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Govt: SGR's tender float procedures well in place

By Guardian Reporter

THE government has said there is no controversy over the awarding of a contract for the construction of the third and fourth stretches of the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) project to link Makutupora with Tabora and from Tabora to Mwanza and then to Isaka.

According to Works and Transport deputy minister Mwita Waitara, everything is going on well in relation to the tendering process.

He told The Guardian in an exclusive interview earlier this week that the ministry has so far not received any complaints from bidders.

The deputy minister would not be drawn into naming the bidders, only saying procedures require that they are made public when tender bids are opened and adding that winners would be picked through a competitive bidding process.

Concerns were raised early this week over why the Tanzania Railways Corporation (TRC) has rejected advice from the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) on the adoption of the single source procurement method "for tender No. PA/154/HQ/2021-22/W/01 (LOT 3&4)".

In response, the deputy minister

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EAC intra-trade in mild drop last year

By Guardian Reporter

INTERNAL trade between member states of the East African Community (EAC) dropped by 5.5 percent to \$5.9bn last year due to Covid-19 restrictions while exports from the bloc to the outside world hit \$16.2bn in 2020, a three percent boost from 2019 results.

Webinar participants examining EAC Trade and Investment Recovery amidst Covid-19 organized by the East African Business Council heard EABC CEO John-Bosco Kalisa (pictured) intimate that the private sector and campaigns like 'Buy East African, build East Africa' was key to EAC recovery agenda.

EABC in partnership with African Economic

Research Consortium (AERC) based in Nairobi as well as the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation conducted Covid-19 impact studies to inform policy decisions in the rebound and recovery efforts.

These studies examined manufacturing, tourism and hospitality, agriculture and food security, along with transport and logistics across the EAC bloc, with EAC director of trade Rashid Kibowa affirming that the bloc's post Covid-19 recovery plan is being scrutinised.

The pandemic impacted trade performance with EAC imports declining to \$3.56bn last year from \$3.95bn in 2019. Foreign Direct Investments (FDI) dropped by 43pc to \$4.9bn last year while job openings fell by two per cent, wiping out gains made in the previous year. In 2019 EAC foreign investment stood at \$8.66bn, a 375pc elevation from 2018, he stated.

The EAC Secretariat embarked on digitalisation and harmonization of Covid-19 procedures to ease movement of cargo. It holds regular consultations with the Health, Finance and Trade authorities in

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VP eulogises ole Nasha in funeral proceedings

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE government yesterday described William Tate Ole Nasha, who was until his death in Dodoma on Monday Deputy Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Investments), as an ever-diligent leader dedicated to serving the nation.

Vice President Dr Philip Mpango made the affirmation in a eulogy at the requiem mass held at Parliament grounds in Dodoma, a solemn event also attended by President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

The VP said the government honours Ole Nasha's years of capable services and contributions to push forward Tanzania's investment agenda.

“We have lost an exceptional leader who was ready to share his ideas, cooperate with others and give advice on matters of national interest”

He said Ole Nasha was a patriotic leader who always sought to ensure that directives from higher state officials were observed.

He elaborated: "Serving as deputy minister responsible for investment, he ensured that government priorities to attract investments were attained. His departure leaves a big gap to his family, neighbours, relatives, the legislature and the government as a whole. We have lost an outstanding leader."

Several other senior government officials, legislators and clerics mourned the late Ngorongoro MP as an inspiring public servant who dedicated his life to serving the nation.

National Assembly Speaker Job Ndagai said Ole Nasha played a major role in ending disputes over land pitting farmers against herders in Kilosa District, Morogoro Region.

"I knew him even before he joined the legislature. He was a true cornerstone in restoring peace between pastoralists and farmers," he said.

Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa

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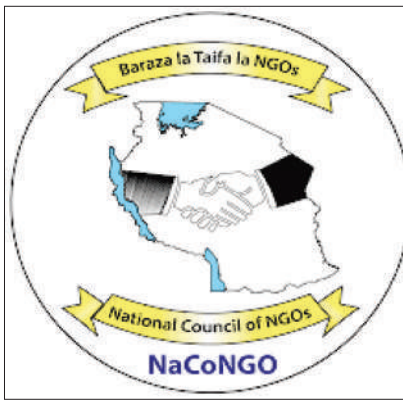
Samia says NGOs must operate transparently

By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan yesterday asked non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to practice transparency in their operations and make sure their plans are aligned with government development priorities so as to play an active role in alleviating socioeconomic needs.

Addressing the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the National Council of NGOs (NACONGO) in the capital, the Head of State said there was mistrust between the government and registered NGOs over lack of transparency.

She said the government is determined to ensure there is a more conducive environment for NGOs to operate



freely, insisting that they operate transparently.

"It is only through transparency we can end the mistrust between

us. You must ensure that your operations are conducted in a manner that leaves no queries for the government," the president cautioned.

NGOs need to align their plans with those of the government including the National Five Year Development Plan and budgetary priorities, she stated, elaborating that NGOs should go through government documents to understand its priorities and overall plans.

As the world is now changing NGOs must also adapt to the changes and come up with strategies to raise their own funds, she urged, noting that out of 11,603 NGOs registered, round 4,663 are active and employ about 17,836 people.

NGOs must participate in the war against

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stated that the government is determined to ensure a fair tendering process, in which case the single procurement method could result in unfair bidding and thus mar the competition.

"We are aware that TRC is in favour of the single source procurement method. But this is not in the broad interest of Tanzanians, whose interests will be protected through Section 64(I) of the PPRA Act of 2011 and Regulation 149(I) enacted in 2013," Waitara explained.

He also expressed awareness that Turkish firm Yapi Merkez and two Chinese companies - China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation and China Railway Construction Corporation - have expressed keen interest in the tender.

"The public naturally shares the reported position by the PPRA in calling for the use of competitive tendering in obtaining contractors of lots 3 and 4 of the railway," he said, further noting that nothing has gone wrong with the tendering process in relation to the construction of the two sections of the SGR project.

The government has not received any formal complaints from bidding companies and procurement processes are being observed in accordance with the law, he emphasized, adding that TRC and PPRA are public entities and any concerns or reservations raised would be dealt with by the relevant organs in the public interest.

Contacted last Saturday for comment, PPRA Acting Director General Mary Swai said the issue

should be left in the hands of the two entities and it should be discussed by observing confidentiality.

Since last week that there have been press and social media reports indicating that TRC and PPRA differ on the method of awarding the tender for the job.

It was reported that TRC was in favour of the single source procurement method, while PPRA wants the contractor to be obtained through competitive tendering as per Section 64 (I) of the Public Procurement Act 2011, read with Regulation 149 (I) of the Public Procurement Regulations 2013.

The two pieces of the law require that public entities observe competitive tendering in the procurement of goods and services for public-owned projects.

The construction of the strategic SGR railway consists of five phases covering 1,219 kilometres of the main track, with phase 1 stretching from Dar es Salaam to Morogoro (300km), phase two from Morogoro to Makutupora (422km), phase three from Makutupora to Tabora (294km), phase four covering Tabora to Isaka (130km) and phase five from Isaka to Mwanza (249km).

Upon completion, the SGR line will link Tanzania with Rwanda, Burundi, and the Democratic Republic of Congo, with the 7.2trn/- SGR project so far being executed by Yapi Merkez.

"The public naturally shares the reported position by the PPRA in calling for the use of competitive tendering in obtaining contractors of lots 3 and 4 of the railway"



National Assembly deputy Speaker Dr Tulia Ackson (L) and Malawi National Assembly Speaker Catherine Hara (C) pictured yesterday exchanging views with the first Malawian deputy Speaker, Madolitsso Kazombo, at the offices of Malawi legislative body in Lilongwe. Dr Ackson is in Malawi for an official visit. Photo courtesy of National Assembly

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Covid-19 and in sensitising people to prepare to take part in the coming national population census set for next August, she appealed.

Dr John Jingu, permanent secretary in the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, had earlier said that NGOs contributes enormously in the provision of various social

amenities

A total of 804 organisations had so far spent 1.4trn/- in different projects in the health sector, social welfare improvement and economic empowerment over the past few years, he said, speaking on the contribution of NGOs to the country's development. NGOs face similar challenges like dependence on foreign aid, which affects their

operations, he stated, noting further that this dependence is costly especially with the pandemic where funders change their priorities. This calls for initiatives to establish other means, he declared.

NGOs need to be innovative and come up with strategies to raise their own funds by establishing partnerships with private companies, he suggested, while the

NACONGO chairperson, Dr Lillian Badi said NGOs face challenges that are derailing numerous operations.

These include denial of tax exemptions for importation of various equipments for project implementation, along with difficulties in getting work and residential permits for foreign expatriates working with local NGOs, she added.



Damas Samora (C), councillor for Dar es Salaam's Kijitonyama ward, cuts the ribbon at Makumbusho yesterday to launch a d.light Tanzania Company customer service centre. The centre makes and sells solar-powered equipment. Looking on are d.light director Charles Natai (R) and commercial manager Gasper Mrosso. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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partner states to gauge the social and economic impact of Covid-19, he stated.

The EAC Post COVID-19 recovery plan sets out key strategies of attracting investment in ICT, manufacturing and health, incentives for promotion of regional value chains along with Diaspora investments.

Other areas are innovation centers; elimination of non-tariff barriers; promotion of SMEs, accessing the COMESA-EAC-SADC common market comprising 26 countries (the Tripartite Free Trade Area - TFTA) and the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) markets, he stated.

Export promotion, E-commerce and digitalisation of trade, harmonization of standards, trade facilitation for cargo clearance and boosting services trade are similarly covered in the recovery plan, he stated.

Alex Njombe, senior partner at KPMG (T) pointed at lagging vaccination rates as likely to affect trade growth and limit results in reducing the negative impact of COVID-19.

Companies in East Africa need to adopt digital technology to build enterprise resilience in the new environment of predicting future risks and opportunities in finances and liquidity, operations, supply chains, commerce and macro-perspectives of economies, he

elaborated.

The second phase focuses on continuity plans to boost resilience are vital as GDP growth and capital markets decline and credit risks rise while the third phase ushered in recovery with more capital projects, import substitution of disrupted supplies and businesses tapping into new opportunities, he specified.

Kudzai Madzivanika, a senior trade policy official with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) urged EAC Partner State to implement the 10 per cent financial budget requirement for the agricultural sector in line with the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development.

The COVID-19 pandemic affected the marketing and storage of agricultural products, disrupted supply chains leading to access to agricultural inputs, also causing labour and price volatilities, with EAC agro-sector competitiveness being hindered by low productivity, trade barriers, import bans, sanitary and phytosanitary measures (SPS) high taxes, transport, inadequate warehousing and storage facilities, she remarked.

Evaluation and monitoring of policies and plans, putting in place safety nets, elimination of trade restrictions and NTBs, trade facilitation for grains and perishables, diversification and increasing production capacities via integration of regional value chains were equally important, she added.

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meanwhile said his office received news of the deputy minister's death with great shock, saying that in his lifetime Ole Nasha played a big role in the resolution of conflicts over land, including those involving investors in Mtwara and Bagamoyo.

"I appeal to his family and relatives to take these trying times as a period to pray for strength, unity and solidarity among themselves," he said.

CCM Secretary General Daniel Chongolo said Ole Nasha's passing meant a tough moment for the bereaved family and the party.

VP eulogises ole Nasha in funeral proceedings

"We have lost an exceptional leader who was ever ready to share his ideas, cooperate with others and give advice on matters of national interest," he stated.

Ole Nasha (49) served as deputy minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries from 2015 to 2017 before moving to the Ministry of Education, Technology and

Vocational Training.

Before landing at Investments, he was deputy minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation.

Born on May 27, 1972, Ole Nasha studied at Kakesio Primary School in Ngorongoro District in Arusha Region (1978-1984) and then moved to Arusha Catholic Seminary (1986-1992) for his secondary education.

He held a master's degree in law from South Africa's Pretoria University and once worked for the government of South Sudan as coordinator of its customary law project, his authorised biography shows.

He was also managing partner at Ramat Law (Advocates) from 2012 to 2015 before joining politics, it adds.

Nigeria approves paternity leave for civil servants

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THE Nigerian government has approved a two-week paternity leave for civil servants.

This signifies a major shift in the country's civil service rules and comes after years of debate around the issue. Nigeria's Head of Civil Service Folasade Yemi-Esan said that the 14-day paternity leave is to enable fathers and their newborns "bond well together."

She says the leave is applicable to

men whose spouses have given birth and those who have adopted a baby who is less than four months old.

Prior to this policy, only women were entitled to a maternity leave.

The introduction of the paternity leave in Nigeria comes as campaigners continue to advocate for men to be more involved in childcare and to support mothers.

This is an attempt to shift from the tradition of leaving childcare responsibility solely with the mothers.



Tigo's head of shops and devices, Mkumbo Myonga (L), briefs journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday at the unveiling of Infinix Zero X pro in partnership with Infinix Tanzania. He is with Infinix Tanzania public relations officer Aisha Karupa. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Zuwena Shame

Govt set to install more oxygen machines at regional hospitals

THE government yesterday said it was planning to install more machines that can produce 190 oxygen cylinders per day in its seven regional hospitals in the country.

The move is among other things aimed to facilitate provision of intensive care to patients including those ill with coronavirus.

That was said in Dar es Salaam yesterday in Dar es Salaam by the director of Preventive Services at the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children Dr Leonard Subi during the launch of Covid-19 response unit at Amana Regional hospital.

The unit is part of the launched two-year 'Covid-19 Response Partnership project funded by the European Union (EU).

The "COVID-19 Response Partnership Project" is a multi-sector programme funded by the European Union and implemented in Tanzania, Mozambique, Uganda, and Kenya by three AKDN agencies - the Aga Khan Foundation (AKF), the Aga Khan Health Services (AKHS) and the Aga

Khan University (AKU) - alongside partner organisation, In Their Hands (ITH). Its objective is to strengthen existing health responses and increase awareness of prevention strategies and support mechanisms, while also minimising the socio-economic impact of the crisis among the young and vulnerable.

He said that a move to install oxygen machines to produce oxygen will go further to other hospitals across the country.

Dr Subi said that since the pandemic hit the country, the government has made various efforts by taking measures like awareness on how to take precautions and vaccination. "The government cares about its people's health. Therefore, it does a lot to make sure that its health facilities are well equipped with various equipment's but for Covid-19 it has made a huge effort in making sure that selected covid-19

centres have important equipment like oxygen to support patients who are admitted with the virus," said Dr Subi adding that people should continue to follow other health precautions like wearing mask, social distancing and vaccination.

Dr Subi said the project worth 40m/- started in July this year for extensive renovation and equipping of the high dependency unit which will cater to patients with severe illness requiring critical care management and use of oxygen.

"This unit will not only serve to respond to the needs of the most severe COVID-19 cases but will also ensure access to quality health care for every Tanzanian," said Dr Subi.

EU Ambassador to Tanzania, Manfred Fanti said that the EU has been partnering with Tanzania in other sectors but this time it has seen social and economic challenges caused by Covid-19 pandemic

and decided to support health sector especially the construction of Covid-19 response unit and other economic empowerment in Mwanza, Dar es Salaam, Lindi and Mtwara regions.

Fanti said that the project will contribute to tackle two main consequences of the COVID-19 epidemic in the country on health and economic empowerment by working closely with local communities.

"EU has witnessed social and economic challenges through this pandemic especially in public health, so these new facilities will help in providing better care to patients affected by Covid-19 also by other pathologies. And the project will work with local communities, especially women, and with young people to alleviate the difficulties they face by empowering them economically," said Fanti.

Land owners in EACOP project to be compensated come December

By Guardian Correspondent, Tanga

THE government will by end of this year begin to pay compensation to owners of land and structures that have been taken to pave way for construction of the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP).

The project for the oil pipeline from Hoima bay, Uganda to the Chongoleani port in Tanga will open up employment opportunities for the period of three years for 15,000 Tanzanians. Construction of the 1,445-kilometer oil pipeline is scheduled to start in near future, with operations expected to start in 2025.

Energy Deputy Minister, Stephen Byabato disclosed this here yesterday when addressing regional commissioners, regional administrative secretaries, district commissioners and other ministry officials at a capacity building meeting.

He said: "President Samia Suluhu Hassan has every time been telling you to make sure they educate the residents on the project and how they can reap benefits from it."

"It is my hope that stakeholders and other people from private institutions and the people will be mobilised to make sure you utilise well various opportunities from the project."

The pipeline will pass through eight regions of Tanzania Mainland, 24 districts, 257 villages and 134 wards and will be 1,443 km long.

Dunstan Kitandula, the chairman of the parliamentary energy and minerals committee, speaking at the meeting, thanked the government and pledged to continue working together with relative authorities to ensure the project is completed for the nation's benefit.

For her part, the chairman of the parliamentary Public Accounts Committee (PAC), Naghenjwa Kaboyoka said the aim is to make sure the oil pipeline reaches Tanzania as per the government's intention.

"Government officials in areas the pipeline will pass should supervise the project in their areas, as we say since the money is taxpayers' money, then we have to supervise that money," she added.

Tanga Regional Commissioner Adam Malima said currently Tanzania has three main projects, including the Standard

Gauge Railway (SGR), the Julius Nyerere Hydro Power Project (JNHPP) and the EACOP.

"Tanga is home to three big projects, including expansion to the Port of Tanga, which upon completion will compete with the Mombasa Port; the railway line and EACOP, said Malima.

For his part, the Director of Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC) James Mataragio said the corporation will make sure all stages in the EACOP project are completed aimed at benefitting the nation.

About 80 percent of the construction of the pipeline will be conducted in Tanzania passing through Kagera, Geita, Shinyanga, Tabora, Dodoma, Manyara and Tanga regions. The pipeline is expected to transport about 200,000 barrels of oil per day providing the nation millions of funds annually.

Apart from transporting the oil from Uganda, the pipeline will be transporting oil from other countries of DR Congo and South Sudan which have shown interest to transport the oil through Tanga Port.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KONDOA AT KONDOA.
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In the matter of the estate of the late DAMARIS MANASE KITWI of Kondoa.
And
In the matter of application for letters of administration by COMFORT ESSAU KITWI
GENERAL CITATION
(Rule 75 of Probate Rules Gn. 369 of 1963)
ALL PERSONS claiming to have any interest in the estate of the above named deceased are hereby cited to come and see the proceedings if they think fit before the grant of letters of administration is made to the above named petitioner. Objections to the grant should be filed on or before the 23rd day of SEPT 2021.
Dated at Kondoa this 23rd day of SEPT 2021
DISTRICT JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE I.C.

By Guardian Reporter

WB Group president defines current global era as period of high inequality

WORLD Bank Group President David Malpass has described the current global era as a period of high inequality and reversals in global development which calls for steps to boost economic growth and lay a strong foundation for a future ready for global disasters like COVID-19.

Speaking in Khartoum as the first Bank Group President to visit Sudan in nearly 40 years, Malpass noted recent progress the country has achieved.

"Reversals in development threaten people's lives, jobs, livelihoods, and sustenance. In many places around the world, poverty is rising, living standards and literacy rates are falling, and past gains on gender equality, nutrition and health are sliding backwards."

He said for some countries, the debt burden was unsustainable before the crisis and is getting worse rather than gaining ground, the poor are being left behind in a global tragedy of inequality.

"This drastic narrowing of economic and social progress is creating a time of upheaval in economics, politics and geopolitical relationships," he said.

Malpass noted the global pandemic has taken massive toll on poverty. "The COVID-19 crisis has resulted in increased poverty rates again after decades of steady decline. It has pushed nearly 100 million people into

extreme poverty, with several hundred million more becoming poor, many of them in middle-income countries" he said. He recalled how the deadly Spanish Flu of 1918-20 was followed by extremely rapid economic growth - but also by wider inequality, and dangerous financial vulnerabilities that culminated in the prolonged great depression.

He noted that many developing countries made extraordinary efforts to support their people and keep economic activity going during the pandemic.

"Many have gone beyond what they could

afford, especially as debt in developing economies was at record highs when the pandemic hit," he added.

Malpass called for greater global cooperation, including private sector participation, to provide debt relief to the world's poorest countries and fund growth-enhancing investments.

In addition to better debt management, Malpass said countries have to eliminate wasteful public expenditures, make service delivery more efficient, and reallocate public resources to their most productive uses.

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Date: 1st of October, 2021

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All responses to the RFI to be sent to the following address before 4pm on Thursday, 04th November 2021.

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Attention: Bizimana Ntuyabaliwe, Deputy Managing Director.

(All electronic copies of the RFI to be sent to the email (btuyabaliwe@panafricanenergy.com) and a copy to (vedward@panafricanenergy.com) on the last day of submission).

US Peace Corps celebrating 60 years' action in Tanzania

By Guardian Reporter

THE United States (US) Peace Corps has celebrated the 60th anniversary of the arrival of the first Peace Corps Volunteers in Tanzania.

Six decades ago, the first cohort of Peace Corps Volunteers set out on a unique international service opportunity to tackle critical challenges alongside community leaders and promote world peace. Since 1961, nearly a quarter of a million volunteers from around the U.S. have left a legacy of impact across numerous sectors in 141 nations around the world.

Speaking during the event in Dar es Salaam, Minister of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Liberata Mulamula noted that the 60th anniversary of the arrival of the first Peace Corps Volunteers is a landmark moment in the cooperation between the governments and peoples of the United States and Tanzania.

"Today's anniversary testifies another milestone in the cherished bilateral historical friendship between our countries," Mulamula said.

US President John F. Kennedy created the Peace Corps in 1961, challenging young Americans to serve humanity by working for peace and development in countries around the world. Because of the close friendship between Kennedy and Tanzania's founding father Mwalimu Julius Nyerere, Tanzania (then called Tanganyika) was selected as one of the first countries in the world to receive Peace Corps Volunteers. On September 29, 1961, 50 Peace Corps Volunteers landed in Arusha, Tanzania.

Since then, approximately 3,200 Peace Corps Volunteers have worked alongside Tanzanians in 22 regions of the country to develop community-led solutions to address challenges in education, health, agriculture, the environment and youth development.

According to her, these volunteers have had a positive impact on Tanzania's development.

"We are thankful to the Americans that have worked tirelessly with local partners across the most

remote reaches of our country as math and science teachers in secondary schools, teacher trainers in information and communication technology, leaders of health education projects that increase basic health knowledge, and leaders of environmental projects addressing basic village-level needs for sustaining natural resources. Thanks to our visionary leaders Mwalimu Nyerere and U.S. president John F. Kennedy for making this program possible," Mulamula said.

US ambassador to Tanzania Donald Wright stressed that Peace Corps Volunteers who serve in Tanzania are positively changed by the experience.

"After two years of working side-by-side with Tanzanian counterparts, sharing meals, laughter, and learning about one another's cultures, the Volunteers are forever changed, and they carry Tanzania in their hearts wherever they go," Wright said.

Ambassador Wright also reiterated his gratitude to the government and people of Tanzania for supporting the Peace Corps program for the past six decades.

"I sincerely want to thank the people of Tanzania and the government at all levels for the years of support provided to the Peace Corps programme and the volunteers. I also want to thank the host families and the communities who have hosted our volunteers over the years. Because of you, the volunteers fully experience Tanzanian culture and hospitality," he said.

Peace Corps country director Stephanie Joseph said due to challenges imposed by the worldwide Covid-19 pandemic, there are currently no Peace Corps Volunteers serving in Tanzania.

Stephanie said they hope that the volunteers will return in 2022.

"After two years of working side-by-side with Tanzanian counterparts, sharing meals, laughter, and learning about one another's cultures, the Volunteers are forever changed, and they carry Tanzania in their hearts wherever they go."



Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation minister Liberata Mulamula (C) joins the US Ambassador to Tanzania, Dr Donald Wright (L), and US Peace Corps country director Stephanie Joseph de Goes in cutting a cake at a function to mark the 60th anniversary of the arrival of the first US Peace Corps volunteers in Tanzania. The reception was held at the Peace Corps offices in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday, with the minister as chief guest. Photo courtesy US Embassy

CAG tasked to conduct in-depth auditing of five public institutions over procurement violations

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

FINANCE and Planning Minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba has instructed the Controller and Auditor General (CAG) to conduct in-depth auditing of four District Councils and one public institution for violating the Public Procurement Act.

Dr Nchemba issued the instructions here yesterday after receiving the 2020/2021 Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) evaluation report.

He said in-depth auditing has to be conducted so that legal steps should be taken against those who will be found to have violated public procurement procedures; including

floating tenders in total disregard of Tanzanian National e-Procurement System (TANePS) requirements.

A statement issued by PPRA Board Member Prof Ninatubu Lema on behalf of its chairman Prof Marten Lumbanga, five institutions that received poor evaluation in regard to adherence to public procurement procedures include Kondo Town Council, Mbogwe District Council, Biharamulo District Council, Chato District Council and the Tanzania Wildlife Research Institute (TAWIRI).

Dr Nchemba also directed the ministry's Permanent Secretary, Emmanuel Tutuba to address 172 public institutions that were

incorporated in TANePS to explain why they do not use the system in procurement.

He also called on all public institutions to spend 30 per cent of the cost on advertised tenders per year in their procurement plans to empower vulnerable groups in accordance with the PPRA Act.

"I was very much saddened hearing that in 86 institutions you had audited only two set aside the 30 per cent from their procurement plans to empower vulnerable groups," said Dr Nchemba.

PPRA board member and its acting chairman Prof Ninatubu Lema, said in FY 2020/21 they conducted auditing on 8,838 procurement

contracts value at 9.2trn/ from 86 public institutions.

Prof Lema said the results of the auditing showed that 130 out of 718 institutions incorporated in TANePS did not submit their procurement plans through the system while 208 institutions that did so processed their tenders outside the system, the situation that pointed to acts of corruption and abuse of office.

For his part, the Finance and Planning PS Emmanuel Tutuba assured the minister that he will make a follow up on the instructions given and hold to account all those who will be found to have been involved in the violation of public procurement procedures.



Bevan Farmer (L), director of Dubai-based multinational law firm Addleshaw Goddard, has an audience with state attorneys from the Solicitor General's Office during the just-ended two-day training meant to boost the attorneys' knowledge and competence with respect to international arbitration cases and negotiation of legal contracts. The training was organised by the firm in partnership with Tanzania's Preston Legal Outsourcing Ltd. Photo: Beatrice Philemon

Govt increases HESLB budget to benefit more students

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

THE government said yesterday that it has increased the budget for higher education students' loans aimed at benefiting all qualified students selected to join higher learning institutions.

Prof James Mdoe, Ministry of Education, Science and Technology deputy Permanent Secretary made the remarks when launching the fourth HESLB board and closing the workers' council meeting.

He said the increase is in accordance with the government's intention to make sure all students who get enrolment to higher

education learning institutions get the loans to realise their life potential.

He said in recognition of their needs, especially students from poor family backgrounds the government has increased the HESLB budget from 464bn/- in the 2019/2020 financial year to 570bn/- in this fiscal year.

He added that apart from the increase, there was a challenge cropping up every year and he would like this not to happen this year - regarding students in need of loans missing the said loans thereby discontinuing their studies.

"I therefore ask HESLB to improve

to identify students in dire need of the loans to benefit, as it was not right for the board becoming the source of complaints every time," he said.

He said HESLB workers council should assist the management in improving its operations with the aim of doing away with such frequent complaints, including delay in dispensing the loans.

The deputy PS also called on HESLB workers council to observe work ethics when providing service, without favouritism or discrimination.

For her part, the HESLB chairman, Salama Ramadhan Makame said

there has been a ratio in loan dispensation according to the required qualifications and the percentage provided to women and men.

She said HESLB Board of Directors will work together with the management with the aim of finding solutions to challenges that crop up.

Speaking on behalf of HESLB board members, Daud Elisha from the Researchers Academician and Allied Workers Union (RAAWU) said the directives of the ministry's deputy Permanent Secretary were working guidelines in dealing with the challenges that crop up.

Agro-bank promises to empower dairy sub-sector with more loans

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

THE Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank (TADB) has appealed to eligible dairy farmers, livestock keepers and milk processors to apply for loans in order to put the sub-sector on proper footing and strengthen the dairy value chain.

Addressing a rally here at the climax of the festivities to mark the Day of Drinking Milk in Schools, the Zonal Manager, Southern Highlands Zone, Alphonse Mokoki, said the sub-sector has the potential to grow fast and contribute the growth of the national economy.

"Our bank is ready to give loans to eligible applicants in the sub-sector so that milk production increases in the country. I call on dairy farmers and livestock keepers to apply for loans in order to grow this sector," he told the rally, explaining that the bank has experience in serving the producers in the sub-sector.

Mokoki explained that using farmers associations, the bank has loaned 122 successful applicants. "We have given loans to 122 -- 86 men and 36 women. We are going to give 86 dairy cattle to a cooperative society in Busokelo District, because we want to see the dairy sub-sector growing," he said.

He said Iringa, Mbeya, Songwe, Njombe, Ruvuma and Rukwa regions have ideal climate for dairy farming and called on the farmers in the regions to seize the opportunity and engage in serious dairy farming.

The manager said to have young people drinking milk in schools is a very positive deed but, he said, similar efforts should be made to increase the amount of milk produced in the country, adding that TADB efforts seek to increase production of milk countrywide.

Stephen Michael, representing

the permanent secretary in the ministry of livestock and fisheries, said the 2020/21 cattle census shows that Tanzania has 33.9 million cattle, calling on farmers and livestock keepers to heed to calls that are aimed at their upliftment.

"We have second biggest population of cattle in Africa. It is only pertinent that we use every opportunity available to increase milk production for existing and future milk processing industries," he said adding that there are many opportunities in the milk value chain.

Mbeya Regional Commissioner Juma Homera echoed earlier calls on increased milk production. He said milk is a nutrient for human body and more so for the brain. Milk drinking habit, he argued, will save children from being stunted.

Expert statistics show that Tanzania has significant dairy livestock resources that have the potential to transform the lives and incomes of smallholder farmers along the dairy value chain. But the resources have yet to be fully developed.

Milk production of local cattle is put at 1-3 litres per animal.

The TADB is battling to change the low milk production challenge in the country and by June this year the bank had disbursed 12,087,494,904.20/-.



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Deputy minister orders bar, entertainment buildings' owners to obtain EIA certification

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE government has directed owners of night clubs and entertainment buildings to ensure they get environmental impact assessment to get (EIA) certifications, which will help to reduce environmental pollution to the surrounding communities.

Deputy Minister in the Vice President's Office (Union and Environment), Hamad Hassan Chande made the directives in Dar es Salaam yesterday when opening the meeting between Environment Management Council (NEMC) and owners of bars and entertainment buildings.

"Before you start any investment you must have EIA certifications so that we can understand challenges surrounding communities there and how we are going to tackle it. This is our country we have nowhere to go so together we must protect our environment," Chande said.

He said there is tendency by some business persons who start their business before they acquire

EIA certifications which he said is contrary to the environment laws and they can face fierce penalties, noting that noise pollutions have been a major threat to people's health adding that among the impact of noise is hypertension.

The deputy minister hailed the meeting with stakeholders because it helps to educate the entertainment industry stakeholders about the consequences of noise before taking them to court or penalizing them, noting that the government values the contribution of the entertainment industry in the development but when they fail to control their noise the government will not tolerate any more.

"It is true that night clubs and other entertainment centers is where our people go to enjoy and get relaxation after a hard work but you must adhere to the laws and regulations otherwise we cannot tolerate," he said, adding that World Health Organisation (WHO), has cited noise as one of the major health threat to human and it cause early death because of stress and

fear.

He said, according to WHO, noise is killing over 1,200 children annually and causes many health hazards to human beings.

Chande said the government is taking several measures including to educate the society to make sure every Tanzanian is aware of the environment laws of 2004 and they engage in environment protection.

NEMC Director, Dr Samuel Gwamaka said the intention of the one-day seminar is to create awareness to bar owners and entertainment centres about the consequences of noise pollution and the environment law of 2004.

He said NEMC has been doing regular inspections all over the country and taking to court some bar owners who don't adhere to environmental laws and regulations.

"We have taken some of them to court but our intention is not to go that far. We need to seat together and educate them that what they are doing is wrong so that they comply with laws voluntarily," he said.



Energy minister January Makamba (R) has an audience in Dar es Salaam yesterday with the British High Commissioner to Tanzania, David Concar (C), and the envoy's private sector development consultant, Tom Ratsakatika. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Reporter

Case against ex-Temeke council director adjourned to October 19

THE case facing former Executive Director of Temeke Municipal Council in Dar es Salaam Region Lusubilo Mwakabibi and the Coordinator of Dar es Salaam Metropolitan Development Project (DMDP), Edward Haule has been adjourned to October 19 this year.

The case that involves abuse of office was yesterday mentioned at Kisutu Resident Magistrates Court before Evodia Kyaruzi, Senior Resident Magistrate.

State Attorney Sylvia Mitanto claimed before the court that investigations of the case were still incomplete and asked for adjournment to another date.

The court agreed to the adjournment request and set October 19 for another mention and the accused will continue to be on bail.

The accused first appeared in court on August 20 this year facing economic crimes charges.

The first court involves abuse of office in which the accused are claimed to have committed the offence between March 2020 and March 2021 in Temeke Municipality.

The prosecution alleged in court that, Mwakabibi, in his position as

the Executive Director of Temeke Municipal Council, and Haule, as DMDP Coordinator, being municipal officials directed the construction of bus stand at Buza in the municipality at a plot owned by the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania (ELCT) without authority.

In the second count, also involving abuse of office, the accused are alleged to have between March 2020 and March 2021, as public servants deliberately abuse their offices contrary to Section 3(1, 3, 4, 7 and 11) of the 2019 Lands Act.

Stakeholders hail govt for ratifying AfCFTA

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

INVESTMENT stakeholders and entrepreneurs from Southern Highlands regions have hailed the government for ratifying the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) saying that the move will contribute immensely to the country's economic growth.

Early last month, Tanzania ratified the AfCFTA agreement effectively joining a pact connecting countries with a total gross domestic product of \$3.4 trillion.

Speaking yesterday during the forum that brought together investors from Mbeya, Ruvuma, Rukwa, Iringa, Njombe and Katavi Regions, policy supervisor from the Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF), Faith Gugu said following the decision, Tanzania is currently considered one of the free trade areas in Africa.

She said that given the importance, the private sector's umbrella body decided to organize the forum so as to discuss barriers and opportunities available in the country and how best to benefit

through the free trade zone in the continent.

"We have met here to discuss various challenges that we may encounter after opening of the free trade area, we should all together plan on how we can seize various trade opportunities, but also overcome setbacks that may arise during the process," she said.

The forum also will capacitate traders and entrepreneurs with essential skills and knowledge which are going to help them improve their activities, add more innovations and thus produce quality products to compete in the market.

Assistant Regional Administrative Secretary Said Madito, urged the Ministry of Industries and Trade to come up with a special strategy to support entrepreneurs to utilize the opportunity in the free trade areas.

He said the involvement of traders and investors to discuss how best to take advantage of the opportunity will help increase the value of products as well as open up the market for various crops such as maize, beans which their market is

currently uncertain in the country.

Silyvery Buyaga, marketing director of Mbasiro Food Industries Limited based in Sumbawanga in Rukwa Region said the forum has helped him and will also enable the company to improve its activities and reach more farmers.

The AfCFTA seeks to increase intra-African trade by 52 percent by the year 2022 and remove tariffs on 90 percent of goods.

Until August 2021, a total of 41 out of 55 countries had ratified the AfCFTA agreement. They are Algeria, Burundi, Lesotho, Mauritania, Zimbabwe, Nigeria, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Togo, Equatorial Guinea, Tunisia, Eswatini, Uganda, Burkina Faso, Gabon, Ghana, Namibia, Ethiopia, Guinea, Senegal, Sao Tome & Principe, Mauritius, South Africa, The Gambia, Zambia, Kenya, Mali, Egypt, Malawi, Angola, Niger, Djibouti, Sierra Leone, Central African Republic, Rwanda, Congo Republic, Sahrawi Arab Democratic Rep, Seychelles, Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Cameroun and Somalia.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

SOS Children's Villages Tanzania is a local non-government organization affiliated to SOS Children's Villages International, a worldwide child care and protection organization that provides orphaned and destitute children with a permanent home and educational opportunities. Established 60 years ago, SOS Children's Villages International the umbrella organization, currently has Children's Villages and other projects in 135 countries around the world. Globally, it runs the SOS Children's Village Programme which has two main arms, i.e. Family Based Care based at SOS Children's Villages and Family Strengthening Programmes supporting families in local communities. SOS has been working in the United Republic of Tanzania since 1991, and implements its programs in the following locations Zanzibar, Arusha, Dar es Salaam, Mwanza and Iringa. SOS Children's Villages Tanzania seeks to recruit suitably qualified candidates to fill the following vacant positions:

Job Title : Youth Empowerment Officer (1 Post)
Duty station : Dar es Salaam
Reporting to : Alternative Care Coordinator

PURPOSE OF THE ROLE

Youth Empowerment Officer is responsible for strengthening the capacity of youth by developing young people's life skills, employability, entrepreneurship, digital skills and promoting engagement and active citizenship. To build capacity in the community to support the development of quality youth work and enhance the quality and scope of youth provision in community settings, so that young people can be healthy, stay safe, enjoy and achieve, make positive contributions and achieve economic wellbeing. Encourages independent entrepreneurship by inspiring young people to set up their own businesses, also work with relevant stakeholders to create fair and proper jobs through working with the private sector to educate and coach young people in skills that meet the demands of the local labour market and ensures youths contribute meaningfully into the organization and community at large.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES.

- Support to conduct needs assessments, awareness raising and information activities with the support of Program Manager.
- Support the ongoing implementation of engaging young people in digital platforms.
- Build a strong relationship with young people and the wider community, identifying the local needs and support the development of services.
- Support outreach and engagement with the private sector on youth empowerment and skills building, specifically skills for employability.
- Participate in the creation of awareness raising campaigns on the importance of child rights, child labour, education, youth employment policies, protection policies, social cohesion and other related topics.
- Support to skilled youths to enter the workforce through internships and/or employment and/or business mentorship activities (referrals, tailored projects, peer-to-peer activities).
- Assist with the planning and organization of tailored awareness raising sessions, focused group discussions, youth led initiatives and special event in identified areas.
- Work with community provisions to support the development and delivery of information / guidance and activities, which aim to meet the needs and aspirations of the young people within the community.
- Provide information, advice and guidance to the community/ stakeholders in developing youth provision, ensuring the groups understand their purpose, responsibilities and best practice, and the role of the councils in supporting them.
- Provide outreach youth work as required to engage with young people deemed to be causing anti-social behaviour.

- Support the Youth Empowerment Coordinator in delivering the community's youth network forum to enable practitioners working with young people to share best practice and identify skills and training needs.
- Promote and support innovative and creative ways to generate income including (but not exclusively) fundraising initiatives and external funding via grants and sponsorship to ensure the ongoing sustainability of the youth clubs and community projects.
- Provide casework support for young people to engage with support services, education, employment and community opportunities.
- Support and initiate strategies to prevent and address the problem of substance misuse and other anti-social behaviour among youth.
- Provide ongoing support, advocacy and monitoring of services and programs for youth.
- Maintain and establish partnerships and networks with services and programs (e.g. local school, clinic, police, mental health services, and other services) and work together to address the needs of young people

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCES:

- Bachelor Degree in Community Development / Community Economic Development and Sociology.
- At least 2-3 years previous experience in child/youth quality care / relevant NGO's experience.
- Excellent interpersonal skills; ability to work inclusively and collaboratively with a range of partners, including, and authorities at different levels, NGOs, youth organizations.
- Work experience in education, social work or community development is desired
- Work experience with adolescents' is desired
- Good knowledge of national child care legislation and child's rights
- Demonstrates a high level of empathy/emotional intelligence particularly working with young people and adolescents
- Understanding and knowledge of subjects relating specifically to the care of adolescents (e.g. sexual health, HIV/Aids, relationships)

Job Title : Social Workers (2 Post)
Duty station : Zanzibar
Reporting to : Alternative Care Coordinator

PURPOSE OF THE ROLE

Social Worker is responsible to work on social, psychological, and emotional development of the children in Alternative Care and to follow-up the health, and education matters of the children. Assist the Alternative Care Coordinator in the efficient co-ordination of the social work activities/tasks; and ensure that the Family Like Care is up to standard in all its activities, adheres to the internal Gatekeeping guidelines and national child welfare and protection policies.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES.

- Ensures compliance and high quality of procedures for Family Like Care program in accordance with the country's legal laws.
- Ensures assessment of all children under our care, develop individual development plans/care plans, and put in place immediate, medium and long-term strategies for raising and supporting children.
- Perform document review for completeness, accuracy, and clarity of documents submitted by District Social Welfare Officer
- Attend, prepare, compile, and presents individual child/youth reports to the gatekeeping committee for reviews and decisions towards reintegration.
- Takes an active interest in and at least annually reviews the child and youth development plans to assure the developmental and education needs are met within the unit or within other programme units.
- Ensure assessment, tracing and preparation children, young people, and their biological families for successful reunification/ reintegration.
- Promote strong collaboration, effective communication, and team work among Mothers/Aunts and Child and Youth Empowerment Officer for effective delivery of services.
- Spends quality time with Mothers/Aunts in order to encourage their long-term commitment to the children and youth and ensure quality services delivered to the SOS Children and young people.
- Supports the Sponsorship Coordinator on getting all necessary correspondences from Mothers, Aunts, Child and Youth Development Officers, and any other staff for sponsors' satisfaction.
- Participate effectively in the Welfare Committees meetings and prepare reports accordingly
- Collaborates with different external offices on matters of common concern for the provision of better services for the children, attends workshops and meetings as assigned by the Alternative Care Coordinator.
- Make regular visits to all SOS house and schools taking notes of the progress while highlighting concerns brought up in liaison with the respective school teachers and SOS caregivers
- Ensures that children receive medical attention/ first-aid services if they are ill, injured and need medical treatment, refers serious cases to clinics and follows-up referral cases to hospitals.
- Strengthen integration of Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health (ASRH), Psychosocial Support (PSS), and Mental Health services into Family Like Care (FLC) programming.
- Be a source of counsel to the children and youth's academic and career choices.
- Supports the youth through their various transition processes or/and the re-integration processes.
- Makes time to interact with children and youth on a regular basis, to get to know and understand them as individuals.
- Develops creative ways for the successful socio professional integration of young people based on the local context.
- Upholds the Alternative Care monitoring and evaluation system to ensure consistent quality of services are provided to the children/youth as per standard by the responsible people.
- Contribute to the preparation of annual project work-plan, budgets, performance reports, and quarterly reports.
- Prepares and submits for approval long and short-term plans for social services.
- Maintains proper documentation of case management information system in line with SOS Children's Villages and National Case Management Standards.
- At all times ensures that personal data of donors, sponsors, SOS Children's Villages' beneficiaries and their families as well as SOS co-workers is handled confidentially and in accordance with prevailing SOS-Kinderdorf International data protection laws.

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCES:

- Bachelor's degree in Social Work.
- At least three (3) years of relevant professional experience.
- Experience in practicing case management, or in working with children/youth environment will be added advantage.
- Ability to work independently, self-organize, use initiative, keeps commitments and meets deadlines.
- The candidate should possess the emotional stability to lead and guide the large community of children and youth, by maintaining the required high standards.
- Mature personality (male or female), stable socially and emotion- ally.
- Strong interpersonal and team skills.
- Fluent in English and Swahili.
- Computer literacy

To apply for this position, send your application letter by email describing how your experience, qualifications and competencies make you the right candidate for this position. Enclose ONLY detailed and updated CV with telephone contacts, email address and details of at least 3 referees. Only contacted candidates for the interview will submit copies of academic, professional certificates and passport size photo. This advert can be obtained on our website <http://www.sos-childrensvillages.tanzania.or.tz>. Closing date is 14th October, 2021. To apply please send to;

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Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
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- Only short listed candidates will be contacted

WHO and partners launch strategy to beat meningitis

By Guardian Reporter

THE World Health Organisation (WHO) and partners have launched the first ever global strategy to defeat meningitis - a debilitating disease that kills hundreds of thousands of people each year.

The Global Roadmap to Defeat Meningitis by 2030 was launched by a broad coalition of partners involved in meningitis prevention and control at a virtual event hosted by WHO in Geneva.

Its focus is on preventing infections and improving care and diagnosis for those affected.

The goals are to eliminate epidemics of bacterial meningitis - the most deadly form of the disease and to reduce deaths by 70 percent and halve the number of cases.

The organisations estimate that in total, the strategy could save more than 200,000 lives annually and significantly reduce disability caused by the disease.

WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, said: "Wherever it occurs, meningitis can be deadly and debilitating, it strikes quickly, has serious health, economic and social consequences, and causes devastating outbreaks. It is time to tackle meningitis globally once and for all - by urgently expanding access to existing tools like vaccines, spearheading new research and innovation to prevent, detecting and treating the various causes of the disease, and improving rehabilitation for those affected."

Dr Matshidiso Moeti, WHO Regional Director for Africa said: "More than half a billion Africans are at risk of seasonal meningitis outbreaks but the disease has been off the radar for too long. This shift away from fire fighting outbreaks to strategic response can't come soon enough. This roadmap will help protect the health and lives of hundreds of thousands of families who every year fear this disease."

According to Vinny Smith, Chief Executive Officer of the Meningitis Research Foundation and the Confederation of Meningitis Organisations (CoMO), the roadmap is the embodiment of the ambition of people and families affected around the world who have called for its creation.

Smith said: "We celebrate together the common goal of defeating meningitis and will be led by their inspiration to make it happen."

"The Global Roadmap to Defeat Meningitis demonstrates what can be accomplished when a global need is met with global action," said Nikolaj Gilbert, President and CEO of PATH. He added: "Progress against meningitis has lagged for too long; by working together, we can overcome the disease that has cost so many lives in countries around the world. PATH is proud to have been a part of the roadmap's development and is committed to advancing affordable and equitable vaccine solutions to defeat meningitis."

"We must be united in our efforts to end all preventable childhood diseases, including bacterial meningitis," said Dr Aboubacar Kampo, Director of Health

Programmes at UNICEF.

He said that UNICEF has been supporting governments for decades, facilitating the delivery of life-saving meningitis vaccines.

According to him, governments need to act decisively to strengthen primary health care and get routine immunisation back on track, before more children face adverse health outcomes.

"Although the main burden of meningitis is in poor countries, acute bacterial meningitis is a global problem with no country being spared its devastating impact," said Professor Sir Brian Greenwood, Professor of Clinical Tropical Medicine at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine and co-chair of the Task Force supporting the implementation of the roadmap.

"The Meningitis Roadmap provides a clear blueprint for defeating this devastating disease. Crucially it identifies the gaps in our knowledge and the tools required. To achieve the Road Map's ambitious goals, a team approach will bring together countries, global policymakers, civil society, funders, researchers, public health specialists, healthcare workers and industry to generate and implement innovative new strategies," said Professor Robert Heyderman, Head of the Research Department of Infection at University College London.

Meningitis is a dangerous inflammation of the membranes that surround the brain and spinal cord, predominantly caused by infection with bacteria and viruses.

Meningitis that is caused by bacterial infection tends to be the most serious - leading to around 250,000 deaths a year - and can cause fast-spreading epidemics. It kills 1 in 10 of those infected - mostly children and young people - and leaves 1 in 5 with long-lasting disability, such as seizures, hearing and vision loss, neurological damage, and cognitive impairment.

Over the last ten years, meningitis epidemics have occurred in all regions of the world, though most commonly in the 'Meningitis Belt,' which spans 26 countries across Sub-Saharan Africa. These epidemics are unpredictable, can severely disrupt health systems, and create poverty - generating catastrophic expenditures for households and communities.

Several vaccines protect against meningitis, including meningococcal, Haemophilus influenzae type b and pneumococcal vaccines. However, not all communities have access to these lifesaving vaccines, and many countries are yet to introduce them into their national programmes.

While research is underway to develop vaccines for other causes of meningitis, such as Group B Strep bacteria, there remains an urgent need for innovation, funding and research to develop more meningitis-preventive vaccines.

Efforts are also needed to strengthen early diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation for all those who need it after contracting the disease.



National Environment Management Council director general Dr Samuel Gwamaka (R) has a quick word in Dar es Salaam yesterday with environment stakeholders shortly after opening a workshop for owners of music halls, music bands and bars. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

By Guardian Correspondent, Sumbawanga

RUKWA regional commissioner, Joseph Mkirikiti has advised all health workers in the region to be vaccinated against Covid-19 in order to instil faith in the people on the vaccine's safety.

Mkirikiti made the remarks here on Monday following Kalambo District Commissioner, Tano Mwera claims that some of his officials have not been supporting him in the vaccination mobilisation campaign.

"The government has made great efforts to provide the vaccines to the people against the disease but a few people issue discouraging statements. I say this is unacceptable, we shall deal with all who discourage people to vaccinate even though vaccination is optional," RC Mkirikiti said.

RC for Rukwa calls upon health workers to go for COVID-19 jobs

He directed security organs, specifically the National Service that before passing out, the youth should be vaccinated.

He also directed the police to make sure people who go to auction markets and other areas of business should not get access unless they were vaccinated against Covid-19.

He also called on the Regional Medical Officer, Dr Boniface Kasululu to establish more vaccination centres in various areas to make easy for the people to go for jobs.

Responding, Dr Kasululu said the

region had received 20,000 vaccines but so far only 1,300 people or 15 per cent of the region's population has been vaccinated.

He said out of the 4,800 vaccines received in Nkasi District; only 542 people have been vaccinated while in Kalambo District out of the 2,400 vaccines it received only 2133 people have been vaccinated so far.

He said the number of people who have so far been vaccinated was very small due to various reasons including misleading beliefs that the vaccines were hazardous to health, the belief that is totally incorrect.

Kalambo District Commissioner Tano Mwera said misleading belief by some of the people has greatly affected the vaccination exercise and threw blame to ward and village executives for not supporting the mobilisation for vaccination.

Traditional Chief Charles katata from the Nkasi clan who is also the Chairman of Rukwa Chiefs said he was among the people who have been vaccinated.

He said they were satisfied on the vaccines' quality and mobilised other people to receive the jobs against the disease.



Mothers from Shinyanga Region aged between 17 and 24 years pictured yesterday undergoing practical electrical installation training conducted by the Vocational Education and Training Authority (VETA), supervised by Epic, implemented by FHI360 and co-sponsored by USAID and PEPFAR. Photo: Correspondent Shaban Njira

Tunisia president names country's first female PM

TUNIS

TUNISIA'S president on Wednesday named geologist Najla Bouden as the country's first ever female prime minister-designate, two months after he seized wide-ranging powers.

"The President of the Republic Kais Saied charged Najla Bouden with forming a government as quickly as possible," said a statement from his office published on Facebook.

Saied on July 25 sacked the government of Hichem Mechichi, suspended parliament, lifted MPs' immunity and took over the judiciary, after months of political deadlock in the face of a pressing economic crisis and mounting coronavirus deaths.

He followed up last week with moves allowing him to rule by

decree.

He has faced repeated calls to name a government.

Saied's office published a video of him meeting Bouden in his office and charging her with presenting a cabinet 'in the coming hours or days'.

He repeatedly emphasised the 'historic' nature of the nomination of a woman, calling it 'an honour for Tunisia and a homage to Tunisian women'.

Saied said the new government's main mission would be to "put an end to the corruption and chaos that have spread throughout many state institutions".

Bouden will be the Tunisia's tenth prime minister since a 2011 uprising overthrew longtime dictator Zine El Abedine Ben Ali, sparking the Arab Spring revolts.

Govt set to review guidelines on local council's expenditure

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THE President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Government) is in the process of reviewing operation costs in all local councils in the country to come up with guidelines for their financial expenditures.

The Office's Minister of State, Umyy Mwalimu made the remarks here yesterday when closing the Association of Local Government Authorities of Tanzania (ALAT).

She said the decision follows the request from ALAT Chairman, Murshid Ngeze who had asked the government to review the

allocation of local councils' internal revenues for the implementation of development projects.

Umyy said from the allocation, it has been challenging for the councils to operate themselves especially those collecting little income.

She said the current requirement to direct 40 per cent to councils collecting little incomes and 60 per cent to councils collecting more than 5bn/- will continue to be implemented.

"The committee led by the Permanent Secretary, Regional Administration and Local Government is currently reviewing operation costs in all councils with

large revenue collection as well as those with little revenue collections so as to come up with guidelines on the better way to spend money running the councils.

"We have looked into expenditures on allowances to the councils' committees, monthly sitting allowances in making follow ups of projects, running costs for ward and village offices, and other costs," she said.

She further said allowances for departmental heads, middle rank officials, officials on contracts will also be looked into.

"We have also discovered that a council collects 5bn/- but its

operation cost is 2bn/- while a council that collects 600m/-, its running cost is 360m/- and you ask yourself- how can these to run the council with 300m/- while others run them for 2bn/-, we must come up with new guidelines, because even if you collect huge amounts of revenue we will want to know how the money has been spent," Umyy added.

She called upon mayors, council chairmen and executive directors to make sure they collect revenue as needed and stressed that in case the council does not perform well in regard to revenue collection, its director will be held responsible.



Amina Mushi (C), acting medical officer of Masasi District's Mkomaindo Hospital, briefs journalists yesterday on shortage of equipment and supplies as well as other the challenges facing the facility. Photo: Correspondent Hamisi Nasri

Have budgets for milk feeding programmes in public schools, RC instructs district authorities

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

MBEYA Regional Commissioner Juma Homera has directed leaders in all district authorities to start allocating budgets for implementation of milk feeding programmes in public schools, a move aimed to fight stunting in the area.

Homera wanted district executive directors (DEDs) to ensure they allocate funds in the 2021/2022 fiscal year for procurement of milk.

Speaking during the climax of commemoration of the National Milk Week here, Homera urged the public also to create a milk consumption habit as they contain countless benefits in human health.

He said that milk consumption will also support dairy farmers in the country to produce and earn more from the sub-sector.

"By implementing the school milk feeding programmes, we will help our children to grow well and be able to concentrate in classes and thus perform well in their exams. With this we will be able to cut stunting levels in our region," he said.

According to him, if strong programmes to promote milk feeding programmes in schools will be invested, the country could fight or even eradicate stunting and malnutrition which currently stands at 34 percent.

Homera said statistics show that stunting in Mbeya exceeds 30 percent, something that needs more efforts to fight the vice.

Homera also urged investors to establish milk processing factories in the region as it has enough cattle to cater demand.

He said that the region is estimated to have more than one million cattle as well as plenty of land suitable for investment activities.

Steven Michael from the ministry of Livestock and Fisheries acknowledged that despite the

country ranking number three in cattle populations in Africa after Ethiopia and Sudan, the dairy industry is still lagging behind.

From its cattle population of around 33 million cattle, Tanzania produces over 3.4 billion litres of milk annually. Out of this amount, only three percent is processed.

He said the ministry through the Tanzania Dairy Board (TDB) plans to come up with a programme to educate more farmers on smart livestock keeping, milk production to increase value and production.

During the commemoration of the National Milk Week, over 200 primary school children were given milk as well as parents and teachers with an aim of promoting milk consumption.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) recommends milk for better health, an individual is supposed to consume at least 200 liters of milk in a year, a Tanzanian consumption is currently at 54 liters annually.

However, according to the Tanzania Dairy Board (TDB), production of milk has increased from 3.1 billion litres in 2019/20 to 3.4 billion litres in 2020/21 year where 70 percent is produced from local cattle and 30 percent comes from improved cattle.

Milk processing and packaging has also risen to 208,000 litres per day in 2020/21 from 203,600 litres in 2019/21.



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Police vow to smash 'gang of criminals' terrorising Njombe

By Guardian Correspondent, Njombe

POLICE in Njombe Region are holding a man identified as Christopher Sanga, a resident of Wanging'ombe District for allegedly leading a gang that is claimed to commit various crimes including torching school buildings.

The remarks were made here on Wednesday this week by Njombe Regional Police Commander, Hamisi Issah when addressing reporters at his office.

RPC Issah said incidents of torching school buildings in Njombe Region have taken a new turn

whereby a man calling himself 'doctor' who says it helps him when his spirits see people in grief.

"The man identified as Christopher Sanga is known as a traditional healer treating criminals and so far we are holding a total of four people," said the RPC.

He said through his witchery the suspects claimed he was able to create incidents to inflict grief including accidents and fire incidents.

"In the torching of Igima Secondary School on 21 September, just two days after opening, the police found exhibits left behind by

the arsonists," said RPC Issah.

He added that the police, after follow up managed to arrest a suspect identified as Eliud Mhando, a brick maker in Igima village area, in Wanging'ombe District.

He further said that further investigations disclosed three other suspects, making a total of four suspects.

He said after interrogation, they confessed to have been involved in torching the school and added that they were given mixture of herbs to rub on their bodies so as not to be found out.

The RPC further said the police

recovered about 10 litres of petrol from one suspect named Stanley Sanga, a fuel seller.

He said the police was closely monitoring the network of people involved in acts of sorcery causing successive incidents of disasters in Njombe Region.

He also blamed teachers for not providing correct reports on fire incidents in their schools.

The RPC added that in Mtimbwe Secondary School in the same area, one of its dormitories was torched and those arrested in connection thereon are still being interrogated.

TBL launches Covid-19 vaccination drive

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA Breweries Limited (TBL) yesterday kicked off a company-wide Covid-19 vaccination drive at its Dar es Salaam site.

The vaccination drive is open to all employees, their families, and residents of neighbouring communities. TBL employs a total of 1,300 staff across its five Tanzanian sites.

The Dar es Salaam drive was launched by the Regional Health Secretary, Sister Mathew who represented Regional Medical Officer, Dr Rashid Mfaume alongside TBL Country Director, Jose Moran and People Director Rabina Masanja.

Moran said: "Vaccinations in general are a safe and effective way to prevent diseases and save lives. Vaccines also slow down the spread of infection, which means that when

we get vaccinated, we do not just protect ourselves, but also those around us. Vaccination is our best chance to protect ourselves, our families and our colleagues from the dangers of COVID-19, and we hope as many people as possible take advantage of this opportunity as we will be extending this service to our wider communities."

On the other hand, the People Director Rabina Masanja reiterated: "The health and safety of our employees is our number one priority. That is why we have partnered with the Ministry of Health to ensure that all our employees and their families are vaccinated across all our sites. This will not only promote safety for everyone but also ensure business continuity."

Just 350,000 Tanzanians (0.6% of the population) have been vaccinated as of 30 September 2021.

The TBL vaccine drive will run until Friday, 1 October at all the TBL sites in Dar es Salaam, Mwanza, Mbeya and Arusha.



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TBL managing director Jose Moran (gesturing) addresses journalists at the company's Dar es Salaam plant yesterday during the launch of a drive meant to support the government's Covid-19 vaccination campaign. Those targeted include all TBL employees, their families, and residents of areas near the plant. The brewer has a 1,300-strong workforce at its five plants, scattered across the country. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



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Taking A New Look
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Realism is, indeed, necessary in winning war on corruption

IT is reported that frauds are creeping back into government expenditure, with development projects among the most affected spheres.

Umy Mwalimu, Minister of State in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments), has been quoted as saying that financial misappropriation in many projects implemented or overseen by local government authorities was becoming a major administrative headache.

Opening a working session for recently appointed district executive directors, the minister said that there were too many such cases for comfort.

That the number or frequency of dubious deals in development projects countrywide was on the rise is something that is being acknowledged in various circles.

President Samia Suluhu Hassan has long made direct mention of this, hinting on dishonest administrators fond of deliberately paying road contractors late, as such payments come with interest charge - and they get a piece of it.

The social media and talk shops have talked of all manner of projects stalling everywhere, with the witch hiding just in the neighbourhood.

No wonder, one would suggest, some heads have rolled in a number of quarters after having let those under them, or implementing agencies, do whatever they liked.

The level of fraud or poor use of funds minister Umy Mwalimu referred to might be more accentuated for precisely the same reason - studying whether someone in authority will crack a whip or two here or there instead of merely complaining or lamenting.

One notable point that the minister mentioned was that elements of fraud and other misdeeds that were once "invisible" are now slowly creeping back especially where development projects are being implemented.

Bureaucrats tend to fear stern measures from a government brushing aside consultations and relative autonomy of government departments in its work schedule. Thus, when such civic modes of work are observed, bureaucrats help themselves with cash, with relative impunity.

Freedom is a question of principle, so it is crucial to find ways of incorporating freedom and ability to ensure honesty in how public funds are spent.

Trouble here is that those seeking to help the minister solve such problems appear to have an extremely weak understanding of the problem, such that their methods amount to abetting corruption.

There are professional groups tied with administrative bodies rooting for an educational approach to the matter, that is, to raise awareness among youths on the problem of corruption. But, surely, the only logical option may be wielding the whip and then privatising.

It is high time professionals decided what is more helpful, that is, between the wisdom of seeking non-nonsense rule and privatisation - if a competitive environment should graduate into boosting accountability.

Sadly, there are people who reached negative conclusions decades ago that summarily affirm that it is better to have corruption (and poverty, due to the large public debt) and maintain public ownership of major arteries of economic activity than to privatise.

One may see no immediate problem with this, but the country then risks exploding later, as corruption begets anger and misplaced hopes.

Rough times call for tough action, then one has no option but to stare problems and challenges in the face and act as appropriate.

The level of the frauds and other forms of crime under discussion is precisely one such scenario. Let appropriate remedial or corrective action follow.

International Translation Day isn't meant just for publishers

LOOKING up the sources of the International Translation Day one is taken to far-off times, with clear instances of how language shifts help to change the world.

Without going back to European history, even here there is plenty to show how language has helped to shape the country - although not always in a positive direction.

Translating William Shakespeare's 'Julius Caesar' and 'Merchants of Venice' helped to lay the ideological view of founding President Mwalimu Julius Nyerere's life-long attachment to socialism or rather hatred of selfishness and excessive love of money. It helped us a lot, but there were inherent challenges too.

Since 2014 when the Day started being marked around the world by the International Federation of Translators and then it became a United Nations day in 2017, its thematic orientation has revealed the depth of translation in the life of a country, and human understanding.

Various themes have been chosen for the Day in the past eight years, that for 2014 being 'Language Rights: Essential to All Human Rights'. This is reflected in efforts to use national languages as the motor of education.

For 2015 the theme was 'The Changing Face of Translating and Interpreting'. This affects most translation work, since at times translating a book removes it from its surroundings, and even its intentions.

In 2016 this theme was redeveloped as 'Translation and Interpreting: Connecting Worlds'. Here it was clear that a 'bridge building' effort was being explored, as definitely translating brings an unknown world to a

different clime.

But at times it is learning a new language that really makes one cross one's cultural limitations, as can be seen in the 2017 theme: 'Translation and Diversity'.

In 2018 the theme was 'Translation: Promoting cultural heritage in changing times'. This uplifts more of the domestication work in translating, which isn't far divergent from absorbing foreign words more or less as they are, in pushing technique into a different language environment.

At times this mood of language use constitutes in selective translation while leaving many words in place because they highlight the needed effect to the mind.

In 2019 the focus was on 'Translation and Indigenous Languages which chroniclers note that it was also a year devoted to indigenous peoples.

This is an especially complicated theme in that it brought about the issue of a set of special language groups and their cultures which can't easily be included in routine national development efforts because they will lose their special characteristics.

The problem is that all of us were once just one or other group of indigenous peoples, drawn out of it by the spread of technology.

The chroniclers appeared to be failing to find a coherent theme last year when they opted for an exclamation for the coronavirus pandemic, as the 2020 theme was 'Finding the words for a world in crisis'.

They are scarcely out of the woods this year as the 2021 theme is 'United in translation', which should appeal to the anti-vaxxers to stop 'translating' vaccination badly - and it won't be of much help generally.

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Climate news is paralysing people. But this can change

By Luba Kassova

NO story is more challenging to cover than climate change. No story reflects the complexity of human nature or of societal and international power structures more viscerally than climate change.

Climate change demands action like no other story, and yet it is beset by biases that conspire against action. It cries out for hope but generates denial, anxiety and despondence. No previous generation has believed in a future worse than the past.

The first major study of climate anxiety among young people, released earlier this month, indicates the profound tensions between young people's zest for life and their feelings of fear, despair, hopelessness and betrayal.

In the words of one young participant: "I don't want to die. But I don't want to live in a world that doesn't care about children and animals."

The climate crisis generates dangerous, incongruent gaps between what we think and how we feel and act. This is evident across governments, the media, businesses and individuals, all of whom acknowledge the existential dangers of climate change yet fail to act effectively, if at all.

Global news coverage is often more part of the problem than the solution, publishing stories that inadvertently promote inaction. This coverage can - and must - change.

Public understanding is unquestionably growing: recent research from Pew revealed that 72 per cent of people in 17 countries spanning three continents are very - or somewhat - concerned that climate change will harm them personally at some point in the future.

Yet this growing recognition of the seriousness of climate change is still not translating into effective engagement.

A staggering 90 per cent of respondents in a recent survey by AKAS in Australia, Canada, the UK and the US stated that they did not follow the climate change story very closely, while global Google searches for "climate change" peaked 14 years ago.

In the last five years, people have been three times more likely to search for "Marvel comics" than "climate change".

This gap between knowledge and action can be partly explained by feelings of disempowerment and anxiety. Research argues that, to change behaviour, people need to feel emotionally activated. However, most news coverage evokes



deactivating emotions, leading to paralysis.

Analysis revealed this August 9 that 79 per cent of the news headlines about the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report on 25 of the most linked-to online news sites globally evoked worry, fear, hopelessness and/or a feeling of being overwhelmed, 10 per cent had a neutral undertone, 6 per cent evoked some hope, and only 5 per cent alluded to a solution.

Climate change can also activate various behavioural biases which compound the tendency towards inaction. Present bias inflates the value of small rewards in the present while discounting big rewards or threats in the future.

When asked to rank topics of concern in their countries, publics globally prioritised eight issues ahead of climate change, including Covid-19, unemployment and social inequality.

Analysis of GDELT's global online news database reveals that since 2017, the terms "health", "economy" and "education" have featured 16, 7 and 6 times, respectively, more frequently than "climate change", which appeared in just 0.9 per cent of its 750 million news stories.

Risk aversion similarly inhibits action on climate change - people choose to avoid small but certain losses in living standards now, risking potentially huge but uncertain losses in the future.

Meanwhile, the so-called ostrich effect prevents people from absorbing information effectively: they bury their heads in the sand in response to the deeply frightening climate change messages that news media routinely amplify.

Our collective preservation has never depended so profoundly on the synchronous action of intergovernmental organisations, governments, businesses, the news media and individuals.

The news media could play their part by ceasing to deactivate audiences, changing the tone of their coverage to balance the pessimism generated by the scale of the problem with the optimism offered by the existing solutions.

These adjustments by journalists would help in various ways, including (first) making climate change coverage relevant to audiences' lives and validate their emotions.

Linking climate change coverage with higher interest topics such as employment, welfare, social equality, security, immigration and health will help mitigate present bias. Audiences also feel heard when journalists report on their concerns and emotions.

Second: Balance the problem with solutions to encourage engagement and empowerment. Overwhelmingly negative coverage of the climate story risks audiences switching off. It's important to attempt to pair up facts that inevitably evoke strong deactivating emotions with solutions that evoke hope.

Third: Ensure that some headlines are hopeful and empowering, rather than calamitous. Calamitous headlines strip individuals of agency, leaving them feeling overwhelmed or apathetic.

Audiences need headlines that ignite their belief that they can make a difference. Some achieve this already: "A Hotter Future is certain, Climate Panel Warns, but How Hot is Up to US", "14 ways to fight the climate crisis after 'Code Red' IPCC report" or "The IPCC report is a massive alert that the time for climate action is nearly gone, but crucially not gone yet".

Fourth: Shift from being guardians of truth to being change makers; in the words of Keith Hammond, president of the Solutions Journalism Network, from being watch dogs to guide dogs. This

requires a re-examination of what it means to be a journalist in the era of climate change.

Fifth: Use learnings from the pandemic and the 2009 financial crisis to accelerate action on climate. Draw parallels with the damage caused by discounting the threat of these arguably preventable previous crises until it was too late.

Sixth: Train journalists to embrace data because soon the climate story will permeate every aspect of our lives. A deeper understanding of climate science is also crucial if journalists are to generate independent narratives that hold those in power to account.

An inability to interrogate the data risks skirting around the edges of the story, gradually losing credibility and trust.

Seventh: Remember that journalists are human too: they fall prey to the same biases as everyone else, feeling overwhelmed, disempowered and fearful for their children's future. Bias-awareness training and ongoing mental health support will mitigate these challenges.

Younger generations are telling us that we are failing them on climate change. The news industry is one of very few sectors that hold a key to positive change at scale. Now more than ever journalists have an opportunity to change the course of history. Will they be forgiven if they don't grasp it?

This story has been shared as part of this year's edition of World News Day (Sept 28), a global campaign to highlight the critical role of fact-based journalism in providing trustworthy news and information in the service of humanity. #JournalismMatters. Luba Kassova is the author of "The Missing Perspectives of Women in News" and Director at audience strategy consultancy AKAS, which works on social justice issues.

China looks to capitalism to turn 2060 carbon neutral goal into reality

By Eric Ng, Enoch Yiu and Echo Xie

China's President Xi Jinping pulled a surprise at the United Nations in New York recently when he committed the world's biggest energy user and greenhouse gases emitter to a "carbon neutral" goal by 2060, becoming only the second major economy to do so.

China emits more carbon dioxide, a by-product of fossil fuels and industries, than the United States and Europe combined - this at a rate that tripled in the past two decades amid the country's breakneck economic growth as a World Trade Organisation member.

The 2060 goal, along with a target for carbon emissions to peak before 2030, is critical to put the world on track to meet the 2016 Paris Agreement of capping global warming at 1.5 degrees Celsius by 2100.

To reach Xi's target, China must wean the planet's second-largest economy - which burns half of the world's coal and imports more oil and natural gas than anywhere else - off fossil fuels.

Sanford C. Bernstein's estimate shows this as an ambition that may cost US\$5.5 trillion over the next few decades as carbon is removed or offset in energy production, heavy industry, buildings, transport and agriculture, involving technology barely used today.

"Although this is a 40-year goal, the target is so ambitious that we will have to start immediately," said Thomas Palme, who leads Boston Consulting Group's social impact practice in China.

"China is already doing a lot, but it needs a step-change to get on the path of what President Xi has announced," he noted.

The next key step would be for China to launch a long-awaited national carbon emissions quota trading scheme, a cornerstone policy that can turn Xi's pledge into a deliverable reality.

It is one of the most effective tools, besides green financing products, that uses market forces to put a price, or financial penalty, on carbon emission.

A carbon futures exchange is due for commencement this year in Guangzhou, augmenting the brisk transactions of emission certificates that had been ongoing in the Guangdong provincial capital since 2013.

"While many policies have been implemented and proven to produce effective results in certain sectors, few have effects across sectors," Beijing-based consultancy SinoCarbon Innovation & Investment's analysts Chen Zhibin and Yu Jiahui wrote.

They added: "Emissions trading system (ETS) stands out, as it covers all major sectors that have the strongest cross-sector abatement potential."

ETS directs polluters to find the most cost-efficient way to cut emissions. China's national ETS will initially cover coal and gas-fired electricity generators, before expanding to seven pollution-prone industries: petrochemical, chemical, construction materials, steel, non-ferrous metals, paper and domestic aviation.



China President Xi Jinping. Photo: Ju Peng/Xinhua

Nearly 1,700 of these carbon emitters, each with at least 26,000 tonnes of annual carbon dioxide emissions, will initially be allocated free quotas based on their historical volumes.

Companies that need to surpass their emission quota must buy additional permits to discharge, and such payments can be used to finance government initiatives in emission abatement.

The UK's Our World in Data website shows that China's annual growth rate in carbon dioxide emission has already flattened since 2013 at less than 2 per cent, down from the 8.2 per cent average in the previous 10 years.

Still, the Chinese ETS is likely to cap an estimated 3.3 billion tonnes of annual carbon dioxide emissions as soon as it is launched, 80 per cent more than the 15-year-old peer by the European Union - the world's oldest and largest such system.

Yet, Beijing has not given a launch date, raising concern that the ETS' 2020 launch date - set three years ago - may be delayed again owing to the coronavirus pandemic and its debilitating effect on the global

economy.

"The 14th five-year plan (2021-2025) will be a landmark period for the establishment of China's nationwide carbon market, with regional pilots transitioning to a unified national market, single-industry participation expanding to multiple sectors," said Li Gao, head of the climate change department at the Ministry of Ecology and Environment.

China's national ETS incorporates lessons learned from pilot schemes set up in 2013 in Beijing, Shanghai, Tianjin, Chongqing, Shenzhen, Guangdong and Hubei. Together, the pilots involved close to 3,000 enterprises from over 20 industries trading more than 400 million tonnes of carbon emission permits valued at 9 billion yuan (US\$1.36 billion).

Data accuracy is vital in an effective carbon market because the financial penalty for emission has to be high enough to drive abatement.

"Collecting and aggregating the right data accurately is not simple because different facilities may have different carbon intensities, depending on where you buy the coal and its energy content for example," said Chan

Wai-Shin, HSBC's global co-head of environmental, social and governance research.

The data accuracy challenge is not unique to China. South Korea gave companies five years to set up a data collection system before rolling out carbon trading.

Another linchpin for the ETS is the methodology for allocating emissions quotas. On this score, the Chinese government has given few details, with the consultation circular on the provisional trading rules saying that it would take into account the national emission goals, economic growth and industry structure adjustments.

The ETS may gradually transition from allowances based on a polluter's production level to one with an absolute cap, according to Ma Jun, director of the non-profit Institute of Public and Environmental Affairs in Beijing.

"The cap should be clear for each plant's emissions, so that we can effectively promote carbon trading and cut emissions," Ma said.

The impending transition of trading currently imposed on certain firms - and done on a regional basis via pilot exchanges to the new industry-wide national trading platform - will be a policy challenge.

"Participating companies in cities with pilot ETS programmes are facing an increasingly higher bar for free emission quotas and limited room for further reduction, while non-participating players may

have advantages as later comers," said a spokesperson at the Shanghai office of German chemical firm Covestro, which faces the transition.

The world needs to price carbon at more than US\$40 a tonne to reach the tipping point for greenhouse gas abatement to pick up pace, said Richard Mattison, CEO of Trucost, the environmental risk analysis unit of S&P Global.

That bar would rise to between US\$50 and US\$100 per tonne next decade, 13 leading economists supported by the World Bank said in a 2017 study.

For now, carbon emissions are changing hands at below the consensus price.

The ETS permits are trading at €27 (US\$32) per tonne, while prices among China's seven pilot schemes ranged between US\$1.4 and US\$11 per tonne, according to the inter-governmental initiative International Carbon Action Partnership.

"There is a very big gap between the price that carbon emissions are currently traded at and the effective carbon price needed to drive emissions reduction in line with the commitments under the Paris Agreement," Mattison said.

He said initial emission quotas need to be aggressively handed out to achieve the tipping point, adding that Europe's allocation equivalent to 90 per cent or more of companies' emission volumes had resulted in modest reductions over 15 years.

"The EU aims to halve its carbon emissions in four decades by 2030, while China has pledged to cut it to near zero in the next four decades," he said.

If investors, speculators and traders are allowed to trade futures and derivative products, they can play a role in setting carbon price and boosting trading volume.

The remarks are by Zhang Jianyu, chief representative of the China programme of New York-based environmental non-government organisation Environmental Defence Fund, which advises China on the launch of its national carbon market.

"The Chinese government intends to use futures to promote investment and financing to indirectly facilitate efforts to reduce carbon emission," said Cai Yongmei, a partner of international law firm Simmons & Simmons who advises on derivatives and structured products deals.

Green bonds, green loans and carbon tax could also play a big part in financing low-carbon energy and manufacturing technologies and infrastructure.

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NYABIHU, RWANDA

Laurent Hategekimana, a villager from Nyabihu, a district from Western Rwanda, recalls the terrible condition of the Gishwati natural forest a few years ago when it was overrun by illegal loggers and invading farmers.

Many invaders of this natural reserve were local villagers, and Hategekimana, a farmer-turned environmental activist, faced a hard task changing their minds.

"Although many haven't yet started getting tangible benefits, some people are engaging in beekeeping while others are trying to venture into tree planting, conservation farming and handcraft," the father of six told IPS in an interview.

In these remote rural parts of Rwanda, tropical forest conservation is now creating new jobs for several thousand indigenous people who live especially near major rainforests in Western Rwanda thanks to the country's new laws and policies encouraging community participation in environmental protection.

With a number of challenges facing this group who self-identify as having a link to surrounding natural resources, scientists recommend strategic solutions to resolve possible conflicts between people and the conservation of wildlife along this part of the Congo river basin.

Some scientists believe it is important to find out what kinds of activities communities want, need

and could commit to and steward in a sustainable way, to come up with durable actions that address biodiversity conservation and climate change issues.

Thanks to several conservation mechanisms adopted recently by the Rwanda government and stakeholders, Hategekimana is among members of the indigenous community who have become actively involved in keeping guard of the Gishwati natural forest. They inform the local administrative authorities of illegal activities such as felling trees without a permit and burning charcoal.

"I now understand the importance of conserving the forest. That's why I sacrifice my time to protect it," Hategekimana said.

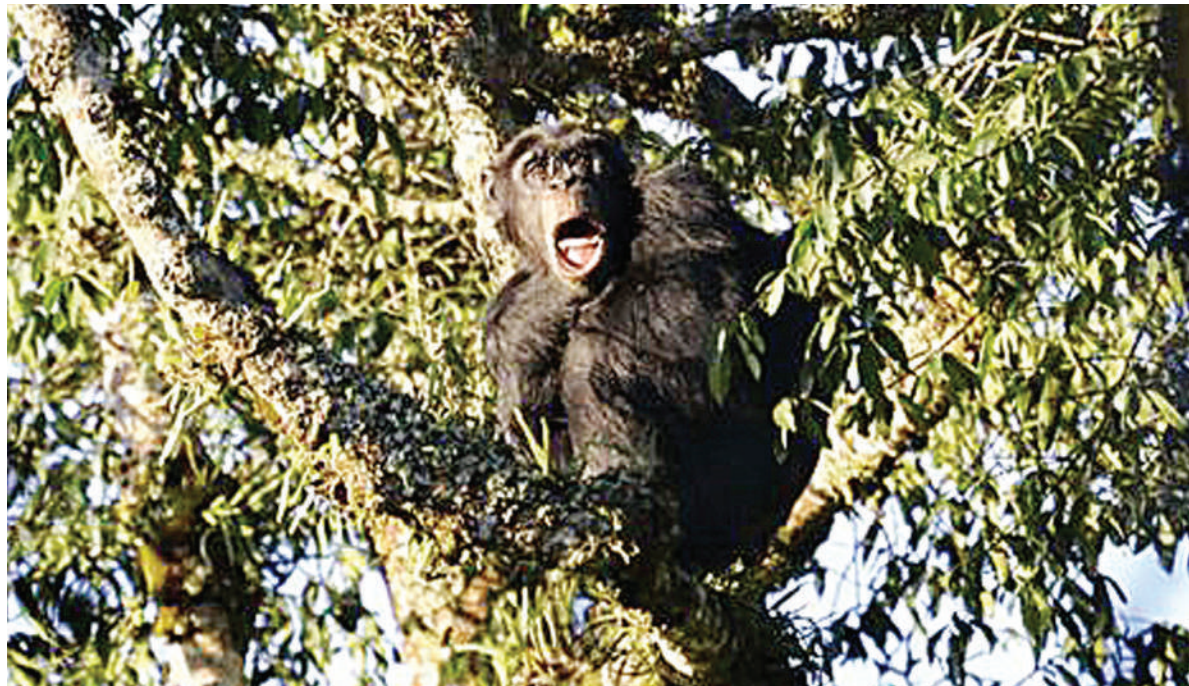
Over the last two decades, large parts of these natural reserves on the Rwandan side of the Congo rainforest were nearly depleted, largely due to resettlement and livestock farming.

When new forest conservation efforts were initiated in 2015, most local villagers felt they were depriving their main source of income. Some were initially engaged in illegal logging, timber, and charcoal business.

The natural reserve of Gishwati-Mukura, now a national park for conservation, is currently contributing to improving the livelihoods of the local communities living in the surrounding areas. This, in turn, offers the forest a better chance of regeneration.

This has pushed local residents to launch a lo-

Rwanda's rainforest conservation wins praise from indigenous community



Rwanda's Gishwati Mukura rainforest is one of the most biodiverse places on the Congo Basin. Credit: Aimable Twahirwa/IPS

cal NGO focusing on the conservation of the newly created national park. Thanks to these initiatives, the size of the reserve increased from 886 to 1,484 hectares the number of chimpanzees grew from 13 to 30, the 600 hectares added to the core forest are naturally regenerating and chimpanzees started using this area over the last two decades.

Professor Beth Kaplan, the Director of the Center of Excellence in Biodiversity and Natural Resources Management of the University of Rwanda told IPS that there is a need to commit to really listening to the people who live next to this park and in-

teract with it daily and develop strategies collaboratively to solve emerging problems.

"We need to take time to find out what kinds of activities communities want, need and could commit to and steward in a sustainable way (...) to come up with durable actions that address biodiversity conservation and climate change issues," she said.

Gishwati Forest, a protected reserve in the north-western part of Rwanda, covers an area of about 1,439 hectares and Mukura forest, with a total surface of 1,987 hectares, has critical populations of endemic and endangered

species such as golden monkeys, blue monkeys, and chimpanzees and over 130 different types of birds.

The reserve also boasts about 60 species of trees, including indigenous hardwoods and bamboo, according to Rwanda Development Board, a government agency responsible for Tourism and Conservation.

The Rwanda Environmental Management Authority (REMA) estimates the forest reserves initially covered 250,000 hectares, but illegal mining, animal grazing, tree cutting, and other practices drastically reduced its size.

to train and mobilise villagers on the importance of conserving the forest in this part of the Congo River Basin, which covers 33 per cent of Rwanda, has been praised.

"These efforts have changed people's mindsets and in turn save this natural forest from extinction," said Jean Bosco Hakizimana, a senior local administrative leader in Arusha, a small forest village from Nyabihu, a mountainous district in North-Western Rwanda.

Delphine Uwajenezza, the deputy head of the African Initiative for Mankind Progress Organization, told IPS that the key to achieving the current natural forest conservation efforts would be to include indigenous people in decision-making and management of ecosystems. Her NGO advocates for the protection and promotion of the rights, welfare, and development of the historically marginalised people in Rwanda.

"Current conservation efforts will not allow rainforests to persist if they are completely closed off from use or other benefits by these communities ... they are the first to preserve the environment," Uwajenezza told IPS in an interview.

While the Rwandan Government and stakeholders are satisfied with current conservation efforts, some scientists and

activists shake their heads in dismay and say it is not enough. They are adamant the communities living around those natural reserves need to benefit.

Dr Charles Karangwa, Head of the Regional Forests and Landscapes Programme for the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Eastern and Southern Africa Region, told IPS the most important is to balance the need of these communities trying to make a living and trying to maintain and sustain their forests.

"Development actors need to engage these vulnerable communities in a win-win situation," he said.

In 2011, Rwanda joined "The Bonn Challenge", a global effort to bring 150 million hectares of the world's deforested and degraded land into restoration by 2020. Rwanda has reached its 30% forest cover target, according to officials.

However, despite the good policy framework and efforts towards achieving this goal, experts stress the need for identifying ways that communities can benefit from the resources of the forest in sustainable ways.

"People who work here (in the traditional ceramic industry) earn their livelihood without entirely depending on forest resources," says 55-year-old Giselle Uwimana as she chats with neighbours in the village a stone's throw from a nearby rainforest reserve of Mukura in Rutshiro, Western Rwanda.

By Nazlee Arbee

Hints for producing more accessible and inclusive media



The World Health Organisation estimates that more than 1 billion people around the world live with some kind of disability. It says the number of such people is rising, and that this is owing in part to an aging population and an increase in chronic health conditions.

Media organisations have sought to increase their representation of people with disabilities in recent years. A 2021 Nielsen report shows that over the last decade, the volume of content inclusive of disability has increased by over 175 per cent.

The survey also found that 8 per cent of people living with disabilities find media portrayals inaccurate, with seven per cent saying they lacked representation in content.

By increasing both media representation and accessibility to people with disabilities, news organisations can expand their audiences and provide a more accurate representation of the world's diverse population.

Hints to help journalists improve their coverage on this community of people include remembering that people with disabilities are not a monolith.

According to a 2011 report by the UN health agency (WHO), 253 million people worldwide are affected by some form of blindness and visual impairment, 466 million people have disabling deafness and hearing loss, and 200 million people live with an intellectual disability. Further, 75 million people need a wheelchair on a daily basis.

While these figures represent the more common disabilities, there are many more that affect people globally.

"Ask us individually for the accommodation we need," activist Chella Man stated in an Instagram post on (US) National Disability Independence Day - July 26.

The Day commemorates the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act into law on July 26, 1990, opening the door and breaking down barriers that individuals with disabilities faced every day.

It's important to speak to members of this community about their needs when trying to make media

more accessible and inclusive. Diversifying the scope of media subjects to include people across the spectrum of disabilities can help eliminate existing stereotypes.

Second hint: Consider multimedia storytelling to increase accessibility. Thanks to the introduction of the internet and expansions in technology, journalism has evolved tremendously in the 21st century. Reporting in the digital age offers more spaces for multimedia storytelling than are accessible through

print media alone.

In order to increase accessibility for audiences with disabilities, media workers should remember that this is a diverse group of people and should therefore consider a multi-pronged strategy to reach as many people as possible.

One example is adding an audio version to a text-based article, which enables people with blindness or visual impairments to engage with the content.

For visual journalists, adding

subtitles makes the production more available to people who are hard of hearing. Journalists aiming for diverse and accessible content should consult with their audiences and take creative approaches to storytelling that best fit their readers' needs.

Third hint: Unlearn harmful stereotypes and avoid tokenisation. The Ford Foundation's Road Map for Inclusion highlights some of the dominant media stereotypes of people with disabilities that lead to further social stigmatisation.

According to a Respectability.org report, too, 23 per cent of characters with disabilities in popular family films fit the "Super Crip" stereotype. These characters "triumph" over their disability.

Nine percent of characters with disabilities are portrayed using the "Bitter Crip" stereotype - when a character becomes a villain upon being overcome by "suffering".

Other negative media portrayals include the victim. "Disabled characters are often portrayed as one-dimensional victims of their disability," the Ford Foundation report explains.

It adds: "Their disability becomes their defining feature and their lives revolve around it, rendering them failures and objects of pity."

Media workers should study historical media stereotypes of people with disabilities to help assess whether their reporting contributes to misrepresentation and tokenism.

By creating more accessible and inclusive media for such people, media workers have the potential to shift stereotypes for future generations.

By educating ourselves, applying creativity and asking people with disabilities for the accommodations and portrayals they need most, the content media workers produce will better reflect the audience we cater to.

• *A dispatch by International Journalists' Network (IJNet), a project of the Washington-based International Centre for Journalists. Nazlee Arbee is a multimedia artist and journalist based in Cape Town.*

Algeria-Morocco rift another blow to Africa's free trade aspirations

BY CORRESPONDENTS

Algerian Foreign Affairs Minister Ramtane Lamamra's announcement on 24 August of a new break in diplomatic relations with Morocco is another setback for free trade and free movement on the continent. The rift between the two countries widened last week with Algeria's ban on Moroccan civilian and military planes flying over its territory.

These developments scupper the African Union's (AU) plans of seeing a regional economic community (REC) established in North Africa after Morocco rejoined the organisation in 2017. At the time, Morocco's King Mohammed VI committed to playing a constructive role in the AU and argued for the revival of North Africa's ailing Arab Maghreb Union.

The AU has been silent on the renewed tensions. Lamamra, a former AU commissioner for peace and security, could use numerous mediation structures to bring his counterparts to the negotiating table. However, the longstanding divisions between the two countries - linked to territorial, political and economic rivalry - would be difficult for the AU to untangle.

Still, emphasising the African Continental Free Trade Area's (AfCFTA) regional trade benefits could convince the respective leaders to cooperate. The AU could draw on influential voices in Morocco and Algeria who maintain that the countries' substantial development challenges cannot be resolved without greater regional cooperation.

The AU hoped a North Africa REC would be established after Morocco rejoined the organisation in 2017.

The current breakdown of diplomatic and trade ties followed a letter sent by Morocco's ambassador to the United Nations (UN) showing the country's support for independence movements in Algeria's Kabylia region. The Mouvement pour l'autodétermination de la Kabylie is accused of perpetrating the devastating fires in Kabylia from 9 August that killed at least 69 people.

This coincided with the so-called Pegasus scandal in which 6 000 leaked documents showed how Morocco spied on Algeria. The latter was also irked by Morocco's decision to rekindle relations with Israel after former United States president Donald Trump recognised its claim over Western Sahara. Algeria is a staunch opponent of ties with Israel.

Some interpret the current situation as Lamamra's bid to show that 'Algeria is back' on the international stage after a relatively dormant period, especially under the late former president Abdelaziz Bouteflika. Meanwhile, Morocco accuses Algeria of supporting anti-monarchy protesters in the kingdom.

Much of the ongoing tension is playing out against a backdrop of unresolved claims to independence by Western Sahara, which lies within the borders of Morocco. Algeria supports the Polisario Front, a movement representing Western Sahara and providing the leadership of the territory's Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic (SADR). The SADR is a member of the AU.

In the past year, sporadic incidents have broken out between Morocco and Sahrawi independence fighters in the buffer zones designated by the 1991 UN-brokered ceasefire.

Past tensions sunk trade levels far below expectations for economies the size of Morocco and Algeria.

Morocco insists on implementing its plan for significant autonomy for Western Sahara, but Algeria and its allies have rejected this. The UN defines Western Sahara as a non-self-governing territory.

Since Morocco's return to the AU, calls to resolve the dispute and discuss it within AU Peace and Security Council frameworks have fallen on deaf ears. Morocco insists it should be handled by the UN Security Council, where little progress has been made for years.

The clash between the two countries has plunged economic and trade relations to a new low. In the past few decades, tensions caused several disruptions and sunk trade levels far below expectations for economies of their size. Morocco's exports to Algeria, for example, amount to 0.48% of its total exports. Morocco imports most of its oil and gas from Algeria, but this amounts to only 0.79% of its imports.

The potential economic losses are enormous, notably because Morocco has ample reserves of phosphate that it could export to Algeria, one of Africa's main gas producers. Together they could produce much-needed fertilizer to boost agriculture on the continent and 'transform the economies of African countries,' according to one insider quoted by Jeune Afrique.

The land borders between the two countries were closed between 1976 and 1988, then reopened after

attempts at appeasement by their leaders. They were reclosed in 1994 when Morocco accused Algeria of being behind the Marrakech terror attacks. No direct maritime routes link the countries, making air travel vital. Intermediaries use these tensions and benefit from the extended networks to move goods between the countries.

The AfCFTA's potential is huge for Africa's more sophisticated markets, such as those in North Africa.

This is where the benefits of greater intra-African trade should be emphasised. The AfCFTA's potential is enormous for Africa's more sophisticated markets, such as North Africa, which will benefit from more significant tariff-free exports to the rest of the continent.

AfCFTA Secretary-General Wamkele Mene believes that millions of Africans can be lifted out of poverty if the agreement is correctly implemented. North Africa wasn't at the meeting Mene held with RECs on the issue at the end of September. Of the 39 ratifications to date, Algeria and Tunisia are the only two from North Africa.

Morocco is a major investor in Francophone West Africa and Central Africa, notably in banking

and finance, telecommunications, air travel and agricultural products. Along with Nigeria and South Africa, it is among the continent's biggest African investors, but Morocco hasn't joined AfCFTA, fearing competition from other states in its economy. Morocco's efforts to join the Economic Community of West African States have also failed.

For now, arguments about the economic benefits of regional integration haven't overridden the deep-seated rifts between Morocco and Algeria. There is, however, a fresh opportunity for civil society and regional organisations to stress the need for talks and visionary leadership on both sides. A letter signed by 140 intellectuals from both countries and the North African region calls for mediation to restore links.

Without a functioning REC for North Africa, the AU and AfCFTA secretariat must play this role. Getting Morocco and Algeria around the table to discuss economic cooperation - if not diplomatic and political ties - will be a massive step for the continent and regional economic integration.

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Germany commits €100 million to unlock Africa's private investment in renewable energy

By Guardian Reporter

THE German government will contribute €100 million to the African Development Bank's Sustainable Energy Fund for Africa (SEFA) to support efforts to tap Africa's renewable energy potential and drive its transition to clean energy sources.

The announcement came during the United Nations High-Level Dialogue on Energy, held recently in New York as part of the UN General Assembly. The funding follows Germany's initial contribution to SEFA of €50 million, made in 2020.

The funding will go to unlock private sector investment in green-base load projects, a SEFA priority focus.

It will support technical assistance and investment in power gen-



eration, transmission and distribution to increase penetration of renewable power in African grids.

Speaking during the dialogue, Norbert Barthle, Parliamentary State Secretary of the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development said: "We need to accelerate the global energy transition. This requires the rapid phasing out of all fossil fuels and a massive expansion of renewable energy. The time to act is now."

The financing aligns with the G20 Compact with Africa (link is external) launched during Germany's tenure of the G20 Presidency. The compact promotes macroeconomic, business and financing reform to attract more private investment in Africa.

Dr Daniel Schroth, the Bank's Acting Director for Renewable Energy and

Energy Efficiency said: "Germany's new contribution is a major boost towards SEFA's capitalization target of \$500 million. It is also recognition of the catalytic role SEFA has been playing in accelerating Africa's energy transition and supporting clean energy access solutions."

SEFA is a multi-donor special fund that aims to unlock private sector investments that contribute to universal access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy services for all in Africa, in line with the Bank's New Deal on Energy for Africa strategy and Sustainable Development Goal 7.

SEFA has received contributions from the Government of Denmark, Germany, Italy, Norway, Nordic Development Fund, Sweden, Spain, United Kingdom and United States.

By Guardian Reporter

SOUTHERN African Development Community (SADC) Member States have been urged to establish joint assessments to pool resources together and make use of funds to develop bankable investments for ready water sector projects.

Among the funds includes Project Preparation Development Facility (PPDF) which supports SADC member States to undertake feasibility, technical and engineering designs, environmental and social impact assessment studies, as well as preparation of tender documents and transaction advisory services to make projects bankable for financing and implementation.

Speaking during the 9th River Basin organizations shared Watercourse Institutions (RBOs/SWIs) Workshop SADC Senior Programme Officer Dr Patrice Kabeya said the move will promote sustainable industrial development in SADC by fully realizing the benefits of cooperation across

SADC states urged to collaborate in promoting water management



shared waters.

"Collaboration is very important in transboundary water management and that one of the key benefits of RBOs is their power to convene," he said.

The workshop was organized by SADC in collaboration with the Zambezi Watercourse Commission (ZAMCOM), and with technical support from the Global Water Partnership Southern Africa (GWPSA).

The workshop was held under the theme "Promoting Inclusive and Collaborative Trans-boundary Water Financing for Sustainable Industrial Development".

It was aimed at promoting sustainable industrial development in SADC by fully realizing the benefits of cooperation across shared waters.

It provided a platform for stakeholders from water and related sectors to share information and experiences on inclusive transboundary water financing and collaborative development in line with the theme.

During the workshop partici-

pants concurred that ground water is a low hanging fruit and that it should be prioritized as it is less polluted and does not need extensive equipment for treatment, and that water is critical factor to support the SADC regional integration and industrialization.

He said water is and will remain a catalyst for sustainable development and that it is important to sustain river basins through financing so that they bring the benefits that the Member States intended.

Member States were encouraged to embrace opportunities offered by new technologies such as Internet of Things, big data analysis and early warning systems.

Workshop participants also heard that there is a need for joint fundraising to avoid duplication and competition and that there is a need for collaboration not only at RBO level but at the national institutional or sector level.

ZAMCOM is a major river basin organization in Africa. It was established in 2014 as an inter-governmental organisation that brings together eight riparian states that share the Zambezi River Basin namely: Angola, Botswana, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Uganda's schools at risk as teachers get new work during Covid-19 crisis

KAMPALA

THE last message Mary Namitala received from the private school in which she taught was in March last year, the day all schools in Uganda were ordered close due to Covid-19. The message read: "No more payments until when schools open."

"My husband and I decided to leave our rented house in town and shifted to the village, to our unfinished house. We could not afford to continue paying rent," says Namitala, from her home in Bombo in central Uganda, about 20 miles north of the capital Kampala.

She had no choice but to find other sources of income.

"I have transitioned from teaching into farming and there's a ready market for our produce," she says, pointing to rows of tomato plants in her garden, and the chickens she is breeding. She has even rented an extra plot of land to grow more crops.

"I will not leave my business, which I started, to devote all my

time to teach again," she says, adding that other former colleagues have done the same.

About 40 percent of Uganda's primary schools and 60 percent of its secondary schools are private institutions, run by individuals, religious organisations, charities and businesses, with no help from the local authorities. Their main source of income is through school fees, which cover all running costs, including teachers' salaries, which range from \$100 to \$250 (350,000 to 880,000 Ugandan shillings) a month.

Some private schools offer a high-quality education and good facilities, some are started as business ventures, purely to make money for the owners. But many others are opened and funded by families or villages in areas where government schools are overcrowded or too far away.

When schools closed, parents stopped paying, income dried up and most schools had to reduce or stop paying teachers' salaries.

The government continued

to pay the wages of state school teachers, but its promises to assist private school teachers have gone unfulfilled.

The Economic Policy Research Centre, a think-tank in Kampala, reported in May that 85 percent of private schools were not paying full teacher salaries due to financial challenges brought on by Covid-19.

Across sub-Saharan Africa, 50 percent of private school teachers (15 percent of the total number of teachers) saw a drop of 50 percent in salaries on average.

Like Namitala, many teachers in Uganda have found new careers, which threaten the future of private schools. Hundreds are being put up for sale due to pressures from banks to repay loans and disinterest from owners to reopen.

Robert Kimenya, head teacher at Green Galaxy nursery and primary school, near Kampala, says many of his teachers left because of Covid closures. "I have two teachers who have joined the army. Some have relocated to their villages. That means when we open, some schools

will not get teachers, including government schools."

George Wakirwaine, 30, a teacher for seven years at a community school in Kampala, could not afford to keep his wife and two daughters in the city when his wages dried up. He sent them to his family's village. His survival has largely depended on the goodwill of the parents whose children he taught. He also fetches water for homes in the neighbourhood for a small fee.

"I am looking for other ways to survive. It makes me sad that I have to leave this profession," he says.

Some teachers have no plans to return to the profession.

"I will never go back to teaching," says one former teacher, who now runs a tailoring shop in Kampala. Another, who is also running a shop, says: "It's not worth it. First, there is no money, and when you find yourself in such a situation [long closures], no help whatsoever."

Nicholas Bwire, who leads the Mukono Private Teachers Association, a loose association of up to 500 private school teachers in

Mukono district near Kampala, says: "It reached a point where teachers started begging parents to give them something to eat. They now call us beggars who go to them to beg what to eat."

Racheal Namugaya, 30, a teacher at Global junior school in central Uganda, says she will not leave teaching, but she will keep her fresh food market stall running when schools reopen, as a cushion against future closures. She is among the lucky ones. Although her salary stopped, the school still provides her accommodation and occasionally food.

Teacher Racheal Namugaya and the market stall she started to support herself during Covid school closures.

But it is the market stall that has supported her. "I get what to eat, feed my child and provide medication, in case she is sick," the mother of one says. "I got a loan from friends to start off. They trusted me. I have paid off the loan. The business is doing well."

"I will not close my business when

schools open. I will get someone to help, but keep very much involved."

For now, there is little chance of schools reopening, despite appeals from teachers' unions and UNICEF. The government is insisting teachers are vaccinated before returning to work. More than 80% of teachers have yet to receive their first dose. The government confirmed last week that Media reports suggest schools will remain closed until January, continuing the disruption to education for 15 million children across the country. Universities are expected to open in November.

Education minister and first lady Janet Museveni called for patience, saying while "teachers in private schools have suffered ... [the] government has chosen to let schools remain closed ... to ensure that the lives of children remain safe from the danger that the Covid-19 pandemic brings".

Namitala says Covid had taught teachers a big lesson. "We're supposed to create other ways of survival."

Smuggled explosives keep illegal mining syndicates in business

BY RICHARD CHELIN AND WILLEM ELS

Acting on a tip-off, a South African Police Service (SAPS) team arrived at an unoccupied mine on the outskirts of Johannesburg. Everything appeared calm on the surface, but things turned violent underground when a battle erupted between illegal miners and the police.

Deep inside the mine, with temperatures reaching over 40°C, the police faced off against their armed adversaries. The miners had placed explosives at strategic spots in the tunnels to cause maximum damage to whoever tried to apprehend them.

Two hours later, and running out of ammunition, they surrendered. The gun battle left four illegal miners dead and two police officers seriously injured. The remaining miners were arrested and charged with trespassing and violations under the Explosives Act of 1956. Had their devices detonated, the incident could have been much more deadly.

Known as 'criminal miners' to police and those in the industry, these men form part of organised crime syndicates. This label distinguishes them from small-scale artisanal miners who operate without licences.

Syndicates obtain explosives on the black market and from legal mines and blasting operations.

Criminal miners run efficient operations in which the profits outweigh the risks. Their crimes stay largely hidden and are seldom reported in the media. The Minerals Council South Africa estimates that



To block organised crime and protect South Africans from dangerous blasts, explosives trafficking must be stopped. File photo

illegal mining costs the country R7 billion annually and presents enormous potential harm to the public.

In 2018 officials in Johannesburg were alerted by two of South Africa's largest enterprises, Transnet and Sasol, that illegal miners were blasting within metres of gas and fuel lines under the city. The area above housed a major sports stadium, highways and residences. Had the fuel pipes been damaged, the outcome would have been catastrophic.

City officials managed to convince the miners to withdraw their operations in that area. However nothing stopped them from moving to another part of Johannesburg, potentially putting infrastructure above their new operation site in danger.

Targeted and effective police investigations require

detectives to determine the source of the illegal explosives. Syndicates running the illegal operations obtain explosives in two ways. The first is the black market, which supplies goods smuggled in from neighbouring countries, many of which - like South Africa - have outdated regulatory standards. The second is legal mines and blasting operations.

Poor tracking along the commercial explosives supply chain makes policing and investigations difficult.

According to a mine manager with extensive experience in South Africa and Zimbabwe, personnel such as blasters and their assistants steal cartridges with every blast and sell them to the illegal miners. 'Due to regulations and measures put in place, it is fairly difficult to obtain explosives by other means,' he says.

A senior law enforcement officer who asked to remain anonymous, said South Africa uses around 300 million tons of explosives annually in legal mining operations, road building and construction. As a controlled substance, the possession and use of these materials fall under the Explosives Act, whose regulations were last updated in 1972.

Under these provisions, South Africa has several control regulators tasked with keeping the country safe from illegal explosives. The SAPS, together with the labour and mineral resources departments, are the primary regulators. The trade and industry, transport and defence departments are designated as secondary regulators. Explosives are considered illegal when the custodian lacks legal permits

to store, transport or use them. This applies to commercially manufactured explosives.

Enforcing South Africa's laws on the use and control of explosives is a complex matter. It requires contending with criminal syndicates that control illegal mining operations. Then there's the commercial explosives supply chain, which is weak and open to exploitation. Poor controls and tracking along this supply chain make policing and investigations difficult. For instance, explosives cartridges and detonators are easy to conceal because they aren't individually marked.

Police are forced to use outdated 1972 explosives regulations that lack track and trace provisions.

The work of law enforcement officers is governed by outdated explosives regulations from

1972 that lack track and trace provisions. The most recent regulations for the dormant 2003 Explosives Act would help police enormously. They require that explosives cartridges and detonators be individually marked to enable computerised tracking and tracing. Unfortunately, these regulations have not yet come into operation even though the president approved the updated law in 2003.

Colonel Jurie van Staden, Commander of the SAPS's Explosives Control Section, has emphasised the need to implement track and trace technology in the supply chain of commercial explosives. This will strengthen the control of explosives and curb the trafficking of illegal explosives.

If, for example, illegal explosives used in a crime or illicit mining operation are traced back to a legal mine, investigators could determine how they were removed and hold those responsible to account. Similarly, if illegal explosives are linked to the black market, the manufacturer could be identified, and police could verify where in the supply chain the explosives were diverted.

As things currently stand, there is little scope to enforce such an initiative. The track and trace system can be implemented only when the 2003 Act and the 2019 regulations are approved. They are currently awaiting sign-off by the Minister of Police Bheki Cele. Until then, law enforcement officers will struggle to curb the threat of illegal explosives and the various networks capitalising on this loophole.

AGENCIES

GENEVA

Globally, every three minutes a baby is born with a cleft, which comes to 540 babies every day.

Babies born with a cleft often struggle to eat, breathe, hear, speak and thrive.

Every child has the right to good oral health, which is why FDI World Dental Federation (FDI) joined forces with Smile Train, to launch new educational resources aimed at improving the quality of life for people born with clefts.

Cleft lip and palate (clefts) are the most common birth difference of the face and mouth and they impact the development of the mouth, gums and palate.

Children with clefts are also uniquely vulnerable to poor oral health and are commonly affected

by missing, extra or malformed teeth and facial structures.

Even children who receive cleft surgery are at an increased risk for caries, periodontal disease as well as other oral health and well-being challenges as they grow and develop.

The resources, which were developed with support from GSK Consumer Healthcare, are meant to give every child a reason to smile this World Smile Day (the first Friday of October) through the delivery of optimal oral healthcare.

The material includes guidelines for dentists and other key members of the cleft care team as well as resources for patients, families and communities, highlighting the importance of oral health, explaining the challenges of oral healthcare beyond cleft surgery, and provid-

'We can all help optimise oral health of children with clefts'

ing vital oral health guidance.

"As oral health professionals, we know the long-term impact that oral diseases can have on the overall health, development and well-being of children and adults," said FDI President-Elect Prof Ihsane Ben Yahya.

Yaya added: "By ensuring that individuals with cleft receive timely surgery and oral healthcare, we can safeguard their integration into society and give them self-confidence and potential to succeed in their scholarship."

"The partnership between Smile Train and FDI with the support of GSK Consumer Health-

care, and the resources that have resulted from this shared commitment to advancing oral health for vulnerable populations, will change lives for generations to come," noted Smile Train President and CEO Susannah Schaefer.

GSK Consumer Healthcare has promised to continue its support of the initiative between FDI and Smile Train, including the delivery of workshops using the new education resources and the development of an education platform of recorded sessions and family-focused instructional videos on cleft oral health.

"At GSK Consumer

Healthcare, we are on a mission to eradicate preventable oral health problems and we believe in the importance of good oral health and hygiene for all, especially for those living with clefts," said GSK's oral health lead, Jayant Singh. He elaborated: "Comprehensive cleft care is a key focus of the work we support with Smile Train and FDI. We are proud of the progress being achieved by the release of these resources, which we hope will serve as a transformative and indispensable tool for the entire cleft care team."

World Smile Day (October 1) is a relatively new holiday with a fascinat-

ing story. Created by a commercial artist named Harvey Ball, the Day came about as a response to his creation of the smiley face.

Harvey worried that the commercialisation of the symbol would lessen its impact.

We can hardly blame him for his estimation; the symbol has been used in many different ways including clothing, comic books, coffee mugs and pins. These little yellow faces are more than just a symbol - they are a statement about the power of smiling.

In 1963, Harvey Ball, a graphic artist and advertisement man from

Worcester, Massachusetts, in the US created the smiley face symbol we all come to know.

Popularity for this symbol exploded into the world of popular culture. It is all artists' dream for their work to be respected and recreated, and few symbols have had quite the legacy that Harvey's creation has had.

Throughout the years, the smiley face has become one of the most well-known symbols in the world.

It has appeared in movies such as 'Forest Gump' and used as a motif in the graphic novel 'Watchmen'.

It's so well-known that just by saying "smiley face", we bet that you can see it in your mind. That recognisable yellow circle with black dots for eyes and a simple curve for a genuine and pure smile.

However, the original smiley face had more of an oblong smile, a bit more hand-drawn in aesthetic, taking up more space on the face than we see in modern recreations.

Because of its overuse, it started to move away from its intent of goodwill and good cheer - and Harvey that knew something had to be done.

In 1999, World Smile Day became an official holiday in order to regain control. The celebration aspects of the Day were simple yet effective: people were to use the Day to smile and make small acts of kindness worldwide.

Harvey wanted to keep the smile connected to the human being. By doing so, you would smile and - in return - you would make someone else smile and brighten up their day.

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PROF MKENDA WARNS FARMERS AGAINST REPLACING BANANAS WITH AVOCADOS

By Property Watch Reporter

FARMERS in the country have been warned against replacing bananas with avocados on their farms because of the lucrative international market for the fruit.

Minister for Agriculture, Professor Adolf Mkenda said earlier this week during a banana stakeholders' meeting held in Moshi municipality that uprooting them in favour of avocados threatens the country's food security.

He said observations by the state have indicated that farmers in Arusha, Kilimanjaro and Manyara regions are increasingly uprooting their traditional banana plants and replacing them with avocados plus other lucrative commodities.

"We grow bananas for food while it is still green, elsewhere the banana fruit is eaten ripe," explained Prof Mkenda, warning: "If we're not careful, once the avocado market collapses, we cannot cook them, but we can cook bananas when its market slumps."

He told participants to the maiden banana forum which attracted horticultural farmers, researchers and decision makers from the zone as well as development partners and dealers of commodities that bananas also have a lucrative global market.

Tanzania Horticultural Association has developed a strategy for the fruit following two international companies, namely



Banana stakeholders in a souvenir photo with Agriculture minister Prof. Adolf Mkenda (seated-C) after he opened their maiden meeting held in Moshi municipality this week.

Akida Group and the Kenya-based Twiga Foods Limited, making a foray into the unexploited banana industry in the country.

The forum came up with over a dozen of recommendations, including imparting education on banana production and business to farmers and entrepreneurs in all districts and seeking an ambassador to promote the crop.

Inspiring farmers to create groups or cooperative unions in a bid to enhance

management and productivity of the crop and establishing nurseries for quality seedlings in each district and the private sector according due cooperation in seedlings production research.

District, town, municipal and city authorities creating market support infrastructure, including putting up special banana collection centres as well as park houses to be located in Babati, Manyara Region, at Holili One Stop Border Post (OSBP)

in Kilimanjaro Region and at Namanga OSBP in Arusha Region.

The forum tasked Taha to liaise with Ministry of Industry and Trade to allow the Kilimanjaro Machine Tools to serve as a park house for bananas destined for Kilimanjaro International Airport. The meeting also agreed to review and write in Kiswahili contracts between banana farmers and commodity dealers and fast-track the mapping of the banana areas in the zone to ascertain production areas and available banana varieties, volumes and large-scale farmers.

Stakeholders also agreed to devise a strategy for obtaining quality packaging materials at affordable prices while the government revives and maintains traditional irrigation schemes and supervising the entire banana value chain for the benefit of the country.

The Marketing Director in the Ministry of Agriculture, the Registrar of Cooperative Unions, TAHA, agricultural advisers from each region and Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute have been tasked to ensure implementation of the recommendations.

Prof Mkenda, Permanent Secretary in Prime Minister's Office (Ministry of Regional Administration and Local Government), Prof Riziki Shemdoe, Taha Chairman, Zebedayo Moshi, Akida Group and Twiga Group Limited officials, Dr Promise Isaac and Kikonde Mwatela, all penned their signatures on the recommendations.

2Africa to become the longest subsea cable system in the world

JOHANNESBURG

The 2Africa consortium, comprised of China Mobile International, Facebook, MTN GlobalConnect, Orange, Stc, Telecom Egypt, Vodafone and WIOCC, announced today the addition of a new segment - the 2Africa Pearls branch - extending to the Arabian Gulf, India, and Pakistan. This extension will bring the total length of the 2Africa cable system to over 45,000kms, making it the longest subsea cable system ever deployed.

Now connecting three continents, Africa, Europe and Asia terrestrially through Egypt, 2Africa creates unique connectivity by adding vital landing locations in Oman (Barka), UAE (Abu Dhabi and Kalba), Qatar (Doha), Bahrain (Manama), Kuwait (Kuwait), Iraq (Al-Faw), Pakistan (Karachi), India (Mumbai), and a fourth landing in Saudi Arabia (Al Khobar). The new 2Africa branch joins recently announced extensions to the Canary Islands, Seychelles, Comoros Islands, Angola, and a new landing to south-east Nigeria.

As with other 2Africa cable landings, capacity will be available in Pearls landings at carrier-neutral facilities or open-access cable landing stations on a fair and equitable basis, encouraging and supporting the development of a healthy internet ecosystem.

To further support a burgeoning global digital economy, the expanded system will serve an even wider range of communities that rely on the internet for services from education to healthcare, and businesses, providing economic and social benefits that come from increased connectivity.

As announced in May 2020, 2Africa was planned to directly bring seamless international connectivity to 1.2 billion people. Today, with 2Africa Pearls, 2Africa will be providing international connectivity to an additional 1.8 billion people—that's 3 billion people, representing 36% of the global population.

Tanzanian bamboo stakeholders, peers on study tour of Ethiopia

By Property Watch Reporter

TANZANIAN bamboo commodity and products manufacturers visited Ethiopia recently to have a firsthand account on how the country has excelled in the subsector.

In statement, International Bamboo and Rattan Organisation said in Africa, Ethiopia is regarded as a country with an advanced bamboo subsector considering the current level of investment in manufacturing industries and policy focus on bamboo development.

INBAR said the approval of the National Bamboo Strategy and Action Plan by the Ethiopian government presents a favourable environment for individuals and companies to pursue technological

advancements in bamboo value chain development to create a competitive market for bamboo products globally.

"The goal of the study tour was to bring together policymakers, development programme managers, civil society leaders, private sector entrepreneurs, smallholder farmers and women from INBAR African member states to promote networking and establish partnership opportunities that can leverage investment in the bamboo sector development in Africa and to share successful best practices and achievements in the bamboo sector in Ethiopia with the delegates," the statement said.

Tanzanian delegates were joined by peers from Benin, Burundi, Cameroon,

Central African Republic, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo, and Uganda.

The study tour, held between 25 and 27 August 2021, was designed to provide an opportunity for participants to learn about Ethiopia's experience and best practices in sustainable bamboo product design and development.

In his keynote speech, Kebede Yimam who is deputy commissioner of the Ethiopian Environment, Forestry, Climate Change Commission, stated that the study tour provided a unique opportunity for participants to learn about the country's sustainable bamboo management experience, innovations and best practices in bamboo products development.

"It also creates a platform

for deliberations and extensive exchanges on value addition to the bamboo as well as making strategic decisions for the industrialisation of the bamboo sector," Yimam said.

Subsequent schedules of the tour were packed with a variety of field visits, with highlights including visits to bamboo nursery development sites, furniture and handcraft cottage industries, factories, research institutions, demonstration plots, and a bamboo planting ceremony.

The participants were brought to SMEs and factories where they visited the development process of different bamboo products. Adal Bamboo private limited company, one of the factories the delegates visited, produces high-quality bamboo products for the local and international market. Currently, the company has 180 employees and its products range

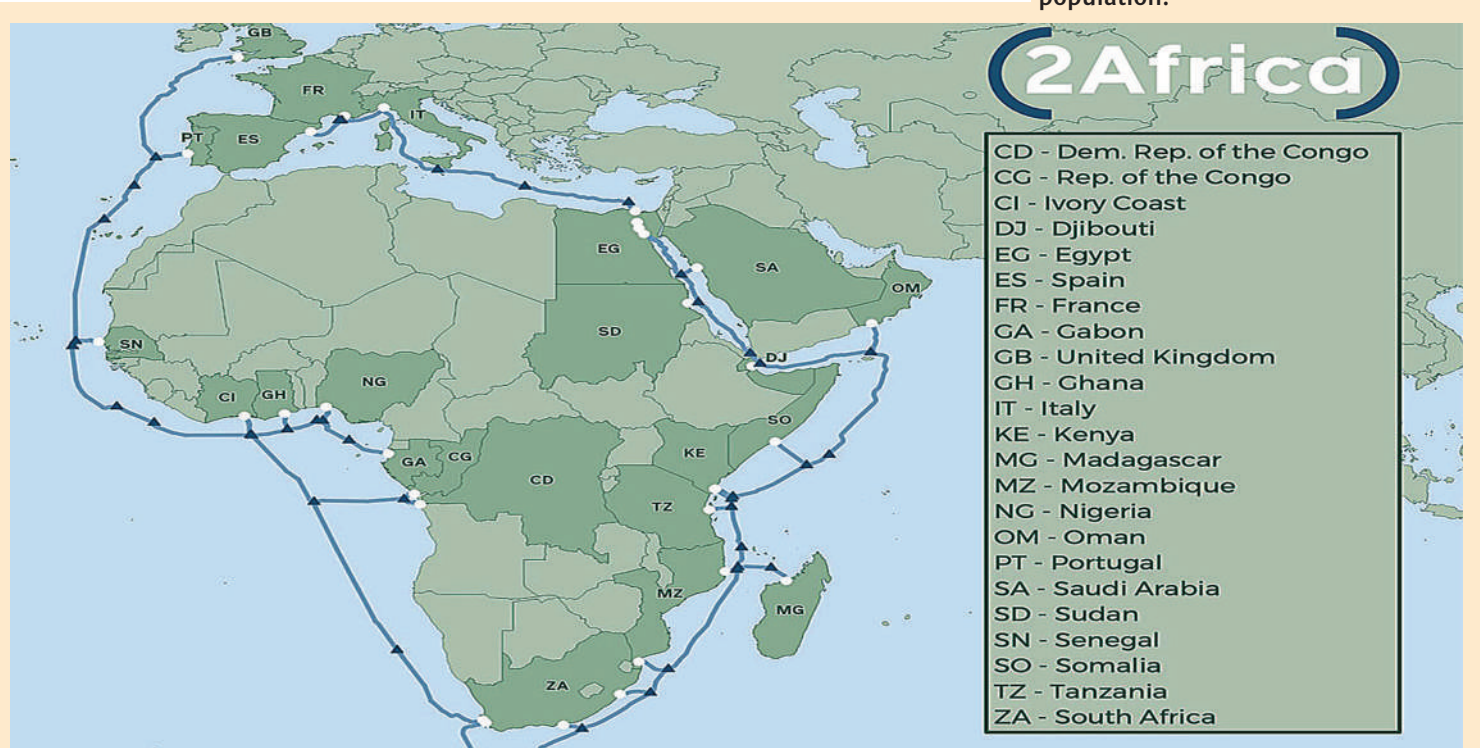
from bamboo charcoal and toothpicks to bamboo flooring and paper pulp.

The delegates also visited Bamboo Labs in Addis Ababa, a start-up company that produces bamboo bicycles and patient wheelchairs as well as other bamboo crafts. Abel Hailegiorgis, the founder, took inspiration from a bamboo bicycle manufacturing company in Ghana (Boomers Bikes) during the last Ghana Bamboo Study Tour.

"The recent bamboo study tour to Ghana was very useful as it enabled me to learn the methods and technology used in producing bamboo bicycles. It was really an eye-opening experience and now I am making similar bicycles using the available resources and materials in my country," Hailegiorgis said who noted that women are the backbone of the bamboo industry in the Horn of Africa nation.



A woman poses on a modern bamboo bicycle.



Map showing 2Africa subsea cable system route.

LEADING SECURITY FIRM GETS RECOGNITION AT 4TH MINING TECHNOLOGY EXPO

By Property Watch Reporter

ONE of the country's oldest security firm, SGA Tanzania Limited won an award at the recently concluded 4th International Mining Technology Exhibition held in Geita district for its heavy investment in modern technology security infrastructure.

Minister of Minerals, Dotto Biteko commended SGA Tanzania for being named as third overall winner of the exhibitions. The company also emerged first in the Transportation and Security Technology category after beating hundreds of its peers in industry which Biteko described as impressive.

Minister Biteko said SGA is a serious local company that has incorporated technological advancement into its security services hence assuring clients including mining companies of their safety. "There is need for more collaboration with the government to ensure our minerals are safe and that those with ill motives are contained," he said.

Biteko who handed over the awards to SGA Tanzania also thanked the company's management for being one of the sponsors of the exhibition which attracted over 400 local and foreign mining, technology and security companies.

Speaking at the event, Geita Regional Commissioner, Rosemary Senyamule also commended SGA for commitment to invest in modern technology to better protect people and their property and thus complementing state organs services.

"This will ensure more efficiency and safety of their property even in their absence," Senyamule said while challenging other private security companies to emulate SGA Tanzania seriousness in protecting people and their property.

In a vote of thanks, SGA Tanzania's Managing Director, Eric Sambu said the award will only boost their morale to do much better in serving clients. "We deserved it but it



SGA Tanzania's managing director, Eric Sambu (R) receives one of the three awards which the company won at the 4th International Mining Technology Exhibition from Finance and Planning minister, Dr Mwigulu Nchemba (2nd L) earlier this week. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

will not make us relax but rather maintain our standards. I thank all our members of staff and management for team work which has demonstrated capacity of the company in terms of technological investments," Sambu said.

He said SGA was the first company to operate as a private security company in Tanzania and that over the years, it has

proved that motivating staff helps improving services to customers hence the recognition.

Backing her boss, SGA Tanzania's Sales and Marketing Manager, Faustina Shoo said the award signifies the excellence in technological investment and security that the company has made over time.

"Some people think that security is all

about a watchman holding a club moving around the gate, no, there is more to that. SGA has invested a lot in advanced security technology to prove the point," Shoo said. Established in 1984, SGA which was formerly Group 4 Security, currently employs over 6,000 Tanzanians and has several ISO Certifications for its products and services.

Knight Frank notes significant uptick in African office market activity

NAIROBI

Knight Frank has attributed the increased office market activity across Africa to the 'flight to quality' trend - a trend which has seen new office space requirements increase by 29% in Q2 2021 compared to Q1. Businesses are taking advantage of weakened prime office rents to occupy office spaces that place employee wellbeing at the forefront as well as improving economic outlook across most of the countries.

Data from Knight Frank indicates that the share of new office space requirements across the nine countries they are located in (Kenya, Uganda, Nigeria, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Botswana, South Africa) was dominated by professional services (29%), industrial and logistics (16%), financial services (14%), health-care 12% and NGOs (8%), who together accounted for almost 80% of new office space requirements across Africa in Q2, indicating a return in business confidence in these sectors.

Landlords more flexible Knight Frank also observed that businesses that had previously put office requirements on hold due to the pandemic were reactivating their searches, with landlords becoming more flexible by allowing for discounted rents and lease concessions, such as increased rent-free periods in a bid to attract and retain tenants.

Tilda Mwai, senior researcher, Knight Frank Africa, says: "The overarching trend across Africa's office market is the continued flight to quality. Occupiers remain focused on occupying best-in-class offices that offer greater flexibility around lease terms. The desire to occupy the best office buildings is driving up tenant release space in some cities' Grade B buildings, which is likely to fuel greater disparity between the performance of Grade A and Grade B office rents. That said, this presents a real opportunity for landlords of slightly older buildings. If refurbished to a new, modern standard, they can compete effectively for tenants looking for high quality offices."

Across the 28 African cities Knight Frank monitors, prime headline office rents remained relatively resilient with 16 out of the 28 cities tracked experiencing rental stability during the review period. However, market performance continues to vary based on the country.

In Nairobi, for example, prime office rents dropped marginally by 1% qoq due to lockdown restrictions imposed at the onset of Q2 2021. In addition, markets such as Western Cape and Gauteng in South Africa continue to see increased vacancy rates and downward pressure on prime rents, prompting landlords to offer incentives and discounts.

Notably, Nigeria recorded increased occupier activity in the market, driven by office relocations from the CBD to the suburbs, as occupiers gravitated to locations offering both better quality accommodation as well as more affordable lease rates. Furthermore, occupier activity in locations such as Tanzania is expected to recover, underpinned by renewed investor confidence fuelled by the new leadership.

UK climate envoy to visit SA to discuss helping shift from coal

PRETORIA

Britain's envoy to the UN Climate Change Conference plans to visit South Africa ahead of the November talks, officials said, to discuss helping it end an over-reliance on coal that makes it one of the world's leading carbon emitters.

South African environment ministry spokesperson Albi Modise said discussions involving British envoy John Murton would focus on cooperation in the transition from coal to renewables ahead of the COP26 in Glasgow. A COP26 spokesman confirmed that senior UK government COP26 representatives and international partners would travel to South Africa in coming weeks.

Africa's most industrialised nation uses coal for more than 80% of its power. That has made it the world's 14th largest carbon dioxide emitter - pumping out 479 million tonnes equivalent in 2019 - two places above Britain, an economy eight times as big. "The developed economies have a responsibility to fund the Just Transition to a low carbon economy," Modise said.

State power firm Eskom, Africa's single biggest emitter, is pitching a \$10 billion plan to global lenders to shut most coal-fired plants by 2050 and embrace renewables. It is heavily indebted and struggles to keep the lights on, with frequent power blackouts.

Mandy Rambharos, who heads Eskom's Just Energy Transition office, said funding discussions were also taking place with US, French and German governments as well as the World Bank. She said Eskom hoped to announce a financing deal at COP26 but



Steam rises at sunrise from the Lethabo Power Station, a coal-fired power station owned by state power utility Eskom near Sasolburg, South Africa, 2 March 2016.

was still in discussions with government departments. "We would like to have an irreversible agreement, ... the lenders committing to the funding and us committing to plans," Rambharos said.

South Africa's government remains reluctant to give up coal altogether, which provides more than 90,000 jobs, according to the latest data

from South Africa's Minerals Council. Energy minister Gwede Mantashe, the sector's most powerful backer, has described giving up coal as "economic suicide."

But President Cyril Ramaphosa is concerned that dragging its feet on the transition to renewables - South Africa is blessed with plentiful sun and wind - could leave it shut out of

global capital markets needed to harness these resources. In July, he warned South Africa faces risks from a rapidly decarbonising global economy, calling for international support to accelerate its transition.

Clyde Mallinson, a renewable energy consultant based in Johannesburg, said donors could get greater emissions

reductions per dollar spent in South Africa than almost anywhere else - because labour costs are low and power is so carbon-intensive. "For every kilowatt-hour of electricity you offset in South Africa, you get four or five times as much carbon reduction as you do in Europe," he said. "That's a lot more bang for your buck."

Telco says bridging the digital divide gap with launch of Infinix Zero X PRO

By Property Watch Reporter

THE introduction of Chinese made smartphone, Infinix Zero X PRO in the market this week will help bridge the digital divide among different segments of the community as the gadget is efficient but affordable.

Tigo Tanzania's Head of Shops and Devices, Mkumbo Myonga said in Dar es Salaam mid this week while unveiling

the smartphone that the telecommunications company has partnered with Infinix Tanzania to bring the gadget to the local market.

"Our partnership with Infinix Tanzania further demonstrates our objective of connecting the unconnected and being the leader of digital adoption in Tanzania through the availability of smartphones in the market," Myonga said.

He noted that the new smartphone

also enhances the digital and data users' space for Tigo customers. "Introduction of the Infinix Zero X PRO ensures that Tigo customers are getting a fair share of high-end smartphones but also adds value to the business environment in the country," he added.

The device is available at Tigo shops in the country and those who purchase it will also get 96 gigabytes of complimentary data bundle to last a whole

year. Seconding Myonga's observation, Infinix Tanzania's Public Relation Officer, Aisha Karupa said customers who buy the smartphone will never regret.

"Technology is all about innovation and pushing boundaries both in terms of new features and also accessibility but at affordable prices," Karupa said adding that the new smartphone also offers a great all-around digital experience.

CONSTRUCTION

RUSSIAN TYCOONS MAKE BILLIONS AMID PROPERTY MARKET BOOM

MOSCOW

Russia's property tycoons are minting vast fortunes after a government move to boost the market during the pandemic helped spur a housing boom.

Sergei Gordeev, the controlling shareholder, chairman and chief executive of PIK Group, has seen his net worth more than double this year to \$8.9 billion, according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, as shares in Russia's biggest developer surged. Pavel Golubkov and Mikhail Kenin's stakes in their property firm Samolet Group are each worth more than \$1bn after its stock has soared more than fivefold in 2021.

Real estate markets across the world have been red-hot during the coronavirus outbreak, supported by low interest rates, reduced supply and demand from people who are stuck at home and buying larger residences or making new investments.

Those factors are also at play in Russia, but there is another important reason: President Vladimir Putin's government introduced a mortgage-subsidy programme in April 2020 to stimulate demand amid the pandemic and a slump in the country's key export, oil.

Property prices have since taken off, and Samolet says the good times have room to run. There is "huge" demand for housing, chief executive Anton Elistratov said,



The Moskva River and skyline of Moscow.

pointing to large flows of people into Moscow and St Petersburg, the country's two biggest cities. "But the supply is very limited."

Russia's housing prices jumped 14.4 per cent in the 12 months through June compared with a year earlier, according to Knight Frank's Global

House Price Index report. This put the country in the top 10 globally for price growth. Mortgage originations rose to 545bn roubles (\$7.5bn) in June, up 150% from the same month in 2019, according to Russian real estate research firm Cian.

"The pandemic made people stay

at home," said Yury Ilin, PIK's vice president for capital markets and corporate finance. "They realised they want bigger places to live and had enough time to find them. Plus, they didn't travel much and spent more domestically."

But as early as last July, officials

were warning about the sustainability of the boom. Coronavirus subsidies risk inflating a housing bubble in the country among people who are not solvent enough to take out mortgages, Deputy Finance Minister Alexey Moiseev said that month.

"A mortgage is a loan for many years and it must be paid," Bank of Russia governor Elvira Nabiullina said last week in an interview with local media RBC Daily. "There should be an appropriate level of family income for it." Adjusted for inflation, Russian incomes have been sliding for much of Mr Putin's two most recent presidential terms, hurt by weak economic performance and accelerating inflation.

In June, Mr Putin ordered that the mortgage-subsidy programme be extended by one year to July 2022, but with tightened conditions. The government increased the subsidised rate for buying new apartments to 7 per cent from 6.5 per cent and cut the mortgage limit countrywide to 3 million roubles from 12m roubles in Moscow and St Petersburg and 6m

roubles in other regions.

In a report in August, the central bank said the risk of the mortgage market overheating had decreased as a result of factors including the changes to the programme. Mr Gordeev owns 59 per cent of PIK, which focuses on building housing, primarily in Moscow. The company reported revenue of \$5.3bn last year. Its stock is up 148 per cent in 2021.

Mr Golubkov and Mr Kenin founded Samolet in 2012 as a developer focused on mass market high-rise apartment blocks on the outskirts of Moscow. They and their partners sold almost 10 per cent of the company this month to the billionaire God Nisanov. Samolet's shares have risen 483 per cent in 2021.

"At the moment Samolet stock looks heavily overbought and we expect a correction," said Finam analyst Natalia Pyreva. "The change in terms of the mortgage-subsidy programme will lead to a slowdown in demand in the second half of this year, while supply in the market is growing. It should stabilise housing prices."

China tells bankers to support property market, homebuyers

BEIJING

China has urged financial institutions to help local governments stabilise the rapidly cooling housing market and ease mortgages for some homebuyers, another signal that authorities are worried about fallout from the debt crisis at China Evergrande Group.

At a meeting chaired by central bank Governor Yi Gang, authorities told financial institutions to cooperate with governments "to jointly maintain the steady and healthy development of the real estate market and safeguard the legitimate rights and interests of housing consumers," according to a statement by the People's Bank of China late Wednesday.

The meeting, attended by officials from the country's banking and securities regulators, the housing ministry and executives from 24 banks, also called for "accurately grasping and enforcing the prudential management system of real estate finance around the goal of 'stabilising land prices, house prices and expectations,'" the PBOC said.

The regulators asked banks to refrain from cutting off funding to developers all at once, according to a person familiar with the matter said. Lenders should continue supporting for projects under construction and approve mortgages for buyers of homes that are qualified for pre-sales, said the person, asking not to be identified discussing a private matter.

The latest stance from the regulators echoed the PBOC's vow two days ago to ensure a "healthy property market" and protect home buyers' rights, as struggling property giant Evergrande is on the brink of collapse, threatening to leave 1.5 million buyers waiting for finished homes.

"The meeting reinforces an ongoing step by the Chinese authorities to address the potential contagion risks brought about by Evergrande," said Jun Rong Yeap, market strategist at IG Asia. "While tightening of regulations may remain, the recent meeting may suggest intentions for a more



Evergrande Group's offices in Beijing.

controlled improvement in credit, potentially improving some capital flows to China's developers." The PBOC didn't immediately respond to a request seeking comment.

Citigroup Inc. estimated that about 41% of China's banking system assets were either directly or indirectly associated with the property sector by the end of last year, and any decline in prices may lead to a knock-on effect on banks' asset quality. Chinese banks have an estimated 50.8 trillion yuan (\$7.9 trillion) of outstanding loans to developers and homebuyers.

Shares of most Chinese developers rallied in the mainland and Hong Kong markets on Thursday, outperforming benchmarks. The Shanghai Stock Exchange Property Index gained as much as 2.3%, while the Hang Seng Property gauge jumped 1.5%. Still, Evergrande's dollar bond due in 2025 is indicated at 23.2 cents on the dollar, down 0.3 cent, Bloomberg-compiled prices show.

"We think it's definitely good for developers given that developers in the past 12 months have found it very difficult on the financing side," Raymond Cheng, head of China and Hong Kong research

at CGS-CIMB Securities, referring to policy discussed at the meeting. Property industry share prices "have been down a lot in the past few months on policy concerns and the Evergrande issue."

The government has been steadily tightening restrictions in the real estate market to rein in financial risks, reducing demand from developers for land auctions while curbing investment and economic growth. Some analysts, including those at Huatai Securities Co., have said regulators may fine-tune policies if property prices start to fall, with possible options including looser mortgage loan quotas. Regulators may also ensure troubled developers deliver on presold homes, they said.

The latest PBOC meeting may signal that authorities might consider a "marginal adjustment" of real estate credit policy to ensure people with real needs for housing get loans, according to a report carried on the WeChat account of the official Securities Times on Thursday, citing some analysts. Indeed, there have been signs of some easing, at least in the issuance of mortgage-backed securities, which allows banks to securitise their housing loans and free up capacity for more lending.

Chinese lenders' issuance of securities backed by residential mortgages this month hit the highest since March, rebounding from a recent lull after authorities moved to curb their use in an effort to rein in property prices. Issuance rose to 71 billion yuan, close to the previous high of 71.5 billion yuan in March, according to data as of Wednesday from the China Securitisation Analytics website. The market saw no issuance in June and July.



Residents of Bourton on the Hill in the Cotswolds are likely to earn far more than the English town's workers.

UK house prices rocket 25 pct in tourist hotspots

LONDON

Annual house price growth rose by as much as 25 per cent in July in tourist hotspots around Britain, according to data from the UK's Office for National Statistics released on Tuesday.

House prices in these popular coastal and rural areas grew at about three times the UK-wide average of 8 per cent. The places which experienced the most growth were Conwy in North Wales (25 per cent), North Devon (22.5 per cent) and Richmondshire in the Yorkshire Dales (21.4 per cent). Seven boroughs in London bucked the national trend and recorded annualised house price falls.

The annual picture in July was contrary to the monthly trend which saw UK house prices fall at their steepest rate since 1992. This fall was an anomaly, however, brought about by the ending of the stamp-duty holiday in June which had created artificially high levels of demand.

Throughout the pandemic, much of this demand has been focused on areas away from urban hubs as prospective house buyers have sought valuable extra space, either as a new main residence or second home. This trend has resulted in the explosion of house prices in popular coastal and rural areas, with July's 9 per cent annual growth in prices for detached houses a corollary of property's "space race."

The coastal rush has also created unusually juxtaposed demographics in such locales. The ONS's annual income data for 2020 gave the example of Cotswold residents who on average earn 28.7 per cent more than those actually employed in the area.

Another consequence of house price inflation in these coastal and rural areas has been the pricing out of younger and lower-paid workers. For this cohort, the pandemic has dealt a double blow: propelling property prices on a relentlessly upwards trajectory, while at the same time further lowering wages and employment opportunities.

WORLD

Clock ticks toward Friday as US govt shutdown looms

WASHINGTON

THE clock is ticking toward a shutdown of some US government services if Congress does not pass a budget by today.

Democrats this week scrambled to extend funding for some federal government operations, in a bid to avoid a shutdown as negotiations with Republicans reached a stalemate amid a bitter partisan divide in Washington.

US President Joe Biden canceled a trip in an effort to focus on budget negotiations amid a tense moment in Washington.

If legislation fails to pass through the House and the Senate by Friday, certain government services could shut down.

The Senate could vote as soon as Wednesday on legislation that would thwart a shutdown, according to Majority Leader Chuck Schumer.

This week saw GOP lawmakers in the Senate block an effort by Democrats to combine an increase in the amount of money the government can borrow - known as the debt ceiling - with government funding.

Democrats argued that the Republicans' move was irresponsible.

The GOP move is forcing Democrats

to come up with a plan to fund the government, as the Friday deadline rapidly approaches. If Congress fails to pass a short-term plan by Thursday midnight, certain government services will shut down today.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer vowed to extend funding before the Friday's deadline.

"This isn't your typical Washington fracas and it shouldn't be treated as such," Schumer said.

The issue has "far more severe consequences than the typical political catfight," Schumer said.

GOP Senator Bill Cassidy blasted Democrats for combining government funding with a bid to increase the debt ceiling.

"I voted no once it became clear it couldn't pass," he said.

Cassidy said a budget resolution needs to be passed separately from the debt ceiling.

Brookings Institution Senior Fellow Darrell West told Xinhua that each party is "making policy with an eye towards the 2022 elections and trying to position itself in the best possible man-



US Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer speaks during a press conference on Capitol Hill in Washington. File photo

ner."

"Ultimately, there will be a continuing resolution that keeps the government open, but there is a lot of posturing now for purely political reasons," West said.

"Each side sees the current situation as one that will benefit their party. Democrats want the public to believe Republicans are irresponsible and not committed to effective governance, while Republicans are focusing on the large spending bills and their view that too much money is being spent," West said.

A shutdown would mean many federal government functions would be put on hold until a budget is passed, and some federal workers would be placed on furlough.

Services considered essential, such as law enforcement or public safety, would continue. Military operations would continue, as would medical care for US veterans, air traffic control and criminal investigations conducted by the federal government. The US Postal Service

would also continue its operations.

On the list for suspension would be national parks and certain museums in Washington, DC. There would also be delays in passport and visa applications.

Many Americans believe the US government spends far too much.

Kim Bristol, in her 50s and working in information technology in the DC area, told Xinhua: "I believe that the government spends money frivolously."

She also questioned why "career politicians live in million dollar houses when they make 200,000 a year."

Carl Richardson, in his 40s and in food management in the DC area, told Xinhua he believes the government "spends too much."

Polls show that approval of Congress remains low.

A paltry 27 percent of Americans approve of the job Congress is doing and 69 percent disapprove, according to a Gallup poll released earlier this month.

Agencies

Americas: WHO regional arm in talks to buy more virus shots

CHICAGO

THE Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) said on Wednesday it was in advanced talks with vaccine makers to buy additional COVID-19 shots for its member states in the Americas to complement bilateral deals, donations, and doses they are receiving via the COVAX mechanism.

PAHO has reached an agreement with Chinese vaccine maker Sinovac, and is expecting to sign new accords soon to buy vaccines with emergency use listing approval from other suppliers for 2021 and 2022, PAHO Director Carissa Etienne said.

"PAHO has helped COVAX deliver 50 million doses to our region, including nearly 14 million donated doses, and we have the capacity to quickly scale this support, so we urge countries not to delay their donations as lives hang in the balance today," said Etienne.

The agreement with Sinovac is to buy 8.5 million vaccine doses for 2021 and some 80 million doses next year, said Jarbas Barbosa, assistant director of PAHO, the regional branch of the World Health Organization (WHO).

Over a billion COVID-19 vaccine doses have been administered in the Americas and 35 percent of people in Latin America and the Caribbean have been fully vaccinated, but stressed that coverage has not been uniform, said Etienne.

Canada, Chile, Uruguay, and Puerto Rico have fully vaccinated over 70 percent of their populations, while 10 countries and territories in the region have yet to vaccinate 20 percent of their populations and Haiti has inoculated less than 1 percent of its people.

Last week the Americas saw nearly 1.5 million new infections and more than 26,000 COVID-19 related deaths, more than any other global region, according to PAHO figures.

France's Sarkozy found guilty of illegally financing 2012 election bid

PARIS

FORMER French president Nicolas Sarkozy was found guilty of illegal campaign financing over his failed 2012 re-election bid by a Paris court yesterday.

It was the second guilty verdict this year for Sarkozy (pictured), who led France from 2007 to 2012 and retains influence among conservatives despite falling from grace over his legal woes.

The court was yet to say what sentence he would receive.

Prosecutors were seeking a one-year prison sentence, half of it suspended, for the 66-year old former president. He is in any case unlikely to go to jail immediately as he would be expected to appeal the sentence.

His conservative party, the prosecutors said, spent nearly double the 22.5 million euros (currently \$19.2 million) allowed under electoral law on extravagant campaign rallies and then hired a friendly public relations agency to hide the cost.

Sarkozy has denied wrongdoing. He told the court in June that he had not been involved in the logistics of his campaign for a second term as president nor in how money was spent during the election run-up.

But the court said that Sarkozy was made aware of the overspending, that he did not act on it, and that it was not necessary for him to approve each individual spending to be responsible.

Sarkozy was found guilty in a separate trial in March of trying to bribe a judge and peddle influence in order to obtain confidential information on a judicial inquiry. He also denied any wrongdoing in that case.

The former president was sentenced to three years in jail in that trial - two of which were suspended - but has not actually spent time in prison yet, while his appeal is pending.



China: Xinjiang sees progress, anti-terrorism curbs legitimate

UNITED NATIONS

PEOPLE of all ethnic groups in Xinjiang are enjoying better lives and the counter-terrorism measures taken in the autonomous region are legitimate, said a Chinese envoy on Wednesday at a virtual side event titled "Xinjiang is a Wonderful Land."

In recent years, Xinjiang "enjoys social stability and growing economy. People of all ethnic groups enjoy better lives with their human rights better protected," Zhang Jun, China's permanent representative to the United Nations, said at the event co-sponsored by the Chinese UN mission and the government of China's Xinjiang.

Zhang noted that the counter-terrorism and deradicalization measures are totally legal and legitimate as they "comply with the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and the Plan of Action to Prevent Violent Extremism, and draw from western countries' practices," adding that the measures are fully understood and supported by all ethnic groups in Xinjiang.

The ambassador recalled that since the 1990s, especially after 9/11, the emboldened terrorists, separatists and religious extremists have plotted

and carried out thousands of terrorist attacks in Xinjiang, causing mass casualty of innocent civilians.

"To protect local people and ensure social stability, Xinjiang has taken a series of counter-terrorism and deradicalization measures in accordance with law.

There has not been a single terrorist attack there over the past 4 years," he said.

A few western countries fabricated the lie of the century about genocide, Zhang said, noting the fact that over the past four decades, "the Uyghur population in Xinjiang has increased from 5.55 million to 11.6 million, while the average life expectancy has increased from 30 years six decades ago to 72 years today. People are having a better life and enjoying a more secure and stable society."

Some also made up the disinformation of forced labor, he continued, saying that in fact, 70 percent of cotton in Xinjiang is harvested by machine and cotton-picking jobs are scarce, well-paid and highly competitive among workers of all ethnic groups.

The ambassador said that they also cooked up the so-called systematic human rights violations.

"The fact is, in Xinjiang,



People attend a culture and tourism festival themed on Dolan and Qiuci culture in Awat County of Aksu Prefecture, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous region.

the remaining 3 million poor rural population has all been lifted out of poverty. There are more than 24,000 mosques in the region," said Zhang.

"We put people and their lives front and center," the

envoy said. "Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, Xinjiang, with a population of more than 25 million, has 980 confirmed cases in total, among which 977 recovered and only 3 died."

Zhang extended the invita-

tion to all who wish to visit the beautiful land after the pandemic, and "to see with your own eyes a beautiful and thriving Xinjiang, and the secure and happy life of the local people."

Xinhua

BAGHDAD

WITH Iraq's early parliamentary elections approaching, challenges such as the monopoly of the old political parties, the spread of uncontrolled weapons and the mistrust between voters and parties still hinder the conduct of successful elections, said Iraqi analysts.

Iraq's former Prime Minister Adel Abdul Mahdi resigned in November 2019 following mass protests against corruption, mismanagement and lack of public services. After months of political paralysis, the parliament chose Mustafa al-Kadhimi as the new prime minister, who later pledged to hold fair snap elections under international supervision.

Obstacles face holding fair snap elections in Iraq

elections

Nadhun Ali Abdullah, a political expert in the Arab Forum for Iranian Policy Analysis, doubted the ability of the al-Kadhimi government to force the existing political parties to relinquish their gains and influence.

"The government has not yet been able to disarm militias," Abdullah told Xinhua, adding that the parties are capable of using the armed groups to create chaos or threaten voters to change the election results in some areas, especially in the Sunni provinces, which are under the strong influence of the predominantly Shiite Hashd Shaabi forces.

Another challenge facing early

is that the old political parties can buy votes to change the election results, using the money their members collected through the rampant corruption during the successive governments formed by these parties since 2003, he added.

For his part, Ali al-Salih, teacher of politics in al-Iraqia University in Baghdad, told Xinhua that the political process after the U.S.-led invasion in 2003 failed to bring tangible accomplishments and successes to Iraq. Such failure weakened citizens' confidence in the political process and increasingly distanced them from making strong turnout in re-

cent rounds of elections.

The toughest task for al-Kadhimi's government is to regain trust of the people, thus ensuring a strong turnout on October 10, al-Salih said.

He added that a high turnout would strongly push independent candidates to win a larger number of seats in the parliament and gradually weaken the old parties.

Al-Salih also mentioned some fierce struggles happened in the Baghdad streets, where some people tore up posters and pictures of their rival parties and politicians. "Tearing up posters of rival political parties indicates a lack of respect for proper

electoral behavior, in addition to showing popular rejection of leading political parties and politicians who failed to rule the country in the past years," al-Salih said.

As part of its attempt to secure an appropriate atmosphere to hold fair and peaceful elections in the country, al-Kadhimi's government issued a series of measures to prevent fraud and irregularities, including the presence of up to 509 international election observers, and their number can be increased with the approaching of the election day.

However, al-Salih said that "inter-

national observers were here in the previous rounds of elections from 2005 to 2018, but their presence was largely symbolic." "Unless there is a real and effective combat to corruption, embezzlers and uncontrolled weapons, the elections will bring us the same faces, which may again lead to chaos in the country," al-Salih concluded.

According to the Iraqi Independent High Electoral Commission (IHEC), about 24 million Iraqis are eligible to vote in 8,273 polling centers across the country in the Oct. 10 elections, in which around 3,249 candidates in 83 electoral districts will compete for 329 seats in the parliament.

Xinhua

AUKUS likely to harm regional stability, raise tensions, say analysts

KUALA LUMPUR

THE planned move to supply the Australian navy with nuclear-powered submarines through the security partnership between Australia, Britain and the United States, known as AUKUS, is likely to harm regional stability and raise tensions, several experts have said.

Malaysian Prime Minister Ismail Sabri Yaakob has voiced his concern that AUKUS would spark a regional arms race. The country's Defense Minister Hishammuddin Hussein also cautioned those involved with AUKUS against provocative military action that would lead to increasing tensions and possible conflicts in the region.

"This is a very damaging precedent set by the United States, Australia and the UK in forming this strategic pact ... definitely it is going to destabilize the region," said Lee Pei May, a political expert at the International Islamic University Malaysia.

Regional countries might use this as an excuse to acquire their own nuclear technology for military purposes, she said, warning against "an increased, intensified arms race in the region."

Member states of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)

have so far made it clear that nuclear weapons and nuclear-powered vessels are not welcome in the region, Malaysian political observer Azmi Hassan said.

Australia acquiring these submarines could cause tensions between Australia and ASEAN states, Azmi said.

"If Australia ignores our request to inform (us of) their submarines passing through," it will create tensions not only with Malaysia but also with ASEAN as a whole, he said.

AUKUS could also divide ASEAN states, which are being forced to abandon their neutrality and take sides, with some in favour of the deal while others against it, said the expert.

AUKUS and the way in which France was sidelined could make U.S. allies view it with some doubt, especially in the aftermath of its messy exit from Afghanistan, said Oh Ei Sun, principal advisor for Malaysia's Pacific Research Center.

These events deal a blow to the reputation of the United States, from which it will not likely recover in the near term, he said.

AUKUS "would of course anger France a lot," and "the other allies would, indeed, have to take a second look, when it comes to relying on the U.S. protection and so on," said the expert.

Xinhua

New Zealand tightens terror law after recent IS-linked attack

NEW ZEALAND yesterday passed a new security law to criminalize preparing a terror attack, tightening a loophole that was exposed by a man who went on to conduct a mass stabbing in the country's most populated city.

New Zealand has for months been moving to strengthen its security laws amid heightened fears of lone wolf terror attacks, but the new law was rushed through its parliament after Aathil Mohamed Samsudeen stabbed and wounded seven people in a supermarket in Auckland earlier this month.

It is now an offence to plot and prepare a terror attack, which Kris Faafoi, New Zealand's minister of justice, said brings security laws in line with most other countries.

"The nature of terrorism has changed. Across the world there are

more lone actors, rather than larger organized groups," Faafoi said in an emailed statement.

The new law comes less than a month after police shot dead Samsudeen, a 32-year-old Sri Lankan national, moments after he launched his attack.

Samsudeen had been convicted and imprisoned for about three years before being released in July.

New Zealand had in 2020 unsuccessfully sought to charge Samsudeen with terrorism offences after he bought a hunting knife and was found with Islamic State videos.

However, a judge ruled Samsudeen did not convene New Zealand's terror laws at the time. He was released, though he was placed under 24-hour police surveillance.

Agencies

Putin-Erdogan talks in Sochi lasted about three hours

SOCHI

THE presidents of Russia and Turkey, Vladimir Putin and Recep Tayyip Erdogan, have finished their talks in Sochi. The talks began at approximately 13:30 Moscow time and lasted about three hours.

"[The talks] have ended," Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov told TASS when asked whether the talks were still in progress.

The two leaders discussed the agenda in the economic sector and in international relations. In particular, Putin pointed to the successful cooperation of the two countries on the situation in Syria and Libya. He also focused on the work of the center to control the ceasefire in Nagorno-Karabakh. According to the Russian leader, this cooperation "is a strong guarantee" of stability in the region.

Also, energy was on the agenda. Putin thanked Erdogan for his stance on the construction of TurkStream, owing



to which Ankara feels safe amid the difficulties on the European gas market. The Turkish leader, for his part, touched upon the issue of a joint project - the construction of the first Akkuyu nuclear power plant in the country, whose first power unit may be unveiled already next year.

This face-to-face meeting was the first for the two presidents in the past year-and-a-half. Their previous meeting was in March 2020, at the Kremlin, when Erdogan also paid a working visit to Russia. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, subsequent talks were held either over the phone or via a video link, in bilateral or multilateral formats.

Elimination of nuclear weapons must begin with abolition of Cold War mentality - envoy

UNITED NATIONS

THE Cold War mentality must be eradicated before nuclear weapons can be totally eliminated, said Geng Shuang, China's deputy permanent representative to the United Nations.

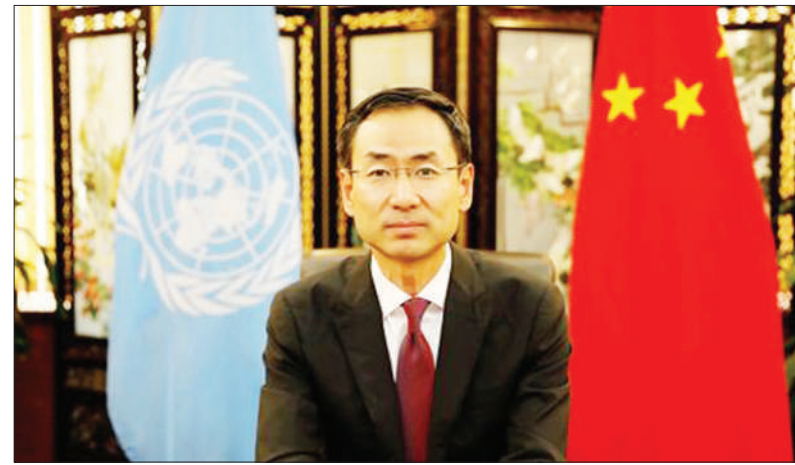
"The total elimination of nuclear weapons must begin with the total elimination of the Cold War mentality. With such a mentality, the world cannot achieve real nuclear disarmament and will not enjoy real peace and tranquility."

Geng told the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly on Tuesday to commemorate and promote the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons.

Geng highlighted the fact that in recent years, some individual countries have been sticking to the Cold War mentality, seeking absolute military superiority, pursuing an offensive nuclear policy, shunning responsibility for nuclear disarmament, obsessed with forming closed and exclusive small circles and bending on provoking conflicts and confrontation.

"Just recently, a couple of countries blatantly announced cooperation in nuclear submarines, which will result in serious nuclear proliferation risks," the envoy pointed out.

"Such practice heightens regional



Geng Shuang, China's deputy permanent representative to the United Nations.

tensions, stimulates the arms race, undermines international efforts in nuclear non-proliferation, and runs counter to the goal of the total elimination of nuclear weapons as well as the aspiration of regional countries for peace and development," he added. Geng recalled that a week ago, a country stated in the UN General Assembly Hall that it does not seek a new Cold War, and has no intention of creating division.

"We hope that this public pronouncement made before the whole world will be shown in action," he said. "We hope that the relevant country will discard the outdated zero sum mentality of the

Cold War era and narrow-minded geopolitical concepts and make concrete efforts to maintain global strategic balance and stability and uphold regional peace and security."

The envoy emphasized that since the very first day when it came into possession of nuclear weapons, China has been advocating the complete prohibition and thorough destruction of nuclear weapons. "China has declared that it will not be the first to use nuclear weapons at any time and under any circumstance, and unconditionally

committed itself not to use or threaten to use nuclear weapons against non-nuclear-weapon states or nuclear-weapon-free zones," he said.

"China never seeks to compete with any country in the scale or quantity of nuclear weapons, nor will it engage in a nuclear arms race with any country.

We never shirk our obligations for international disarmament and arms control and have always kept our nuclear force at the minimum level required for national security," he continued.

"China supports building a world free of nuclear weapons, supports the Non-Aligned Movement in promoting the nuclear disarmament agenda, and supports the General Assembly in holding this meeting to commemorate and promote the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons," he said.

Xinhua

UN Mideast envoy voices concern over continued violence between Israelis, Palestinians

UNITED NATIONS

UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process Tor Wennesland on Wednesday expressed concern over the continued violence between Israelis and Palestinians.

Daily violence continued during the reporting period between June 12 and Sept. 27, Wennesland told the Security Council in a briefing.

Overall, 27 Palestinians, including two women and five children, were killed by Israeli security forces during demonstrations, clashes, security operations, and other incidents.

Some 4,814 Palestinians, including 10 women and 530 children, were injured. Of these, 3,369 injuries were due to tear gas inhalation, 205 were injured by live ammunition.

One Israeli soldier was killed by Palestinians, and 42 Israelis, including two women, were injured by Palestinians in clashes, rock and Molotov cocktail throwing, attacks and other incidents, he said.

Beita village in the occupied West Bank remained a flashpoint, where demonstrations against the nearby Israeli settlement outpost of Evyatar often escalated into clashes between Palestinians and Israeli security forces.

Since June, four Palestinians, including one child, have been shot and killed, and at least 3,530 others injured by Israeli forces during these clashes.

On Aug. 21 in Gaza, thousands of people participated in a demonstration at the perimeter fence that borders Israel. Hundreds hurled stones and, reportedly, improvised explosive devices, toward Israeli security forces, who responded with live ammunition and tear gas.

Up to 41 Palestinians were injured, including 24 children. Two Palestinians, including a boy, subsequently died of their injuries.

One Israeli soldier was critically injured and later died of his



Smoke from an airstrike rises over the city of Rafah in southern Gaza Strip (file photo).

wounds. "I am deeply troubled by the continued loss of life and serious injuries in the occupied Palestinian territory.

I am appalled that children continue to be victims of violence," said Wennesland. "I reiterate that security forces must exercise maximum restraint and use lethal force only when it is strictly unavoidable in order to protect life.

Pertinent authorities must carry out thorough, independent, impartial and prompt investigations into all instances of possible excessive use of force and hold perpetrators accountable."

The launching of indiscriminate rockets and incendiary devices toward Israeli population centers violates international law and must stop, he said.

Wennesland welcomed the loosening of the blockade on Gaza. Israel eased access restrictions imposed during the May escalations. In addition to key humanitarian assistance, access was progressively facilitated for commercial goods and materials for international projects.

The entry of materials and trade has since returned to pre-escalation levels, he said. Moreover, on Sept. 1, Israel announced it would increase entry permits for traders and business-people from 2,000 to 7,000, expand the Gaza fishing zone from 12 to 15 nautical miles, allow the entry of more goods and equipment, and increase the supply of freshwater to Gaza by 5 million cubic meters, he said.

While materials for humanitar-

ian assistance have entered Gaza more regularly, predictable access for materials, necessary for stability and economic recovery, remains a key challenge, he said.

All materials required to implement the 2021 humanitarian response plan and the May 2021 flash appeal should be allowed into Gaza.

All parties must facilitate unimpeded access to humanitarian relief, he said. UN and international nongovernmental organization humanitarian staff must also be able to enter and exit Gaza on a regular basis.

Hamas must cease practices that hinder the delivery of crucial humanitarian assistance, he added.

Wennesland welcomed recent high-level contacts between Israeli and Palestinian officials and steps by the Israeli government to ease the economic pressure on the Palestinian Authority, and encouraged the further expansion of the contacts.

"I encourage both parties to take urgent steps that are necessary to stabilize the Palestinian economy and strengthen Palestinian institutions. I also urge the implementation of existing agreements by both sides."

He urged UN member states to sustain the funding levels to the UN relief agency for Palestine refugees, UNRWA, to avoid a disruption of essential services and humanitarian aid across the occupied Palestinian territory.

"We must provide the agency with adequate resources to ful-

fill the mandate it was given by the General Assembly. Investing in UNRWA remains an indispensable investment in regional stability and support for the goal of Middle East peace," he said.

Gaza requires political solutions that will see a focus on working toward advancing intra-Palestinian unity, lifting the debilitating closures, and, ultimately, returning to a peace process that will end the occupation and create a viable two-state solution, he said.

Palestinian unity is crucial to advancing a two-state solution. It is, therefore, critical that Egyptian-led intra-Palestinian reconciliation efforts continue.

The United Nations stands firm in its support of these efforts, he said. The holding of elections in the occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and Gaza would be a crucial step toward Palestinian unity, giving renewed legitimacy to national institutions, including a democratically elected parliament and government in Palestine, said Wennesland. He encouraged the Palestinian Authority to resume the election process as soon as possible.

"While I am encouraged by the recent engagement of senior Israeli and Palestinian officials, we must continue our efforts to address the worrying situation on the ground, including reversing negative trends across the occupied Palestinian territory and stabilizing the fragile situation in Gaza," he said.

Xinhua

Expo held in Wuzhen offers a glimpse into future digital life

THE Light of Internet Expo of the 2021 World Internet Conference (WIC), which focused on cutting-edge technologies and digital transformation, was held in Wuzhen, east China's Zhejiang province, from Sept. 25 to 28.

Over 300 Chinese and foreign enterprises showcased their latest products and technologies in AI, big data, network security, and other fields at the event.

At the exhibition booth of Chinese tech giant Huawei, staff members showed visi-

tors how to connect mobile phones to computers, TVs, sound equipment, and other devices at the same time with the company's HarmonyOS next-generation operating system.

The operating system, which can enable fast connection and resource sharing between various smart terminals, was selected as one of the world-leading Internet scientific and technological achievements released during the 2021 WIC.

An unmanned vehicle displayed at the exhibition

booth of Yutong, one of the world's major bus and coach suppliers, caught the attention of many visitors. With a spacious interior, the vehicle provides passengers a good view of the surrounding environment. Besides the capacity for 360-degree environment perception, the vehicle can also perform functions including voice interaction, supercruise, and autonomous obstacle avoidance, lane changing, overtaking, and parking.

Beijing-based AI company RealAI displayed a deepfake

content identification platform at the expo that can quickly, accurately, and automatically determine the authenticity of images and videos in multiple formats and of varying degrees of quality based on the third-generation AI technologies.

While bringing good changes to people's life, AI technologies have also caused some problems. For example, deepfake technology can be easily abused in Internet fraud, false advertisement, and other illegal activities, according to a

staff member of the company, explaining the reason behind the creation of the platform.

At the exhibition booth of ZTE Corporation, a global leader in telecommunications and information technology, a female visitor made hand gestures of the Rock, Paper, Scissors game at three positions in front of a large screen. In a little while, she saw three of herself playing the game on the screen.

According to a staff member of ZTE Corporation, the

technology can be applied in virtual production, thus lowering the threshold of high-quality filming and fueling digital transformation in the media industry.

Chinese tech giant Tencent exhibited at the expo a mini program on its social media platform WeChat. The mini program offers users a 360-degree view of nearly 300 Chinese cultural relics housed in museums worldwide. Similar cultural and creative products of the company drew the eyes of quite a number of visitors at

its exhibition booth.

"Through the application of immersive technologies, we help users take virtual tours of the Palace Museum and the Mogao Grottoes and enjoy various precious cultural relics online," said a staff member of the company at the expo.

Sugon, a leading enterprise in China's information industry, brought a high-tech silicon cube immersion liquid-cooling computer to the expo.

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Azam FC midfielder Khelfin Salum. PHOTO: COURTESY OF AZAM FC

Azam FC midfielder wins plaudits in Liverpool FC youth squad's trials

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

AZAM FC's young midfielder, Khelfin Hamdoun Salum, has qualified for England's Liverpool FC youth team.

Hamdoun went to Liverpool, England last month where he attended trials and fared well but he was not included in the registration because the registration period ended.

He is currently in Liverpool and, any time from now, he hopes to return to Tanzania to join his club.

Azam FC Information Officer, Thabit Zakaria, stated: "It is true that Salum is in Liverpool for trials, he had fared well but the problem was Liverpool youth squad's registration has been completed."

Zakaria added: "He will return home. Hopefully, he will go again for trials."

Azam FC roped in the skilful midfielder from Mlandege FC of Zanzibar on a four-year contract on January 9, 2019.

That was Azam FC's first signing in the mini registration period of 2019 following the suggestion tabled by the then coach, Aristica Cioaba.

Azam FC Chief Executive Officer, Abdulkarim Amin 'Popat', was as well present when the coach recommended the midfielder's recruitment.

Immediately after signing the contract, the attacking midfielder expressed his happiness to complete the formalities to join Azam FC while promising to work with his teammates

to give the team trophies.

The footballer's potential and his willingness to prove his worth at his new side impressed Cioaba that allowed the footballer to be registered as soon as possible.

Azam FC stated it has set its sight on holding sway in this season's Mainland Premier League, which kicked off on September 25.

The team, moreover, cruise to the second preliminary stage of this season's CAF Confederation Cup, knocking Horseed FC of Somalia 4-1 on aggregate in the first preliminary round.

Azam FC will now face Egypt's Pyramids FC in the first preliminary round of the second tier of CAF club tournaments.

The two teams' first leg will be played at the Azam Complex in Dar es Salaam between October 15-17 this year.

The rematch will take place in Egypt between October 22-24 this year.

Azam FC assistant coach, Vivier Bahati, revealed after finishing the first preliminary round of the continental event, their minds and strengths are now in three league games before they face the Pyramids in the CAF Confederation Cup.

The team got off to a wobbly start as it notched a draw with Coastal Union in Tanga on September 27.

Azam FC will go to Arusha to play Polisi Tanzania and then return to Dar es Salaam to play against league contenders, Yanga.

Twiga Stars wallop Zimbabwe in 2021 COSAFA Women's Championship

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

TANZANIA's senior national football women team, Twiga Stars, claimed a 3-0 victory over Zimbabwe in 2021 COSAFA Women's Championship's Wednesday's other match in the pool on what was an enthralling second day of action at the regional showpiece competition.

Tanzania was good value for its win over Zimbabwe, though the game was an evenly-matched contest and could have gone either way.

Two excellent moments of skill settled the contest as Donisia Minja opened the scoring for the East African side three minutes before half-time, and Mwanahamisi Shurua added a second just after the break.

Both sides had chances after that, but Tanzania got the next goal as hugely promising youngster Aisha Masaka, who starred at the 2020 COSAFA Women's Under-17 Championship, scored a late third.

Group C got underway yesterday, as Namibia came up against the third guest nation at the tournament, Uganda, (kick-off 12h00 CAT).

It was set to be a fascinating contrast in styles, with Uganda returning to the competition for the first time since they last appeared in 2018.

On that occasion, they took home the bronze medal with a strong showing and might be expecting to do even better this time around.

The second match in the pool is between Zambia and Eswatini (15h30 CAT), with the Shepolopolo having performed so well at the recent Tokyo Olympic Games.

They will be without a few of those players due to club commitments but are expected to be a force in this year's COSAFA Women's Championships having lost in the final in 2019.

Eswatini will be hoping to reach the knockout stages of the competition for the first time and, if they are to do that, will likely need a positive result in this one.

With only the top team in each pool and the best-placed runner-up going through to the semi-finals, the margin for error for all the sides is very small.

The teams are also building towards the 2022 Women's Africa Cup of Nations qualifiers that begin next month

Takeaways from first round of Mainland Tanzania Premier League

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

THE 2021/22 Mainland Tanzania Premier League made a return after a two-month-long end of the season break, with all 16 teams in the league get involved in matches played across the country.

Here, we take a look at takeaways from this season's opening round of fixtures.

*Pre-season and goal drought

Coaches typically use the pre-season to get their players fit and nail down either an approach or tactics ahead of the new campaign. Yet for 2021-22, there has barely been a pre-season because of the late finish to last season.

Teams have had very few friendlies to get sharp or organized, and training has been disjointed because of an international break and, in some cases, players testing positive for COVID-19.

A mere total of nine goals in eight games played from Monday to Wednesday, the lowest record for a single round since 201. Two separate games registered more than one goal.

*Foreign strikers hit blank

Top teams invested heavily in foreign footballers during the July/August transfer window.

Young Africans SC, alias Yanga, signed the Congolese duo of Heritier Makambo and Fiston Mayele, Simba SC signed Ousmane Sakho, Peter Banda, while Azam FC brought Idris Mbombo and Rodgers Kola.



Prisons' keeper, Aaron Kalambo (L), seeks to punch an effort from Mbeya City FC attacker, Peter Mapunda, as the two clubs faced off in this season's Mainland Premier League clash, played at Sokaine Stadium in Mbeya on September 28. Mbeya City FC won 1-0. PHOTO: COURTESY OF MBEYA CITY FC

Out of the seven different scorers in the first round, only one foreign professional appeared in the list in the name of Daniel Amoah of Azam FC.

The fact that Amoah is a defender means no foreign striker found the back of the net in the first round of matches.

In a league where foreign strikers are held to high standards and accountability, they need to improve in front of goals quickly.

*Gomes under pressure

It is only the first game of the season, but no man is fighting hard to keep his job than Simba SC head coach, Didier Gomes da Rosa.

Defeat to Young Africans in the Community Shield denied Simba SC the first silverware of the season.

Simba's early-season struggles continued on Tuesday afternoon as they laboured to a 0-0 draw against Biashara United in Musoma. On

paper, this should have been a home walkover.

Gomes has done a lot of things right since taking over from Sven Vandebroek in January.

However, he knows for a club like Simba a coach is always one or two games away from crisis.

The team has not scored a goal in the past three games, Gomes reverted to the double strikers of John Bocco and Meddie Kagere but the duo was hounded by Biashara United defense and could not get any control of the game.

*The ugly win counts

It is too early to say who will win the league after just one round of games, but three points on the road have more weight in the title race regardless of the brand of football offered.

While Yanga's coach, Nasreddine Nabi, admitted his team did not play well in the 1-0 victory over Kagera Sugar, he is smart enough to realize that all that matters is three points especially

when the expected title rivals dropped two points.

Travelling to Kagera was always going to be a difficult challenge for their curtain-raiser, but the Community Shield winners must have been confident of starting with a win regardless of their showing and they got it.

*New season, same old Mtibwa Sugar

Despite continued promises that this will be their season, Mtibwa Sugar continues to be underwhelmed.

They have failed to win their opening league game of the season for the fourth consecutive time.

They have added a couple of new players. So what is at fault? Have they still not addressed the issues from last season which led to them narrowly surviving relegation, or are they simply in need of fresh ideas?

They played well against Mbeya Kwanza

FC, creating enough chances. However, there looked to be something missing from their attacks and they were made to pay for their missed chances especially in the first half. With 29 games to go, there is plenty of time to fix things.

*Is this Mayanga's season?

Vitalis Mayanga scored a brace as Polisi Tanzania beat Kinondoni Municipal Council FC 2-0 at Black Rhino Academy Stadium in Karatu.

He has already matched his Premier League goal tally for the whole of last season.

For any striker, this is a promising start but not definite proof that they are finding form.

Mayanga is a player, who has regularly excited the imagination with great performances, only to lose form and find himself struggling with off-field issues.

He could be in for a great season at Polisi Tanzania if he maintains consistency.

*Mixed results for newbies

Geita Gold FC and Mbeya Kwanza FC were all in action on Monday as they made their debuts in the top-flight league. They recorded varying results.

Mbeya Kwanza FC held its own against Mtibwa Sugar to grab maximum points on the road and will be looking to build on that in their coming games in the season.

Geita Gold FC, under former Tanzania's Taifa Stars head coach Etienne Ndayiragije, could not contain Namungo FC and lost by the most goals in the first round to start from the bottom.

Reasons fo Yanga's Community Shield clash's victory over Simba SC

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

IT is almost a week and questions by some soccer supporters in Tanzania have not got answers yet.

Where should we start? Let us start with the last few weeks when many insisted that if Yanga had played six Premier League matches, they could have beaten the Nigerian side, Rivers United FC, in the previous 2021/22 CAF Champions League's first preliminary round.

Why did they say this? Because Yanga has good players. To what extent? I do not know but they are better than they had last season and the last two seasons.

What did they need? They needed two things. First, they needed the return to the squad for midfielder Khalid Aucho, forward Fiston Mayele, and full-back Djuma Shaban.

But more Yanga needed to be fit and also needed to have chemistry on the field. After this Yanga will have a team to competently take on many teams in Africa no matter what the outcome will be.

Yanga was reflecting on what I had been thinking. It met their hometown rivals, Simba SC, and left with a second consecutive victory against the latter at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium.

Football fanatics have to forget the 2020/21 Federation Cup final tie between the two clubs, which took place in Kigoma.

The Community Shield tie between the two clubs was a cool match off the field. I do not know what TFF thought of setting the minimum entry fee at 10,000/-.

I think some people deceived themselves that after Yanga and Simba signed the likes of Peter Banda, Fiston Mayele, Khalid Aucho, Sadio Kanoute, and others, then the fans would fight in every situation to go to the stadium which was not so.

Many fans staged a cold strike of not going to the stadium. The fans remained at home on their televisions and few fans, who flocked the stadium, all witnessed Yanga start the tie fast and get the first corner kick in just the first minute of the match.

It was pointing to the same thing that had been building in recent years.

Yanga is better prepared for this derby physically and mentally than Simba.

Yanga respects Simba more and uses more force to try to win the fight than what Simba is preparing for.

It was no surprise when Yanga scored the first goal in the 11th minute. It was the same minute that midfielder Zawadi Mauya scored the lead and winning goal in the previous league

match bringing together the two outfits at the same venue. This time Yanga did not need a link for scoring.

They needed a striker to score and this time they have indeed signed two good strikers, Heritier Makambo and Fiston Mayele.

Mayele scored. Where did it start? It started with their new goalkeeper, Djigui Diarra. At least the Yanga goal is safer now than at any other time.

Their goalkeeper knows how to save shots, he knows how to distribute balls with his feet.

The move started with a long pass from Diarra to the winger, Farid Mussa, who dribbled well past Simba's defender Paschal Wawa and threaded a pass to Mayele, who finished well without stopping, leaving Simba keeper Aishi Manula with nothing to do.

Mayele went to celebrate with teammates in a Congolese music's dancing style and, from then on, we started watching the Derby-oriented football.

Luckily as in any other big and good match in the world, this duel was decided by footballers in the midfield area.

Then Yanga was the best. The club's midfielder, Feisal Salum, was on fire, tormenting Simba's Thadeo Lwanga many times but it was due to how Yanga's other midfielders, Khalid Au-

cho and Yannick Bangala, took control of the midfield, leaving their Simba counterparts, Sadio Kanoute and Larry Bwalya, failing to make the most of Simba's attacks that soccer fanatics have been accustomed to watching for so long.

New Simba signings, Kanoute, Pape Ousmane Sakho, and Peter Banda, have brought about the debate as to whether the team has bridged the gaps brought about by the sale of midfielders, Clatous Chama and Luis Miquissone.

This was the second match in a row Simba lost at the stadium after being beaten by DR Congo's TP Mazembe.

New arrivals are versatile but can they bridge the gaps brought by Chama and Miquissone exit?

Soccer fans should remember that even Miquissone and Chama slowly got familiar with Simba's football philosophy and later matured more by playing many matches.

Banda, Kanoute, and Sakho are football technicians. They need more time. Unfortunately for them too, they have landed in a football that is under pressure here in the country. Soon they will set up their kingdom.

But for now, midfielders Larry Bwalya and Bernard Morrison are the ones who have to dig deep and control the midfield quickly.

Why Sheriff's win over Real Madrid can be celebrated and lamented

By Gabriele Marcotti, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

SOMETIMES, two seemingly conflicting ideas can exist at once. Like how to feel about Moldova's Sheriff Tiraspol, and whether it's a "fairy tale" or a sad reflection of what it takes for a smaller, poorer nation to send a team to the Champions League.

Let's start with the good bit to cheer us up, shall we? This is a club that beat Real Madrid at the Santiago Bernabeu on Tuesday night to move to the top of their Champions League group, with six points out of six. Before beating the Spanish giants -- who have won more European Cups than anyone else, and who won four Champions League crowns in the past eight seasons -- in the group stage opener, they defeated Shakhtar Donetsk, who have qualified for the Champions League for 10 straight years.

To even get into this season's Champions League, Sheriff had to start their season in the first qualifying round way back on July 7, just five weeks after their 2020-21 campaign ended and at a time when the European football world was preoccupied with other matters, like the semifinals of the Euros. Along the way, they beat Dinamo Zagreb and former European champions Red Star Belgrade, both of whom were in the Champions League just two years ago.

Now consider the fact that Sheriff were only founded in 1997, that they play in a 12,746-seat stadium that they didn't fill even pre-pandemic -- their average domestic attendance in 2019 was under 1,000 per game -- and that in their history, they'd never advanced beyond the group stage. Oh, and their late winner was scored by somebody named Sebastian Thill, who himself made history as the first player from tiny Luxembourg to score a Champions League goal.

(Before you imagine Thill to be some kind of phenom who happens to have been born in a tiny country -- sort of a Benelux version of Liberia's legendary striker, George Weah -- well, he's not. He's 27, had only ever played in Luxembourg until last season and has been capped just 16 times, which means he doesn't even figure in the top 100 list of most-capped Luxembourg footballers.)

It's hard to make an apt analogy for Tuesday's win. Maybe if a tiny online college founded in the late 1990s beat Oregon, Maryland, Gonzaga and Duke in rapid succession? And if they defeated the latter at Cameron Field House in front of the crazies, thanks to a buzzer-beating 3-pointer drained by a guy from Belize who isn't even among Belize's top 100 players?

When you then juxtapose it with the shelved (or now) Super League project driven by Real Madrid president Florentino Perez, who memorably said the Champions League group stage was "not interesting" and that football would be "dead by 2024" if not for the sort of Super League -- a structure that would de facto exclude not just the Sheriffs of the world, but all but a handful of Europe's professional clubs on a permanent basis -- the temptation to troll becomes hard to resist.

Was Real Madrid vs. Sheriff Tiraspol more interesting than a bog-standard group stage equivalent -- say, Real Madrid vs. Tottenham -- in Florentino's proposed Super League format, with two groups of 10 playing home and away and five of the 10 advancing? Probably. And when you consider the underdog twist, it becomes even more compelling.

Sheriff's starting XI had a grand total of 28 international caps: Thill's 16 for Luxembourg, Dimitris Kolovos' nine for Greece and Jasurbek Yakshiboev's three for Uzbekistan (I kid you not: Uzbekistan). They have an Adama Traore and a Cristiano, but it's not that Adama Traore (who's tearing it up in the Premier League), and it's obviously not that Cristiano, either. They have two guys -- one from Colombia (Frank Castaneda) and one from Ghana (Edmund Addo) -- they signed from a Slovakian club that are perennial relegation candidates. (If you've heard of Senica before right now, you're either very knowledgeable on football or Slovakian.)

Let it be a reminder that ordinary players, on an ordinary Tuesday night, can walk into the temple of football and knock it down, like Samson back in the day. That's part of the appeal of this sport. It's low-scoring, it's mano-a-mano, and the gap between superstars and extras may be huge over time, but on any given day, it can be tiny and anything can happen. Throw in the fact that this is the first Moldovan team to make it into the Champions League -- Moldova is, by some distance, the poorest country in Europe. That makes a difference in professional sports -- and that many in Tiraspol don't even consider themselves Moldovan, but Transnistrian or even Russian (here's a primer on the geopolitics), and you've got yourself a ready-made feature curio.

Except there's a little problem in viewing this strictly through the "fairy tale" lens. And no, it's not just the fact that there is very little Moldovan about this team: neither the coach, who is Ukrainian, nor any of the players who beat Madrid are Moldovan (or Transnistrian, for that matter). (Before Madrid fans -- or anyone else -- get high and mighty about national identity, please consider that at the final whistle, there were exactly zero Spaniards on the pitch.)

Rather, it's Sheriff itself and the circumstances behind their rise, as well as the people bankrolling them. This thread, by journalist Slava Malamud, who grew up a few miles away, gives some context from his perspective. At a time when football is often used for geopolitical or nationalistic purposes, when unsavoury or totalitarian figures play an increasingly large role in the success of many clubs, and when the gap between the rich superclubs and everyone else is as great as ever, it's tempting to see the Sheriff story as an antidote to do this. Except Sheriff are themselves a superclub, writ small.

Chelsea shown difficulties of competing on multiple fronts

TURIN, Italy

THOMAS Tuchel probably didn't need a reminder of the difficulty in competing on two fronts this season, but Manchester City and now Juventus have given him just that in the space of five days.

The chaotic circumstances surrounding his arrival at Stamford Bridge in January -- replacing fan favourite Frank Lampard and thrust straight into a condensed schedule made more unrelenting by COVID-19's impact -- created a degree of breathing space in the Premier League that helped propel them to Champions League glory. Tuchel was of course under a degree of pressure to secure a top-four spot last term, but he harnessed that rarest of things under owner Roman Abramovich -- a sense of freedom arising from lowered expectations -- to galvanise this group to an improbable European success.

The dynamic is different this time. Romelu Lukaku's €15 million arrival presents an expensive yet compelling answer to the obvious deficiency in this team, and with a full preseason to impart his methods, Tuchel is under pressure to deliver at home and abroad.

It may sound harsh, but such is life for Chelsea managers. The



Messi took the game away from Manchester City late on to help PSG record a 2-0 win. (Agencies)

club's last visit to this magnificent stadium on the outskirts of Turin encapsulates that perfectly: Roberto di Matteo brought a team here in November 2012 as a European champion. After a 3-1 defeat, he was sacked the following morning.

Tuchel is nowhere near suffering the same fate. It is barely 10 days since he was rightly being lauded as a tactical master after changing the game at Tottenham Hotspur from an evenly fought contest to a 3-0 win, but this past week underlines how much higher the stakes are.

Squad management is going to be vital. Since Tuchel's first game on Jan. 27, the German tactician has used 30 players.

For context, Manchester City have used 35 players and Juventus 33. This isn't a huge disparity, but it indicates a strong reliance on a core group that may have contributed to the signs of fatigue seen on Wednesday night.

Jorginho admitted as much a day earlier when asked directly, after a long season and his exertions winning Euro 2020 with Italy, whether he felt tired.

"Yes, we had a lot of games," he said. "A lot! Everyone at some point, of course, we can feel these games. There is no time to train or rest but I need to push and try to keep pushing to work harder."

Jorginho was once a divisive figure among Chelsea supporters, but

he is essential in dictating the tempo at which this team play. City nullified him superbly last weekend and Juventus followed suit by harrying him at every turn, contributing to a disjointed start from the visitors that palpably encouraged Massimiliano Allegri's side, who were weakened by the absence of several key players including striker Paulo Dybala and Alvaro Morata.

Stadiums are only open at 50% capacity in Italy, as per the government's guidelines, but the 19,934 fans crammed into the Allianz Stadium sensed an opportunity as Chelsea showed an unusual lack of composure in the early stages. Jorginho lasted just 62

minutes. Tuchel has only ever taken him off earlier than that in a game twice, a point that is perhaps more notable given Tuchel's penchant for early changes. He made another half-time intervention, introducing Ben Chilwell for Marcos Alonso, but this was not one of those occasions when Tuchel's tinkering had an immediate positive impact.

Quite the opposite, in fact.

Within 11 seconds, the lively Federico Chiesa thrashed a shot inside Edouard Mendy's near post and Juventus had the lead. Chelsea rallied thereafter but the damage had already been done, although Tuchel rejected the idea his team were physically below par.

"We had a day off and two very good training sessions where we looked very fresh and very hungry and ready for a bounce back," he said. "It is very difficult to put on a high rhythm against a team that defends so, so deep."

That is one interpretation, and surely the returns of N'Golo Kante and Mason Mount will go a long way to improve the team's energy levels, but it leaves Chelsea open to a familiar criticism of failing to take the chances they manage to create when enjoying more ball possession in matches.

Jorginho's exit was one

component of a triple change introducing Ruben Loftus-Cheek, Trevoh Chalobah and Callum Hudson-Odoi, who all provided fresh impetus -- added to late on by the surprise inclusion of Ross Barkley, especially with Saul Niguez an unused substitute once again -- but they ended the night with just one shot on target. This was chiefly due to Lukaku firing woefully off target when rolling Leonardo Bonucci in the box to have a clear chance on his left foot, and then Kai Havertz missing two good headed opportunities in the final 10 minutes.

Chelsea were able to win the Champions League last season despite missing such chances, but the early signs are they won't be able to defend their title unless they discover more bravery and conviction in front of goal.

"We have a shooting problem because if you don't shoot, they can't be on target," Tuchel said. "If you play a deep block like today, you can take shots. We found the spaces. I think there are some chances today we had late in the game where it is not so hard to find the target."

"We were totally sharp in training. Today it was not like this, I don't know why."

He needs to find out, and fast.

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Ronaldo rescue act delivers vital win for Solskjaer

MANCHESTER, England

MANCHESTER United can still do late drama. A game they should have lost ended in a 2-1 victory over Villarreal thanks to a winner deep into stoppage time from Cristiano Ronaldo.

It was one of those nights when United's No. 7 seemed so much on the periphery that Ole Gunnar Solskjaer could have substituted him at any point during the second half.

He will be glad he didn't. With the 36-year-old on the pitch, you never know, and with one swipe of his right boot in the fifth minute of injury time, a night that threatened to end in boos was bookended with chants of "Viva Ronaldo."

Importantly for Solskjaer, the Portuguese forward delivered a much-needed win after back-to-back defeats to West Ham and Aston Villa and got United up and running in Group F of the Champions League. Three defeats in four ahead of kick-off had brought the walls closing in, but for now, there is breathing space again.

"He's done that so many times," Solskjaer said of Ronaldo afterward. "You saw him against Ireland a month ago; he missed a penalty early, didn't touch the ball more or less and scored two great headers in the last minutes."

"That's what he's done throughout his career. He stays in the game. I've seen him all day, the way he's built up for this game, and when he gets



that one chance, it's a goal. He had a couple of half chances, but a true mark of a great finisher is that he keeps calm when the chance arrives," Solskjaer continued.

Despite Ronaldo's late intervention, it is not a performance that will quieten the United supporters who have already decided Solskjaer is not the right man for the job, but the Norwegian manager showed again he is an expert in getting a result when he needs one.

He has David De Gea to thank for that as much as his star striker. That the first half ended with Jadon Sancho and Bruno Fernandes arguing as they walked off said everything about how the first 45 minutes had gone.

Without any kind of control -- particularly down Villarreal's left, where Diogo Dalot struggled to contain Arnaut Danjuma -- De Gea was called on to make three world-class saves to keep the score at 0-0.

nally arrived.

Danjuma had Dalot chasing thin air again, and the former Bournemouth man crossed for Alcaccer that prevented the Spanish player from having to make another stop.

Solskjaer spent most of the half racing down the stairs of the home bench to poke his players into some kind of reaction, but it didn't come until a goal that had looked likely all night fi-

nally arrived.

Danjuma had Dalot chasing thin air again, and the former Bournemouth man crossed for Alcaccer that prevented the Spanish player from having to make another stop.

Ever a goal had been coming, it was this one, but it at least stirred something in the home side. Fernandes flicked a free kick toward Alex Telles, and the Brazil full-back, in for the injured Luke Shaw, thrashed his

volley into the bottom corner to score his first goal for the club.

It wasn't quite Paul Scholes against Bradford, but it was still skill and execution of the highest order, two things missing in the first half and during the majority of the defeat to Aston Villa on Saturday.

Sancho might have scored again minutes later but slipped at the vital moment. De Gea, though, wasn't done for the night and made another impressive save to stop Boulaye Dia bundling in a second for Villarreal.

"Thankfully, we had the best goalkeeper in the world tonight," Solskjaer said. "David was fantastic. They deserved to lead."

"David has really come back [after the summer] with a determination and work rate I enjoy. Again, he got a deserved outcome. He saved us tonight. We have to be realistic and say that."

Had De Gea not been at his best, Villarreal

would have been out of sight, and it would have been hard for Solskjaer to argue that his team had not got what they deserved.

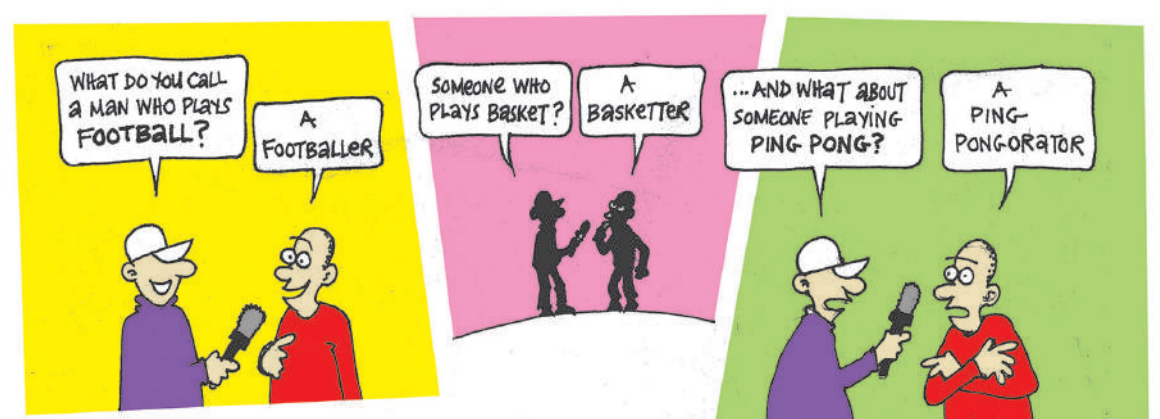
Instead, when the final whistle blew, he was throwing his arms up in celebration. In the last minute of five added on at the end, substitute Jesse Lingard got a vital toe on a loose ball in the box, and Ronaldo smashed it in from a tight angle.

It was his 12th Champions League goal in the 90th minute or later -- double any other player in the competition's history -- and was the perfect way to mark Ronaldo's first game in the tournament for United at Old Trafford since the 2009 semifinal against Arsenal.

He is here to get Solskjaer's team back to that level; and while it wasn't a performance to inspire confidence that can happen this season, with Ronaldo on the pitch, you just never know.

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Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Dar es Salaam's Bluefins swimmer, Delbert Ipilinga, competes in a recent National Open Championships held at the Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club swimming pool. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

Dar's Bluefins swimmers hold sway in National Open Swimming Championship

By Guardian Reporter

SWIMMERS from Dar es Salaam side, Bluefins Swim Club, have broken numerous records at the just-ended National Open Swimming Championship which was held at the Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club swimming pool.

According to the results, 17-year-old Aaron Akwenda led the list by breaking five records in the 100m Breaststroke, 100m Individual Medley, 50m Breaststroke, 200m Individual Medley, and also in the 100m Backstroke event.

He was followed by the fellow swimmer, 12-year-old Christian Fernandes, who broke three records.

Fernandes broke records in the 50m and 100m Breaststroke and the 100m Individual Medley events.

The 14-year-old swimmers, Delbert Ipilinga, also broke two records in the 50m and 100m Breaststroke in his age category.

Another prominent swimmer, Natalia Ladha, also broke one record while putting a new record in the 800m Freestyle event after clocking 10:26:99.

In the team events, Bluefins' swimmers also broke the records in the category of Mixed 15 years and Over 200m Medley Relay, women's 400m Freestyle Relay, and also in the men's 400m Freestyle Relay.

Seven swimmers from Bluefins were also overall trophy winners in their respective age categories.

Zainab Moosajee was second runner-up in the girls 9-10 age category after winning two gold and five bronze medals while Filbertha Demello was the overall winner in the girls 11-12 years after winning six gold and 1 Silver and one bronze medals.

Lina Goyayi won one gold, three silver, and four bronze medals and was the second runner-up in the same category.

In the girls aged 13-14 years age category, Natalia Ladha claimed the first runner-up position after winning three gold and three silver medals, while Ipilinga clinched the first runner-up position after winning three gold, two silver, and three bronze medals.

Sarah Shariff was the overall winner in the girls aged 15 & over category after winning six gold medals and one silver medal and she was followed by Muskan Gaikwad, also from Bluefins, in the first runner-up position. Muskan won six silver medals.

Other swimmers from Bluefins who won medals were Akwenda with two gold, two silver, and three bronze, 11-year-old Maryam Ipilinga won three silver and one bronze.

Sahal Harunani won two silver and three bronze in the boys 13-14 years age category and Christian Fernandes won two bronze medals.

Bluefins swimmers also won medals in the team events in the age 9-14 years mixed medley relay (silver) and the same event (gold) in the mixed 15 & over category.

In the 400m Freestyle open Relay, Bluefins men's team won the bronze medal while the women's team won silver.

Bluefins won the overall women's events after collecting 938 points and were in overall third position in the men's events after accumulating 749 points.

Simba SC seeks redemption, Dodoma Jiji FC aims at Premier League top



Simba SC forwards, John Bocco (L), and Meddie Kagere (R) seek to outwit Biashara United's defender as the clubs faced off in this season's Mainland Premier League tie held at Karume Stadium in Mara last weekend. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

SIMBA SC head coach, Didier Gomes da Rosa, will today be expecting a reaction from his boys when they are entertained by Dodoma Jiji FC at the Jamhuri Stadium, Dodoma, in one of only two fixtures as the 2021/22 Mainland Tanzania Premier League enters matchday two.

The Msimbazi Street outfit was held to a frustrating 0-0 draw by hosts, Biashara United, on Tuesday in the opening match of the season, which was held in Musoma.

Failure to beat Dodoma Jiji FC will be detrimental to Simba SC's chances of defending the title despite it being early in the season.

Gomes will be out to remove

all doubts regarding his side's credentials for another triumph by making sure his side gets back on track.

Last season Simba SC re-

corded three victories over Dodoma Jiji FC.

Ahead of today's clash, Simba SC assistant coach Selemani Matola expressed

confidence in bouncing back from the opening draw early this week.

The coach disclosed: "We know that we drew the last

game but we are well prepared for a tough campaign, every team is decent. We are prepared to win against Dodoma Jiji FC."

"Unfortunately, Shomari Kapombe won't be part of the game after picking an injury against Biashara United."

"We have worked on our mistakes. We created chances but were unable to finish them. We have worked on part of the game to ensure we pick maximum points today."

Dodoma Jiji FC, meanwhile, will be hoping for more of the same after opening its campaign with a 1-0 triumph over Ruvo Shooting at Jamhuri Stadium on Tuesday afternoon.

The midfielder, Cleophae Mkandala, bagged the all-important goal for Dodoma Jiji FC in the first half.

At Karume Stadium in Musoma, hosts, Biashara United, will take on Ruvo Shooting with both sides in search of their first win of the 2021/22 campaign that began on Monday.

In head-to-head stats, Biashara United and Ruvo Shooting have met in six league matches since 2018/19.

Biashara United has claimed two wins compared to one for Ruvo Shooting, while three matches have ended in a draw.

NTS Bosch Gymkhana thumps Harab Motors Pak Stars in DC Caravans T20 Cup

By Guardian Reporter

POSTING a win over the formidable Harab Motors Pak Stars seemed to be an unimaginable feat for NTS Bosch Gymkhana, given the former has dominated all games played so far.

The team went from strength to strength after pulling off a very impressive win against holders, Aruti Aces, during last week's match in this season's Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup.

Harab Motors Pak Stars were set to take on NTS Bosch Gymkhana in the former's last game of the group stage.

While Harab Motors Pak Stars had already qualified for the knockout phase, a win would ensure that they could qualify as the group leaders.

However, NTS Bosch Gymkhana cricketers were not ready to give up yet as they took on Harab Motors Pak Stars on Sunday at the Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club oval.

NTS Bosch Gymkhana won the toss and decided to field, limiting Harab Motors Pak Stars to 145 runs in 20 overs, losing five wickets.

Harab Motors Pak Stars boasts one of the strongest batting line-ups of the tournament, made up of, among others, the Tata International Orange Cap holder, Zafar Khan, and big-hitter Nisar Ahmed.

Opener Ahmed had to depart early for just four runs which put a dent in the batting side's hopes.



RAS Logistics's Managing Director, Vijay Nair (L), presents NTS Bosch Gymkhana's cricketer, Kheel Suchak, with the Colourflex Man of the Match prize once the latter's side locked horns with Harab Motors Pak Stars in 2021 Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup clash, which was played last weekend. PHOTO: COURTESY OF CARAVANS CRICKET CLUB

However, a well-seasoned Zafar Khan and youthful Ivan Ismail scored 59 runs from 46 deliveries and 24 runs from 19 deliveries respectively to take the target to 146 runs.

The score seemed well above par considering that NTS Bosch Gymkhana had struggled in the tournament until then.

However, with all to play for, they showcased one of the best chasing efforts in the Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup.

Openers, Kheel Suchak and Amit Raghuvanshi nailed unbeaten 61 runs from 57 and 38 runs from 25 respectively to take the game away from the favourites.

The bowling side was unable to find a way to dismiss Suchak, who took NTS Bosch Gymkhana to victory and ensured that he went home with the Colourflex Man of the Match prize.

These results meant that Aruti Aces would top Group A with a win over FMED Upanga, which they managed to secure with ease.

NTS Bosch Gymkhana will take on FMED Upanga in the last match of Group A this weekend.

With both teams having been knocked out of the tournament, this match will, for that matter, be all about garnering the bragging rights.

The DC Caravans T20 Cup has been held annually since 2015. Petrofuel Limited is the title sponsor of this year's tournament and is joined by Colourflex, TATA International, and Pepsi as the co-sponsors.

This year's tournament features the top 10 teams in the country playing under the franchise model with each team being backed by top corporates in the country.

The teams include Aurobindo Aga Khan SC, Horizon Teleports Annadil Burhani, Honest Logistics SKLPSC, Balakrishna Strikers and hosts, Alliance Caravans.

Aruti Aces, Kaon Lions, Harab Motors Pak Stars, NTS Bosch Gymkhana, and FMED Upanga are the other contenders.

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