission is to "influence, encourage and assist societies throughout the world to conserve nature and to ensure that any use of natural resources is equitable and ecologically sustainable".

BY DUNCAN E OMONDI GUMBA
AND GUYO CHEPE TURI

Kenyans sacrificed for territory and votes in Marsabit County

CLOSE to 40 people have been killed, schools closed and livelihoods destroyed through ethnic violence in Kenya's vast Marsabit County over recent months. Without decisive state intervention, the killings will probably continue.

While the violence could be politically motivated, no high-level national government official has visited the area. It appears the warring communities have been left to their own devices to make war or broker peace. It was hoped that the Kenyan government's 26 June statement of intent would momentarily lull attacks between two rival communities in Marsabit County along the country's northern border with Ethiopia. But the violence has continued.

The conflict appears increasingly to be driven by politically instigated ethnic territorial expansion (illegal settlements) and a contest to increase voter numbers for the 2022 elections. The county's last two polls stand out for their acrimony and ethnic animosity, which have grown to untenable levels.

One of the latest incidents was the killing of 11 Gabra elders on a peace mission in May. The attack marked a flare-up in periodic fighting between Gabra and Borana ethnic communities living in Kenya's largest county and Ethiopia's Oromia region. The killings reversed the momentum in peace efforts achieved this year led by Kenyan and Ethiopian local authorities.

The elders left the border town of Forolle on 6 May to discuss peace with their Borana counterparts on the Ethiopian side of the border after a spillover of violence. Residents told the Institute for Security Studies (ISS) that the elders were rendered vulnerable after the national government in April disarmed police reservists who would normally offer them security.

The Kenyan government denied that the elders were killed in Kenya. Ethiopian authorities insisted that the killings took place on the Kenyan side, which was later confirmed by



Peace initiatives over recent months have yet to stop the killings or promote genuine dialogue. File photo

media reports. The perpetrators were believed to be from Ethiopia. Over the years, the rivalry between the Gabra and Borana has often spilled over into both countries.

The violence can be traced back to 12 July 2005, the day Borana raiders killed about 60 Gabra residents of

Turbi town. These killings were sparked by revenge attacks that followed the murder of a Gabra man. National government's inaction at the time led to a souring of relations between two communities who had co-existed despite a long history of cattle rustling and

banditry.

The link between the conflict and elections came during the last two polls held in 2013 and 2017 under Kenya's devolved system of government. During these elections, the dominant Gabra community was pitted against

the Borana and both formed alliances with minority ethnic groups. At the time, the sophisticated weapons used by community members rendered local security forces helpless and the Kenya Defence Forces had to use air power to stop the fighting.

Now the violence threatens to spiral out of control in an environment marred by mutual mistrust and suspicion. Knee-jerk decisions by the national government, like disarming local police reservists, have done little to calm the situation. Violent conflicts have also occurred between the Gabra and Dassanatch in the lower part of the county.

Although local politicians have been arrested for political incitement, and meetings have been held between local leaders and interfaith groups, as well as Kenyan and Ethiopian government officials, peace remains elusive. A cross-border peace initiative that met on 1 July with financial support from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) does however signal hope. A decision to set up a community-based peace committee is encouraging although it will need full government support to work.

Kenya's interior cabinet secretary Fred Matiangi on 26 June stressed the need for a peace process spearheaded by senior government officials from both Kenya and Ethiopia. This is however unlikely to be achieved by merely pledging 'to visit the county shortly' and issuing a directive that 'cross-border meetings between stakeholders from Kenya and Ethiopia in the Marsa-

bit area be attended at the highest level by the national government administration'.

In Kenya, like elsewhere, election victory guarantees decision-making power in a county. With ethnicity being the key political card, there have been elaborate preparations for the 2022 elections of county assembly representatives, senators and governors, and members of the national assembly.

Residents told the ISS that politicians from both communities encourage clansmen from across the border to settle in the border areas of Marsabit County to swell voter numbers. The outsiders also provide additional manpower to their Kenyan kinsmen for attacks against political rivals. The politics of ethnicity has dominated previous election campaigns and politicians from both communities did little to promote unity and harmony in the county government.

The UNDP-funded peace initiative needs the participation of credible community leaders and the full support of Nairobi and Addis Ababa. All those involved must ensure transparency and accountability in the cross-border peace process. Bringing peace to Marsabit County will also require Kenya and Ethiopia to enhance control of their common border and hold local leaders to account.

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Quotations must be received no later than **12:00 Noon East African Time on Monday, July 29, 2019**. Late submissions will not be accepted. All quotations are to be submitted following the guidelines listed in the bidding documents. Telephone requests will not be honored.

Bids shall be opened in public, in the presence of the bidder's representatives who choose to attend, at Winrock International offices, JR House, Old Dar es Salaam Road, P.O Box 768, Morogoro, Tanzania, at 2.00 pm, on Monday, July 29, 2019.

Winrock International

Australia's forgotten asylum seekers

UNITED NATIONS

As the focus of Australian politics shifts away from refugee and asylum-seeker policies, the government avoids accountability for inhumane actions.

Despite clear concerns that Australia's offshore processing facilities for asylum seekers in Nauru and Manus Island are violating basic human rights, public scrutiny seems to have waned. Recent federal elections saw little emphasis on refugee policy, followed by an apparent disinterest in critiquing the policy.

This is not in spite of recent concerns. The United Nations Special Rapporteur on the "right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health", Dainius Puras, issued a report on April 2nd outlining major concerns.

"Many suffer from physical and mental conditions, which seem to have been caused and exacerbated by their prolonged and indefinite confinement," he wrote, "there are multiple reports of self-harm and suicide attempts."

Puras also noted reports of malaligned bones that had not been treated, poor access to health care, a lack of specialists, and cessation of torture and trauma counselling services in the offshore facilities.

This report followed years of scrutiny from international organisations like the United Nations and Amnesty International.

On July 19th 2013, Prime Minister Kevin Rudd announced that from that day forward no asylum seeker arriving in Australia without a visa would ever be settled in the country.

Under the policy, later named 'Operation Sovereign Borders', all asylum seekers would be placed in detention centres on Manus Island or Nauru, and details of boat arrivals would not be made public.

This headline policy was prompted by a marked increase in the number of boat arrivals in the country. In 2008



Australia had 161 individuals arrive. By 2012 this had increased to 17,202.

The Australian Government adopted the slogan "Stop the Boats" as part of its campaign to promote domestically and overseas that it would not resettle asylum seekers within its borders.

Simon Kurian, cinematographer and director of the documentary 'Stop the Boats', told IPS, "thus began the demonising of people seeking asylum in Australia, especially by sea."

"From that time on the gross misrepresentation of people seeking asylum began; beneath the sentiment was a thick underbelly of racism which the politicians used to their advantage," Kurian said.

Over time, both major parties adopt-

ed the "Stop the Boats" rhetoric as the policy became a political move for votes. The hardline approach has enjoyed significant public support since its conception.

In 2014, 42% of the Australian voting public were in support of the policy. In 2017, 48% agreed, according to the Lowy Institute, an Australian think tank.

Furthermore, the policy has been successful in stopping boat arrivals. While asylum seekers are still attempting to reach Australia, albeit far fewer than in past years, none have been processed in offshore facilities. Just over 50 individuals arrived in 2017, however

all were returned to their country of origin. "Offshore processing as currently enacted by the Australian Government may have served its national interests better than the current international protection system, but is still in violation of the Convention to which Australia is a signatory," the Lowy Institute said.

While the policy has been successful in achieving its goals and responding to public opinion, the conditions under which it has been carried out have been heavily scrutinised.

Many organisations have drawn attention to the policy's violation of the 1951 UN Refugee

Convention, to which Australia is a signatory. "Every fundamental principle that underpins the Convention to which Australia is a founding signatory is contravened by the Stop the Boats and Operation Sovereign Borders policies," Kurian said, "all of this knowingly, with intent, without compunction and with no real reprisal or consequence."

In 2013, the Office of the UN High Commissioner criticised offshore detention centres as "below international standards for the reception and treatment of asylum seekers." The Guardian newspaper released in 2016 'The Nauru Files' detailing over 2,000 inci-

dent reports from the detention centre. They detailed incidents of self-harm, sexual assault, abuse and injury.

While the actual operations of the detention centres have been shrouded in secrecy by the Australian government, the sheer number of alarming reports raises concern.

The Australian Government has severely limited public knowledge of boat arrivals, refused media entry to offshore detention facilities and disallowed interviews with asylum seekers. In order to get footage for his documentary, Kurian was forced to film secretly.

The Australian Government has repeatedly claimed it is the responsibility of Nauru and Papua New Guinea governments to regulate the conditions in the centres.

Despite clear concerns, and alarming secrecy, domestic and international public scrutiny has waned. While fewer boats have attempted to reach the country's shores, there still remain hundreds of men in detention centres on Manus Island.

With the majority of women and children moved to community processing facilities on the mainland, the emotional appeal of the campaign to shut down detention centres, or at least improve conditions has weakened.

As a result, refugee policy took a peripheral role in recent federal elections. "Climate change, housing, taxation all became the focus of discussion before and during the campaign season. Neither party touched the refugee policy," Kurian said.

By shifting the election focus, the Australian government has managed to avoid accountability for violating the UN Refugee Convention, evaded proper investigation into reports of human rights abuses, and stemmed public criticism.

"The 600 men who remain on Manus are forgotten," Kurian said.

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Iran threatens to restart centrifuges, ramp up uranium enrichment in next nuke steps

GENEVA/DUBAI

IRAN threatened on Monday to restart deactivated centrifuges and sharply step up its enrichment of uranium to 20 percent purity as its next potential big moves away from a 2015 nuclear agreement that Washington abandoned last year.

The threats, made by the spokesman for Iran's nuclear agency, would go far beyond the small steps Iran has taken in the past week to nudge its stocks of fissile material just beyond limits in the nuclear pact. That could raise serious questions about whether the agreement, intended to block Iran from making a nuclear weapon, is still viable.

Behrouz Kamalvandi, spokesman for Iran's Atomic Energy Organisation, confirmed an announcement that Tehran had enriched uranium beyond the 3.67% purity that the deal allows, passing 4.5%, according to the student's news agency ISNA. That followed an announcement a week ago that it had amassed a greater quantity of low-enriched uranium than permitted.

Iran has said it will take another, third step away from the deal within 60 days but has so far held back from formally announcing what that next step would entail. Kamalvandi said the authorities were discussing options that included the prospect of enriching uranium to 20% purity or beyond, and restarting centrifuges that were dismantled as one of the deal's core aims.

"There is the 20% option and there are options even higher than that but each in its own place," Kamalvandi said, according to state television. Restarting IR-2 and IR-2M centrifuges was an option, he said.

Such threats will put new pressure on European countries, which insist Iran must continue to comply with the agreement even though the United States is no longer doing so.

CENTRIFUGES

Washington has imposed sanctions that eliminate any of the benefits Iran was meant to receive in return for agreeing to curbs on its nuclear program under the 2015 deal with world powers. The confrontation has brought the United States and Iran close to the brink of



conflict, with President Donald Trump calling off air strikes last month minutes before impact. Enriching uranium up to 20% purity would be a dramatic move, since that was the level Iran had achieved before the deal was put in place. It is considered an important intermediate stage on the path to obtaining the 90% pure fissile uranium needed to make a bomb.

One of the main achievements of the deal was Iran's agreement to dismantle its advanced IR-2M centrifuges, which are used to purify uranium. Iran had 1,000 of them installed at its large enrichment site at Natanz before the deal was reached. Under the deal, it is allowed to operate only up to two for mechanical testing.

Still, the threatened measures also appear intended to be sufficiently ambiguous to hold back from fully repudiating the deal. Kamalvandi did not specify how much uranium Iran might purify to the higher level, nor how many centrifuges it would consider restarting. He did not mention other more advanced centrifuges, including the most advanced, the IR-8.

The nuclear diplomacy is only one aspect of a wider confrontation between Washington and Tehran that has threatened to spiral into open conflict since the United States sharply tightened sanctions on Iran from the start of May.

Last month, President Donald Trump ordered U.S. air strikes on Iran, only to call them off minutes before impact. Washington's European allies have been warning that a small mistake on either

side could lead to war.

EUROPEAN DILEMMA

The nuclear agreement guaranteed Iran access to world trade in return for accepting curbs on its nuclear program. Iran says the deal allows it to respond to the U.S. breach by reducing its compliance, and it will do so every 60 days.

"If signatories of the deal, particularly Europeans, fail to fulfil their commitments in a serious way, the third step will be stronger, more decisive and a bit surprising," Foreign Ministry spokesman Abbas Mousavi said on Monday.

The new U.S. measures in place since May are intended to bar Iran from all oil exports and have succeeded in effectively pushing Iran out of mainstream oil markets.

European countries do not directly support the U.S. sanctions, but have been unable to come up with ways to allow Iran to avert them. Britain, one of Washington's main European allies, was drawn deeper into the confrontation last week when it seized an Iranian tanker it says was bound for Syria, in violation of separate EU sanctions on Syria.

Despite tough talk from Washington and Tehran, there are no signs that either side was prepared for a full-blown conflict. "As repeatedly announced before, Iran doesn't seek war against any country but it has well learned how to defend itself," Major General Abdolrahim Mousavi was quoted as saying by Iranian media.

Acacia Mining operations in Tanzania on the rebound

By Guardian Reporter

ACACIA Mining has achieved a 51 percent increase in production at its Tanzanian operations for the second quarter of 2019 compared to Q1 of the year.

The positive result is mainly due to the successful implementation of a revised mining plan at North Mara for both the underground and open pit mines which saw production at the mine increase by 80% over the period.

Overall Acacia Mining achieved gold production of 158 774oz in Q2 2019 with a particularly strong quarter from North Mara, which set a monthly production record of 47 849oz for the month of June.

Gold production of 158 774oz was 19% higher than the prior year period mainly due to 39% higher production at North Mara, offset by expected reductions in production at Buzwagi and Bulyanhulu.

At North Mara, after successfully addressing the unanticipated production issues experienced in Q1 2019, gold production for Q2 2019 rose sharply to 119 113oz, 39% higher than the prior year of 85 920. This improvement was driven by the mining of higher grade areas at the Gokona underground mine as well as increased volumes at higher grades from the Nyambirama open pit mine, combined with a 4.0% improvement in throughput and a 1.7% improvement in

plant recovery rates.

Interim CEO, Peter Geleta added: "North Mara achieved a head grade of 5.4 g/t in Q2 2019 compared to 4.1 g/t in Q2 2018 and 3.0 g/t in Q1 2019. Notably Q2 2019 production was 80% above Q1 2019 production of 66 324oz, with Q1 2019 having been negatively impacted by the fall of ground at the Gokona underground mine and an excavator breakdown in the Nyambirama open pit.

"Significantly, during the quarter the Gokona underground mine commenced ore development in the high grade GB2 area, which is the faulted offset continuation of the high grade Golden Banana zone that has been mined since 2015. Ounces from ore development



Public Service Social Security Fund chief manager – public relations – Eunice Chiume attends to Tanzania Police chief spokesman David Misime (seated), who is a PSSF member, at the fund's pavilion at the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

and the first stope were extracted in June, which produced approximately 20 000oz of contained gold at a grade of 27.5 g/t. Further stoping in GB2 is scheduled in Q3 2019 and is expected to support the current higher production volumes."

Buzwagi gold production of 30 283oz for the quarter, although 19% lower than the prior year of 37 415oz was in line with expectations and 6% higher than Q1 2019 production

of 28 577oz. Bulyanhulu produced 9 377 gold ounces for the quarter which was in line with expectations, although 10% lower than the prior year of 10 443oz and 6% lower than Q1 2019 production of 9 999oz.

Geleta explains that Q2 2019 production was impacted by the expected lower grades recovered from the retreatment of tailings and the resultant lower recovery rates, partly offset by improvements in plant throughput.

All production continued to be produced from the retreatment of tailings as a result of the underground mine being placed on reduced operations in late 2017.

The cash balance as at 30 June 2019 amounted to approximately US\$125 million. This represents an increase in net cash of approximately \$27 million during the quarter, primarily resulting from the higher production.

UNDP, Tony Elumelu Foundation to empower 100,000 young entrepreneurs in Africa

By Guardian Reporter

THE United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the global development network of the United Nations, has partnered with the Tony Elumelu Foundation (TEF) – Africa's leading philanthropy committed to empowering entrepreneurs – to train, mentor and financially support 100,000 young entrepreneurs in Africa over 10 years towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and

the African Union's Agenda 2063.

The TEF-UNDP Sahel Youth Entrepreneurship Programme, which is expected to mobilize support for businesses, aims to generate millions of new jobs and contribute at least \$10 billion in new annual revenues across Africa. This was announced over the weekend at the 12th Extraordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union (AU), where TEF Founder, Tony Elumelu and UNDP Regional Director for Af-

rica, Ahunna Eziakonwa joined African Presidents at the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Business Forum, where the agreement was signed. The President of Niger, H.E. Mahamadou Issoufou joined UNDP and TEF to launch the programme.

The partnership will target young Africans in under-served communities, starting with the Sahel, given the region's opportunity as the youngest population in the world with 194 million people

under 25 years of age (64.5% of the total population). The TEF-UNDP Sahel Youth Entrepreneurship Programme will be implemented through TEF's flagship Entrepreneurship Programme, which has already benefited 7,520 local entrepreneurs across 54 African countries in just five years of existence. Similarly, the programme builds on UNDP's YouthConnekt initiative. The aim is to increase job creation through dynamic entrepreneurship and create sus-

tainable economic growth that anchors the development of communities and states.

Speaking on the partnership, Ahunna Eziakonwa, Assistant Secretary-General and UNDP Regional Director for Africa stated: "We see Sahel as a land of many opportunities and investing in the youth is a pre-condition to stabilizing the region. The youth should be at the heart of any development agenda. We need to invest in their potential, talent,

energy and enthusiasm and create the opportunity for them to fully realize their dreams.

"That is why UNDP is co-creating development solutions by investing in entrepreneurship models to promote inclusive growth. Partnership with the Sahelian youth entrepreneur is a catalyst for transformation and sustainable development. We call on other private sector entities to join the Tony Elumelu Foundation to support young entrepreneurs".

For her part, CEO of the Tony Elumelu Foundation, Ifeyinwa Ugochukwu said: "Our partnership with UNDP is welcome and timely - it will directly assist entrepreneurial success in a number of fragile areas and is a testament to the validated approach to philanthropy we have pioneered. Africa needs partners that do not only believe in the potential of its private sector to champion economic development, but backs this with commitment.

WMA calls upon mineral dealers to use calibrated digital weighing scales

By Guardian Reporter

WEIGHTS and Measures Agency (WMA) has called on mineral dealers to ensure that they use the verified and tested digital weighing scales for fair trade.

WMA's port manager, Peter Chuwa made the call over the weekend when speaking at the ongoing 43rd international trade fair at SabaSaba grounds in Dar es Salaam.

Chuwa urged traders and miners to ensure they use calibrated digital scales, whose measurements are precise.

"This is an important aspect when it comes to mineral business, and we're encouraging stakeholders to use these scales," he said, adding that most of mineral digital weighing scales are everywhere in mine sites, airports and all mineral buying centres across the country.

He added: "WMA verifies all weighing scales that are used in buying minerals and gemstones in mine sites and jewellery stores across the country."

WMA is an Executive Agency, responsible for fair trade transactions through certification of weights and measures. It is the sole agency in Tanzania for enforcing the Weights and Measures Act No.20 of 1982.

Since 1999 and in pursuance to the Executive Agencies Act Number 30 of 1997, the WMA replaced the former Directorate of Weights and Measures under the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

The move was part of the Civil Service Reform Programme (CSR) to increase efficiency and effectiveness of public service delivery.



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Olivier Tissier (2nd-L), director general of French-based firm FEMIA, explains to TIB Development Bank managing director Charles Singili (2nd-R) how a cashewnut processing machine operates when the latter paid a visit in the company's pavilion at the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair yesterday. Others are Ali Karanfil (L), general manager of Turkey's Bigtem Company, and the bank's head of research and library services, Dr Hildebrand Shayo. Photo: Guardian

Mining firm gives 550m/- for campaign against HIV

By Guardian Reporter

GEITA Gold Mine (GGM) through the Kili challenge campaign has donated 550m/- to government and private organizations in an effort to fight HIV/AIDS, which has to a large extent affected youth who are major drivers of the country's economy.

According to the Tanzanian Commission for AIDS (TACAIDS), Tanzania has 1.5 million people living with HIV/AIDS who are equal to 4.7 percent of the population.

Speaking to the journalist in Dar es Salaam yesterday The Kili Challenge Trust Manager, Manace Ndoroma said the board deliberated and decided that this year 800m/- will be awarded, of which 550m/- will remain waiting for various applications from different organizations to apply for these funds.

He urge the organization to send their proposals and Kili challenge will consider them.

He added that the 150m/- will go to TACAIDS to build HIV/AIDS facilities. So far 50m/- has been given to Moyo wa

Huruma Orphanage Center in Geita to enabled the construction of an economic center.

Ndoroma also said 50m/- will go to the AIDS Trust Fund (ATF) while 1.173bn/- contributed by GGM will go to the Kili Trust Fund.

He said the Kilimanjaro Challenge aims to raise awareness on the HIV/AIDS pandemic, provide financial support to HIV/AIDS initiative and build national team spirit in the noble fight that's also giving local climbers an opportunity to scale Mt. Kilimanjaro.

Meanwhile, the GGM Vice President for Sustainability, Simon Shayo added that through the Kilimanjaro challenge, the campaign has raised over 13bn/- since it was established 18 years ago.

"Fifty organizations dealing with HIV/AIDS issues has benefit from Kilimanjaro challenge, also the campaign has helped the establishment of Moyo wa Huruma Orphanage Center in Geita which now serve more than 137 children," he said.

In addition, Executive Director of

TACAIDS, Dr Leonard Maboko said so far Tanzania new infections have decreased from 80,000 annually years ago to 72,000.

"In this group, about 6,000 Tanzanians are getting infected per month and 200 each day," he said.

He said young people get infections as they move from childhood to adolescence.

"They have not been well educated so it is easy for them to make decisions that are not well informed, but also young women want they want to get

different things easily. That is why we have projects that touch poor households by helping them get entrepreneurial education, starting with three regions.

"We thank GGM and other partners for voluntarily donating funds as well encouraging others to contribute towards eliminating the disease," he said.

He said various organizations involved in the fight against the disease get donations from funds raised by GGM's Kili Challenge.

Falling back in awe of our ancestors

By Leonie Joubert

POLITE company doesn't like us to fall apart. It doesn't want us to "hear voices". It'll probably recoil from the idea that our emotional unraveling is an anguished ancestor taking hold of our body, wailing through us, pulling us physically to the ground. It certainly doesn't want us to do that at the podium in the front of a packed conference hall.

Admitting to "hearing voices" is even riskier when your evangelical Christian background has groomed you to believe this is "demonic", or where Western-trained doctors tend to slap a diagnostic label on it.

But when healer Sinethemba Nombala Makanya stepped up to deliver her talk at an international mindfulness conference earlier in 2019, the call of her ancestors was too strong to stick to conference decorum. She melted into tears, and let the force of it pull her to the floor.

Nombala Makanya was there to discuss important matters about how to marry African contemplative practice with the Western-Buddhist hybrid of "mindfulness", speaking from her perspective as someone who is walking the path from evangelical Christian into her calling to be a traditional healer.

She's writing this up through her doctoral studies with the Medical Humanities and Psychology unit at the Wits Institute of Social and Economic Research (WISER), which probably gives her story, as an other-than-Western cosmology, more gravitas to a Western-groomed audience.

The conference was at the Cradle of Humankind, 90 minutes' drive from Johannesburg, where geological time has left a burial ground of the richest collection of hominid fossils yet found.

"This was my first visit to the Cradle of Humankind," says the KwaZulu-Natal-born healer and academic. "But I felt a heaviness from the moment I arrived. This feeling wouldn't go away."

It was more than just the irritation of the travel difficulties in getting there, or that the academic presentations still had the ring of the coloniser in them.

"It felt like Westerners were coming here to see how they could import their contemplative practice into black communities. Black people don't want to be treated as research subjects, to see if some Western theory can work."

No, she says, there was more to the dis-ease than that.

"I was connecting with the actual earth," her voice is soft over the phone, "here were the bones of my ancestors, and we were walking on those bones. There are bones that are still in the ground, and there are other bones on exhibition. We (Africans) are so tired of being trodden on, of being put on exhibition."

It's hard to find the right language to help a Western thinker understand the interior world of an African healer.

"If I said I was 'hearing voices', you might want to take that with a pinch of salt, but I felt as though the earth was speaking to me. This tiredness, this

heaviness, was the cry of an ancestor."

When she woke the next morning, she'd been shown that she must pray and collect water. The pull of this call led her to play hooky from the conference, and travel instead to the nearby Sterkfontein Caves.

"In my culture, we believe that every running water source has an ancestor residing in it. That ancestor is linked with the land and nourishes the surrounds. This is a land ancestor. It is not my ancestor in the way that an ancestor might be mine through blood, but we are connected through the fact that we are both of the land."

She prayed at those caves, not just to the water, but to the bones at rest there.

"I'm sorry that we have come here and invaded your land without asking," she had whispered in prayer, she told me. "Forgive us for not asking entry into this land because that's how it was done."

In her practice, she tells me, when you arrive at a new land, you introduce yourself and you are given entrance into that piece of land by the ancestor.

For healers like Nombala Makanya, contemplative practice isn't about "getting into yourself". It's about listening to what the different spirits are saying, so you can act. It's an act of service.

Later in the conference, when it was her time to take the podium, she went off-piste. She abandoned her academic notes and told this story instead. And while she spoke, the tears streamed down her cheeks; she wealed; she let the ancestors show themselves to the room through the form of her slumped body.

The audience, though, didn't turn away. What followed was a passing of the mic around the conference room, a sort of passing of the electronic conch, as different people from around the world reflected on what their notion of ancestor means for them, or where they and their ancestors might be complicit in the kind of colonising mindset that had led them to trample on this sacred space.

What does any of this have to do with tackling climate collapse, you might ask? Earlier columns in the series have looked at the problems with our economic model and the Western value systems underpinning them, which are driving massive ecological overshoot and pushing us towards planet-wide extinction.

Thinkers like Jeremy Lent, author of *The Patterning Instinct: A Cultural History of Humanity's Search for Meaning*, argue that we need a society-wide upheaval, in cultural values and economics.

This needs to be a shift that acknowledges that we can't have infinite growth on a finite planet, that we are not the technological overlords of nature, and that nature isn't here for our bidding and for our comfort.

In his book, Lent argues that we can draw from other-than-Western cosmologies and world views that embed us within the circle of life, rather than place us as masters of it.

Nombala Makanya's story is a unique



weave of her early Christian roots, her rediscovery of her ancestors, and her answering of the call to be a healer.

But it is also shot through with a thread of modern science. Her connection with her ancestors is expressed through her biology: through her lineage, her DNA, her family's epigenetics.

It may have been a difficult journey at times, re-tuning her spiritual ear to hear what she once might have thought were "demonic" voices, but now she knows that these are the whispers of her ancestors. She is finding harmony in this new sound.

Western-trained thinkers like myself have our own experience of ancestors. Biological science tracks a beautiful family tree back through our shared lineage.

Before our earlier hunter-gatherer families left Africa and settled on nearly every continent on this planet - way before these new environments gently painted our skins or irises with slightly different hues, or styled our hair with different textures, or sculpted our faces and body shapes into slightly different forms - our earlier forebears were the young green shoots growing on the canopy of an ancient tree of life. A common lineage tracks right back to the primordial ocean that was the amniotic fluid in which the first single-celled organisms blossomed billions of years ago.

My own evolution-based "cosmology" sees every life form as part of a shared common ancestry: every tree around me is my close relative, every ant, every bird, every bloom of fungal growth, even every dandelion "weed" and scurrying "pest" of a

gutter rat.

These are all my family. Every other human and non-human animal, and the other biological kingdoms which create the life-supporting systems in which the tree of life can thrive, have a shared common lineage.

There is no conflict between Nombala Makanya's experience of the ancestors and mine. While we talk on the phone, it's clear that I can see hers, and she can see mine. The two can walk side by side. Both of these recognitions of ancestry take us outside of ourselves, and put us in service of others - other humans, and other non-humans, alike.

"Everyone has access to a different kind of ancestry," Nombala Makanya says, "but it depends on how aware and connected you are to that. I must connect with your ancestors."

And I must connect with hers.

In *The Patterning Instinct*, Lent suggests that the echoes of this kind of cosmology still reside in our psyches and that we can re-learn it as a way of thinking.

In the 200,000 years since we first become anatomically modern humans, we were animist hunter-gatherers for a lot, lot longer than we have been these Western rational individuals, isolated from each other within a capitalist system that commodifies our bodies, our time, our skills, and the natural world in which we live.

We are evolved to see ourselves as part of nature, not separate from nature. Our brains and psyches are hardwired for this experience of connection,

and we can remember this way of being. If we remember this, we'll not only feel more connected with nature, but become better custodians of nature. We'll realise that we are not here to protect nature, but that we are nature protecting itself.

Daily Maverick's Kevin Bloom has a similar story to tell. He brings a hard, investigative lens to his reporting on the corruption and vested interests driving South Africa's pro-coal energy policy and decision making, which makes our country one of the biggest carbon emitters on the planet. His personal journey into a traditional African cosmology might not "stick to the page" in the kind of storytelling that he does for his day job. But the value system underpinning his work as a writer and watchdog within the Fourth Estate is a similar marriage of cosmology and culture: his own Jewish origins, and a meeting of his ancestors in the same way that Nombala Makanya describes.

He "wears the beads", as he says. He has journeyed through several gruelling initiation ceremonies. He makes pilgrimages to the sacred sites like Lake Funduzi in Limpopo, and the megalithic stone structures of Inzalo ye Langa in Mpumalanga.

He understands that a connection with the land is not just about the soil in which we grow our food. The fact that he's an *mlungu* doesn't even feature in the spaces where he communes with other sangomas, he says.

Bloom and Nombala Makanya embody the possibilities that are available to us, where we can draw together other-than-West-

ern ways of viewing our origins, and the value systems that shoot from this, so that we can weave our daily behaviour and climate activism into one that puts us back inside the web of life.

It is one where we can cherish and respect other life forms, and the life support systems that have allowed us to become what we are. Human beings are unique shoots on this tree of life.

The late historian and eco-theologian Thomas Berry said that it is through humans that the cosmos becomes conscious.

"We have an opportunity in this unprecedented crisis to help humanity to journey to still greater consciousness," Johannesburg-based social worker and the Sustaining the Wild Coast activist John Clarke wrote to me recently, quoting his mentor, the "barefoot economist" Manfred Max-Neef. "It comes down to creating a transcending cosmology."

Beyond scientific analysis and rationality lies a need for transcendence, he scribbled in his note. It is real and relevant today when we need truth-seeking and understanding at this time of the unprecedented existential threat caused by the over-extraction of the natural world that is driving mass extinction and gargantuan ecological overshoot.

Indigenous cultures around the planet carry in their cosmologies a library of knowledge about what it means to connect with the natural world.

"Our ancestors are biological," says Nombala Makanya, "they are spiritual. They are the ones in the land which are also in the water."

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Is Sri Lanka using Easter attacks to limit digital freedom?

By Adam Bemba

HOURS after the Easter Sunday bombings in Sri Lanka, rumours started to circulate online that Colombo's water supply was poisoned and that there was a truck full of explosives driving down the capital's traffic-lined Galle Road.

This caused panic. But Yudhanjana Wijeratne, a data scientist for public policy at Colombo-based think-tank LIRNEasia, got to work debunking.

Along with a few friends, Wijeratne began fact-checking rumours submitted to them by verifying the information with calls to police, journalists or people they knew living in the areas where the stories originated.

"We got drawn into what I would describe as low-level information warfare," he said.

In the weeks after the attacks, carried out by a small group of fighters pledging allegiance to the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL or ISIS), there were Facebook posts calling on Buddhists to boycott Muslim shops and restaurants, even going so far as threat-

ening to kill them.

These social media posts in the online world led to violence against Sri Lanka's Muslim community.

Facebook's response was that several of these posts didn't violate its community standards.

Sri Lanka's social media watchdog group Groundviews cited six million people using social media - out of a population of 21 million.

The National Information and Cybersecurity Strategy stated there are 4.2 million Facebook accounts in Sri Lanka.

The social media giant has promised to hire more Sinhala and Tamil language content reviewers as most of the hate speech on the platform is posted in local languages.

Since April 21, the government has blocked social media applications three times.

This has forced many Sri Lankans to download Virtual Private Networks (VPNs) to access their accounts.

"The ban prevented people from accessing information about what was happening. It may have simply exacerbated panic. The hateful actors contin-

ued to spread hate," said Raisa Wickrematunge, a social media researcher at Groundviews.

The Sri Lankan government revived the idea for a new anti-hate speech bill late last year. It has now drafted a new cybersecurity bill to combat online threats to citizens and the nation's critical infrastructure.

Technology experts believe the definition of what constitutes hate speech and critical infrastructure is too broad and that existing laws to deal with these issues are not being implemented properly by authorities.

According to the Center for Policy Alternatives, no Sri Lankan has been prosecuted for perpetrating hate speech or hate crimes under the country's laws.

The ICCPR Act, adopted in 2007, states: "No person shall...advocate national, racial, or religious hatred that constitutes incitement to discrimination, hostility, or violence."

Legal experts say this offence is not the only speech-related law in Sri Lanka's penal code.

"The ICCPR is a mechanism to protect human rights, our civil and politi-

cal rights. But in Sri Lanka it's a different picture," said Viranjana Herath, president of the Free Media Movement.

This law has been used to arrest 10 Sri Lankans for various offences - three of which were charged because of Facebook posts - with one Muslim woman arrested for wearing a shirt with a ship's helm thought to resemble a Buddhist dharma wheel, stated Herath.

A Sri Lankan writer is now in jail for allegedly violating this same law. He published a short story to Facebook that dealt with themes of child abuse in the Buddhist clergy.

Herath believes that the law is being used to stifle fundamental freedoms in Sri Lanka.

The phenomenon of hate speech and misinformation is not new to a country that ended its three-decade-long civil war in 2009. Both the government and the Tamil Tigers disseminated lies and propaganda to win the hearts and minds of Sri Lankans.

Political and religious leaders in Sri Lanka who have instigated communal violence using the mainstream media are increasingly turning to social media platforms like Facebook, Whatsapp

and Viber - the three most popular messaging applications.

A Muslim doctor in Kurunegala - 90km northeast of Colombo - was arrested and accused of sterilising Buddhist women. The Criminal Investigation Department told the local court last week that it had no evidence to submit, nor did it believe this doctor was linked to any terrorist groups.

Wijeratne said these allegations were made on social media and have popped up several times in the last five years. This is an example of how hate speech and misinformation spread online can lead to actual harm.

Sri Lanka has been under a state of emergency for two months. The threat of violence against the Muslim community continues but no charges have been laid.

"This particular government has spread misinformation, fake news and hate speech to the fullest. They've had almost four years to bring in these laws, why now?" asked Eranda Ginige, founder of Social Enterprise Lanka.

Sri Lanka's government appears to be using the political turmoil to pass laws that they have been unable to since be-

ginning its reform agenda in 2015.

President Maithripala Sirisena is not only refusing to participate in a parliamentary committee investigating security lapses that led to the Easter Sunday bombings, but he also wants to reverse the 2015 amendments to the constitution that curbed the powers of the executive.

This move has led to calls for him not to run in the 2019 presidential election scheduled for December.

"They don't have a legitimate right to bring any laws at this stage," Ginige added. "The right thing for the government to do is resign."

Governmental watchdog groups such as Groundviews and the Centre for Policy Alternatives decry the fact that there has been limited engagement and public consultation on either the anti-hate speech or cybersecurity draft bills.

Wijeratne has developed a smartphone application, Watchdog, in the wake of the attacks to help his team track all the rumours and misinformation being spread online.

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FCC handles record number of mergers, acquisitions as competition gets stiffer

By Francis Kajubi

A record number of approvals for mergers and acquisitions were made by Fair Competitions Commission last year thanks to applicants better understanding of the conditions.

Presenting the FCC's 2018/19 financial year, its Director General, Dr John Mduma said in total 72 applications were received by his office of which 55 were endorsed without approval while 11 were given with conditions. The remaining six applications are currently pending.

Dr Mduma who made the presentation at the ongoing the 43rd Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair stated that the received many applications last year because of intense competition in the market which favours strong companies.

"In all, this makes 380 approved mergers and acquisition applications done by the Commission since 2007," he said while asserting that in order to extend services nationally, the FCC has opened new offices in the new capital, Dodoma while others will follow.

The FCC chief further pointed out that during the period under review, sensitization and counseling were done to the business community to understand and abide by the Fair Competition Act 2003 hence reducing the number of new cases arising after its violation.

Seconding his boss, Director of Compliance



FCC's Director General, Dr John Mduma. File photo.

at FCC Deo Nangela said there have been no new cases relating to breaching of the law

because of the business community understanding after the Commission's sensitization

drive. "Cases concerning breach of Fair Compe-



tion Act 2003 by companies and individual brand owners have decreased to a large extent. We are currently working on about 20 old cases that existed prior to the last financial year and about 40 appeals on the matter," said Dr Nangela.

He pointed out that most pending cases are from the energy sector especially those involving oil and gas, whole sale and retail trade, iron and tobacco manufacture and trading.

Dr Nangela noted that during the period under review, there were no cases related to output restrictions by manufacturers and suppliers of products and services. The same applied to cases related to collective boycott and fixed prices among suppliers.

"Fair Competition law violators are charged with between five and ten percent of their annual turnover.

The penalty has been a major reason that the business community has abided by the law," he added while explaining that issues relating to counterfeits in the local market remained critical with 3,312 containers seized on suspicion of being loaded with counterfeits and sub-standard goods.

"Some 143 containers were found to have been loaded with counterfeit goods after inspection and seizure operations carried out by the Commission during the last financial year," he added while warning violators of the law of serious consequences including having such goods destroyed.

Tanzania sisal glut steeply cuts prices for exporters in Kenya

NAIROBI

THE price of Kenyan sisal has dropped since April as cheap commodity offered by Tanzania in the world market continues to take a toll on local producers.

Data by the Directorate of Fibre Crops show earnings dropped from Sh177 per kilogramme in April to Sh156 for the same quantity last month. In comparison to the same period last year, the value has dropped from Sh163 in June 2016 to Sh157 in the period under review.

Interim head of the directorate Naomi Kamau said Tanzania, which is the second leading producer of the fibre after Brazil, offered relatively low prices for the commodity to the world market, leading to depressed cost globally.

"Tanzania continues to supply fibre to the world market at a much lower price in what has continued to depress the prices globally since April this year," said Ms Kamau. Ms Kamau said Tanzania has forced Kenyan sellers to lower their price in order to remain competitive in the world market.

According to the directorate a kilo of sisal at the international market in the first six months of 2018 averaged at Sh166, compared with Sh161 in a similar half of 2019. Production of the crop last year, says the directorate, increased marginally to 23,187 tonnes from 22,549 tonnes in the previous season.

Over 80 per cent of sisal fibre is exported to more than 30 destinations worldwide, with China, Saudi Arabia, Nigeria and Morocco leading the pack.

About 20 per cent of the sisal is used locally in the manufacturing of various products in the four weaving factories in the country.



The bug-inspired meals were designed by Gourmet Grubb chef Mario Barnard.

South Africa's first all-insect restaurant opens for business

CAPE TOWN

GOURMET Grubb, the company which brought Capetonians bug ice cream, has dipped into the realm of 'savoury', opening a pop-up bug restaurant called The Insect Experience - believed to be South Africa's first all-insect restaurant.

Business Insider South Africa got a preview of bug-inspired meals designed by chef Mario Barnard, who first started cooking with bugs after a trip to Thailand where he was encouraged to eat tarantulas and scorpions.

"They were a little bit hard for me to eat. But, since I started experimenting with [insect-based] powders and messing with the food and

hiding in it in a kind of gourmet way, I've found it a much easier way to eat," said Barnard. "We try to present it as visual as possible to Westerners to make it easy to eat."

Gourmet Grubb was launched in 2017 on the back of research from product manager Leah Bessa, who studied food science and insects as a protein source initially turning black fly larvae into protein power. It then transitioned to making black-fly-larvae milk and using that to make ice cream.

"Insects are very under-utilised. I was looking at modern ways of bringing insects into the food processing and how Western consumers eat, that was the original inspiration.

Gourmet Grubb was a way to bring it to the forefront of people's minds and transform consumer perception about eating insects, one of the biggest barriers to entry," said Leah.

The South African company hopes to encourage people to eat more insects, and products containing insects, as global populations grow and arable land becomes limited. "The store is about introducing South Africans to the concept of eating insects" said co-founder Jean Laurens.

The Insect Experience officially opens on 11 July, but is already up and running at the GOODFood market, in the Iron Works shopping centre in Woodstock, Cape Town.

London trading firm offers \$100k prize and a job for aspiring data scientists

LONDON

XTX Markets, a London electronic trading firm that employs no human traders, is on the hunt for data scientists, and plans to lure them using an online contest.

Winners could snag a prize of \$100,000, and may even be hired to join the team. The candidates are asked to answer basic theoretical knowledge questions, then create a financial forecasting model, and XTX will judge its performance.

"We have a real need on the recruitment front," XTX Markets co-founder Alex

Gerko said in an email. "We are looking for exceptional people, and finding these candidates is a very long and difficult process. We don't hire 100 people hoping one will work out, we take our time to find unique, talented candidates."

The electronic market trader is adopting a technique that first made a splash back 15 years ago. Back in 2004, Google put a math problem on a billboard, with successful brainiacs being directed to a recruitment site for the tech giant.

Wall Street has taken note of four-year-old XTX. The

firm has climbed the ranks in currency trading, taking market share from big, bulge-bracket rivals along the way. The firm only has 118 people currently, but now handles more than \$150 billion in trades every day. It doesn't employ a single human trader.

The battle for attracting the top minds to Wall Street instead of tech start ups has been uphill. Big banks and hedge funds have been going head-to-head against speed trading firms, big banks, fintech startups, and tech companies - some are even promising the chance to work on products that are more start-up like.

XTX, which was started by Deutsche Bank's former global head of currencies, Zar Amrolia, declined

to say how much it pays new recruits. But salaries "are highly competitive in terms of our remuneration packages compared to other technology and financial firms," XTX said.

"It's one of the reasons why we have a high retention rate of staff here at XTX. When we find the right person, they are well looked after." XTX's challenge will be publicised at many of the world's top academic institutions and universities that have been identified as prolific producers of machine-learning talent.

XTX also added that they have state-of-the-art offices with an on-site gym, healthy snacks 24/7, and sleeping pods, communal spaces for creativity (including an Apollo landing capsule).



XTX co-CEO Zar Amrolia



Sunshine Industrial Limited Managing Director, Siddaraje Krishna briefing a customer about the company Sunbelt sunflower oil brand at the ongoing 43rd Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair. Photo: Miraji Msala.

Sunshine promises to stay the course after emerging with DITF agri-award

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

EDIBLE oil manufacturer, Sunshine Industrial Company Limited will continue exhibiting the best of its products that has seen the company scoop Agricultural and Livestock Products category winner for the third time in a row.

Last week during the official opening of the 43rd Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair by Vice President Samia Suluhu Hassan, Sunshine was named winner of the category which CEO, Leo Lee described as encouraging.

Lee commended Tanzania Trade Development Authority (TanTrade) for organising the annual show which brings out the best from manufacturers, traders, innovators and regulators both local and foreign.

"As a company, we are very happy with this recognition because it encourages us to do even better in future," Lee said while also praising the government for supporting lo-

cal manufacturers who buy commodities used as raw materials from farmers.

He said the award is a prestigious and special recognition given to an institution or company that has excelled in manufacturing the best products or service on display at the trade fair during the course of the year.

"They look at a company that has the best client friendly products, good customer service, healthy content. This award has given us more confidence to work even harder and give Tanzanian consumers the best of our edible oil and other products," he said.

Lee further added that winning the award for a third year in a row means

that Sunshine's sunflower brand of edible oil, Sunbelt is a good and reliable product which consumers have been using routinely with no complaint.

"This award also assures us that Tanzanians continue to support us as a company with our brand products which are also certified by regulators as meeting highest quality and standards," the Sunshine CEO bragged.

Sunshine Industrial Limited is a joint venture of sunshine Group, China National Import and Export Company Limited and Beijing SASAC and was founded in 1999 by National Development and Reform Commission, one of the most influential governmental institution in China.

Zimbabwe banks develop new payment platform as Paynet dispute continues

HARARE

ACCORDING to the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, banks in the Southern African country - that remain embroiled in a dispute with traditional payment services provider Paynet - have developed their own electronic payments platform and this is expected to go live by the end of July 2019. In the interim, banks are using internet payments and mobile money to ensure payments.

The latest development is because of an ongoing dispute between banks (including regional divisions of global banks like Nedbank, Ecobank, Standard Chartered and First Capital Bank) and traditional payment service provider Paynet, which has withdrawn its service from the local financial services sector. Paynet is suing the banks for US\$100-million, accusing them of anti-competitive behaviour after they refused to pay for the electronic transfer service in foreign currency following new monetary policy measures in June. These measures effectively ruled out trade using foreign currencies.

Dr William Kavila, deputy director for economic policy at the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, said, "Banks have devised alternative means of payments following disagreement on the use of the Paynet system. Banks are using other payment services such as RTGS, ZIPIT, internet, card (POS) and mobile money payments to serve the transacting public."

However, according to Paynet and Payserv's holding company Cambria, the bulk payment methods being used by the banks are not secure and



Dr William Kavila, deputy director for economic policy at the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe.

expose customer's personal data to risk. "In line with continued innovation and to further enhance efficiency, banks are working on a fully fledged bulk payments local solution which is expected to go live end of July 2019. Banks have also devised mechanisms to allow

for exchange of electronic payment files," added Kavila.

Foreign credit and debit cards such as Visa and MasterCard can be used in Zimbabwe, with holders of the cards allowed to withdraw local currency using the interbank exchange rate from

specific ATMs the banks are setting up.

After the fall-out with the banks, Paynet has partnered mobile money platforms EcoCash and One Money run by mobile network operators, Econet and NetOne respectively.

British Airways faces multi-million-pound fine over data theft

LONDON

THE UK plans to fine British Airways 183.4 million pounds (\$230 million) over computer attacks that exposed customer data, marking the first major application of far-reaching European Union rules requiring companies to tighten anti-hacking measures.

The proposed penalty relates to data theft affecting about 500 000 customers between June and September last year, the UK Information Commissioner's office, which protects data privacy, said in a statement Monday. BA parent IAG SA said the fine amounts to 1.5% of the airline's 2017 revenue.

The ICO said the hack involved BA's website traffic being diverted to a fraudulent site through which customer details were harvested, adding that security was compromised by poor protection of functions related to log-in, payment card, and travel booking details, as well as name and address information.

"We are surprised and disappointed in this initial finding from the ICO," British Airways Chairman and chief executive officer Alex Cruz said in the statement. IAG shares fell 1.5% to 449.8 pence at 8:06 a.m. in London.

BA had initially said its systems were compromised from Aug. 21 through Sept. 5 and that about 380 000 transactions had been affected, with Cruz describing the attack as sophisticated, malicious and criminal. At the time, it advised people to contact credit card providers to manage the breach and said stolen data didn't include travel or passport details.

Cruz said Monday the airline responded quickly and hasn't found any evidence of fraud on accounts linked to the theft. "We intend to take all appropriate steps to defend the airline's position vigorously, including making any necessary appeals," IAG CEO Willie Walsh said in the statement.

The EU's General Data Protection Regulation allows, which took effect on May 25, 2018, requires companies to take technical precautions such as encryption to ensure customer data is protected. It also states that firms must notify authorities about breaches within 72 hours after learning about them. Violations may lead to fines of as much as 4% of a company's annual sales.



British Airways chairman and chief executive officer Alex Cruz.

Microfinanciers accused of advancing poverty in villages

NAIROBI

MICROFINANCIERS have been accused of contributing to grassroots poverty by irregularly auctioning credit defaulters, taking advantage of limited understanding of the law.

A workshop for small scale group entrepreneurs held in Murang'a heard the creditors were seizing assets not in credit agreements. Women groups are said to be the worst affected since they borrow through chamas without their husbands' knowledge.

The workshop dubbed "Understanding the auctioneer-do's and don'ts" was organised by the Kenya National Society of Professional Auctioneers. Mr Steve Juma representing the Society's technical committee said there is no excuse for "rogue auctioneers to raid debtors without adhering to the rule of law."

He explained that there are four forms of auction execution - court decrees (where there is a court order), rent, repossession, and recovery of charged properties (collateral). "The law requires that a debtor be treated decently since falling into debt is not criminal. As is common with rogue practitioners, no creditor is supposed to be served through electronic media or a mobile phone," he said.

In event where the auctioneer is effecting a court order, he is supposed to visit and take stock of the goods to be attached, ascertain their status and quantify them. It is then that he will prepare a proclamation and leave you with a copy, which is a notice of intent to repossess within seven days.

Economic 'game changer? African leaders launch free-trade zone



Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari signs an agreement ahead of the launching of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) in Niamey, Niger.

NIAMEY

AFRICAN leaders launched a continental free-trade zone on Sunday that if successful would unite 1.3 billion people, create a \$3.4 trillion economic bloc and usher in a new era of development.

After four years of talks, an agreement to form a 55-nation trade bloc was reached in March, paving the way for Sunday's African Union summit in Niger where Ghana was announced as the host of the trade zone's future headquarters and discussions were held on how exactly the bloc will operate.

It is hoped that the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) - the largest since the creation of the World Trade Organization in 1994 - will help unlock Africa's long-stymied economic potential by boosting intra-regional trade, strengthening supply chains and spreading expertise.

"The eyes of the world are turned towards Africa," Egyptian President and African Union Chairman Abdel Fattah el-Sisi said at the summit's opening ceremony. "The success of the AfCFTA will be the real test to achieve the economic growth that will turn our people's dream of welfare and quality of life into a reality," he said.

Africa has much catching up to do: its intra-regional trade accounted for just 17% of exports in 2017 versus 59% in Asia and 69% in Europe, and Africa has missed out on the economic booms that other trade blocs have experienced in recent decades.

Economists say significant challenges remain, including poor road and rail links, large areas of unrest, excessive border bureaucracy and petty corruption that have held back growth and integration.

Members have committed to eliminate tariffs on most goods, which will increase trade in the region by 15-25% in the medium term, but this would more than double if these other issues were dealt with, according to International Monetary Fund (IMF) estimates.

The IMF in a May report described the free-trade zone as a potential "economic game changer" of the kind that has boosted growth in Europe and North America, but it added a note of caution. "Reducing tariffs alone is not sufficient," it said.

Divergent interests

Africa already has an alphabet soup of competing and overlapping trade zones - ECOWAS in the west, EAC in the east, SADC in the south and COMESA in the east and south. But only the EAC, driven mainly by Kenya, has made significant progress towards a common market in goods and services.

These regional economic communities (REC) will continue to trade among themselves as they do now. The role of AfCFTA is to liberalise trade among those member states that are not currently in the same REC, said Trudi Hartzenberg, director at Tralac, a South Africa-based trade law organisation.

The zone's potential clout received a boost on Tuesday when Nigeria, the largest economy in Africa, agreed to sign the agreement at the summit. Benin has also since agreed to join. Fifty-four of the continent's 55 states have now signed up, but only about half of these have ratified. One obstacle in negotiations will be the countries' conflicting motives.

For undiversified but relatively developed economies like Nigeria, which relies heavily on oil exports, the benefits of membership will likely be smaller than others, said John Ashbourne, senior emerging markets economist at Capital Economics.

Nigerian officials have expressed concern that the country could be flooded with low-priced goods, confounding efforts to encourage moribund local manufacturing and expand farming.

In contrast, South Africa's manufacturers, which are among the most developed in Africa, could quickly expand outside their usual export markets and into West and North Africa, giving them an advantage over manufacturers from other countries, Ashbourne said. The presidents of both countries attended the summit.

The vast difference in countries' economic heft is another complicating factor in negotiations. Nigeria, Egypt and South Africa account for over 50% of Africa's cumulative GDP, while its six sovereign island nations represent about 1%.

"It will be important to address those disparities to ensure that special and differential treatments for the least developed countries are adopted and successfully implemented," said Landry Signe, a fellow at the Brookings Institution's Africa Growth Initiative.

The summit also saw the launch of a digital payments system for the zone and instruments that will govern rules of origin and tariff concessions, as well as monitor and seek to eliminate non-tariff obstacles to trade, the African Union said.

Mental health disorders in the workplace

CORPORATE WELLNESS



By Bhakti Shah, MPH

MENTAL health problems affect many - a fact that is usually overlooked because disorders tend to be hidden at work. The stigma attached to having a psychiatric disorder is such that individuals may be reluctant to seek treatment. Adequate treatment can help alleviate symptoms and improve performance, relationships and overall feeling of self-worth.

Here is quick guide to the most common mental health problems in the workplace and how they affect both employees and employers:

Depression is the most common in the general population and more likely to result in nervousness, restlessness, or irritability - and in physical complaints, such as a preoccupation with aches and pains. Individuals may become passive, withdrawn, aimless, and non productive.

They may also be fatigued at work, partly as a result of the mood disorders or because they are having trouble sleeping at night. Depression may also impair judgment or cloud decision-making.

Bipolar Disorder is typically characterized by cycling between elevated (manic) and depressed moods. In a manic phase, individuals may appear highly energetic and creative, but actual productivity may suffer. During a full blown mania, a person may become disruptive, flout workplace rules, be overly aggressive, and make mistakes in judgment - such as overspending a budget.

Anxiety Disorder in the workplace may manifest as restlessness, fatigue, difficulty concentrating and excess worrying. Individuals may require constant reassurance about performance. Sometimes, as with depression, physical symptoms or irritability may be noticeable.

Attention Deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) is a medical condition, where there are differences in brain development and brain activity that affect attention, the ability to sit still and self-control.

In the workplace, ADHD may manifest as disorganization, failure to meet deadlines, inability to manage workloads, problems following instructions from supervisors, and arguments with co-workers.

Narcissistic Personality Disorder

(NPD) is a serious psychological disorder that involves patterns of self-centered thinking. People with NPD typically have a lack of empathy and consideration for other people, coupled with an excessive need for reaffirmation, admiration or acknowledgement.

They may come across as cocky, manipulative, selfish, patronizing or demanding - which may manifest itself in professional and personal relationships, leading to serious and diverse problems. Individuals in the workplace have difficulty in handling even the most constructive criticism and are more likely to engage in counterproductive work behavior, especially when their self-esteem is threatened.

NPD is typically an external coping mechanism for low self-esteem or feelings of low self-worth.

Stigma is a significant barrier to people accessing quality mental health care. Quality treatment requires an accurate diagnosis. With proper diagnosis, treatment and strong relationship with a skilled provider, people with mental disorders can manage quality work and personal life and relationships.

This article responds to requests from readers. Follow-up articles will discuss each of the enlisted mental disorder in the context of its effect on the workplace, with recommended strategies to address such disorders.

Reply back to bhakti@impactafya.com or call +255 754 694 643 with your feedback. We welcome your suggestions for corporate wellness tips you'd like to see covered in our future columns.

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UAE orders Etisalat and du to stop pay-per-use data plans

DUBAI

THE UAE Telecommunications Regulatory Authority demanded operators Etisalat and du discontinue pay-per-use data plans, unless a customer explicitly requests the service, to prevent clients from receiving excessive bills.

The move aims to "protect subscribers" from "high charges", the regulator said on Friday, because the service was previously activated automatically when a user inserted a "SIM card in the mobile device, causing increase of charges and loss of balance."

Hamad Al Mansoori, TRA director general, said the regulator's decision reflects its "keenness to achieve customers' happiness by implementing the best international standards on the services provided by the licensees in the country, providing the best services and the highest quality, and giving

the subscribers more freedom and flexibility in choosing the services they desire."

Data-on-demand is offered by Etisalat and du, allowing subscribers to dial a number to access mobile data and pay by the minute. But some consumers faced hefty bills after forgetting to unsubscribe from the service, which remained active until they put a stop to it or ran out of credit. The TRA first issued an order to discontinue the service on Twitter, before following up with a statement on Friday.

On Thursday Etisalat sent a text message to its subscribers saying: "Great news! No more bill shocks on data! To prevent unexpected charges, pay-as-you-go data has been blocked from 1st July 2019. For on-demand mobile internet, please dial *800# and use Play on Demand for only 5 fils/min."

According to Etisalat's website on Saturday, customers now wanting start or stop data

services must subscribe and are charged 30 fils for the first 15 minutes and then 2 fils per minute. Du lists the same rate on its website with both operators now capping the length of time the service remains active.

According to its website, du stops pay-per-minute date services after four hours. Charles Crowell for The National According to its website, du stops pay-per-minute date services after four hours. Charles Crowell for The National

While du states that the service remains active "for a maximum duration of 4 hours in one session", Etisalat says customers are "protected from Pay-as-You-Go charges for two hours after stopping your data session."

In March, the TRA said mobile phone users in the UAE would no longer have to pay months' worth of fees for ending their contracts early. An

amendment stated that only a month's fee could be charged for early termination, replacing a previous provision that allowed operators to charge a monthly fee multiplied by the number of months remaining in the contract.

Mohammed Al Ramsi, the TRA's regulatory affairs director, said at the time that the new amendment came in response to customer complaints, as the previous provision "forced the customer to commit to using the service until the end of the contract, despite their unwillingness to do so sometimes."

"Now the user can terminate the service contract and choose another service for a simple charge equal [to] one month fee, which is considered operational fees," he said. The TRA said on Friday these amendments have already been introduced to new contracts for mobile phone services and will be applied to other contracts in time.



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WORLD

In losing legal battles over census, Trump may win political war

WASHINGTON

THE Trump administration has few realistic options to get a citizenship question onto next year's census, but by keeping the issue in the public eye it could still trigger an undercount of residents in Democratic-leaning areas, legal and political experts told Reuters.

Constant media coverage linking citizenship and census forms could scare undocumented immigrants away from responding and rally U.S. President Donald Trump's base to participate, they said. That, in turn, would help redraw voting districts across the country in favor of his Republican party, encouraging the president to pursue a legal battle that he has little chance of winning.

The latest parlay came on Sunday evening, when the U.S. Department of Justice installed a new team of lawyers to handle the last iterations of litigation that has been going on for more than a year.

"Even if the question is (taken) off, if people are tweeting as if it may be a real possibility, it continues to raise

fears and depress the count," said Thomas Wolf, a lawyer who focuses on census issues at the Brennan Center for Justice.

The U.S. Constitution requires the government to count all residents - whatever their legal status - every 10 years. The information collected becomes the basis for voting maps and distributing some \$800 billion in federal funds each year.

It is illegal for the Census Bureau to share information about individuals with law enforcement or immigration authorities. But the idea of asking residents about citizenship status has nonetheless stoked fears that the survey would become a tool for the Trump administration's hardline immigration policies.

The president and his allies have said it is important to know about citizenship status, and characterized the question as something that should not draw controversy.

"So important for our Country that the very simple and basic 'Are you a Citizen of the United States?' question be allowed to be asked in the 2020 Cen-



US President Donald Trump

sus," the president tweeted on July 4.

A Reuters poll earlier this year also showed 66% of Americans support its inclusion.

But demographers, advocacy groups, corporations and even the Census Bureau's own staff have said the citizenship question threatens to undermine the survey.

Communities with high immigrant and Latino populations could have low response rates. Researchers have estimated that more than 4 million people out of a total U.S. population of some 330 million may not participate.

That would benefit non-Hispanic whites, a core part of Trump's support, and help Republicans gain seats in Congress and state legislatures, critics have said.

The question seemed dead in June, when the Supreme Court blocked it, saying the administra-

tion had given a "contrived" rationale for its inclusion.

However, the high court left open the possibility that the administration could offer a plausible rationale. Department of Justice lawyers said on Friday that they were exploring other explanations. Trump also said he may try to force it into the survey through an executive order.

Legal experts immediately slapped down the ideas. It will be hard to convince justices that a new explanation is not also contrived, and an executive order would not override the Supreme Court decision or undo other court orders blocking the citizenship question, they said.

"There is nothing talismanic about an executive order," said a statement from Thomas Saenz, the president and general counsel of MALDEF, a Latino rights group pursuing one of the cases against the administration. "Our government is not a dictatorship."

Trump also said on Friday that although census forms are already being printed, the government could later produce "an addendum."

It is not clear how that might work, but census experts said it would be an unprecedented disruption to a process that has been in motion for years.

"Any suggestion that on a moment's notice the Census Bureau could add an extra piece of paper with an additional question to a census that it has been planning literally for a decade demonstrates a breathtaking ignorance of what it takes to pull off a census," said Terri Ann Lowenthal, a census consultant.

An addendum would also likely be challenged in courts for running afoul of various administrative laws.

On Friday, the American Civil Liberties Union filed a motion to prevent the citizenship question from being added.

In the meantime, attention surrounding the legal debacle may already be hurting the census and helping Trump achieve his goals, said Jessica Levinson, a professor at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles.

"The longer he has this conversation, the worse it is for an accurate census count," she said.

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UK minister to apologise over envoy's leaked memos

LONDON

BRITAIN'S trade minister said yesterday he would apologise to US President Donald Trump's daughter Ivanka for a leak of confidential memos in which the UK ambassador describes the US administration as "dysfunctional" and "inept".

The memos from Kim Darroch, the UK's ambassador to Washington, were leaked to a Sunday newspaper, annoying Trump and triggering demands on the British side to find out who had disclosed them.

Trade Minister Liam Fox, who is on a visit to Washington, told BBC radio he would apologise to the president's daughter Ivanka, who he is due to meet during his trip.

"I will be apologising for the fact that either our civil service or elements of our political class have not lived up to the expectations that either we have or the United States has about their behaviour, which in this particular case has lapsed in a most extraordinary and unacceptable way," he said.

"Malicious leaks of this nature are unprofessional, unethical and unpatriotic and can actually lead to a damage to that relationship which can therefore affect our wider security interest."

The revelations came at a time when Britain is hoping to strike a major trade deal with its closest ally after it leaves the European Union, an exit currently scheduled for Oct 31.

Trump told reporters, of Dar-



roch: "We are not big fans of that man and he has not served the UK well, so I can understand and I can say things about him but I won't bother."

In memos to his government dating from 2017 to the present, Darroch said reports of in-fighting in the White House were "mostly true" and last month described

confusion within the administration over Trump's decision to call off a military strike on Iran.

"We don't really believe this Administration is going to become substantially more normal; less dysfunctional; less unpredictable; less faction riven; less diplomatically clumsy and inept," Darroch wrote in one memo, according to the Mail on Sunday.

Fox echoed a statement from Britain's Foreign Office that the views Darroch had expressed were not those of the British government itself. Former defence minister Michael Fallon said Darroch's term as ambassador was due to come to an end soon.

"All ambassadors are asked to report all the time honestly about the different strengths and weak-

nesses of the governments they are posted to," he told BBC radio. "It's obviously damaging to any relationship when this sort of stuff gets published."

Nigel Farage, leader of Britain's Brexit Party and long a thorn in the side of British governments, said figures such as Darroch would be "not be around" if ex-foreign minister Boris Johnson, one of two candidates seeking to replace Theresa May as prime minister, was chosen by Conservative Party members.

However, despite being close to Trump, Farage ruled himself out of becoming Britain's next ambassador in Washington.

"I don't think I'm the right man for that job," he told BBC radio.

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African leaders urge concerted efforts to spur continental integration

NIAMEY

AFRICAN leaders yesterday urged African Union (AU) member countries and regional economic communities to exert concerted efforts together with the AU towards the continent's integration.

The leaders made the urgent call here yesterday during the opening session of the first Mid-Year Coordination Meeting of the AU and the Regional Economic Communities on the margins of the AU Summit, slated for July 4 to 8 in Niamey, capital of Niger.

"If we work together and coordinate efforts we can ensure our common vision, aspiration and all the objectives of agenda 2063," Mahamadou Issoufou, President of Niger, told African leaders during the first Mid-Year Coordination Meeting.

Noting that 54 AU member countries have signed the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Agreement in just one year period of the AfCFTA was launched, the Nigerian President stressed that "the signing and ratification of the AfCFTA is the fastest in the history of our organization."

Issoufou also stressed the need to replicate the success realized in the signing and ratification of the continental free trade pact to other continental and regional treaties so as to harness the potential advantages of the various continentally adopted agreements towards Africa's socioeconomic development.

The aspiration of the African people driven by economic



growth, empowerment of women and youth, justice, peace and security are also the major aspirations of the Agenda 2063 towards Africa's renaissance," Issoufou stressed.

"The plan of actions under the Agenda 2063 will lead us to the Africa we want by 2063 towards an integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa led by Africans," Issoufou said, adding "this Agenda displays the programs that we all

implement at regional and individual country levels."

Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi, who is also the current chairperson of the AU, also on Monday stressed the vital role of the first coordination meeting between the AU and the regional economic communities to integrating continental efforts among the Union and various regional organizations towards Africa's development.

"It is extremely important that the activities undertaken by the regional economic communities and those undertaken by our Commission should draft in order to avoid duplication," he added.

"We all agree on the important role of these regional communities as main pillars of the project

towards regional integration aiming at creating the African economic community representing a pivotal role in modernizing our continent," al-Sisi said.

"Despite what we have achieved on the continental level, yet we still have a long way and full of challenges," the Egyptian President stressed, as he urged AU member countries and regional economic communities to exert concerted efforts in addressing the challenges that the pan African bloc aspires to eradicate.

The Mid-Year Coordination Meeting came a day after African leaders on Sunday officially launched the operational phase of the AfCFTA Agreement during the 12th Extraordinary Summit of the AU Heads of State and Government in Niamey.

Xinhua

Ramaphosa supports Huawei as only company that can bring 5G to SA

JOHANNESBURG



SOUTH African President Cyril Ramaphosa backed Chinese technology giant Huawei on Friday at the 4IRSA digital economy summit in Johannesburg, where he outlined his government's strategy to unlock economic opportunities in the digital era.

Near the end of his speech the President turned his attention to multilateral relations, which he said should also reflect an enabling posture for the global digital economy.

Ramaphosa said the US action against Huawei was an example of protectionism which would affect South Africa's telecommunications sector.

"This standoff between China and the US where the technology company Huawei is being used as victim because of its successes is an example of protectionism that will affect our own telecommunications sector, particularly the efforts to roll out the 5G network, causing a setback on other networks as well." He said.

He said a number of telecommunication companies had written to him to express their concerns about trade restrictions that had been imposed on Huawei by the US government.

"Telecom companies got together and wrote me a letter saying that this tussle between the US and China around the company called Huawei is going to hurt us because we can't go to 5G and only Huawei can lead us to 5G," he said.

With the trade discussions between the US and China set to resume, Ramaphosa said the Chinese telecom giant was a victim.

"We support a company that is going to take our country and indeed the world to better technologies, and that is 5G. We cannot afford to have our economy to be held back because of this fight. We are pleased that at the G20 Summit, China and US were able to meet and they said they will relax some of the constraints being imposed on Huawei, so that it can continue to deal with other various companies."

Putin believes dialogue with Zelensky possible if he honours Donbass promises

ROME

THE dialogue between Moscow and Kiev, as well as improvement in Russia-Ukraine relations are possible if Ukrainian President Vladimir Zelensky fulfils his election promises and starts talking to his compatriots in the Donbass Region, Russian President Vladimir Putin said in an interview with the Italian Corriere della Sera newspaper ahead of his visit to Italy.

"The constructive dialogue with Kiev is possible if Zelensky delivers on his election campaign promises, particularly engages directly with his compatriots in Donbass and ceases branding them as separatists."

If the Ukrainian authorities implement the Minsk Agreements, instead of ignoring them," Putin (pictured) said, adding that "Ukrainian citizens are expecting real actions from Zelensky and his team, quick changes for better, rather than declarations."

Putin pointed out that the new Ukrainian authorities will have to address the issues left unresolved by the previous leadership.

"Forceful Ukrainization, bans to use Russian language that is native for millions of Ukrainian citizens, including bans to use it in universities and school [as the language of instruction], raging neo-Nazism, the civil conflict in the southeast of the country, the attempts of the previous authorities to destroy the fragile inter-religious peace - this is just a small part of the unpleasant "baggage", which the new president needs to deal with," he believes.

"And, of course, the authorities in Kiev need to finally realize that developing pragmatic cooperation between Russia and Ukraine based on trust and mutual understanding is in the best common interests, rather than confrontation [between the two countries]. We are ready for it," Putin underlined.

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Sudanese say US pressure was key to reaching transition deal

CAIRO

THE power-sharing agreement reached between Sudan's military and pro-democracy protesters last week came after the United States and its Arab allies applied intense pressure on both sides amid fears a prolonged crisis could tip the country into civil war, activists and officials said.

The agreement, which raised hopes of a democratic transition following the military overthrow of long-ruling autocrat Omar al-Bashir in April, was announced days after the protesters held mass marches through Khartoum and

other areas.

But those familiar with the negotiations say the main breakthrough happened at a secret meeting the day before the protests, when diplomats from the US, Britain, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates pressed the two sides to accept proposals from the African Union and Ethiopia.

"It was a tense but crucial meeting. It melted the ice," a leading activist said on condition of anonymity to discuss the back-room negotiations. "The meeting was the cornerstone of Friday's deal."

The two sides agreed on a jointly run sovereign council that will rule for a lit-

tle over three years while elections are organized. A military leader will head the council for the first 21 months followed by a civilian leader for the next 18.

They also agreed on an independent Sudanese investigation into security forces' deadly crackdown on the protests last month - though it's unclear if anyone will be held accountable. The military also agreed to restore the internet after a weeklong blackout.

Much could still go wrong, and last month's violence erupted at a similarly hopeful moment. But for now the deal appears to be on track, with the two sides expected to formally sign it this

week.

Two leading activists, a Sudanese military official and two Egyptian officials described intense US efforts to force a deal after veteran diplomat Donald Booth was appointed special envoy in mid-June. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the talks.

State Department officials declined to comment on US efforts to broker the deal, saying only that Washington welcomes the agreement and commends the AU and Ethiopia for their mediation efforts.

The Arab officials said the US not only

ramped up pressure on the military, but also on Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Egypt, which supported the military's overthrow of al-Bashir and sided with the generals when the protesters remained in the streets.

Two Egyptian officials with direct knowledge of Booth's meetings in Cairo last month said the US urged President Abdel-Fattah el-Sisi to back the AU and Ethiopian proposal and "pressure" Gen Abdel-Fattah Burhan, the head of the ruling military council, to respond positively. "We received a direct message from the White House: Facilitate a deal between the military and the protesters,"

one of the officials said.

They said the same message was conveyed to Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, close US allies that had pledged billions of dollars in aid to the military after al-Bashir's overthrow.

The two Arab nations were seen as having major influence over Gen. Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo, who has sent Sudanese forces to aid their war in Yemen. Dagalo, known by the nickname "Hemedti," is seen by many as the most powerful figure on the military council, and his paramilitary Rapid Support Forces led last month's violent dispersal of the protesters' main sit-in. **Agencies**



Erdogan says Russia kicks off delivery operation for S-400 missile system

ANKARA

PREPARATIONS continue to dispatch Russian-made S-400 air defense missile system to Turkey and an operation to load them onto a transport plane is underway, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan announced at a news conference yesterday.

"The preparations for the dispatch [of S-400 system] continue. The loading is underway. There are agreed dates for S-400 deliveries," the Turkish president said.

According to Erdogan, "the National Defense Ministry is currently planning and selecting a site for the deployment of S-400." The Turkish leader said he was sure that the Russian-made S-400 missile system would have a positive effect on the security of both Turkey and the entire region.

The Turkish TV Channel Haberturk reported on Friday, citing sources, that the shipment of the Russian-made S-400 anti-aircraft missile system to Turkey could begin on July 7. According to the TV Channel's data, the first S-400 system was due to be loaded onto a transport plane to be delivered next week.

Haberturk also reported that nine Russian technical specialists would arrive in Turkey before Monday to help deploy S-400 missile system. During the first stage, one S-400 set will be delivered to Ankara, the TV Channel reported.

Head of Turkey's Defense Industries Directorate Ismail Demir stated on Thursday that the S-400 deliveries might begin next week. The Russian side did not name the exact date for the commencement of the deliveries.

S-400 deal
The first reports about the talks between Russia and Turkey on the deliveries of S-400 air defense missile system emerged in November 2016.

Russia confirmed in September 2017 that the relevant contract had been signed. Turkish Defense Minister Hulusi Akar earlier said that the deployment of S-400 surface-to-air missile systems might begin in October 2019.

CEO of Russia's state hi-tech corporation Rostec Sergei Chemezov noted in December 2017 that the S-400 deal was worth \$2.5 billion.

The United States is making attempts to prevent Turkey from purchasing S-400 anti-aircraft missile systems. Washington earlier warned that it might deny Turkey the purchase of F-35 fighter-bombers, if Ankara pressed ahead with the S-400 deal.

The S-400 "Triumph" is the most advanced long-range air defense missile system that went into service in Russia in 2007. It is designed to destroy aircraft, cruise and ballistic missiles, including medium-range missiles, and can also be used against ground installations. The S-400 can engage targets at a distance of 400 km and at an altitude of up to 30 km.

Agencies

China targets NGOs' misuse of poverty relief funds - report

BEIJING

THE Chinese government is working to address the misuse of poverty relief programs by profit-seeking NGOs, yesterday's China Daily reported.

The newspaper quoted a recent circular issued by the Ministry of Civil Affairs and the State Council Leading Group Office of Poverty Alleviation and Development as saying that the authorities take aim at stamping out misconduct in NGOs' poverty reduction endeavors.

The circular criticized organizations using such programs to enrich themselves and urged more transparency in the spending of funds raised from the public.

It also pledged serious punishment for NGOs that embezzle money from such programs and said those suspected of criminal offenses will be handed over to the public security authorities.

However, the two departments also reiterated their support for NGO involvement in the country's campaign to eradicate absolute poverty, the report said, noting that the authorities will coach charitable groups to make full use of tax breaks tailored for relief funds, and will instill discipline in NGOs' relief efforts through annual checkups and evaluations.

China launched a three-year crackdown last year on officials who undermine poverty relief efforts.

However, supervision of misconduct with the nongovernment sector also seemed to become necessary as cases have been reported in which NGOs allegedly skimmed money from funds raised in the name of poverty relief, the newspaper quoted Qu Tianjun, a senior official who oversees nongovernmental participation in poverty relief, as saying.

Xinhua

Envoy: China strongly opposes British intervention in HK affairs

LONDON

CHINA is "strongly opposed" to British intervention in Hong Kong affairs, Chinese Ambassador to Britain Liu Xiaoming said on Sunday, criticizing some British politicians' Cold War mentality on bilateral ties.

The decision to carry out fugitive law amendments is necessary, fair and reasonable, and in doing so, China's Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR) and its Chief Executive Carrie Lam aim to make Hong Kong a better and safer place, rather than a haven for fugitive criminals, Liu (pictured) said during



a live interview on BBC One's Andrew Marr Show, an hour-long British Sun-

day morning talk show.

"Every step of the way, we let the Hong Kong SAR government handle this. Instead, it is the British government that was trying to interfere, voicing support for the demonstrators.

When the rioters stormed the Legislative Council, they even said that you can't use this violence as a pretext for repression. So they tried to obstruct the legal process," Liu added.

China is not interested in diplomatic bickering, and is still committed to building a potent partnership with Britain to advance the "Golden Era" of bilateral ties, the diplomat said.

Xinhua



Kenya resorts to anti-stigma campaign in managing mental health

NAIROBI

KENYA has resorted to anti-stigma campaign in managing mental health in the country, a government official said yesterday.

Sicily Kariuki, cabinet secretary for health said the government has resolved to fight stigma by rolling out campaigns such as sports, identification and empowering mental health ambassadors and working with influential persons in the art and music industry.

Treatment is available but unfortunately nearly two thirds of people with known mental disorders never seek help from a health professional due to stigma, discrimination and neglect," Sicily Kariuki (pictured) said in a statement issued in Nairobi.

She noted that as a result, cases of mental health that includes domestic violence, suicide, poor academic performance and indiscipline have increased in recent past.

Kariuki said that the government has intensified training of Kenyan doctors on family health inclusive of mental health to help meet demand for mental health.

She added that mental health screening is being carried out by the 50 family health physicians from Cuba who are deployed across the country.

"We supply oral and injectable medicines after conducting consultations, examinations, diagnosis, clinical interventions and rehabilitation," Kariuki added.

In Kenya, 11.5 million people suffer from mental health while the country has only 88 psychiatrists, 427 psychiatrist nurses about 10 medical social workers and a few mental psychologists and counselors who are competent to handle mental issues.

According to the official, the government has included mental health services such as education and awareness in the Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

These services, Kariuki said includes community screening, psychological intervention such as counseling and care coordination and follow up by social health workers. She observed that mental promotion, prevention and treatment can play a bigger role in stopping suicidal thoughts, suicidal attempts and completed suicides.

"We have developed Kenya Mental Health Policy 2015-2030 that provides a framework for securing mental health systems reform in line with the government health and plans," she added.

The official noted that the success of the campaign will result in the development of youth friendly clinics, integration of mental health services and a multi sectoral approach. It is recognized locally and internationally that multiple social, psychological and biological factors determine the level of mental health of a person.

Xinhua

ICC convicts Congo rebel leader known as 'Terminator'

THE HAGUE, Netherlands

THE International Criminal Court (ICC) yesterday convicted a notorious rebel commander known as "The Terminator" of 18 counts of crimes against humanity and war crimes including murder, rape and sexual slavery for his role in atrocities in a bloody ethnic conflict in a mineral-rich region of Congo in 2002-2003.

Bosco Ntaganda, who maintained his innocence during his trial, faces a maximum life sentence following his convictions at the global court. He showed no emotion as Presiding Judge Robert Fremr passed judgment.

A separate hearing will be scheduled to determine his sentence. Ntaganda has 30 days to appeal.

Ntaganda was first indicted in 2006 and became a symbol of impunity in Africa, even serving as a general in Congo's army before turning himself in in 2013 as his power base crumbled.

Fremr said that Ntaganda was guilty as a direct perpetrator or a co-perpetrator of a string of crimes including murders, rapes of men and women, a massacre in a banana field behind a building called The Paradiso and of enlisting and using child soldiers.

"The bodies of those killed - men women and children and babies - were found in the banana field over the next days," Fremr said. "Some bodies were found naked, some had their hands tied up and some had their heads crushed. Several bodies were disemboweled or otherwise mutilated."

During his trial, Ntaganda testified for weeks in his own defense, saying he wanted to put the record straight about his reputation as a ruthless military leader.

He was the deputy chief of staff and commander of operations for rebel group the Patriotic Forces for the Lib-



Congolese militia commander Bosco Ntaganda enters the courtroom of the International Criminal Court (ICC) during his trial at the Hague in the Netherlands, yesterday. (AP)

eration of Congo. The force's leader, Thomas Lubanga, was convicted by the ICC in 2012 of using child soldiers. He is serving a 14-year prison sentence.

Maria Elena Vignoli, international justice counsel with Human Rights Watch, welcomed Ntaganda's conviction.

"The long-awaited judgment provides an important measure of justice for Bosco Ntaganda's victims and puts others responsible for grave crimes on notice," she said. "But renewed violence in eastern Congo highlights the need to address the impunity for other abusive leaders."

Yesterday's convictions were a victory for ICC prosecutors after high profile defeats recently. In January, judges acquitted former Ivory Coast president Laurent Gbagbo and a former government minister of involvement in crimes following disputed

2010 elections.

Last year, a former Congolese vice president, Jean-Pierre Bemba, was acquitted on appeal of crimes allegedly committed by his militia in neighboring Central African Republic.

Set up in 2002, the court has convicted only four people of war crimes and five more for interfering with witnesses.

Fremr said 102 witnesses testified at Ntaganda's trial, including a woman who survived having her throat slit by Ntaganda's forces. Fremr said Ntaganda himself shot and killed an elderly man serving as a Catholic priest.

Vignoli said thousands more victims in Congo still await justice.

"The ICC and Congolese authorities should work together to bring to trial many more of those responsible for grave crimes, including senior officials," she added.

Agencies

Conservative leader Kyriakos Mitsotakis sworn in as Greece's new PM

ATHENS

Kyriakos Mitsotakis, leader of Greece's conservative New Democracy party, was sworn in yesterday as Greece's new prime minister after winning Sunday's national snap elections.

Accompanied by his family, Mitsotakis arrived at the presidential mansion to take

his religious oath in a ceremony presided by the Orthodox Christian Church Archbishop Ieronymos of Athens and All Greece.

He sworn to "safeguard the Constitution and the laws and to serve the general interest of the Greek People."

Greek President Prokopis Pavlopoulos called Mitsotakis earlier in the morning

and formally informed him that he has the mandate to form a government, after securing a solid parliamentary majority.

"The Greek people gave us a strong mandate to change Greece. We will honor this mandate in full. From now on the hard work starts. I

have absolute confidence in our ability to be a match for what is at stake," Mitsotakis told media after the ceremony. The newly sworn-in prime minister headed to the Maximos Mansion, where the seat of government has been based for the past few decades, for the handover ceremony.

LILONGWE

MALAWI police have arrested 68 people in connection to the breaking, looting and burning of public offices and individual property during protests against the country's electoral body chief on Thursday and Friday.

The nationwide protests, which were organized by the (Malawi) Human Rights Defenders Coalition (HRDC) and graced by the opposition,

Malawi police arrest 68 for post-election violence

were meant to be peaceful but the situation went out of hand at some point.

Public offices were reported to have been looted and burnt in Mzuzu city, Karonga and Rumphi districts up north, while in the capital, Lilongwe, Zomba and Blantyre, down south, shops were reported to have been broken into and looted.

The protesters in Mzuzu also burned down the house and two vehicles of former minister of Home Affairs and Internal Security, Grace Chiumia, who is President Peter Mutharika's Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) member.

But in a statement released Sunday, Malawi Police Service (MPS) spokes-

person, James Kadadzera, disclosed that the police had arrested 68 people in relation to the Thursday and Friday violence across the country.

"The MPS strongly condemns the criminal acts and looting that resurfaced during the demonstrations in Lilongwe, Blantyre, Zomba, Mzuzu, Rumphi, and Karonga on Thursday,"

wrote the police spokes person.

He added: "So far we have arrested 68 suspects strongly connected to the looting and injuring of police officers [and] the perpetrators will be answerable in Court as individuals."

According to Kadadzera, 39 people have been arrested in Lilongwe, 18 in Mzuzu and 11 in Rumphi up north. The

police have also recovered 55 out of 231 bicycles and a few computers that were stolen from Mzuzu Agriculture offices.

"The law enforcers are vigilant and alert in making sure that everything is under control, day and night," said the police spokesperson in the statement, adding: "We have put in place strategies and modalities so that citizens can normally access services at hospitals, schools, shops, and markets."

Xinhua

Residents in California's quake-hit region seek answers about future

RIDGECREST

IN the wake of a massive 7.1 earthquake just one day after a magnitude 6.4 quake that hit Southern California in the United States, as well as aftershocks, shaken local residents are anxious about their future.

At a townhall meeting Sunday evening at Kerr McGee Community Center, near the epicenter of the quake, state and local authorities met with concerned

locals to answer questions and talk about the road to recovery for the communities most severely affected by the earthquakes.

County leaders, the Ridgecrest City mayor, the Ridgecrest police chief, the Kern County Fire Department, and representatives from the Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake addressed the crowd of anxious citizens.

The Federal Emergency Man-

agement Agency estimated that the earthquakes had impacted more than 5,000 structures and necessitated the evacuation of the Ridgecrest Regional Hospital's acute care unit to other local hospitals.

Authorities reported that the roads and sidewalks had been inspected and were in safe condition to use, the water system was fully operational, and that the waste water treatment facility was also fully operational.

Two hundred National Guard troops were called in to help safeguard local residents' homes and stores after some incidents of theft in local shops.

Ridgecrest Police Chief Jed McLaughlin said a residence had been burglarized and a local convenience store broken into and a "very expensive" piece of equipment made off with. The stolen equipment has since been recovered.

"There are no deaths, so

that's great. But there are a lot of displaced people that we and the Red Cross are providing food and shelter for, because, though lots of the houses look just fine on the outside, the insides are demolished," Jason Patin, director of Ridgecrest Parks and Recreation, told Xinhua.

Due to homes being red-tagged as unsafe for habitation and continued fears of larger quakes to come, the Red Cross

center housed 163 people overnight. Many camped out behind the shelter under the stars, afraid to sleep under a roof.

Angel Munoz, 22, a Ridgecrest resident who was afraid to go home, is feeling more reassured and is now eager to return.

"I feel better now," he said. "I just want all this to be over."

Stressing that trauma also comes in emotional form, authorities said various types of support professionals will be

on hand to help people with mental, emotional and spiritual support.

McLaughlin assured the public that the various uniformed personnel will "be here until we no longer need them to help us." Anthony Romero, from the Kern County Fire Department, said their focus had shifted from putting out fires and checking on the public welfare to helping the community recover.

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Virat Kohli

Kohli happy to change his tune as Rohit enjoys purple patch

MANCHESTER, England

ROHIT Sharma's red-hot form has prompted India captain Virat Kohli to reinvent himself as India's middle-overs orchestrator, a role he is ready to reprise in Tuesday's World Cup semi-final against New Zealand, the 30-year-old said on Monday.

Opener Rohit became the first batsman to hit five centuries in a single World Cup and is the tournament's leading scorer with 647 runs heading into the knockout stages.

Kohli, the world's top-ranked ODI batsman, has strung together five consecutive fifties but is yet to register a hundred, something he attributed his new role as the team's middle-overs anchor.

"It's been a different kind of role I have played in this World Cup," Kohli told reporters at Old Trafford.

"It's great that Rohit has been scoring so consistently, which means that coming in the later half of the innings, you have to play a different role, which is controlling the middle overs and letting guys like Hardik (Pandya), Kedar (Jadhav), MS (Dhoni) and Rishabh (Pant) express themselves.

"I've understood that roles can vary a lot in one day cricket depending on the time you step in to bat and I've been very happy holding one end and letting other guys express themselves striking at 150-160 and even 200."

PERSONAL MILESTONES

Personal milestones are the last things on the mind of the captain who is leading India's bid for a third World Cup title.

"Rohit said the same thing the other day, that he's trying to do the best for the team.

In that process special things happen," Kohli said.

"I'm very happy for him and hope he gets two more (centuries) so we can win two more games," said Kohli, terming his deputy as the best one-day cricketer at the moment.

Tuesday's game will be a repeat of the semi-finals of the 2008 ICC Under-19 World Cup in which a Kohli-led India defeated a Kane Williamson-captained New Zealand in Kuala Lumpur.

"When we meet tomorrow, I'm going to remind him," Kohli said with a smile.

"Quite a nice thing to realise that after 11 years we are captaining our respective nations again in senior World Cup."

Kohli said he knew Williamson, also New Zealand's batting mainstay, was a special talent when he first saw him play in 2007.

"In an Under-19 test match, he played a shot off one of our fast bowlers off the back foot. I remember fielding in the slips and telling someone that I have never seen someone playing a shot like that.

"We always knew he had the special ability to go all the way. Now he's controlling the tempo of the game for NZ in every game he plays."

Kohli expects Williamson, New Zealand's leading scorer in the tournament, to play a similar role on Tuesday and identified him and Ross Taylor as the key wickets for his bowlers.

"He is always been the main guy for them, along with Ross (Taylor)," Kohli said.

"From our point of view, getting them early will be crucial because we know how strong they can be together in a partnership."

REUTERS

How good is that? Australia's Langer pumped for England showdown

BIRMINGHAM

AUSTRALIA coach Justin Langer has always worn his heart on his sleeve so it is perhaps no surprise that his reaction to facing pre-tournament favourites England in the World Cup semi-finals was not fear but pure, unbridled enthusiasm.

"Phwoah! It doesn't get much better does it?" he told reporters in Birmingham, where the reigning champions will face England on Thursday. "We're really excited. World Cup semi-final in England against England is going to be huge.

"Both teams will be battle-hardened. Both have had really good lead ups. Both really good teams.

"I'm sure everyone will be nervous going into it but excited because as I said, England against Australia in England. How good is that?"

The five-times World Cup winners face the tournament hosts to decide who will meet the winner of the first semi-final between India and New Zealand in Manchester on Tuesday.

Langer's team were pipped to the top-ranking in their final pool match - a surprise 10-run loss to South Africa on Saturday - and have lost batsmen Shaun Marsh and Usman Khawaja to injury over the last week.

All-rounder Marcus Stoinis is also under an injury cloud and Langer has had to bring

Matthew Wade and Peter Handscomb into the squad with Mitch Marsh placed on standby.

Langer, however, said that while Wade had not played for Australia since October 2017 and Marsh had not played an ODI since early 2018, he had no issues with all three stepping into the seething cauldron of a semi-final if selected.

"It is pressure for anyone, but there is pressure for all 22 guys on the park," he said.

"Matthew Wade has played a lot of international cricket if he comes in. There's a real upside to him and he is in no doubt career-best form.

"Pete Handscomb a few months ago helped us beat India 3-2 in India in their conditions and then 5-0 against Pakistan in the UAE. His temperament is excellent for it.

"Mitch Marsh has also played a lot of one day international cricket. We're really lucky."

All three players were with the Australia 'A' squad that were touring England at the same time as the World Cup and Langer said the foresight of that decision was now bearing fruit.

"Imagine if all the boys were still in Australia and hadn't played any cricket?" Langer said. "Then we'd be really nervous about it.

"The boys are all up and running. So it was great vision from Cricket Australia. That's a luxury for us and a real bonus."

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The main priority for the Golden State Warriors in the offseason was to retain free agent superstar Kevin Durant. (AP)

Durant officially joins Nets, Russell to Warriors

LAS VEGAS

THE deal bringing Kevin Durant to Brooklyn is official, and he's changing his number along with his address.

The Nets completed a sign-and-trade with the Golden State Warriors on Sunday night, with Brooklyn landing Durant and a protected first-round pick in next year's draft for D'Angelo Russell, Shabazz Napier and Treveon Graham.

Durant said last week he would sign a max deal with Brooklyn, which would be \$141 million over four years, after three seasons with the Warriors. The rest of the deal was worked out over subsequent days, and the NBA signed off on the terms Sunday.

"Along with the rest of the league, our coaching staff has long admired Kevin's incredible skill, resilience and tenacity," Nets coach Kenny Atkinson said. "He has already established himself as a champion and one of the best players of all-time, and we couldn't be more excited to welcome him into our program in Brooklyn."

Durant isn't expected to play at all next season while he recovers from an Achilles injury. When he does return to join a new-look Nets team that added Kyrie Irving as well this summer and officially signed him Sunday, he'll wear No. 7 - after playing in No. 35 throughout his career.

Durant released a statement saying he wore 35 to honor

someone "very near and dear" to him.

"But as I start this new chapter in my basketball life, the number I'll be wearing on my back is the Number 7 next time you see me on the floor," Durant said.

Durant is a perennial All-Star and two-time NBA champion after winning Finals MVP honors with the Warriors in 2017 and 2018. He's a four-time scoring champion and his 22,940 points ranks third among active players. He missed most of this past season's playoffs, first with a calf injury and then the Achilles rupture during the NBA Finals - a series Golden State lost to Toronto in six games.

"We're thankful to Kevin for the incredible things he did for our team and franchise during his three years with the Warriors," Golden State general manager Bob Myers said.

Russell got a \$117 million, four-year contract from the Warriors. He was an All-Star for the first time last season, averaging 21.1 points, 3.9 rebounds, 7.0 assists and 1.2 steals per game.

"We're excited to add a player of D'Angelo's ability to our roster," Myers said. "He's coming

off an All-Star season with the Nets and we feel, at the age of 23, his best basketball is certainly ahead of him in regards to his career trajectory."

Another big free-agent deal got done Sunday when Utah completed the signing of forward Bojan Bogdanovic to a four-year, \$73 million contract.

"We are very pleased to welcome Bojan and his family to our organization," Jazz executive vice president of basketball operations Dennis Lindsey said. "His ability to play both ends of the floor in addition to his exceptional shooting will make him an integral contributor to our franchise and our postseason goals."

Former NBA MVP Derrick Rose also completed his signing with Detroit on Sunday, wrapping up a \$15 million, two-year deal.

Many other agreed-upon deals remain pending, such as Kawhi Leonard's signing with the Los Angeles Clippers and the blockbuster trade that will see Paul George join him via a trade with the Oklahoma City Thunder.

AP

Stevie Wonder says he's getting a kidney transplant in fall

LONDON

STEVIE Wonder surprised concertgoers in London Saturday night by announcing that he will take a break from performing so that he can receive a kidney transplant this fall.

The 69-year-old music legend made the announcement after performing "Superstition" at the end of a packed British Summer Time concert in London's Hyde Park.

He said he was speaking out to quell rumors and sought to reassure fans that he would be okay.

"I'm going to be doing three shows then taking a break," he said. "I'm having surgery. I'm going to have a kidney transplant at the end of September this year."

He said a donor has been found and that he would be fine, drawing cheers from a devoted crowd of tens of thousands that stretched out from the stage as far as the eye could see.

"I came here to give you my love and to thank you for yours," he said. "You ain't gonna hear no rumors about us. I'm good."

He did not provide additional information about his kidney illness. There had been a recent report that Wonder was facing a serious health issue.

A representative for Wonder didn't immediately respond to a request Saturday for details about his health. He has kept an active schedule, including performing recently at a Los Angeles memorial service for slain rapper Nipsey Hussle.

Wonder, who has received more than two-dozen Grammy Awards, has produced a string



FILE PHOTO: Stevie Wonder performs at the funeral service for the late singer Aretha Franklin at the Greater Grace Temple in Detroit, Michigan, U.S., August 31, 2018. REUTERS

of hits over a long career that began when he was a youngster who performed as Little Stevie Wonder. His classic hits include "You Are the Sunshine of My Life" and "Living for the City."

Wonder seemed in top form throughout the concert, performing a series of his hits and paying tribute to musical heroes

including Aretha Franklin, Marvin Gaye and John Lennon. He performed stirring rendition of the latter's "Imagine" near the end of the show.

He fans reveled in the warm summer night - though a light drizzle fell near the end - and the career-spanning retrospective that evoked Wonder's early

days as a young Motown star.

He did seem less ebullient than in the past and made his health announcement in a somber tone with a severe look on his face. But he was smiling as he left the stage with the band playing the memorable conclusion of "Superstition" one final time.

FIFA boss and Macron booed at World Cup final ceremony

LYON, France

THE crowd at the women's World Cup final booed FIFA chief Gianni Infantino and French president Emmanuel Macron as United States fans demanded equal pay for the players after their team claimed a fourth global title by beating the Netherlands 2-0 on Sunday.

Macron and Infantino, the head of soccer's world governing body, were turned on by the supporters as they approached the ceremony podium – a sharp contrast with the hero-like reception given to player of the match Megan Rapinoe by the 57,900 crowd.

Despite a recent rebound, Macron's popularity was last at 38 percent in an Ifop poll, up 15 points since a low in December at the peak of the anti-government yellow-vest crisis.

U.S. captain Rapinoe, the leading voice for equal pay in a sport where the men are far better paid than the women, scored the opening goal with a VAR-awarded penalty in the 61st minute at the sold-out Groupama Stadium.

Rose Lavelle rounded off the victory eight minutes later as the Americans added to their 1991, 1999 and 2015 world titles.

After the game Rapinoe told reporters: "I think everyone is ready for this conversation and move to the next step. I think we're done with: 'Are we worth it? Should we have equal pay?'"

Earlier this year, members of the U.S. squad were named as plaintiffs in a lawsuit against the national soccer federation alleging gender discrimination.

It was filed in federal court last month and says the women are not paid the same as their male counterparts.

On Saturday, Rapinoe launched a scathing attack on FIFA, saying the organisation did not respect the women's game.

Rapinoe said FIFA's decision to allow the men's Copa America final and Gold Cup showpiece to take place on the same day as the women's final was "unbelievable".

Rapinoe shook Infantino and Macron's hands as she received her medal.

"It's unbelievable to know all the people who put in so much in this group," she said.

"We have all our families and friends here. It's surreal. I don't know how to feel right now. It's ridiculous."

REUTERS

Alves rolls back the years at Copa America to keep trophy collection bulging

RIO DE JANEIRO

BRAZIL captain Dani Alves had his hands full of trophies on Sunday after leading his team to a 3-1 victory over Peru in the Copa America final and being named best player of the tournament, outperforming his peers despite his 36 years.

The flamboyant right back collected a staggering 40th trophy as a professional as he hoisted the Copa America trophy into the Rio de Janeiro night sky, flanked by delirious team mates, and the triumph had his footprints all over it.

Alves was part of an imperious defence which conceded only one goal in six games – Paolo Guerrero's converted penalty in the final – and provided extra fuel to his side's midfield with incisive forward play throughout the tournament. His goal in the 5-0 thrashing of Peru in the group stages was a testament to his outstanding fitness as he marauded forward from the halfway line and made two

one-two passes with team mates before smashing into the roof of the net. He also produced a thrilling piece of play in the semi-final against Argentina, dazzling past Leandro Paredes before playing a no-look pass to Roberto Firmino which outfoxed Nicolas Tagliafico and led to Gabriel Jesus scoring.

Alves, whose trophy-filled career has taken him from hometown side Bahia to Sevilla, Barcelona, Juventus and Paris St Germain, is without a club after his contract with PSG expired.

Despite being at an age where most players are considering retiring from the game, he should have no shortage of suitors after rolling back the years. His performances have turned heads in Brazil but, speaking on the eve of the final, Alves said the reasons behind his consistency were simple.

"If you have respect for your profession and look after yourself it's easy to maintain your level," he said.

REUTERS

Jesus takes centre stage as Brazil win Copa America

RIO DE JANEIRO

BRAZIL's Gabriel Jesus made one goal, scored another and was sent off in the second half as they beat Peru 3-1 on Sunday to win the Copa America for the ninth time in a pulsating contest at the Maracana stadium.

The hosts took the lead after 15 minutes thanks to some brilliant skill from Jesus on the wing. The Manchester City forward bamboozled two defenders and crossed for the unmarked Everton to fire home from close range.

"In the last game I was quiet and I was very disappointed with myself," said Man of the Match Everton. "I got it in my head that I had to give everything, independent of scoring. I had to sweat blood for my team mates. Our team deserves congratulations for a great game."

Peru, who last won the tournament in 1975, got an equaliser a minute before halftime when Paolo Guerrero scored from the penalty spot after Thiago Silva handled the ball.

The goal was the first Brazil had conceded in six games at the Copa America but it did not shake their confidence and they retook the lead moments later after a well-worked move from midfield.

Roberto Firmino showed some nice skill on the right touchline before giving the ball to Arthur. The midfielder strode forward and fed Jesus, who coolly slotted the ball past a helpless Pedro Gallese.

REUTERS

Peru pushed forward in the second half and were thrown a lifeline with 20 minutes remaining when Jesus was sent off.

He had been felled by Carlos Zambrano a few minutes earlier and when Jesus dealt out his revenge he was immediately shown a second yellow to follow a first half caution for a bad tackle.

"I want to apologise," said Jesus. "I could have avoided it and I also need to grow up a lot."

But Brazil, playing in front of a 70,000 crowd in Rio de Janeiro, had the final say when substitute Richarlison made it 3-1 with a penalty in the final minute.

It was Brazil's first major title since they won the Copa America in 2007 and the first for coach Tite, who took charge three years ago. They also did it without Neymar, who was injured on the eve of the tournament.

Peru coach Ricardo Gareca recognised Brazil were the superior side but said his team, who played at their first World Cup in 36 years in 2018, were competitive throughout. "It was fair that Brazil won," he said. "We had our momentum but the second goal..."

"They took advantage of their opportunities.

"We came here hoping to win but they were very effective," he added. "But looking beyond the pain of the defeat, I think we are on the right path, that is the feeling that I have."

Madagascar keep dream run alive with shootout win over DR Congo

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt

AFRICA Cup of Nations debutants Madagascar kept their remarkable run going on Sunday with a penalty shootout victory over the Democratic Republic of Congo after a 2-2 draw to secure a place in the quarter-finals.

Ibrahim Amada's wonder strike put Madagascar ahead just nine minutes in at Alexandria Stadium but DR Congo responded swiftly as China-based forward Cedric Bakambu headed home his third goal in two matches.

Madagascar captain Faneva Andriatsima nodded the Indian Ocean islanders back ahead with a quarter-hour remaining only for Chancel Mbemba to haul DR Congo level at a corner in the final minute.

Marcel Tisserand and Yannick Bolasi both blazed over for DR Congo in the shootout as Madagascar prevailed 4-2 with their reward a meeting with four-time winners Ghana or 2004 champions Tunisia for a place in the semi-finals.

"I want to congratulate my players, particularly after we had to deal with that equaliser right in the last minute of normal time," said Madagascar coach Nicolas Dupuis.

"We weren't quite as good as we were against Nigeria. We lacked a bit of juice but our opponents created us a lot of problems for us."

He added: "I think 25 million will be partying at home. We want to go as far as possible and enjoy it."

Marco Ilaimaharitra's suspension forced Dupuis to alter his line-up for the first time in the tournament with Rayan Raveloson deputising in midfield for that shocked Nigeria 2-0 to advance as group winners.

Britt Assombalanga replaced the injured Jonathan Bolingi in the lone change to the DR Congo side that trounced Zimbabwe 4-0, with captain Youssef Mulumbu describing their qualification as a "miracle" following two opening losses.

- Amada rocket -
Madagascar President Andry Rajoelina chartered a 480-seater plane to take fans to Egypt, and the travelling support were soon rejoicing when Amada blasted a sensational 25-yard strike that tailed away from Ley Matampi and flew in off the post.

The jubilant celebrations were halted midway through the first half though when Bakambu slipped free of the Madagascar centre-backs to glance in Glody Ngonda's bending cross.

Mbemba smashed over as another left-wing cross found the Malagasy defence in



Madagascar's shootout win over DR Congo sent them into the quarter-finals in their first ever appearance in the Africa Cup of Nations (AFP Photo)

trouble, but this was a far more balanced contest than the last meeting – a 6-1 triumph for DR Congo in a 2017 Cup of Nations qualifier.

That hiding was the darkest day in Malagasy football history but they have undergone a dramatic transformation, and nearly regained the lead 10 minutes after the break when Jerome Mombri embarked on a driving run, his shot spilled by Matampi with Charles Andriamahitsinoro agonisingly hitting the rebound wide.

A battling Madagascar eventually regained the lead against a nation ranked 59 places above them when Andriatsima flung himself at a Romain Metanire cross following a superb long-busting run from the right-back.

Bolasi's tumble in the area provoked furious protests from DR Congo, with VAR not in use until the next round, but the Leopards conjured up another escape act in the 90th minute as an unmarked Mbemba headed in a corner to force extra time.

Madagascar goalkeeper Melvin Adrien kept his team level in extra time with a string of vital saves, the best an instinctive one-handed stop to repel another Mbemba header, while some desperate defending allowed the 'Barea' to take it to a shootout and add a further chapter to their Egyptian fairytale.

Meanwhile, Manchester City winger Riyad

Mahrez scored for Algeria as they coasted into the Africa Cup of Nations quarter-finals with a 3-0 victory over Guinea in Cairo on Sunday.

Youcef Belaili put the Desert Foxes ahead on 24 minutes and former African Footballer of the Year Mahrez added a second after 57 minutes in the last-16 match at the 30 June Stadium.

Substitute Adam Ounas was on the field only five minutes when he completed the rout with eight remaining, connecting with a low cross to give goalkeeper Ibrahim Kone no chance.

"I think we had a very solid match against a good team from Guinea. We did not concede a goal and scored three," said Mahrez. "It was a very good night for us and we are happy that we won against a team that were not easy to manoeuvre."

With hosts Egypt and Herve Renard-coached Morocco suffering stunning last-16 losses, many are tipping Algeria to go all the way and add to their lone title, won in 1990. They are only nation among the 10 survivors boasting a 100 percent record having beaten Kenya, highly-rated Senegal and Tanzania in group matches to reach the knockout phase.

Algeria will face the Ivory Coast or Mali in a quarter-final in Suez Thursday then, if successful, Nigeria or South Africa for a place in

the July 19 final.

Coach Djamel Belmadi changed nine of the team that outclassed Tanzania in the final group game, restoring a host of first choices such as Mahrez.

Guinea, meanwhile, were missing Liverpool midfielder Naby Keita after he was forced to leave Egypt after a recurrence of a groin injury sustained against Barcelona in May.

The referee was kept busy during physical early exchanges, booking Guinean Mady Camara and Algerian Adlene Guedioura within 14 minutes of the kick-off.

AFP



Egypt fans bitter as unloved team crash out of African Cup

CAIRO

EGYPTIAN football fans reacted with anger and sorrow on Sunday after the host team tumbled out of the Africa Cup of Nations in the second round following a lacklustre run marred by a controversy over alleged sexual harassment.

The defeat led to an immediate purge of Egyptian football officials, and took the gloss off a high-prestige event that Egypt had volunteered to host at short notice after Cameroon was stripped of the competition.

Fans had high hopes for a Pharaohs team starring national hero and Champions League winner Mohamed Salah. Egypt have won the cup a record seven times and were runners-up in 2017.

But after winning their three group games in unconvincing style, the host team were upset 1-0 on Saturday by a South African side that had scraped through to the knock-out stages with one win and two defeats.

Egyptian Football Federation (EFA) President Hany Abo Rida resigned hours after the defeat, simultaneously sacking Mexican head coach Javier Aguirre and the rest of the coaching staff.

He also called on the EFA's board members to resign. Most have done so.

Fans had long called for an overhaul of the EFA over accusations of mismanagement. After Egypt's unceremonious exit from the World Cup's group stage last year, those calls increased.

"There is no plan, there are no players, no one knows how to defend or attack," said fan Ahmed Mostafa outside the stadium after the loss.

"This is what the four games we played looked like. None of the players wanted to play, really. There is no spirit, nothing."

'NATIONAL EMBARRASSMENT'

Off the pitch, the EFA had been grappling with a scandal surrounding striker Amr Warda, who was removed from the squad for disciplinary reasons on June 26.

The EFA gave no details, but Warda had previously been accused of harassing a fashion model on Instagram and a complaint against him was filed with Egypt's public prosecutor.

After Salah and other prominent team mates came to Warda's defence and Warda posted an apology on Facebook, the EFA reinstated him,



Egyptians react as they watch a telecast of Egypt playing against South Africa at cafe in Cairo, Egypt on July 6, 2019. REUTERS

drawing the ire of some fans.

"Egypt's national team is also its national embarrassment ... Plenty of Egyptians are basking in the team's loss today," tweeted Karim Zidan, a journalist, referring to a trending hashtag "Team of sexual harassers".

Egyptian officials had prided them-

selves on rapid preparations and tight security, ensured for the first time by individual fan IDs and tickets issued after online registration.

But some fans complained that the system frequently crashed and it excluded traditional fans, including hardline "ultras" from domestic supporters'

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SPORT

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Govt to set up database for Umitashumta, Umisseta competitions players

By Correspondent Michael Sikapundwa, Mtwara

THE government has affirmed its target to improve sports via registering all primary and secondary schools' squads, which are competing in the inter-primary schools games, Umitashumta, and secondary schools games, Umisseta.

Minister of State in the President's Office-Regional Administration and Local Government (TAMISEMI), Selemani Jafo, issued the statement in Mtwara last weekend when he presided over the closing ceremony of this year's Umitashumta competition.

Jafo said the government is set to register players with a view to monitoring them from grassroots up to the national level.

According to him, the government has invested in schools in an effort as to form good national teams in all sports disciplines.

"Let us not forget the past, in which the competitions' players were left idle after the completion of the events. The government has this time around, resorted to register them and later send them to schools which nurture sports talents, including the one in Simiyu," he disclosed.

"There will also be an increase in number of physical education teachers in the schools that will oversee intensive training for the youths."

Jafo associated senior national soccer team (Taifa Stars) less impressive showing in the ongoing AFCON finals with poor performance of domestic players from grassroots.

He noted physical education is now emphasized in schools in an effort to get best players that are expected to form well drilled national teams in future otherwise country will not achieve success in any international competition.

He directed the games' coordinators from TAMISEMI to seek for consultancy from either private experts or retired TAMISEMI officials so the coordinators can make the next competitions a success.

"Salum Mkuya, one of retired TAMISEMI officials, still looks fit, he is blessed with a good voice for performing in theatres and is still competent in sports, please use him to nurture pupils that are singing in choirs since has time for the task, the late John Komba became popular from that," Jafo noted.

"Regional Education Officers and District Education Officers must act on the directive, I will



Kanbis' Suresh Vekariya (R) receives a man of the match award from one of cricket followers after the GP Gymkhana Shield competition's encounter between Kanbis and Young Muslims played at the Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC) venue last Sunday. Kanbis garnered victory against Young Muslims. PHOTO: COURTESY OF NIKHIL PUJARA

Kanbis cricketers clobber Young Muslims in GP Gymkhana Shield

By Guardian Reporter

KANBIS cricketers cruised to an emphatic seven-wicket victory over Young Muslims in this year's GP Gymkhana Shield tournament's duel, which took place at the Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC) oval last Sunday.

There was little the debutants, Young Muslims, could do against the competition's regulars, given the latter made short work of the former and prove they are eager to be serious contenders for the top honour.

Suresh Vekariya was in outstanding form for Kanbis given he registered five wickets to skittle Young Muslims for a below average total of 104 runs.

In response, Kanbis smoothly chased the score with two of their key players Ashvin Pindoriya and Kishore Pindoriya steering the club to the win in the 17th over.

The day's other match, which took place earlier, ended with Punjabi Kings commanding three-wicket victory against Annadil Burhani.

Nisar was the match's best performer, whose showing was instrumental in the eventual winners' success.

Nisar put a solid batting showing, notching 43 runs off 28 balls to catapult Kings to the victory over their opponents that are competing in the tournament for the first time.

Jaat Blasters made an impressive star to this year's GP Gymkhana Shield, thumping Union by four wickets in the tournament's opening match, which was held a day before.

Ankit Baghel was in scintillating form, notching a century to steer Jaat Blaster to the victory. He scored 111 runs from 57 balls to collect man of the match award, with his innings consisting of eight sixes and seven fours.

Jaat Blasters' skipper, Gourav Choudhary, won the toss and Union Sports Club, skippered by all-rounder Sameer Musa in to bat first on a fine lush green wicket and outfield.

Union posted an impressive 156 runs for nine wickets in the allotted 20 overs, but the day ultimately belonged to Jaat Blasters.

Athuman Kassim, a dependable all-rounder, was so far the batsman with significant contribution given he scored 68 runs.

Fellow batsmen Musa, Danish Unia and Siraj Shaukatal as well ended the innings with double digit figures, given the former posted 18 runs, Unia and Shaukatal notched 13 runs apiece.

Jaat Blasters' Ravi Rai and Yash Desai finished with two wickets apiece in four-over spells.

Jaat Blasters confidently reached the target, with Baghel almost single-handedly helping the outfit come out with the rest. The rest of the team's batsmen did not last long at the crease and, in the process, failed to notch double-digit scores.

Union experienced bowler, Shabbar Ratansi finished his spell with two wickets in two overs. His efforts though did little to frustrate Jaat Blasters.

Abhik Patwa, the Vice-Captain of the DGC Cricket Section, noted it was a great show of crickering talent that was in view in the weekend and the organizers look forward to more thrilling games during the course of the tournament.

The DGC Cricket Section Captain, Ashish Nagewadia, had noted the T20 formatted event, which has brought together over 400 participants, will run for 14 weeks with the oval hosting all of the competition's matches.

This year's GP Gymkhana Shield competition has General Petroleum (GP) and Premier Refineries as main sponsors.

MGEN Tanzania, Sayona Drinks, SBC Tanzania, ASAR Limited, JayKey Trading, I&M Bank and AFRO Turk are the event's co-sponsors.



Emmanuel Amunike

TFF terminates Amunike's contract

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA Football Federation (TFF) has mutually terminated the contract it had with head coach for the national team, Taifa Stars, Emmanuel Amunike.

The federation said in a statement yesterday it will disclose a caretaker coach that will take charge of the squad that will compete in the Africa Nations Championship (CHAN) qualifiers.

The caretaker tactician and his assistants, according to the federation, will be unveiled after the federation's Emergency Committee had convened a meeting on Thursday.

The process for getting a new coach has already started, the federation noted.

Amunike was at the helm of Taifa Stars technical bench during the AFCON finals that are hosted by Egypt.

The Tanzania squad ended at the bottom of the Group C of the showpiece, which also had Algeria, Senegal and neighbours Kenya after succumbing to three losses.

Stars lost 2-0 to Senegal in the opening match and in the other two fixtures, lost 3-2 and 3-0 to Kenya and Algeria respectively.

The TFF move has thus come into col-

lision course with an instruction issued by Minister for Information, Culture, Arts and Sports, Harrison Mwakembe, as the latter had said Amunike should be given time.

In another development, Tanzania Premier League Board (TPLB) yesterday announced that this season's Mainland Premier League will kick off next month and promised there will be no postponement of matches.

Boniface Wambura, TPLB Chief Executive Officer, said the league will kick off on August 23 with a match between defending champions Simba SC locking horns with JKT Tanzania.

He said prior to the league kick off, Simba will play Azam FC in a Community Shield match on August 17. Azam FC won the previous edition of the Federation Cup and they are, as per league regulations, set to take on the league champions in the league's curtain raiser.

Wambura said the encounter involving Simba and Yanga will take place on January 4 next year, with the league's defending champions being the match hosts.

The TPLB boss said Yanga, who finished second in the previous season, will start their campaign with a game against Ruvu Shooting on August 28 while the

following day will see Azam entertain Kinondoni Municipal Council (KMC) FC.

He said TPLB delayed in releasing this season league fixture so as to harmonise with the fixture of the Confederation of African Football (CAF) and other international calendars.

Wambura said he is confident that during the 2019/2020 season there will be no match postponement.

"We did not release the 2019/2020 fixture in time as we were waiting for CAF and others to release their respective fixture so that we can have a harmonised fixture which will not see matches being postponed," Wambura added.

"You know last season many matches were postponed mainly due to some clubs being involved in international matches." The last season league saw many matches being postponed, a situation which saw many football lovers asking TPLB and TFF to hire an expert who can come up with fixtures which will see no match being postponed for whatever reason.

The 2019/2020 season will see two new league entrants Namungo FC of Lindi and Police Tanzania of Kilimanjaro that won promotion to the top flight after topping Groups A and B of the previous year's First Division League.

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