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Bioethanol set to provide clean cooking solutions

By Guardian Correspondent

A grand project aimed at providing clean cooking solutions to half a million households in Dar es Salaam over a period of five years has been launched. The project is worth over 2.5bn/- (US\$1.2 million).

A ceremony to inaugurate the landmark project dubbed "Promotion of Bioethanol as a clean alternative fuel for cooking in Tanzania" was held yesterday at the TIB Development Bank head offices in Dar es Salaam.

Lilian Mbassy, the bank's director of managed funds, said TIB as a national Development Finance Institution (DFI) is mandated to drive several initiatives to promote national economic growth and realize various national development policies and initiatives.

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development partners like UNIDO in this case,' she said.

The project is aimed at enabling households to shift from charcoal and other wood fuels into bioethanol, in line with the government's goal to reduce deforestation and it is thus supported by UNIDO in collaboration with the Vice President's Office Division of Environment.

It is also aimed at supporting sustainable cooking stoves and bioethanol industrial value chains, which involves contract signing with Consumer's Choice Ltd, an appointed distributor of the cooking stoves and ethanol in targeted pilot areas.

TIB welcomes development partners with financial resources and developmental objectives to benefit from the TIB Fund Management Services, she said, highlighting the bank's track record in that field.

"Taking into account TIB's good reputation, experience of over 10 years in fund management, the bank has reasonable fees whilst focusing on the creation of sustainable development impact to the targeted communities."

On his part, UNIDO Representative

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Majaliwa to lead burial ceremony



Police officers pave the way for the vehicle procession with the casket bearing the body of late Dr. Reginald Abraham Mengi at Bomang'ombe area along the Arusha-Moshi highway in Hai District yesterday. Photo: Godfrey Mushi

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By Guardian Reporters

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa will today lead mourners in the burial ceremony of the late Executive Chairman of IPP Dr Reginald Mengi at his Machame home in Hai district, Kilimanjaro region.

A statement released yesterday by the Prime Minister's Office said the premier will lead the government delegation in the ceremony which will include a requiem mass at the Kisereni Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT) in Machame.

On Tuesday, President John Magufuli led thousands of mourners who paid last respect to the remains of Dr Mengi in Dar es Salaam and the body was transported to Kilimanjaro yesterday where it will be laid to rest today.

Businesses came to a standstill in Moshi town and neighbouring centres for better part of the day as the hearse carrying the body drove from the Kilimanjaro International Airport (KIA) to Machame.



Later in the afternoon the body of the late Dr Mengi will be returned to his Nkku Sinde village where the burial ceremony will be conducted at Kisereni

Residents of Kia, Bomang'ombe, kwa Sadala, Machine Tools and Nshara centre dotted both sides of the road as the hearse passed, with others following the car all the way to Machame.

As many cried, others burst in songs while others kissed the vehicle carrying the body. A good number were seen singing celebratory songs, saying they were celebrating the life of Dr Mengi who was a revered philanthropist in the country.

The body arrived at KIA at 9:40am aboard Precision Air and was received by leaders including Kilimanjaro Regional Commissioner Anna Mghwira, district commissioners from the region as well as MPs.

Funeral proceedings drawn up by Kilimanjaro regional authorities and the bereaved family representatives show that mourners will pay their last respects and the burial ceremony being conducted at the family graveyard at Kisereni, Nkku Sinde village of Machame East ward in Hai district.

In the morning, the body of the late Dr

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Fight against poverty was from the heart

By Guardian Reporter

FORMER Prime Minister Edward Lowassa and Bishop Dr Frederick Shoo, Head of the Evangelical Lutheran in Tanzania (ELCT) have described the late Executive Chairman of the IPP Group of Companies, Dr Reginald Mengi as a patriot whose fight against poverty was from the heart.

In his condolence message, Lowassa said



For his part, Bishop Dr Shoo said Dr Mengi was a gift from God and that the church will always cherish his memory

the late Dr Mengi was supporting people's endeavours towards development and poverty eradication.

Dr Mengi lived his life for the poor and hated poverty, which he combated by numerous actions and initiatives, he said.

"He has contributed enormously to the country's development. He was wholeheartedly supporting the less

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SADC chairmanship awaits JPM, hosting 39th summit

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE government has challenged entrepreneurs to prepare for business opportunities during the upcoming 39th Southern African Development Cooperation (SADC) annual summit to be hosted by Tanzania.

Addressing reporters in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Minister for Foreign Affairs and East

African Cooperation Prof Palamagamba Kabudi said the summit will bring together heads of state from 16 countries, regional secretariats and other delegates. It is scheduled to take place in Dar es Salaam in August.

President Dr John Magufuli is expected to take over the chairmanship of the bloc at the

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summit from Namibian President Dr Hage Geingob, Prof Kabudi noted.

The summit will be preceded by the fourth SADC industrialization week in the city, jointly organized by the ministries of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation and Industry, Trade and Investment.

Prof Kabudi said the 4th SADC Industrialization Week resonates with the country's dream of becoming an industrialized nation by 2025.

"The summit brings immense business opportunities that our entrepreneurs must grab and make the most of, especially the hospitality and tourism sectors.

"I call on all of you to utilise the opportunity to promote businesses and therefore bolster individual development, income as well as the national economy," he urged.

Tanzania hosted the same summit in 2003 during the presidency of a former foreign minister, Benjamin Mkapa who also took its chair at that time.

The minister noted that in the last SADC summit, Tanzania was represented by Vice President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

Countries expected to attend are Angola, Botswana, Comoros, Democratic Republic of Congo, Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe and the host country.

Prof Kabudi (pictured) hinted that ravages of Cyclone Ida which affected Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe will be among the top agenda in the summit.

For his part, the SADC Deputy Executive Secretary for Corporate Affairs, Ambassador Joseph Nourrice said "it is great pleasures to be here, to come and discuss with the host country how the summit will take place."

The secretariat will work closely with the Tanzanian government in all stages of preparations to deliver the summit and make it a successfully event, he said.

Last year's summit was held in

Windhoek, Namibia where it was decided that Tanzania would host the next annual summit of SADC member states.

The two day summit on August 17 to 18 nominated President Magufuli as Vice Chairman of SADC up to the next summit, thus Dr Magufuli will assume the chairmanship of SADC during the 39th summit.

The two day summit will be focused on the theme "Promoting Infrastructure Development and Youth Empowerment for Sustainable Development."

The theme builds on the focus of the past four SADC summits that sought to advance industrial development. It also takes into account the need for adequate infrastructure to support industrialization and engaging the youth, as they are the bulk of the SADC population.

The Namibian president assumed the leadership of the regional organization from his South African counterpart Cyril Ramaphosa during the 38th SADC Summit, and is expected to welcome its newest member, the Union of the Comoros.



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Prime Minister, Kassim Majaliwa (R) shakes hands with DCB Commercial Bank Plc managing director, Godfrey Ndalalwa, shortly after the MD paid a courtesy call at the Prime Minister's Bunge office in Dodoma on Monday. Looking on is DCB head of marketing and communications, Rahma Ngassa. Photo: PMO

LILONGWE

A judge in Malawi has sentenced the murderer of an albino teenager to death, saying the unprecedented penalty could help end a spree of similar killings linked to the country's general election.

Willard Mikaele was told he would hang for the strangling and ritualistic dismemberment of Mphatso Pensulo, who was 19 when he was lured into his killer's house with a promise of juice and biscuits in 2017.

Pensulo's murder was one of at least 25 documented killings of albinos since 2014, a spree that has spread terror through Malawi's 10,000-strong community and raised troubling questions about the country's political culture.

Albinos, who suffer from a genetic

Malawi man who killed albino to 'get rich' sentenced to death

condition that bleaches the skin, eyes and hair white, have long been the victims of a widely held superstition that their bones and innards contain magical properties which bring luck and material wealth.

But albino-rights activists believe that the trade in albino body parts is driven by politicians, who are among the few who can afford the thousands of dollars involved it takes to pay off hitmen and witchdoctors.

A surge in killings was noted before Malawi's last election in 2014, with another reported in recent months as the country again goes to the polls

a fortnight on Tuesday. Politicians themselves privately admit the practice takes place, saying their colleagues use charms made of albino remains in the belief it will help them win their seats.

There is no indication that Mr Pensulo's killing was linked to politicians. His murderer was a rich businessman who had been told by a medicine man that killing an albino was a path "to get rich fast", Justice Maclean Kamwambe said.

The death penalty is rare – and has not been carried out since 1994 – but Justice Kamwambe said it was merited

in order to protect the country's albino minority.

"There will be times when the death sentence shall be unavoidable due to the circumstances and it should be reserved for such occasions," he told the court.

The Association for People with Albinism in Malawi, the country's leading albino activist group, did not comment on the ruling, but it has previously said that albinos will only be safe if the real masterminds behind the killings are identified and convicted.

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Mengi will be removed from Nkwawero Machame and brought to ELCT central Moshi parish where residents of Kilimanjaro Region will have an opportunity to pay their last respects before the funeral mass is conducted.

Later in the afternoon the body of the late Dr Mengi will be returned to his Nkuu Sinda village where the burial ceremony will be conducted at Kisereni.

The funeral mass will be conducted by ELCT head, Bishop Dr Frederick Shoo assisted by retired ELCT bishops Dr Erasto Kweka and Dr Martin Shao.

Other leading clerics who will grace the ceremony include Arusha Catholic Archbishop Isaac Amari.

Dr Mengi died in Dubai, UAE, last week having served in numerous prominent positions in the Tanzania private sector, including being the chairman of the Media Owners Association of Tanzania (MOAT) until his demise.

Though he had little interest in politics, his views were always respected. He believed in the private sector as an engine of economic growth.

At the Tuesday national last respects ceremony in Dar es Salaam, retired and current senior government officials, private sector executives and envoys from foreign missions were among a massive crowd that thronged the Karimjee Hall, while thousands followed the event from outside the venue and millions via radio and television.

Tanzania Episcopal Conference (TEC) Secretary General Dr Charles Kitima said Dr Mengi touched the lives of many Tanzanians in various ways.

He said he has personally lost a true friend who helped the country in many ways, including serving the needy.

Speaking on behalf of the government, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, East Africa, Regional and International Cooperation Prof Palamagamba Kabudi said Dr Mengi's death was a big blow to the nation.

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Stephen Kargbo emphasized that the clean cooking project will also help to reduce health hazards associated with indoor air pollution mostly affecting women and children.

The project will also help create micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and decent jobs along two new industrial value chains, he stated.

UNIDO will continue to support the government in various development projects especially those related to industrial development, he declared.

The project's ultimate goal is to stimulate assembly, eventual manufacturing and marketing of cooking stoves, and the production and distribution of bio-ethanol from mostly agricultural waste including sugar cane molasses and cashew apple, the representative observed.

The initial phase of the project is

financed by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and is being implemented together with partner institutions including the Ministry of Energy, TIB Development Bank, the Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) and the Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF).

The first phase of the roll out aims at distributing ethanol cooking stoves to 110,000 households over a period of 18 months.

Consumer's Choice Ltd which was identified through a competitive international tender will be responsible for distribution of stoves and fuel during the first phase.

A subsidy scheme for the stoves is expected to facilitate the technology adoption by targeted households, with UNIDO appointing TIB Development Bank as the local manager of the project subsidy scheme.



National Environment Management Council (NEMC) board of directors chairman Prof Esnati Chaggu (R) in a jovial mood with the UNEP secretariat for the Nairobi Convention, senior manager Sinikesh Beyene (L) and NEMC director of research and ecological system management, Joseph Kombe during the one-day workshop on sustainable ocean resources management in and beyond eastern Africa in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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fortunate," the former premier noted in his message.

For his part, Bishop Dr Shoo said Dr Mengi was a gift from God and that the church will always cherish his memory.

"He was a gift from God. Many people have spoken on how he touched their lives," said the bishop.

"May Almighty God bless Dr Mengi's

family and all the people who showed up for funeral proceedings," he said.

"We thank God for him and his life which was devoted to the disadvantaged," he added.

On Tuesday, a veteran diplomat, Ambassador Juma Mwapachu described the late Mengi as someone who had a strong conviction that all the money he had accumulated in his career and business was divine

blessing.

Dr Mwapachu, a former EAC Secretary General, said Mengi was a friend for a period of 38 years. "During the days, I came to realize that he believed in a number of key principles."

Dr Mengi died on Thursday last week at a hospital in Dubai, in the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

The late IPP Executive Chairman will be laid to rest tomorrow at his ancestral

village in Machame, Hai District in Kilimanjaro Region.

Dr Mengi also served as chairman of the Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (2013 - 2018) and continued to be a board member.

At different times, he also served as chairman of the National Environment Management Council Tanzania (NEMC) and the East Africa Business Council (EABC).

By Guardian Reporter

Tanzanian student drowns in USA

A 22-year-old Tanzanian, Allen Buberwa, drowns Monday night in the Buffalo National River, according to a news release from Newton County Sheriff Glenn Wheeler.

Authorities received a call at 6 p.m. Monday night of a swimmer in distress at a popular Pruitt swimming hole on the Buffalo River. Upon arriving, authorities were told the victim had not been seen for several minutes. People on scene said two men swam across the river to use a

rope swing on the other side. Buberwa and another person were watching the pair when Buberwa slipped and fell into the water and immediately became distressed, according to the news release.

The person standing with Buberwa jumped in to try to assist Buberwa but also immediately became distressed. The two men who swam across to the rope swing swam back and were able to rescue one person but never made contact with Buberwa.

According to the news release, Buberwa, who was attending North Arkansas College, never resurfaced after going under.

Authorities then began the process of recovering Buberwa's body.

Wheeler said personnel from the Newton County Sheriff's Office, Newton County OEM, National Park Service, BUFSAR, Mennonite Disaster Services, Christian Action Ministries, Harrison Fire and Rescue, North

Arkansas Regional Medical Center EMS, Air Evac Life Team, the American Red Cross, Jasper Fire Department, Hasty Fire Department, Kooked Kreek Fire Department and Mount Sherman Fire Department all responded to assist in searching for Buberwa.

Divers located the body shortly after 11 p.m. and Newton County Coroner Cody Middleton pronounced him dead at the scene a short time later. Wheeler said Buberwa's family, both in Tanzania and here in the United States, were notified of his death.

"This is such a tragic situation," Wheeler said. "This young man was here to further his education and

had his entire life in front of him. Our prayers go out to his family and friends."

When emergencies arise in wilderness of Newton County, many agencies often respond. In Buberwa's case, some 14 agencies responded to the scene, Wheeler noted.

"We were able to put a lot of moving parts from a lot of different entities together in a very short period of time," said Wheeler. "The working relationship we have with these other agencies and the amazing servant's hearts so many from our community have enabled us to bring swift closure to this sad situation. I can never thank our fellow responders enough for all they do."



Driving slowly and steadily through fast-moving water, such as at a flooded Jangwani bridge in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

Open access journal to raise East African region's research visibility

By Guardian Reporter and Agencies

AFTER two years in the pipeline, the East African Journal of Science, Technology and Innovation (EAJSTI), a regional, peer-reviewed, open access journal, has taken its first concrete steps towards publishing its first edition.

The multidisciplinary quarterly journal owned by the six partner states of Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi and South Sudan that form the East African Community (EAC), was launched at a high-level event held recently in Kampala, Uganda. An official call for papers for the first edition was also made.

The journal is a product of a partnership between the East African Science and Technology

Commission (EASTECO), the Inter-University Council for East Africa and the Nelson Mandela African Institute of Science and Technology of Tanzania.

It aims to raise the visibility of the region's scientific research and researchers and provide a platform to disseminate such research and technological findings to other researchers, professionals and industry. It will publish papers in areas such as agriculture; food security and rural development; natural resources and environmental management; health and well-being science; infrastructure, energy and industrial development; and information communications and technology.

At the event presided over by

David Obong, Uganda's permanent secretary for the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation, the journal's editorial board, consisting of 20 members including three associate editors, was also officially inaugurated.

It has Professor George Gitau of the University of Nairobi's faculty of veterinary medicine as editor-in-chief, Dr Sylvance Okoth of EASTECO as managing editor and has drawn 12 of its 20 members from universities.

"The treaty for the establishment of the East African Community identifies science, technology and innovation as key drivers of socio-economic development," said the permanent secretary.

"Our region's common market protocol encourages cooperation

among partner states in research and development to facilitate socio-economic development and enhance regional integration through science, technology and innovation," Obong added.

With the coming of the journal the EAC region was looking forward to the production of regular, reliable and high quality scientific papers that will enhance, advance and disseminate scientific, technological and innovative knowledge for the socio-economic development of the region, he said.

During the launch, the editor-in-chief invited scientists and graduate students to submit manuscripts based on original scientific research, in particular those that "demonstrated new scientific technologies and innovations".

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DAR ES SALAAM SECONDARY EDUCATION SOCIETY

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held on Saturday, 18th May, 2019 at 11:00 a.m at Shaaban Robert Secondary School.

HON. SECRETARY.




The Board, Management and Staff of REPOA are deeply saddened by the untimely demise of

Dr. Reginald Abraham Mengi

We wish to convey our heartfelt condolences to the family, friends and employees of IPP Group of Companies and the Media Community. REPOA will continue to cherish the legacy left behind by Dr. Mengi of promoting socio-economic transformation, inclusion and improving the lives of all Tanzanians by continuing to undertake research and promoting the use of research-based evidence by all development stakeholders.

May his soul rest in Eternal peace.




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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

TENDER TITLE: BASELINE FOR THE EAST AFRICA COMMUNITY (EAC) LOGISTICS SECTOR SKILLS ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME


TENDER NUMBER: PRQ20180859

The Federation of East African Freight Forwarders Associations (FEAFFA) is rolling out the second phase of the East Africa Customs and Freight Forwarding Practicing Certificate (EACFFPC) training intervention for clearing agents, freight forwarders and warehouse in East Africa under the with support from Trademark East Africa under the EAC Logistics Sector Skills Enhancement Programme. In light of this, FEAFFA is seeking to engage services of a consultant to conduct a baseline prior to the start of the project in order to provide baseline data for the project.

Terms of reference for this assignment and the Request for Proposals (RFP) document can be obtained at <http://www.trademarkea.com/get-involved/procurement/>. All queries quoting the above Tender Title and Number should be emailed to procurement@trademarkea.com. The closing date for submissions is **31 May 2019**.

Applications are open only to consultancy firms/consortiums. Interested and qualified consultancy firms/consortiums must submit their proposals via TMEA procurement mailbox at the address procurement@trademarkea.com.

TMEA cannot answer any query relating to this tender 5 days or less prior to the submission deadline.



Growing Prosperity Through Trade

PICTORIAL - ARRIVAL OF THE BODY OF DR REGINALD MENGI AT THE KILIMANJARO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT



Special vehicle ready for carrying the casket bearing the body of late Dr. Reginald Mengi shortly after arriving at the Kilimanjaro International Airport (KIA), yesterday. | photos Godfrey Mushi



Mourners stand along the road waiting to view the arrival and procession for the body of Dr. Mengi.



Nshara primary school pupils standing along Machame road witnessing the vehicle procession carrying Dr. Mengi's body.



Bomangombe township residents placing khanga on the road as a sign of respect for the deceased.



Mourners struggle to have a glimpse of the vehicle carrying the body of Dr. Mengi.



Police officers pave way for the vehicle carrying the body of Dr. Reginald Abraham Mengi at Kwa Sadala area.



Mourners line up along the Arusha- Moshi highway waiting to view the procession and paying respects to the late Dr. Mengi.



Tanzania Red Cross officials on standby for any emergency.

Nations meet in Dar to domesticate Africa mining vision in Tanzania

By Correspondent James Kandoya

SEVENTY leaders and experts from the public and the private sector in the country and abroad are today meeting in Dar es Salaam to discuss ways to domesticate the Africa Mining Vision in Tanzania.

According to UONGOZI Institute, the forum has organized by Ministry for Minerals in collaboration with Uongozi Institute and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on "Enhancing National Ownership in the Mining Sector: Domesticating the Africa Mining Vision."

According to statement circulated to the media from UONGOZI Institute, the participants are from Botswana, Nigeria, Kenya, Ghana, Uganda, Lesotho and the host country (Tanzania).

The forum seeks to further address the extent to which policies and the regulatory regime in the Tanzania's mineral sector are aligned with the Africa Mining Vision (AMV) principles, and to propose the roadmap and strategy for formulating a country mining vision.

The keynote address will be delivered by the Minister for Minerals, Doto Biteko.

The statement mentioned other participants in the forum as academia and the Civil Societies.

The Uongozi institute CEO Prof Joseph Semboja (pictured) said "Participants will share experiences and discuss effective approaches for enhancing national ownership in the mining sector, as well as the domestication of the AMV in Tanzania and across the

region."

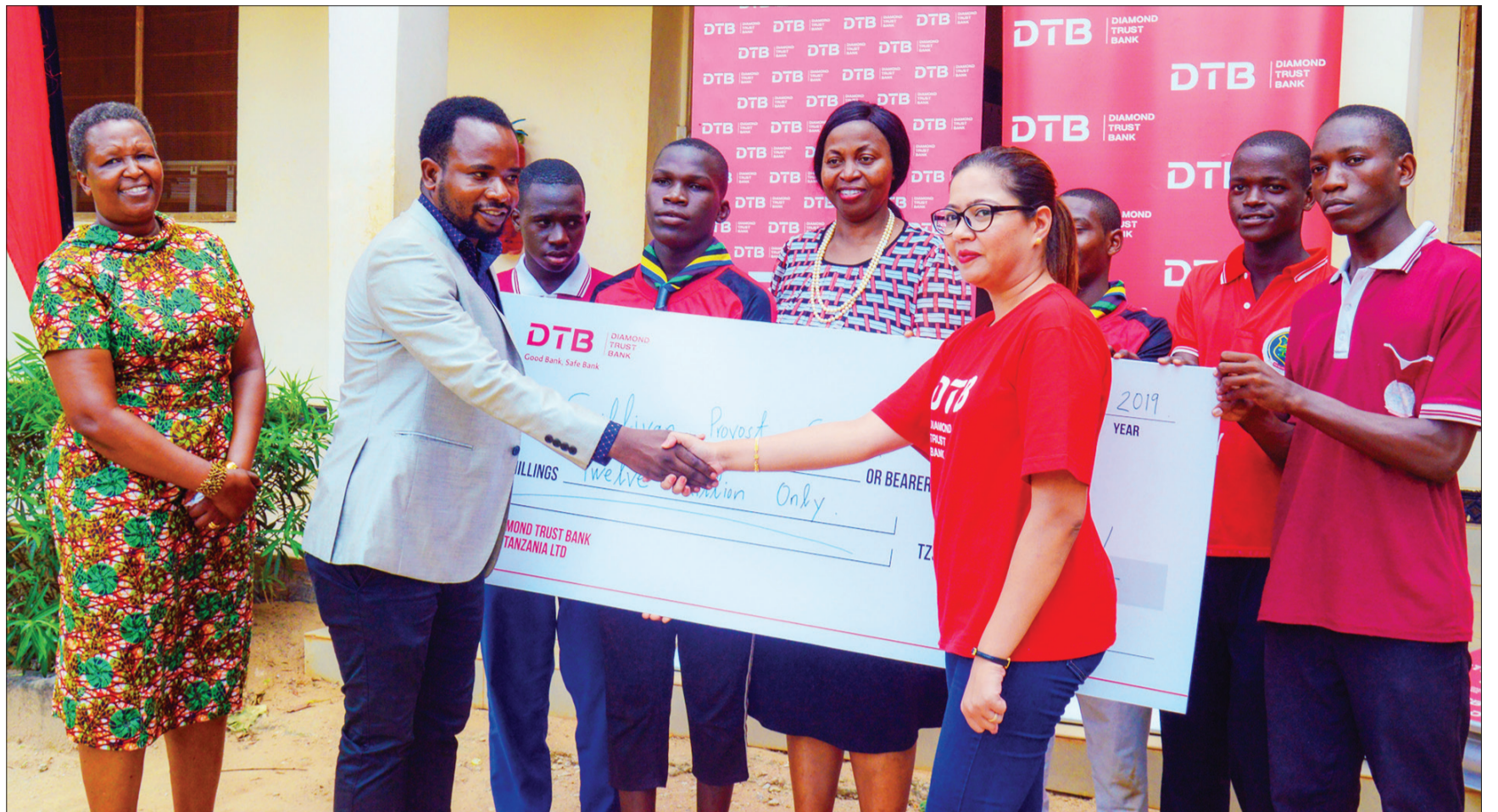
UONGOZI Institute, a government institute established by the Government of Tanzania, exists to support African leaders to attain sustainable development for their nation and for Africa.

"We seek to inspire leaders and promote the recognition of the important role of leadership in sustainable development".

UONGOZI Institute delivers training and organises forums and discussions with the aim of bringing leaders and experts together to share their knowledge on issues of relevance to leadership and sustainable development.



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DTB-Tanzania principal officer Shahista Adam (R) hands over a dummy cheque worth 12m/- to the Sullivan Provost boys secondary school headmaster Alex Nicholas Sibuti to support secondary education scholarship for five boys from Kurasini Children's Centre. The event was held at the school in Kibaha Coast region yesterday. Looking on are the school managing director Rachel Mwalukasa (C) and the centre's matron Beatrice Mgumiro. Photo: DTB

Josephat Gwajima distances himself from porn video

By Guardian Reporter

THE Dar es Salaam-based Archbishop of Glory of Christ Tanzania Church (GCTC), Josephat Gwajima yesterday distanced himself from a sex video circulating on social media platforms, saying it was fabricated by the unknown people, who wanted to tarnish his image before the public.

His reaction came a day when a video clip bearing a face suspected to be his went viral on different social media platforms.

Yesterday Gwajima called a press

conference at his church located in Ubungu area, where he said that those, who prepared and posted the video had ill motives.

The founder of the church is popularly known as 'Ufufuo na Uzima' said that there were some crooked people who want to silence him during next year's elections.

He described the move as 'character assassination' saying: "People know that I am a decent husband, father and a religious leader, who leads over 400 churches across the country."

Without disclosing the name,

Gwajima said he is aware of the person, who is behind the matter and vowed to fight him.

"I had already reported the matter to the authorities including Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) and the police force," he said, terming the incident as an attack on his church and ministry.

Gwajima further queried the reason as why somebody targets him, saying: "But my understanding is that he wants to shut me up, something, which he will not achieve."

According to his biography,

Gwajima is an International anointed preacher. He has preached in many African countries, the United States of America, more than 10 countries in Europe including the United Kingdom, Germany and Swiss, in Asian continent he massively preached in Japan, Korea, China and many others. He is used by God to destroy works of darkness that destroy people's lives, and set them free from the bondages of the devil and his demons. He teaches the word of God which is the greatest weapon to set people free from all kinds of oppression.



THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF ZANZIBAR
MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND PLANNING

INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT PROJECT FOR DOMESTIC RESOURCE
MOBILIZATION AND NATURAL RESOURCE GOVERNANCE (ISP-DRM-NRG)

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

ISPG/DRMNRG/ZNZ/AFDB/QCBS/10/2019 For the Development and Deployment of Integrated Operationalisation Software for Zanzibar Utilities Regulatory Authority -ZURA

**Financing Agreement reference: 2100150037346
Project ID No.: P-TZ-KFO-006**

This Request for Expressions of Interest follows the General Procurement Notice for this project which was published in the UN Development Business (UNDB online) and the African Development Bank's Internet Website (www.afdb.org) on 30th November, 2017.

The Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar has received financing from the African Development Bank toward the cost of the Institutional Support Project for Domestic Resource Mobilization and Natural Resource Governance (ISP-DRM-NRG) and intends to apply part of the agreed amount for this loan to payments under the contract for Consultancy Services for the "Consultancy Services for Development and Deployment of Integrated Operationalisation Software for Zanzibar Utilities Regulatory Authority -ZURA"

The objective of the assignment includes services but not limited to develop a comprehensive database and Integrated Regulated Systems (IRS) to support effective processing, storage and sharing of information, develop standard procedures and guidelines for maintaining the database, and the integrated system. The consultant will also be required to build capacity within ZURA to use and maintain the developed database and systems.

The duration for the implementation of this assignment is Eight months (8).

The Ministry of Finance and Planning now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). Consultants may constitute joint-ventures to enhance their chances of qualification.

Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank's "Rules and Procedures for the use of Consultants" Edition May 2008, Revised July 2012, which is available on the Bank's website at <http://www.afdb.org>.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours; 7:30am to 3:30pm local time. Days not include public holiday.

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below by 29th May 2019 at 10:00am Local time and mentioned on the envelope "Expression of Interests for Consultancy Services for "Development and Deployment of Integrated Operationalisation Software for Zanzibar Utilities Regulatory Authority -ZURA"

Late Expressions of Interest shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.

Attn: Project Coordinator ISP-DRMNRG,
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MOBILIZATION AND NATURAL RESOURCE GOVERNANCE (ISP-DRM-NRG)

SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE (SPN)
OPEN COMPETITIVE BIDDING - NATIONAL (OCB-NATIONAL)

SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, COMMISSIONING AND TRAINING OF
CENTRALIZED CONTACT CENTER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (CCMS)
FOR ZANZIBAR REVENUE BOARD

ISPG/DRMNRG/ZNZ/AFDB/G10/NCB/2019

1. This Specific procurement notice follows the General Procurement Notice for this project which was published in the UN Development Business (UNDB online) and the African Development Bank's Internet Website (www.afdb.org) on 30th November, 2017.

2. The Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar has received Financing from the African Development Bank in various currencies towards the cost of Institutional Support Project for Domestic Resource Mobilization and Natural Resource Governance (ISP-DRM-NRG). It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for Supply, Installation, Commissioning and user training of centralized contact center management system (CCMS) for Zanzibar Revenue Board (ZRB).

3. The Ministry of Finance and Planning now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply, installation, configuration and commissioning of a computerized and web-enabled ZRB Contact Center Management Solution and Customer Relationship Management (CRMS) software that covers a broad set of applications designed to help managing businesses process and not limited from the customer data, customer interaction and access business information in ZRB (Unguja and Pemba).

LIST OF REQUIREMENTS

The main objective of the assignment is to supply, setup and installation of Centralized Call Center with Customer Relationship Management (CRM) System and Hardware Deployment & Managed back-office Services with Mobile CRM Application for Zanzibar Revenue Board, which is cost effective, user friendly and functionality based that responds to the ZRB needs and fit for purpose.

The supplied CCMS AND CRMS must be able to accept calls from all networks and routed to available or next available Contact Center agent, the CCMS AND CRMS must have at minimum the following functionalities:

- Support 10 Contact Center Agents
- Inbound and Outbound Campaigns
- Automatic Call Distribution
- Interactive Voice Response
- Distributed Teams
- Comprehensive Reports
- Online Realtime Call and Agent Status Monitoring
- Ability to Connect with SIP Gateway
- Ability to Connect with ISDN PRI E1 Lines
- Workforce Management
- Comprehensive Customer Relationship

Management Tool with SLA Tracking and Escalations

4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the bidding documents at the office of; Project Coordinator ISP-DRMNRG, Ministry of Finance and Planning, P.O. Box 1154, 12Keneth Kaunda Road 71402 Urban West, Vuga, Zanzibar. Tel: +255 777 468 886/+255 777 470 557 E-mail: caliphansaid@yahoo.com or alimwalim@gmail.com

5. A complete set of bidding documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders from the above address and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Tanzanian Shillings One Hundred Thousand Only (TZS: 100,000.00) or equivalent in a convertible currency. Payable in Cash, Banker's Draft, or Banker's Cheque to the Bank Name: The People's Bank of Zanzibar Ltd, Name of Account: Ministry of Finance Revenue Account, Branch: Forodhani, Account Number: 021101000176.

6. The provisions in the Instructions to Bidders and in the General Conditions of Contract are the provisions of the African Development Bank Standard Bidding Document: Procurement of Goods.

7. All bids in one original plus three copies, properly filled in and enclosed in a plain envelop must be delivered to the above office on or before 10:00am on 29th May 2019 and must be accompanied by a security of Tanzanian Shillings Five Million Only (TZS 5,000,000.00) or equivalent in an easily convertible currency.

8. Bids will be opened in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend at 10:00am on 29th May 2019 at the offices of Ministry of Finance and Planning, Conference Room, Ground Floor, P.O. Box 1154, 12Keneth Kaunda Road, 71402 Urban West, Vuga, Zanzibar.

9. Late bids, portion of bids, electronic bids, bids not received, and not opened and not read out in a public at the bid opening ceremony shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.

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9 African states discuss Indian Ocean governance

By Guardian Reporter

A one-day workshop on sustainable ocean resources management in and beyond Eastern Africa opened here yesterday with a call on nations to ensure delivery of best practices and upholding past lessons in ocean governance.

The project will be implemented in Comoros, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, Somalia, South Africa and Tanzania.

In implementing the project the National Environmental Management Council (NEMC) is the focal point.

Opening the workshop, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the NEMC, Prof Esnati Chaggu, said the project was an expression of joint commitment to seeing that addressing environmental concerns such as pollution, over-exploitation of coastal and marine resources and coastal habitat alteration are managed effectively and efficiently.

"In doing so", the professor told participants, "we all contribute towards realization of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)."

The project, known as the Western Indian Ocean Large Marine Ecosystem Strategic Action Programme Policy Harmonisation and

Institutional Reforms (WIO LME SAPPHIRE), was derived from a previous project funded by the Global Environmental Facility (GEF).

The current work is implemented by the Nairobi Convention Secretariat under the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and GEF.

The professor said the overall objective of the project is to achieve effective long-term ecosystem management and that particular attention will be paid to supporting policy harmonization and management reforms towards improved ocean governance, delivery of best practices and lessons through innovative ocean governance demonstration and capacity development to realize improved ocean governance in the WIO region.

Earlier, the Senior Manager UNEP Secretariat for the Nairobi Convention, Sinikesh Beyene said successful implementation of the project would help to position Tanzania in a global map.

"This project is being implemented in nine countries with major focus on policy, mitigating challenges facing management of sustainable ecosystems plus empowering private sector on how to benefit from the sector," she said.



The head of Zantel in Zanzibar, Mohamed Khamis Mussa (C), Zantel head of pricing and products, Aneth Muga (L) and secretary of the Zanzibar Mufti office, Sheikh Fadhil Soraga display Zantel holy month of Ramadhan offer brochure shortly after launching it in Zanzibar yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Reporter

TEN youth have been selected to take part in a goat fattening project in Kongwa district as part of an ongoing initiative by the Private Agricultural Sector Support (PASS) Trust's Agricultural Innovation Centre (AIC), aimed at empowering young entrepreneurs.

The new initiative in the district is aimed at mentoring and coaching young entrepreneurs engaged in livestock keeping on skills and techniques of goat fattening to enable them venture into businesses.

The youths were selected after a 5 days training that attracted 27 youths in Kongwa district, interested in learning about new skills and

Youth to benefit from PASS' goat fattening camp in Kongwa district

techniques of goat fattening, for purposes of initiating and running their own businesses

The project that is implemented by the Agricultural Innovation Centre seeks to introduce youth into the world of agribusiness and livestock production and coach them into handling their own businesses and self-employment.

"This is a good start in Kongwa and the fact that many youths turned out for this training actually tells that the youth are ready to create their own jobs in Agriculture and livestock production. As PASS, we shall support this process to ensure their dreams

are valid "Said PASS managing Director Nicomed Bohay

After the 5-day training, each of the 10 youths will be given 100 goats for fattening. They will be coached and mentored by experts from both PASS and Tanzania Livestock Research Institute (TALIRI) on how to go about fattening the goats. The fattened goats will be sold after every 2-3 months and immediately replenished and the process continues.

"Each year, we plan to incubate at least 20 youths with these skills so that the youths can learn to be independent and embrace livestock production as a source of income"

Added Bohay

PASS-AIC are running this program concurrently with yet another agribusiness incubation program, that is providing an opportunity for youths with any education background from across the country, to start, operate and own an agri business.

The program being hosted at the Sokoine University of Agriculture and Technology grounds has provided walled incubation centres with fully established agribusiness facilities and services that are provided to youth who enter incubation for a period of one year.

There are 20 operational screen houses where 20 youths are being coached mentored on tomato production.

They receive both technical and business training where they learn many things including planting, fertilizer application, plant management, harvest, as well as record keeping, sourcing inputs, banking, expense accounts, marketing, doing sales, cash management, budgeting, among others.

The good news is that PASS does not leave the incubates after they have exited the one-year training.

Upon exiting from the training, PASS through AIC facilitates provision of land at various districts for the continuation of the cultivation. It also facilitates the incubates with access to finance from commercial banks and provides credit guarantee up to 80%, besides provision of linkages to suppliers of their products.

Besides the two stations of Morogoro and Kongwa, PASS-AIC is working towards expanding the services to other centres including agro processing in Dar es Salaam and Dodoma. Other areas include Zanzibar and Tanga



Request for Proposals

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HELNETAS is implementing the Grain Postharvest Loss Prevention (GPLP) project in the central corridor of Tanzania. The GPLP project is funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and aims to reduce postharvest losses in food grains and improve food security and incomes for targeted farming households. The project is organising capitalisation of experiences and lessons learned (CAPEX) on different elements of the project, for which HELNETAS is requesting proposals from qualified Consultants interested to conduct the following assignments:

Consultancy No. 1

- CAPEX on business model and adoption of improved postharvest management (PHM) including metal silo

Consultancy No. 2

- CAPEX on Postharvest Management Policy Advocacy

Consultancy No. 3

- Documenting "voices from the field" – impacts and reflections from project stakeholders

Detailed Terms of Reference (ToR) for each consultancy assignment are available at: <https://www.helvetas.org/en/tanzania/jobs>

Detailed proposal(s) including a cover letter, work plan, methodology, budget and short CV of the Consultant should be submitted (by email or hard copies delivered) to the below address before **20th May 2019**.

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Serengeti firm's flagship brand gets Superbrands Award

By Guardian Reporter

SERENGETI Premium Lite has been awarded a Superbrands status for 2019/2020 in recognition of the beer's outstanding quality, reliability and distinction by its consumers.

Voted for by around 1,000 members across Tanzania's public and ratified by a voluntary council of senior independent industry experts, Serengeti Lite

goes down in history as the most recent innovation by Serengeti Breweries Limited to scoop the prestigious award. Its mother variant - Serengeti Premium Lager is also a winner of the Superbrands award.

"Being named a Superbrand is more important than ever as economic headwinds and competition in the region's beer industry grow fiercer. Indeed,

following a dynamic year, winning this title is a clear demonstration of Serengeti Lite's efforts to be relevant, distinctive and attractive in consumers' eyes," commented SBL Marketing Manager Anitha Rwehumbiza in a press statement issued by the brewer yesterday.

Serengeti Lite, which trades as 'The only Lite with a Bite' meaning a light beer with a fuller taste, was launched in May 2017.

In less than two years in the market, Serengeti Lite has cut itself a niche and become the leading light beer in the country and the main sponsor of Tanzania's women soccer premier league dubbed The League with a Bite.

Participation in Superbrands is by invitation only and offered to the most outstanding brands in their field. Every year thousands of brands from across categories are judged against the three core criteria of a Superbrand: quality, reliability and distinction. Attaining Superbrands status adds prestige and reassures consumers and suppliers that they are buying the best brand in its category.

Anitha went on to say "With consumers at the heart of everything we do, to be elected as Superbrand is an achievement SBL is enormously proud of. Whether it is in a bar, a nightclub or at a supermarket, we want to assure our consumers of our unrelenting focus on continuing to provide them with the very best Lite with a Bite experience all the time."

Incorporated in 1988 as Associated Breweries, SBL is the second largest beer company in Tanzania, with its beer brands accounting for over 20% of the market share by volume.

SBL has three operating plants in Dar es Salaam, Mwanza and Moshi.

Since the creation of SBL in 2002, the business has grown its portfolio of brands year on year. The majority stake acquisition by EABL/Diageo in 2010 has seen increased investment in international quality standards leading to greater job opportunities for the people of Tanzania.

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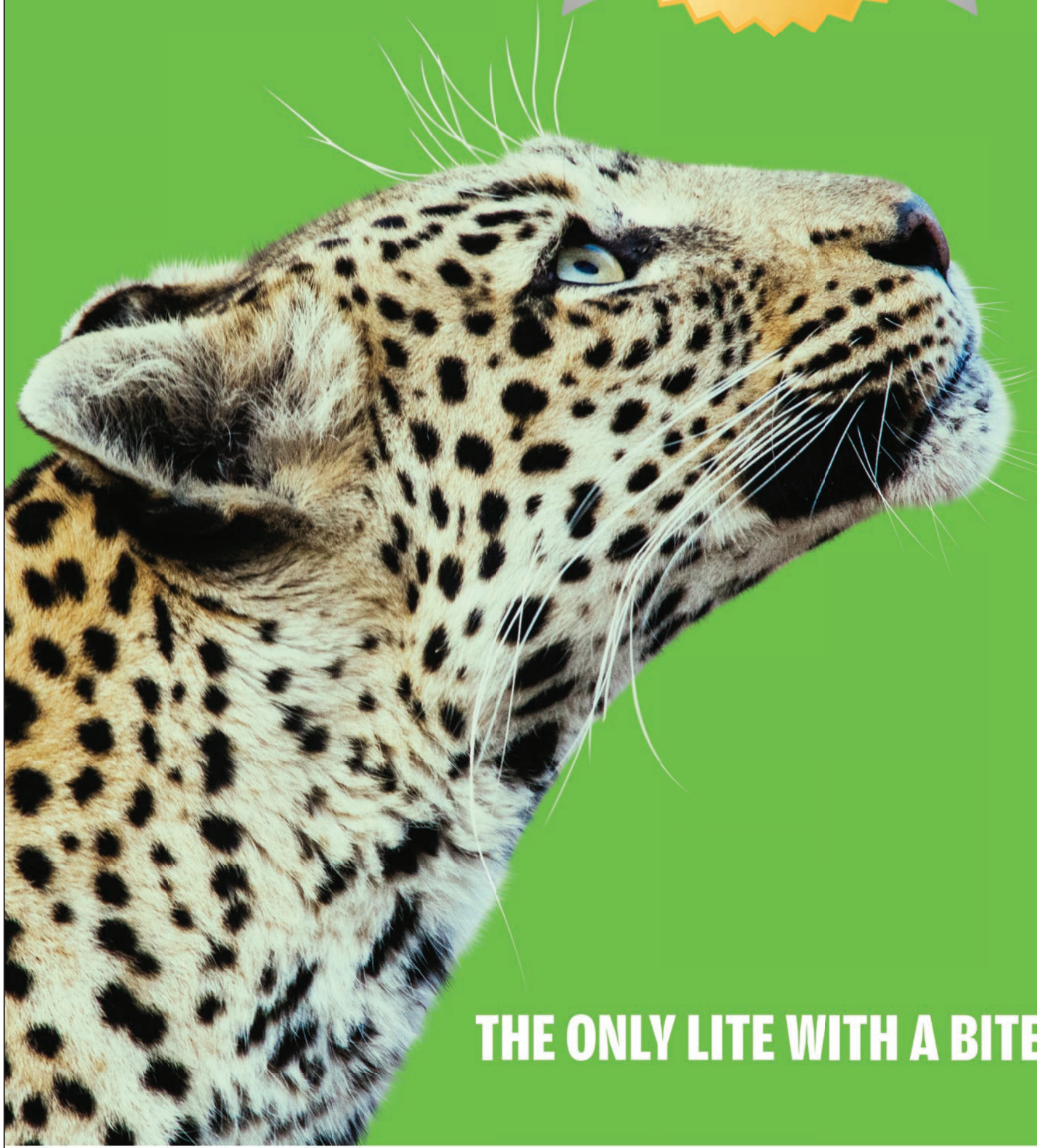
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Midwifery care is one of the best ways to combat maternal mortality

INTERNATIONAL Day of the Midwives (IDM) was first celebrated May 5th 1991, and has since been observed in over 50 nations around the world.

The idea of having a day to recognize and honour midwives came out of the 1987 International Confederation of Midwives conference in the Netherlands. In 2014 it was celebrated in Iran and New Zealand among other places.

The International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) supports, represents and works to strengthen professional associations of midwives on a global basis. At present, ICM has over 100 members, representing midwifery associations in around 100 countries.

The ICM works with midwives and midwifery associations globally to secure women's rights and access to midwifery care before, during and after childbirth. The ICM has worked alongside UN agencies and other partners for decades in global initiatives to help reduce the numbers of mothers and babies who die in and around childbirth, and evidence is growing that shows expanding midwifery care is one of the best ways to combat maternal mortality. The drive for safer motherhood continues to gain strength as more women worldwide achieve access to midwifery care.

ICM envisions a world where every childbearing woman has access to a midwife's care for herself and her newborn.

ICM seeks to strengthen member associations and to advance the profession of midwifery globally by promoting autonomous midwives as the most appropriate caregivers for childbearing women and in keeping birth normal, in order to enhance the reproductive health of women, and the health of their newborns and their families.

ICM Global standards for midwifery

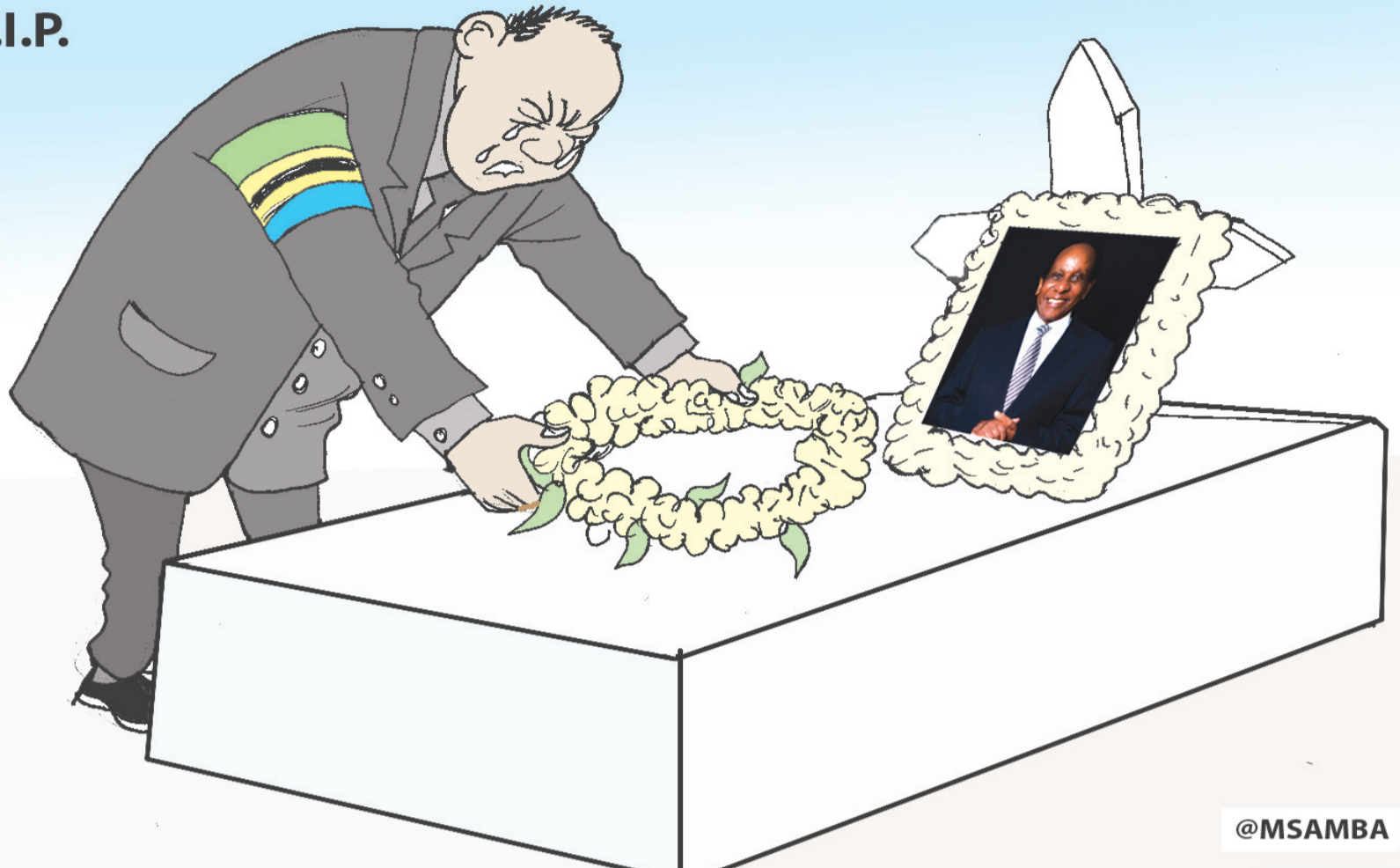
education are one of the essential pillars of ICM's efforts to strengthen midwifery worldwide by preparing fully qualified midwives to provide high quality, evidence-based health services for women, newborns and childbearing families. The education standards were developed in tandem with the update of essential competencies for basic midwifery practice, which define the core content of any midwifery education programme.

It is known that midwives have been making efforts to meet internationally for over 100 years. There are records of a midwives' conference held in Berlin, Germany, in the year 1900, when over 1,000 midwives attended. This was arranged at a time without the use of telephones, computers, credit cards or aeroplanes, and women travelling on their own was difficult and not always acceptable.

In 1919, a group of European midwives, centred in Antwerp, Belgium, established the first beginnings of what was to become the International Confederation of Midwives. By this time, many countries already had a national association of midwives; communication among them increased and a series of regular meetings was launched.

During the 1930s and 1940s, travel and communication in Europe was disrupted by war and unrest. Unfortunately, the detailed records of the earlier midwives' meetings and documents were destroyed. However, the desire to continue international work was still strong. In 1954, the initiative grew again and this time the location was London, UK. For the first time, the name of 'International Confederation of Midwives' was decided, and also the idea of regular triennial congresses was established. Since 1954 the series of such meetings every three years has remained unbroken.

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OBITUARY

Dr Reginald Abraham Mengi: A cake we all have a piece of

By Mboneko Munyaga

Today, Tanzania buries one of its most illustrious sons, millionaire businessman and philanthropist, Dr Reginald Abraham Mengi, who went the way of our ancestors while on vacation in Dubai a week ago. Born in biting poverty, Dr Mengi came to symbolize that which was possible and finest for any human being set on a visionary journey, humility and hard work, crowned eventually by achievement beyond measure.

As a businessman of global repute, Dr Mengi represented a constituency that hardly reflected the majority character of the people. It is that aspect of his life, coupled with his own unqualified generosity that literally makes him the equivalent of a cake that we all have a piece of.

How yummy and sweet that piece tastes is what shall forever summon in our tongues and hearts the equally forever syrupy memories of a man we all came to identify with as our own. Perhaps more than anyone else, Dr Mengi embodied our collective aspirations: stinking rich yet humble, gentle and disarmingly modest for a man very powerful both financially and socially.

Fare thee well Dr Mengi for thine has been a life well lived, battles bravely fought and achievement merited glowingly in direct stare against adversity. Indeed, the world lacks not a litany of men and women more elevated but many, unlike you, were quilted to top by more powerful hands. Your earthly crown shall endlessly hover atop Mount Kilimanjaro on the slopes of which, you were born. We grieve, writhe in sorrow and pain in our hearts but therein too, lies the gentle soothing of our loss. We mourn you as a hero, a man who bestrode the business world as a colossus. We shall forever be proud of you.

Indeed, you were more than a businessman. Your career and life amounted to a citizen's Diplomatic Court, paid a courtesy call literally by every newly accredited envoy to Tanzania. It was dexterity and acumen beyond comprehension, knowing how tenaciously "the powers that be" jealously roosted over their gauntlets



of privilege.

I cannot claim that I and Dr Mengi were friends but then, who was his enemy? I knew Dr Mengi in those days when he used to host monthly luncheons for journalists at the then Motel Agip under the auspices of the now defunct Tanzania Journalists Association (TJA). That was long before he established his own media empire but apparently, he already had ideas about venturing into the sector and wanted to have firsthand knowledge and even acquaintance, with its key actors. That was how meticulous he was as an investor. He never hurtled headless into uncharted waters.

I remember at one such function, we differed widely on views about "Responsible Journalism," a topic

about which he had just lectured us. Favoured by the establishment as the cornerstone of "progressive journalism", the concept for some us was nothing more than veiled instruction for self-censorship, something that any journalist worth his pinch of salt, strongly abhors.

But instead of taking it personal that I had challenged him openly and rather ingloriously after his food and drinks, Dr Mengi took it all in a very dignified manner and strides. I believe he also learnt something from me and from then onwards, we became "friends." Thus, for me, grieving for Dr Mengi sinks deep into my heart with a weight unfathomable to bear. I believe, such was the man for us all.

Beyond his money and fame, he was

an intellectual sparring partner and mentor. I remember he once told me: "Business is always sniffed like sweet smelling wind. If you cannot smell your business, forget about ever being successful in life. Never mind about impressive business write ups. Those things we only do to get money from banks." For a moment, I was like in shock. Was I hearing that from a British trained Accountant?

Now that he is gone, how true those words resound? The challenge for many of us is to smell our business sirocco and at the same time be able to come up with impressive business write ups. Don't get him wrong. He never said impressive business write-ups were irrelevant! From the sepulchral silence of his tomb that shall forever be my inheritance and that of my children's children from a man who was so selfless in giving.

Thus, how do we honour the man we all say was that angel who touched our lives? I know change and transition are never easy moments but I think, we all, singly and collectively have a duty to ensure Dr Reginald Mengi's legacy endures the test of time.

In 1999, Tanzania did not have a national Television Station. It was Dr Mengi's ITV that brought to our homes and work places, live coverage of the return of the casket bearing the remains of the Father of the Nation, Mwalimu Julius Nyerere after he died in London in October of the same year. I believe such an important piece of our national history would today be the copyright of a foreign media house, that is, if there would have been any televised live coverage at all.

I quite agree. It is impossible to get another Dr Reginald Abraham Mengi. His disposition, wit, charm and humour have without a doubt, all gone with the humble man from Machame. Yet, our memories of him would be in vain if we failed to catch and clutch just a piece of his mantle. Physically, he is no longer with us but his spirit surely lives on. It is the only way to honour and remember Dr Reginald Abraham Mengi.

The author is a seasoned journalist

The customer is always right

THE customer is king or the customer is always right is a motto or slogan which exhorts service staff to give a high priority to customer satisfaction. It was popularised by pioneering and successful retailers such as Harry Gordon Selfridge, John Wanamaker and Marshall Field. They advocated that customer complaints should be treated seriously so that they should not feel cheated or deceived.

Harry Gordon Selfridge, Sr. was an American retail magnate who founded the London-based department store Selfridges. John Wanamaker was a United States merchant and religious, civic and political figure, considered by some to be a proponent of advertising and a "pioneer in marketing.

Marshall Field was an American entrepreneur and the founder of Marshall Field and Company, the Chicago-based department stores. His business was renowned for its then-exceptional level of quality and customer service. This attitude was novel and influential when misrepresentation was rife and caveat emptor (let the buyer beware) was a common legal maxim. Variations include "le client n'a jamais tort" (the customer is never wrong) which was the slogan of hotelier César Ritz of Germany who said, "If a diner complains about a dish or the wine, immediately remove it and replace it, no questions asked". A variation frequently used in Germany is "der Kunde ist König" (the customer is king).

However it was pointed out as early as 1914 that this view ignores that customers can be dishonest, have unrealistic expectations, and/or try to misuse a product in ways that void the guarantee and states "if we adopt the policy of admitting whatever claims the customer makes to be proper, and if we always settle them at face value, we shall be subjected to inevitable losses. The work concluded "If the customer

is made perfectly to understand what it means for him to be right, what right on his part is, then he can be depended on to be right if he is honest, and if he is dishonest, a little effort should result in catching him at it.

An article a year later by the same author addressed the caveat emptor (the principle that the buyer alone is responsible for checking the quality and suitability of goods before a purchase is made) aspect while raising many of the same points as the earlier piece.

Nowadays, the customer is always right motto often leads to situations in which customers tend to overuse their position in relations with customer service representatives who have to provide best possible service and have no right to say "no". As we enter an eatery in Dar es Salaam recently, all the waiters and waitresses are giving us that "why bother us" look. Unfazed we continue and take our seats at one of the corners. But wait a minute, what happened to the smiling faces and greetings that made us feel at home away from home in such places?

Many hoteliers in the city have in the past run campaigns geared at improving customer service, like the customer care campaigns that mean to receive customers well and serve them with warmth, courtesy, respect and total attention.

Why is it that bank tellers, waiters and waitresses, hair dressers in our enterprises and service sectors still find it hard "to serve with a smile or say 'thank you'?" All these thoughts went through my mind recently as a friend and I settle into our seat at the downtown Dare s Salaam restaurant. The reception by the staff contrasts with the environment: the waiters and waitresses were smartly dressed, the ambience was very attractive to the eye, and everything seemed to be in order. However, that's where it all started and ended.

Career Women and their world



THE office might be an interesting place and a good second home for some, it also serves as a great learning environment.

This is a place you will learn interpersonal skills, how to deal with very diverse personalities around you literally!

You will learn who to avoid, who to keep close, who to tell what and who not to tell a thing.

This is where you will learn that people are never the same and for you to survive in your career, you need to establish who is who.

What kind suits you in this list? The loyal one

Ma'am has been working here for the past ten years and she doesn't seem to be leaving any time soon.

She knows everything about everything including where the boss' extra pair of socks is kept and the days to keep off the washroom from its pungent smell. She knows all the dirty and success secrets that could earn her a high position in another competing company but she is loyal remember? She is married to the company and has been faithful through thick and thin as per the vows. She has seen employees come and leave as she graciously watches. She is the 'last woman standing'.

The Trend Setter

The fashionista, this lady has three other pairs of shoes under her desk, each for a different occasion or purpose. The lady you keep asking, 'hizi perfume zako tutazi-pata wapi? She has an attitude that

matches her looks; fierce and bold. She knows her way around the office and work just as she does with her hair. Beauty with brains yey!

The Silent one

She is quiet most of the times and you probably know nothing about her apart from her name and her post at the office. It isn't until she has to sign a form that you rush to her desk to ask, 'hi! Kwani you are married?!' 'Yes, I even have a two year old kid' she responds. This could be someone you've worked with for more than six months yet you remain oblivious of who they really are. She is still a mystery.

Happy Jane

She has this extra-ordinary charm and energy that amuses every-

one. You just don't understand where it all comes from. She is joyous, even on Monday morning; the long dreadful Monday, the miserable Monday. Yep! She will still have something to be all flowery about. She is the kind who shouts 'hiiii' to everyone and readily offers free hugs. You possibly would envy her free spirit.

Care-free

She doesn't really care how everyone thinks of her or even of her dress code. One day she is dashing and gorgeous and the next, she comes with her big unkempt hair like a crown on her head while wearing the same top she wore the previous day. Her schedule is unpredict-



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able because she is in office for two days before disappearing for the rest of the week. No one really questions her because well, she delivers! Her work is on point and the management don't want to lose her.

The story-teller

She's the first one you'd notice upon entering the office. She is loud and never lacks a story to tell. It would either be a hot gossip story or what happened to her mother in law or just complaining about this or that. She gracefully works from one desk to another with her cup of tea and a snack, creating conversations with anyone who can spare her some minutes. The office is probably boring without her because the pin-drop silence is not your norm anymore.

The manipulative kind

She knows your weak point and also for everyone else in the office. She is cunning and knows how to take advantage of others, sometimes while you remain unaware of her tricks. She can get you to do her work, to cover up for her mistakes or

her absence or entirely throw the blame at you when she is obviously the one at wrong. She can play you at your own game and you won't even know what hit you.

Holy Mary

She is helpful, kind and very reliable. She keeps her word and keeps time. She is loving and lovable and that automatically makes her an easy target for manipulation. Her compassionate self is soon turned into a door mat as people take advantage of her humble self that is hesitant to ever say no.

The lazy toad

Never keeps time. Never finishes the work. Never takes responsibility. Never keeps promises. Just never...The rest of you are still wondering how she is in the payroll to date.

Employee of the year

She is witty, smart and creative. The office regard her highly because her brain spills wisdom and spells intelligence. She is strategic and determined in her work. The management value her presence and thoughts

because they definitely know she is the gem of the office.

Well, When it's about women, it even gets more interesting because hey! We are all different shades of the same species. Maybe that's why you will never hear the men say, 'all women are the same'. We range from the weird to the witty to the sly to the shy. The list is endless.



The fashionista, this lady has three other pairs of shoes under her desk, each for a different occasion or purpose. The lady you keep asking, 'hizi perfume zako tutazi-pata wapi? She has an attitude

A tale of cave dwelling

XI'AN

YIN Zhijun, a farmer from Yan'an, a former revolutionary base of the Communist Party of China (CPC), moved into the "house caves" he dug with his newly-wed wife 30 years ago.

Today, his 25-year-old son said he will continue to live in the caves after he gets married.

House cave, or "yaodong," is a form of earth shelter dwellings common in the Loess Plateau in northern China. Over half of the more than 1.5 million rural population in Yan'an, northwest China's Shaanxi Province, are still living in the traditional dwellings.

Taking the advantages of thick loess layers and favorable landforms, the sturdy and durable yaodongs are mostly carved out of hillsides. They do not take up valuable arable land and are warm in winter and cool in summer.

American journalist Edgar Snow once interviewed Mao Zedong in one of the cave dwellings in Yan'an and penned the classic book "Red Star Over China," which gave a rare, detailed and brilliant account of the Chinese revolution in the 1930s.

Yin, 52, has been living in the cave dwelling in Kangping Village, Fengzhuang Township in Yan'an's Baota District all his life. He was born and raised in a primitive earthy cave, which was humid and would easily tumble down in downpours.

When Yin turned 15, his family moved into a new cave half-built by stones from nearby areas. Due to the lack of road access, the transportation expenses were usually higher than the stones.

Years later, he became a coal miner, earning 9 yuan (1.3 U.S. dollars) a day, which was much more than a farmer would earn from the field.

In 1990, he saved up nearly 9,000 yuan and was able to build four stone caves before getting married.

"A man can be called a grown-up only after he builds a yaodong of his own and has a family," he said.

Today's cave dwellings are quite different from what Edgar Snow had described. In "Red Star Over China," he depicted a Red Army university that "was probably the world's only seat of 'higher learning' whose classrooms were bombproof caves, with chairs and desks of stone and brick, and blackboards and walls of limestone and clay."

Tap water flowed into Yin Zhijun's village in 1995, and natural gas came shortly after. Higher quality moisture-resistant materials, modern furniture, electric appliances and spacious rooms with plenty of daylight, as well as improvements in the natural environment brought by afforestation, make Yin increasingly inseparable from his caves.

He said that when he occasionally stayed in storied buildings it was "like suffering."

Statistics show that over the past decade, over half of the 1.5 million rural residents in Yan'an have moved into new house caves built with stones.

Last year, Yin renovated two of the idle caves and rented them out, earning him an additional 700 yuan a month.

In the meantime, with the help of a tourism development company, idle caves in the village have been collected for unified management. Distinctive cave hotels offer a unique experience for tourists eager to have a taste of the traditional dwelling and reminiscence in the CPC history.

Ma Hairong, Party chief of Kangping Village, said 45 house caves in the village are being operated as cave hotels at present while another 25 are under decoration for future operation.

operation.

The renovated house caves have preserved the traditional heatable adobe bed, while adding some modern hotel facilities such as wireless Internet access and cable TV, according to Ma.

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The Operations Manager will work towards meeting the strategic priorities of the Africa program by developing and coordinating the operative plans and overseeing day-to-day tasks. S/he is responsible for managing central administrative functions, facility management, telecommunications, central filing, telephone/public reception, maintaining office supplies and equipment, asset and fleet management, insurance covers and renewals across all countries in the region. The Operations Manager is the lead Procurement Manager and Payments Manager for the region and champion for compliance in all areas of operations. The Operations Manager is responsible for development and implementation of annual operational budgets and provide inputs for proposals. S/He will contribute to the development of new guidelines and report to senior leadership on functional activities. The Operations manager will work in close cooperation with any or all the following: vendors, public agencies, and legal, tax and accounting professionals. S/he will work closely with conservation staff, business leads in HR, legal, immigration, Finance and IT amongst others. They will adhere to and advise on the organization's policies and procedures. They will provide advice, recommendations, and broad training related to operations and payment procedures.

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- Accounting degree and CPA accreditation; and/or
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Qualified women are strongly encouraged to apply.

IRRI vows to improve indigenous rice varieties in SSA to increase production

By Correspondent Michael Sikapundwa, Morogoro

MILLIONS of rice growers in sub-Saharan Africa have a reason to smile following a pledge by the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) to improve indigenous rice varieties to increase, while maintaining its aroma and pleasant-tasting.

The IRRI's move is part of the package embedded in the five-year project accelerated genetic gain in rice (AGGRD) project, which is funded by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF).

The AGGRD project was launched over the weekend in Morogoro Region in a new drive to empower women involved in rice value chain in the SSA.

The launch of the project was on the sideline of the just-concluded three-day 11th East and Southern Africa Breeding Network meeting which involved participants from Tanzania, Mozambique, Malawi, Kenya, Burundi, Madagascar, Zambia, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Nigeria, Rwanda, and Ghana.

In an interview, IRRI Representative for Eastern and Southern Africa, Dr Abdelbagi Ismail

said that studies have shown that most farmers in the region prefer indigenous rice varieties, which produce less than 2tonnes per acre.

"That's why IRRI comes up with this project to identify the weakness of varieties and thereafter them so as to increase production per particular size of farm. Our target is to study and improve them for the benefit of farmers," he said. Dr Ismail added that if well managed the crop is one of the key tools in addressing poverty as well as food security in the region.

The plant scientist, who is based in Kenya's capital, Nairobi said: "Our target is to ensure

farmers get move from getting 2tonnes to 4.5 tonnes per acre. We also want to see farmers move from hand hoe—an ancient and versatile agricultural tool to modern farming.

Citing Tanzania, Ismail said the national target focused the production of 6 tonnes per acre, this is possible once program started soon, besides at platform some growers revealed varieties' weaknesses and accepted to adopt new technology

Dr Hans Bhardwaj, plant breeding management leader at IRRI suggested the need for Africa to stop importing rice from outside the

continent and instead increase production locally. "Experts and decision makers should encourage farmers to venture into growing improved seeds and use modern farming practices."

The meeting involved a number of stakeholders and rice breeders from eastern and southern countries such as Tanzania, Kenya, Burundi, and Mozambique.

George Iranga, IRRI's board member from Tanzania also encouraged rice growers in the country to work closely with extension officers for better outputs.



Exim Bank Tanzania's newly appointed Deputy Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Jaffari Matundu (R) shares a light moment with the bank's board members during the event to congratulate him in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Plans afoot for Irish trade mission to Tanzania

By Guardian Reporter

PREPARATIONS are under way for an Irish trade mission to Tanzania following the establishment of a new business organisation that is hoping to encourage greater exports between the East African country and the Republic of Finland.

The Tanzania Chamber of Commerce in Ireland, whose backers include the Tanzanian government and Chambers Ireland, is calling on Irish businesses to look east towards what is one of the fastest growing economies on the African continent.

At more than 10 times the size of the Republic and with an estimated population of about 60 million, Tanzania is the largest country in East Africa.

"The relationship between Tanzania and Ireland traditionally has been in education and agriculture. As more Irish companies set businesses in Tanzania we see a need of this institution in co-ordinating the business activities of investors in both nations," said Edna Lyatuu Hogan of the chamber.

Tanzania's economy has grown rapidly throughout the 21st century, contributing to the reduction of poverty. Nevertheless, nearly half of the population live below the international poverty line.

Tanzania is rich in natural resources and this has made the country an attractive target of investments. Tanzania's rich natural resources have benefited the country's economy in many ways.

Finland supports Tanzania implement its own Development Plan and to become a middle-income country by 2025. Finland's planned budget frame for Tanzania in 2016-2019 is EUR 52 million.

The struggle continues 25 years after apartheid

JOHANNESBURG

TWENTY-FIVE years after the end of white-minority rule, South Africa remains one of the most unequal countries in the world, held back by corruption and crime.

As the country held elections yesterday in which the African National Congress (ANC) is all but certain to retain power, here is some background:

The race-based system of apartheid that favoured the white minority over the black majority became official government policy in 1948.

It governed all aspects of life, restricting non-whites to unskilled jobs and inferior education, services and living conditions. Whites controlled politics, the economy and the land. The system was dismantled nearly five decades later, after a long and bitter struggle, its demise sealed by the April 1994 elections in which blacks were able to vote for the first time.

African court to hold two-day judicial dialogue in Dodoma

By Guardian Reporter

A two-day national judicial dialogue on the work of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights is set to be held on 8 and 9 May in Dodoma. The event will be attended by 40 participants from key ministries and stakeholders

"The objective of the dialogue is to enhance awareness about the Court among the key stakeholders involved in the dispensation of justice. This will focus on its procedures and the roles and responsibilities of the key stakeholders in the promotion and protection of human rights," said African Court President Justice Sylvain Oré.

The dialogue, he added, is also in fulfilment of one of the Court's goals as set out in its Strategic Plan of 2016-2020 to enhance outreach and cooperation with various sub-regional and national judicial bodies, with a view to enhancing the protection of human rights on the continent.

According to the African Court president, the dialogue, among others, will help Tanzania to expeditiously dispose of its cases before the continental court.

The dialogue has been organised jointly by the African Court and the Office of the Solicitor-General in

Tanzania.

The African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights was established by virtue of Article 1 of the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Establishment of an African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights, to complement the protective mandate of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, with a view to enhancing the protection of human rights on the continent.

Since the adoption of the Protocol in June 1998, 30 of 55 AU Member States have ratified it and only nine State Parties to the Protocol have made the declaration under Article 34(6). These are Burkina Faso, Benin, Ghana, Gambia, Cote d'Ivoire, Mali, Malawi, Tanzania and Tunisia.

The Court is composed of 11 Judges, nationals of Member States of the African Union elected in their individual capacity.

The Court meets four times a year in Ordinary Sessions and may hold an extra-ordinary sessions.



The African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights was established



EMPLOYMENT VACANCY

PCI is a non-profit organization dedicated to working with communities globally to empower people to enhance health, end hunger and overcome hardships. With support from United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and in partnerships with Bunda Town Councils and District Councils of Bunda, Butiama and Musoma in Mara Region, PCI is implementing its Food for Education (FFE) program. The goal of the program is to improve literacy and increased use of health and dietary practices among pre-primary and primary school students. Following successful implementation of FFE I (2010 – 2013) and FFE II (2013 – 2016), PCI Tanzania's Food for Education Program (FFE III) is in its third and final phase of five years (October 2016 – December 2021).

1- DISTRICT SUPPORT OFFICER - BUNDA (1) – WOMEN EMPOWERED PROJECT

Job Summary: The WE Support Officer will lead the implementation of PCI Tanzania's Women Empowered (WE) program first and foremost in Bunda district and support the implementation of the same across PCI Tanzania. The Women Empowered (WE) program is PCI's type of VSL methodology that focuses on social and human capital advancements, with emphasis on women. WE adds on to the traditional VSL methodologies by emphasizing social discussions, rotational leadership and community action. The WE Support Officer, will be based in Bunda district, will work alongside the District's Community Development Department and directly report to the WE Manager.

KEY AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY:

1. FFE - Form Savings and Lending Groups (80%)

- 1.1 Continuously guide, build the capacity of, and provide technical support to volunteering WE community-based facilitators for program implementation and sustainability;
- 1.2 Work on affiliating WE groups at either villages and wards level to form WE Networks and build their capacity in terms of management, performance and governance
- 1.3 Facilitate implementation of program activities to achieve project objectives in accordance with approved work plans and agreed upon modalities with WE Coordinator
- 1.4 Through WE groups, facilitate the bringing together of communities, local leaders and other stakeholders to participate in all stages of the FFE III program as well as develop community level plans for sustainability
- 1.5 On quarterly basis, and whenever the need arises, supervise collection of WE groups and members' performance data and contribute in the preparation of the quarterly, semi-annual and annual project implementation reports as necessary
- 1.6 Participate in WE program situation analysis, baseline/endpoint surveys, data quality assurance, midterm reviews, final evaluation and studies conducted within the project
- 1.7 Participate in translating training and technical information materials for use at groups and community level
- 1.8 Collect and submit to the Supervisor, a minimum of one success story/best practice story per month
- 1.9 Represent PCI Tanzania in strategic forums at village, wards and district levels sharing with the Supervisor the outcomes of such meetings
- 1.10 Other relevant duties as assigned by WE Coordinator and PCI management respectively

2. WE-GAP/PACE project activities (10%)

- 2.1 Support and participate in a successful rolling out and implementation of WE-GAP/PACE project
- 2.2 Continuously guide and build the capacity of volunteering PACE community-based trainers for the project's successful implementation and sustainability
- 2.3 Provide technical support to volunteering PACE community-based trainers to train WE groups required PACE modules in full and completeness
- 2.4 Facilitate implementation of WE-GAP/PACE project activities to achieve project objectives in accordance with approved work plans and agreed upon modalities with WE Coordinator

3. DreamSave Savings Groups Mobile Technology (10%)

- 3.1 Support and participate in successful development of DreamSave Mobile App
- 3.2 Provide interpretation services for PCI and DreamStart Labs during field visits
- 3.3 Translate interview guides, protocol, prototypes and project other materials
- 3.4 Plan regular visits to pilot groups and be firstA point of contact for communities, providing timely support to groups the duration of the pilot project
- 3.5 Organize notes and observations from pilot group visits and transfer back to PCI and DSL

Work with PCI Tanzania's IT unit to provide first line of troubleshooting with prototypes

Education:

- University degree in Community Development, Social Sciences, or relevant field
- Postgraduate education in Community Development, Social Sciences, or related field, is an added advantage

Experience & Skills

At least 5 years' experience in community level savings and lending group programming, with a focus on gender sensitive, socio-economic programming in a rural context preferred

1. Familiarity of social-economic environment of Mara region, particularly Musoma, Butiama and Bunda is an added advantage
2. Proven ability to work alongside district councils' officials
3. Proven ability to travel and spend time in rural areas/villages

The position is directly reporting to Project Manager EFFECTS.

HOW TO APPLY:

Please visit our website at www.pciglobal.org and click on the "Careers" link under the About Us tab. This will take you to PCI's Career Portal. Click on the employment opportunities tab and then click on Search Current Openings to find the detailed job requirement and apply for either of these open positions with PCI Tanzania enclosing a detailed CV together with copies of relevant testimonials and cover letter

DEADLINE:

- A first review of candidates will happen after **May 23, 2019 (2 weeks from the date the advert release)**
- PCI is an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourage women to apply.
- Only Successful Candidates will be contacted

The world's most powerful people 2018

SINCE 2009, the business magazine, Forbes had compiled an annual list of the world's most powerful people. The list has one slot for every 100 million people, meaning in 2009 there were 67 people on the list and by 2018 there were 75. Slots are allocated based on the amount of human and financial resources that they have sway over, as well as their influence on world events.

There are nearly 7.5 billion humans on planet Earth, but these 75 men and women make the world turn. Forbes' annual ranking of The World's Most Powerful People identifies one person out of every 100 million whose actions mean the most.

This year's list highlights the consolidation of power in the hands of an elite few. Xi Jinping, General Secretary of the Communist Party of China, seizes the top spot for the first time ever after China's congress amended its constitution in March, broadening his influence and eliminating term limits. He enjoys a cult of personality not seen since Chairman Mao.

Xi's elevation to the world's most powerful person unseats Russian President Vladimir Putin (2), who held the top spot for an unprecedented four consecutive years. Putin has ruled Russia since May of 2000, and this year he was re-elected to a fourth term with nearly 77 percent of the vote. That's the largest margin of victory for any candidate for the office since the fall of the Soviet Union.

One year into his term, President Donald Trump falls to the No. 3 spot. Trump has seen limited success pushing his agenda through a Congress controlled by his own party, is under investigation by multiple law enforcement agencies, and can't shake off scandals arising from his personal and business life - but he's still Commander in Chief of the world's greatest economic and military power.

The fourth most powerful person in the world also happens to be the most powerful woman: Angela Merkel, the chancellor of Germany. The de facto leader of Europe, Merkel won a hard-fought election in 2017 and created a 'grand coalition' with political partners. She'll have to hold tight to the EU rudder as it faces oncoming storms from Brexit and growing anti-immigrant sentiment in Europe.

There are 17 new names on the list this year, including Mohammed Bin Salman Al Saud (8), the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia. His father remains king, but "MBS" has consolidated power beyond any doubt and taken control of the country. In November 2017, he launched an "anti-corruption campaign" that caused many prominent Saudis to be arrested and forced to turn over their fortunes.

The crown prince will be the fulcrum around which the Middle Eastern geopolitics moves for the next generation.

Other new members include Jerome H. Powell (#11), chairman of the U.S. Federal Reserve; Darren Woods (34), CEO of Exxon Mobil; Moon Jae-in (54), President of South Korea; and Robert Mueller (72), Special Counsel for the U.S. Department of Justice.

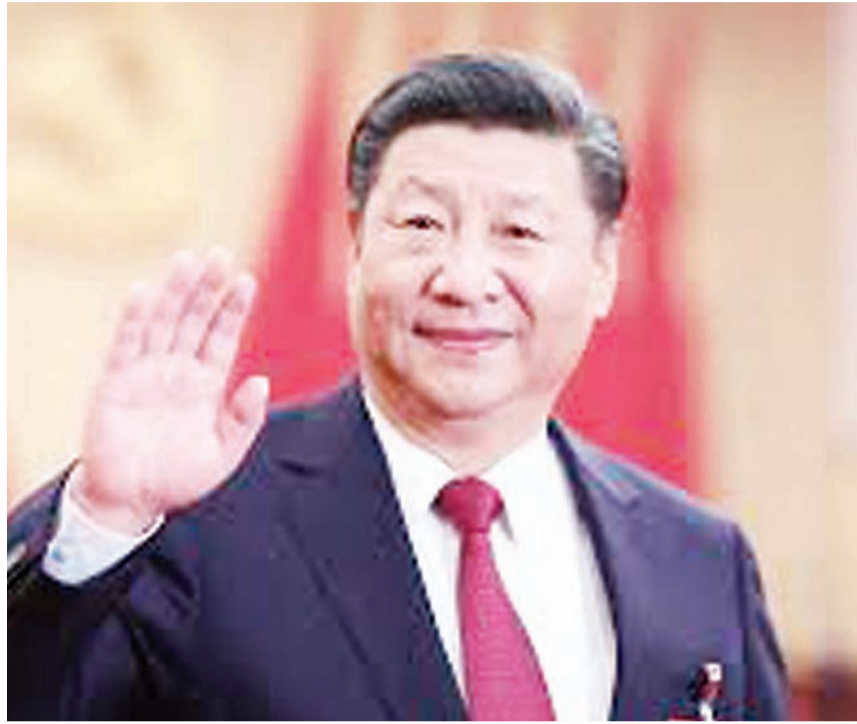
To compile the ranking of The World's Most Powerful People, we considered hundreds of candidates from various walks of life all around the globe, and measured their power along four dimensions.

First, we asked whether the candidate has power over lots of people. Pope Francis, ranked 6, is the spiritual leader of more than a billion Catholics. Doug McMillon (23), is the CEO of the world's largest private employer, Walmart Stores, with more than 2.3 million workers around the globe.

Next we assessed the financial resources controlled by each person. Are they relatively large compared to their peers? For heads of state we used GDP, while for CEOs, we looked at measures like their company's assets and revenues. When candidates have a high personal net worth, like the world's richest man, Jeff Bezos (5), we also took that into consideration. In certain instances we considered other valuable resources at the candidate's disposal, like access to oil reserves.

Then we determined if the candidate is powerful in multiple spheres.

There are only 75 slots on our list - one for approximately every 100 million people on the planet - so being powerful in just one area is often not enough. Our picks project their influ-



Xi Jinping



Angela Merkel



Pope Francis



Donald Trump



Mohammed Bin Salman Al Saud



Darren Woods

ence in myriad ways: Elon Musk (25) has power in the auto business through Tesla Motors, in the aerospace industry through SpaceX, because he's a billionaire, and because he's a highly respected tech visionary.

Lastly, we made sure that the candidates actively used their power. North Korean dictator Kim Jong-un (36) has near absolute control over the lives of the 25 million people who live in his country, and is known to punish dissent with death.

To calculate the final rankings, a panel of Forbes editors ranked all of our candidates in each of these four dimensions of power, and those individual rankings were averaged into a composite score. This year's list comes at a time of rapid and profound change, and represents our best guess about who will matter in the year to come.

Any ranking of the world's most powerful people is going to be subjective, so we don't pretend ours is definitive. It's meant to be the beginning of a conversation, not the final word.

So tell us what you think: Is the CEO of Google really more powerful than the CEOs of Facebook and Apple? Is the President of Turkey more powerful than the Prime Minister of Canada? Who did we miss? What did we get wrong? Join the conversation by commenting below.

Forbes is an American business magazine. Published bi-weekly, it features original articles on finance, industry, investing, and marketing topics.

Forbes also reports on related subjects such as technology, communications, science, politics, and law. Its headquarters is located in Jersey City, New Jersey. Primary competitors in the national business magazine category include Fortune and Bloomberg Businessweek.

The magazine is well known for its lists and rankings, including of the richest Americans (the Forbes 400), of the world's top companies (the Forbes Global 2000), and The World's Billionaires.

The motto of Forbes magazine is "The Capitalist Tool". Its chair and editor-in-chief is Steve Forbes, and its CEO is Mike Federle. It was sold to a Hong Kong-based investment group, Integrated Whale Media Investments.

B. C. Forbes, a financial columnist for the Hearst papers, and his partner Walter Drey, the general manager of the Magazine of Wall Street, founded Forbes magazine on September 15, 1917.

Forbes provided the money and the name and Drey provided the publishing expertise. The original name of the magazine was Forbes: Devoted to Doers and

Doings.

Drey became vice-president of the B.C. Forbes Publishing Company, while B.C. Forbes became editor-in-chief, a post he held until his death in 1954. B.C. Forbes was assisted in his later years by his two eldest sons, Bruce Charles Forbes (1916-1964) and Malcolm Stevenson Forbes (1917-1990).

Bruce Forbes took over on his father's death, and his strengths lay in streamlining operations and developing marketing. During his tenure, 1954-1964, the magazine's circulation nearly doubled.

On Bruce's death, his brother Malcolm Stevenson "Steve" Forbes Jr. (born 1919) became President and Chief executive of Forbes and Editor-in-Chief of Forbes magazine.

Between 1961 and 1999 the magazine was edited by James Michaels. In 1993, under Michaels, Forbes was a finalist for the National Magazine Award.

In 2006, an investment group Elevation Partners that includes rock star Bono bought a minority interest in the company with a reorganization, through a new company, Forbes Media LLC, in which Forbes Magazine and Forbes.com, along with other media properties, is now a part.

A 2009 New York Times report said: "40 percent of the enterprise was sold ... for a reported \$300 million, setting the value of the enterprise at \$750 million". Three years later, Mark M. Edmiston of AdMedia Partners observed, "It's probably not worth half of that now". It was later revealed that the price had been US\$264 million.

In January 2010, Forbes reached an agreement to sell its headquarters building Fifth Avenue in Manhattan to New York University; terms of the deal were not publicly reported, but Forbes would continue to occupy the space under a sale-leaseback arrangement. The company's headquarters subsequently moved to the Newport section of downtown Jersey City, New Jersey, in 2014.

In November 2013, Forbes Media, which publishes Forbes magazine, was put up for sale. This was encouraged by minority shareholders Elevation Partners. Sale documents prepared by Deutsche Bank revealed that the publisher's 2012 EBITDA was US\$15 million.

Forbes reportedly sought a price of US\$400 million. In July 2014, the Forbes family bought out Elevation and then sold a 51 per cent majority of the company to Integrated Whale Media Investments.

Apart from Forbes and its lifestyle supplement, Forbes Life, other titles include Forbes Asia and fifteen local language editions. Steve Forbes and his maga-

zine's writers offer investment advice on the weekly Fox TV show Forbes on Fox and on Forbes on Radio.

Other company groups include Forbes Conference Group, Forbes Investment Advisory Group and Forbes Custom Media. From the 2009 Times report: "Steve Forbes recently returned from opening up a Forbes magazine in India, bringing the number of foreign editions to 10." In addition, that year the company began publishing ForbesWoman, a quarterly magazine published by Steve Forbes's daughter, Moira Forbes, with a companion Web site.

The company formerly published American Legacy magazine as a joint venture, although that magazine separated from Forbes on May 14, 2007.

The company also formerly published American Heritage and Invention & Technology magazines. After failing to find a buyer, Forbes suspended publication of these two magazines as of May 17, 2007.

Both magazines were purchased by the American Heritage Publishing Company and resumed publication as of the spring of 2008.

Forbes has published the Forbes Travel Guide since 2009.

On January 6, 2014, Forbes magazine announced that, in partnership with app creator Maz, it was launching a social networking app called "Stream". Stream allows Forbes readers to save and share visual content with other readers and discover content from Forbes magazine and Forbes.com within the app.

Forbes.com is part of Forbes Digital, a division of Forbes Media LLC. Forbes's holdings include a portion of RealClearPolitics.

Together these sites reach more than 27 million unique visitors each month. Forbes.com employs the slogan "Home Page for the World's Business Leaders" and claimed, in 2006, to be the world's most widely visited business web site. The 2009 Times report said that, while "one of the top five financial sites by traffic [throwing] off an estimated \$70 million to \$80 million a year in revenue, [it] never yielded the hoped-for public offering".

Forbes.com uses a "contributor model" in which a wide network of "contributors" writes and publishes articles directly on the website.

Contributors are paid based on traffic to their respective Forbes.com pages; the site has received contributions from over 2,500 individuals, and some contributors have earned over US\$100,000, according to the company.

Forbes currently allows advertisers to publish blog posts on its website alongside regular editorial content through a program called BrandVoice, which accounts for more than 10 percent of its digital revenue.

Forbes.com also publishes subscription investment newsletters, and an online guide to web sites, Best of the Web. In July, 2018 Forbes deleted an article by a contributor who argued that libraries should be closed, and Amazon should open bookstores in their place.

David Churbuck founded Forbes's web site in 1996. The site uncovered Stephen Glass's journalistic fraud in The New Republic in 1998, an article that drew attention to internet journalism.

At the peak of media coverage of alleged Toyota sudden unintended acceleration in 2010, it exposed the California "runaway Prius" as a hoax, as well as running five other articles by Michael Fumento challenging the entire media premise of Toyota's cars gone bad.

The site, like the magazine, publishes many lists focusing on billionaires and their possessions, especially expensive homes, a critical aspect of the website's popularity.

Currently, the website also blocks internet users using ad blocking software (such as Adblock Plus) from accessing articles, demanding that the website be put on the ad blocking software's whitelist before access is granted. Forbes argues that this is done because customers using ad blocking software do not contribute to the site's revenue. Malware attacks have been noted to occur from Forbes site.

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Magufuli, Merkel's talks enables Kibaran get Epanko graphite funding

By The Banker Reporter

FINANCING for Epanko Graphite Project in Morogoro region being implemented by Australian based Kibaran Resources will be done by German based KfW IPEX Bank thanks to successful talks between German Chancellor Angela Merkel and President John Magufuli.

In its quarterly report for month ending March 2019, the Australian Stock Exchange listed company said the project which will include construction of a 20,000 tons per annum battery graphite material factory, is valued at US\$ 64 million.

Quoting Directorate of Presidential Communications of the State House in Dar es Salaam the Kibaran report said, "During the quarter, German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Tanzanian President Dr John Magufuli held talks on increasing the economic cooperation between their respective countries."

"A key outcome of the discussions is a mutual commitment to create a trade and investment climate that's conducive to fostering a greater bi-lateral relationship to support the potential for Germany to contribute to the industrialisation of Tanzania," the quarterly report added.

The report stated that after a hiatus of 18 months, the agreement is a result of positive discussions held with Ministry of Minerals, Mining Commission and the Bank of Tanzania concerning the regulatory changes introduced in July 2017 that have impacted on mineral project debt financings in the country, and is a reflection



Epanko graphite will be used to manufacture lithium ion batteries used by electric vehicles.

tion of the improved investment outlook in Tanzania.

"KfW IPEX-Bank and Kibaran will now proceed to complete lender credit review processes and prepare the application for the German government untied loan guarantee scheme through EulerHermes AG that supports the proposed senior debt funding package for Epanko," the report noted.

It further pointed out that the total estimated cost to construct the 20,000tpa facility, which includes a 10 percent contingency, is US\$64m compared to the 2017 estimate of US\$66m.

The report said new investment in battery manufacturing capacity feedback from lithium-ion battery anode manufacturers indicates that demand from electronic mobility

and energy storage markets will continue to grow strongly.

By 2021 almost half of global battery graphite material is expected to be sourced from new suppliers in Asia and Europe, reducing the existing dependency on toxic HF purification. Currently all battery (spherical) graphite is produced in China using HF acid.

"The focus on ensuring responsible and

sustainable supply chains which is already evident in cobalt markets, is expected to support the adoption of cost competitive and environmentally friendly products. The long-term battery (spherical) graphite demand remains positive with benchmark reporting electronic vehicles penetration rates increasing from 2 percent in 2018 to 25 percent by 2025, requiring approximately 600,000 tonnes of battery (spherical) graphite, more than six times the volume currently produced," the Kibaran quarterly report added.

Kibaran has developed a multi-hub strategy for establishing manufacturing facilities to satisfy increasing demand and diversification in supply sought from South Korean, Japanese and European battery manufacturers. In conjunction with three valuation of Asia-Pacific plant locations, Kibaran is also considering how it could support Australia's ambitions to become a regional lithium-ion battery manufacturing centre, the report revealed.

Kibaran said it has already secured markets in Asia (Sojitz Corporation) and Europe (Thyssen Krupp and European Trader) for its Epanko products. China is the only producer of commercial quantities of natural flake battery (spherical) graphite, which requires HF acid to achieve 99.95 percent carbon grade.

Armed robbery of Johannesburg bankers spurs security-guard boom

JOHANNESBURG

LENDERS are stepping up security after the closure of parts of the M2 freeway diverted traffic through the central business district – already flooded with pedestrians, buses, street vendors and minibuses. In a city that's no stranger to crime, the snarl-ups made bank workers sitting ducks as thieves struck one car after the next, stealing whatever they can at gunpoint.

To combat the thugs taking advantage of the gridlock, businesses are meeting weekly with city officials and metropolitan police who direct traffic and monitor crime hotspots. Undercover cops are also keeping watch, while the likes of Absa Group and FirstRand's First National Bank provide shuttle services for staff, let employees work from home, come in during off-peak times or use satellite offices.

"Our ops center reports regularly on the situation just to check it's business as usual," Absa's acting chief executive officer, Rene van Wyk, said. When the lender put more security in place, perpetrators would move further along, looking for weak spots, he said.

Armed guards

Guards armed with two-way radios and nightsticks now dot street corners and bridge crossings as far as 2 miles away from where the highway runs just south

of the city centre. Some are clothed in Absa's trademark red logo, while others stand watch in bright yellow or orange vests from other companies, including around Standard Bank Group's offices.

The city center – which also houses provincial government offices, universities, historical landmarks and the ruling African National Congress's head office – is also the scene of regular protests.

"Unfortunately, now and then, there are incidents of crime which our staff are not immune against," said First National Bank CEO Jacques Celliers, whose firm has about 12 000 staff at its Bank City headquarters. "We have approximately 100 guards around our campus, and also partner with authorities to improve general safety, especially when there's traffic congestion."

The banks are among a handful of companies like AngloGold Ashanti to have stayed in the central business district after the end of white minority rule 25 years ago. Other corporations moved north to plush buildings in suburbs like Sandton, known as Africa's richest square mile, Illovo or Midrand.

"Being in Joburg CBD keeps us in close proximity to matters that the general public are passionate and concerned about," said Celliers. "It's not unbearable."

Incidents drop

Crime is down "significantly" to levels lower than before the highway was closed at the end of February because of the increased policing and improved traffic flow, said Johannesburg Metropolitan Police Department spokesman Wayne Minnaar, without being able to be more specific.

"There have been 145 points which have been identified as focus points where officers have been deployed in the morning peak and afternoon peak to help with the traffic."

Johannesburg central police station has highest reported cases of aggravated robbery in the country, at almost 2,000 incidents in the year through March 2018, according to government data. The South African Police Service declined to provide the latest statistics for the precinct. The work is expected to be completed in October, the Johannesburg Roads Agency's Siyabonga Genu said.

City officials and businesses are also looking into the use of drones to police the areas as a longer-term solution, Absa spokesman Songezo Zibi said.

"Since stepping up our safety measures, we've seen a big decline in the number of incidents from several a week to only isolated ones now," he said outside the lender's headquarters, where building is underway on a residential, commercial and retail development. "Things have settled down."

Banking transactions revenue dips despite increase in fees

NAIROBI

REVENUE collected from financial transactions dipped 26.3 percent to Sh10.1 billion from Sh13.7 billion in 2017, despite a rise in taxes in the last quarter of the year.

Latest data compiled by Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) shows that the revenue dipped to their lowest level in three years. Revenue from this category had been on the rise from Sh7.22 billion before touching a high of Sh13.7 billion in 2017.

The dip defied the Finance Act 2018

that was passed September last year, doubling the Excise Duty on fees charged for mobile money transfer services from 10 to 20 percent. Telephone and internet data services also had their tax jump to 15 percent.

The government was expecting to raise Sh20.2 billion from the doubled 20 percent excise tax on fees levied on banking services. The transactions that attract fees and charges include obtaining account statements, ATM cash withdrawals and cheque clearance.

Additional charges

This effectively saw bank customers incur

additional charges on ATM withdrawals by Sh11 up to a maximum of Sh66. Besides banks, the higher excise tax was deducted by other financial institutions, including insurers and fund managers.

The taxman, however, in the three months from September to December, did not realise the expected gain from the new levies, despite increase in the number of financial activities. KNBS data shows, it is the traditional areas such as excise revenue collected from domestically manufactured commodities and services that grew by 12.6 percent to Sh93.3 billion in 2018.

Companies team up to extend 'BimaMkononi' cover to whole family

By Francis Kajubi

IN a bid to extend health insurance coverage to whole families with a cash back of 40,000/- per night of admission into a hospital, Milvik Tanzania has teamed up with Tigo Tanzania and Resolution Insurance to expand the scope of BimaMkononi product.

BimaMkononi which was officially introduced in the local market in 2016, will now cover a family of more than five children.

Making the official announcement regarding the product in Dar es Salaam this week, Milvik's General Manager, Berengere Lavisse said since its launch in 2016, BimaMkononi's customers have been asking for the improvement of the product to include children.

"We have listened to our

customer's needs and together with our partners with approval of Tanzania Insurance Regulatory Authority, we have agreed to extend coverage to include children. Our partnership with Tigo means we can offer our products exclusively for their customers," Lavisse said.

Milvik is one of the country's leading micro-insurance companies which uses mobile technology to provide health insurance services such as BimaMkononi, the mobile insurance service for which it partners with Tigo Tanzania. The service had over 200,000 active customers by mid last year.

Tigo's Chief Officer

Mobile Financial Services, Hussein Sayed said as part of better understanding of its customers, they have come up with the improved product to offer relevant innovations that suit their social needs.

Sayed said the mobile phone services company and its partners have taken an important step forward in not only protecting the lives of customers but the whole community that chooses to utilize the opportunity.

Resolution Insurance's Operations Manager, Melchizedek Nyau said his company is proud to be associated with the innovative product aimed at addressing society's key challenge. "As an insurance underwriter of

this product, our goal is to protect what is valuable to our customers by making sure we provide a solution which is dependable, reliable, appropriate and transparent," Nyau said.

He added that since 2016 Resolution Insurance have been fulfilling its promise of paying claims associated with BimaMkononi and other within three to five days to encourage more people join the service.

According to FinScope Tanzania 2017, insurance penetration in the domestic market is low with only 15 per cent of adults having access to the service while insurance contributes only 0.9 per cent of Gross Domestic Product.



One of the BimaMkononi beneficiaries (C) receiving her cheque from Milvik and Resolution officials last year. File photo.

KQ costs rising despite naming of expat bosses

NAIROBI

WHEN Sebastian Mikosz was hired to manage the turnaround strategy for the national carrier and improve its balance sheet, the government based his appointment on his successful history in managing airlines in Poland.

With about a year to the end of his tenure, economists argue that much has not been done with regard to improving the numbers of Kenya Airways. In fact, the operational cost have continued to grow.

Economist Toni Watima says one of the reasons why Mikosz was hired was to address the overhead costs and address the managerial problem that ails KQ. "Mikosz was brought in as a turnaround manager to restructure the airline and reduce costs. As much as there have been growth in revenue, the overhead costs have been going up as well," said Watima.

"Whatever he was brought seems not to be working if the numbers are anything to go by," added the economist in an interview with Shipping and Logistics. Watima argues that the business for KQ in terms of passenger numbers and cargo is



Kenya Airways CEO, Sebastian Mikosz.

there but the cost of operations has been rising, a thing that points to managerial problems at the company.

In the financial report, the airline says that its growth in revenue was mainly boosted by growth in the number of passengers last year to 4.8 million from 3.43 million in 2017. The airline, which released its results for 2018 last week, says the cost of operations went up to Sh121 billion last year from Sh116 billion in 2016.

For the nine months result for 2017, the cost of operations was Sh87 billion with estimates for the whole year putting the overheads at Sh116 billion estimated at an average of Sh9.6 billion per month.

Watima argues that to tame the cost of operations, KQ should start by cutting the salaries of the top managers and peg it to performance. As an

expatriate, Mikosz is one of the highly paid chief executives, raking in Sh4 million a month if what he told parliament recently is anything to go by.

KQ says that fuel, personnel and cost of aircraft remain three major drivers of the cost of operations. With the numbers not promising Mikosz is now turning at a merger with the Kenya Airports Authority (KAA) to turn the fortunes of the ailing carrier.

In March, Mikosz told a news conference that to reverse the fortunes of the airline, the government will have to push through the plans to have the carrier take over management of the JKIA. Mikosz said if nothing changes, the carrier will, in a span of five years, diminish to the level of its low-cost subsidiary Jambojet and lose its prestigious tag of the Pride of Africa.

KQ had proposed the formation of a subsidiary to manage operations at the JKIA for a concession period of 30 years. KQ's plan, contained in its Privately Initiated Investment Proposal (PIIP), includes the creation of a special purpose vehicle (SPV) – a unit of a company which is shielded from the parent firm's financial risk – to operate, maintain and develop JKIA.

The proposal was for the entity to run all airports and airstrips in Kenya, seeking a 30-year concession to manage and develop JKIA under agreed terms—including payment of an annual concession fee.

KQ has set the annual concession fee at \$28 million or Sh2.8 billion in 2019, and wants to gradually increase it to \$35 million in 2028. Critics have argued that there is no reason KAA should accept proposal that will deliver revenues way below the \$66 million needed to run non-JKIA operations every year.

But the plans seems to have been dealt a blow after House Committee on transport, which has been sitting in Mombasa this week, shot down the proposal.



Central Bank Governor John Rwangombwa, addresses the news conference, as deputy governor Monique Nsanzabaganwa and BNR chief economist Thomas Kigabo look on in Kigali on May 6, 2019. Emmanuel Kwizera.

Central bank lowers key repo rate to spur lending

KIGALI

The National Bank of Rwanda has revised the key repo rate from 5.5 per cent to 5 per cent in a move designed to boost lending to the private sector. The key repo rate is the maximum rate at which commercial banks invest their money at the central bank.

The development was announced by the Central Bank Governor, John Rwangombwa, yesterday, shortly after the Monetary Policy and Financial Stability Committee meetings. The governor said that given that inflation had remained low in the first quarter of 2019, at around 1 per cent, and growing demand for credit from the private sector, the committee had to lower the repo rate and maintain an accommodative monetary stance.

The rate was last revised in December 2017 from 6 per cent, to encourage local financial institutions to reduce the rates at which they lend to public. Lowering the rate creates a scenario whereby banks make more returns by investing with the private sector as opposed to when they invest with the central bank.

Statistics from the central bank indicate that in the first quarter of the year, there was growth in credit to the private sector and newly authorised loans at 16.2 per cent and 24.9 per cent respectively. Rwangombwa said that the trend is expected to be sustained throughout the year.

The New Times has established that the sectors with the largest demand for loans in the first quarter were manufacturing and personal loans, through micro-digital lending operations. The amount of money that was lent to mortgages, restaurants and hotels consequently shrunk.

Valence Kimenyi, the Director of Financial Stability and Monitoring at the central bank, said that increased lending to the manufacturing sector was a positive development as it is in-line with the country's objectives.

As a consequence of increased lending, banks' profits in the first quarter of

the year grew to Rwf16.1 billion compared to Rwf9.2 billion in the same period last year. Assets in the local financial sector further grew to Rwf4.8 trillion.

Quality of loans was also found to have improved as non-performing loans remained stable at 6.8 per cent as of March this year. At a time when local banks are on the verge of mobilising capital to meet the required minimum capital requirement, which was revised from Rwf5 billion to Rwf20 billion, the governor said that the capital adequacy ratio stood at 25.5 per cent compared to the prudential minimum of 15 per cent.

Capital adequacy ratio (CAR) is an international standard that measures lenders' risk of insolvency from excessive losses and is used to ensure that banks can absorb a reasonable amount of loss as a safeguard to depositors and economic stability. Rwanda currently has 16 commercial banks.

On the downside, the Franc is expected to depreciate against the Dollar due to high import bill but the governor said that there were adequate exchange reserves to provide buffer. Trade deficit grew by 7.5 per cent in the first quarter of 2019 largely due to the import of capital and intermediary goods largely meant for the construction and other sectors. Export revenues were found to be taking hit as a result of international market prices.

However, total net flow is expected to increase by about 16.9 per cent in 2019 driven by tourism, remittances and Foreign Direct Investments. The Rwandan economy is projected to grow by 7.8 per cent in 2019, according to the latest projections by the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

The economy is projected to remain strong in 2019, at 7.8 per cent, driven by investment flow, continued diversification of exports, and continued resilience of the agriculture sector. The projected growth will, among other things, rely on the continued investment inflows, foreign and local.

CBN plans big for Nigeria's creative industry

LAGOS

THE Central Bank of Nigeria in collaboration with the Bankers' Committee as part of efforts to boost job creation in Nigeria, particularly among the youth, has developed a Creative Industry Financing Initiative.

The CBN said on Monday that under the CIFI loan initiative, beneficiaries could get up to N500m loans at nine per cent interest rate. It noted that the creative industries that could apply were fashion, Information Technology, movie production, movie distribution, music and software engineering student loan.

The apex bank stated, "Software engineering student can get a loan of up to N3m, N30m for movie production business, N500m for movie distribution business, cover your rental/service fees for fashion and Information Technology business, cover your training fees, equipment fees, and rental/service fees for music business."

The CBN advised interested applicants in the creative industry to submit applications to their banks for approval and disbursement. It also urged them to prepare the business plan or statement on how much they required for the business.

According to the CBN, the banks will discuss the request and provide the money. "The maximum interest rate of nine per cent per annum (all charges inclusive) is applicable to all loans," it stated.

On the period for the repayment of the loan, it said, "For software engineering student loan, it is a maximum of three years; for movie production and distribution, it is a maximum of 10 years; for fashion, Information Technology and music, it is a maximum of 10 years."

Grape farmers complain against unfair prices as Dodoma RC dares NMB to invest in them

By The Banker Reporter

GRAPE farmers in Dodoma region are increasingly complaining against unfair prices being offered by mostly middlemen while wine factories are rapidly emerging in the new capital.

Fed up with the exploitation, the farmers are now calling on authorities to put in place some regulatory mechanism for the commodity which they feel is not benefiting them befittingly.

"Currently, decision on minimum prices being paid for a kilogram of grapes in the market is decided by middlemen and agro-processors. So far this season, the price of grapes stands at between 800/- and 1,200/- per kilogramme, which is very low," said Madeghe Kitange, a farmer who reside at Msalato, an area in the outskirts of Dodoma city.

Kitange like many other grape farmers feel that their commodity which is used in the manufacture of expensive wines selling in the domestic market and abroad, is lowly paid. "We need some kind of a regulatory body like other commodities to set up indicative prices," he added while warning that if the exploitative prices continue, many farmers will abandon cultivation of the crop.

It is complaints by smallholder grape farmers like Kitange which recently forced Dodoma Regional Commissioner, Dr Bilnith Mahenge to request NMB Bank Plc set up facilities such as affordable loans targeting farmers to allow them invest in agriculture.

Dodoma region is the country's largest producer of grapes with an average of over 10,000 metric tons per annum.

Dr Mahenge said during last week's NMB stakeholders meeting that as the country's largest commercial bank, the Dar es Salaam based lender needs to heavily invest in the new capital both in agriculture and infrastructure to improve its service provision.

"But your loans targeting smallholder farmers should attract reasonable interest rate so that they can afford them," Dr Mahenge said noting that with such loans, farmers will be financially stable and avoid falling into debt traps offered by middlemen and agro-processors.

"I know that your bank has invested heavily in the country's agriculture sector but Dodoma needs a lot more targeting all crops and not only grapes," the RC added. He also urged the lender's management to consider scaling up its services in the capital because of increasing population as the government



NMB's Head of Wholesale Business, Filbert Mponzi addressing Dodoma stakeholders led by Regional Commissioner, Dr Bilnith Mahenge last week. File photo.

completes relocating to the central region town.

"In addition, Dodoma is quickly becoming a metropolitan hence NMB needs to scale up its presence here to meet the growing demand from the rapidly increasing population," the RC added.

Dr Mahenge's observation was backed by Benjamin Mkapa Re-

ferral Hospital's Director General, Dr Alfonse Chandika who pointed out that although NMB is already providing commendable services in the new capital, a lot more need to be invested to improve its services.

"Dodoma's population is increasing rapidly because of civil servants who have relocated here who get their banking ser-

VICES such as salaries from NMB hence the need to expand your services," Dr Chandika said.

Responding to the stakeholders' concerns, NMB's acting Managing Director, Albert Jonergouw promised to scale up loan provision to farmers while pointing out that in improving its services, the bank has already deployed its mobile branch at government's

administrative town of Mtumba.

"Last year we launched our capital office here in Dodoma at the PSPF building near Bank of Tanzania offices and opened a new branch that was named after the late Father of the Nation, NMB Kambarage exclusively for top customers and government officials," the NMB chief noted.

Jonergouw pointed out that NMB is already focused on lending to farmers in support of government's efforts to semi-industrialise the economy while heading to middle income status. "We have already heavily invested in Dodoma in support of the government's decision to move its capital and will continue doing so," the acting MD noted.

"We also see agriculture business opportunities in this region increasing - grapes cultivation, maize, sesame, groundnuts and sunflower. We observe major hotels developing here, private schools and colleges, we see small businesses increasing due to the increasing number of people who have shifted to Dodoma," Jonergouw said.

He added, "That's why we have decided to hugely invest in this region to offer the best banking services to the government, large corporations and the public for all their banking needs."

African countries need to manage the rising power of credit rating agencies

By Dr Misheck Mutize

THE rising gap between developmental needs and available financial resources - including poor revenue collection - has pushed sub-Saharan African governments to consider different options to support their budgets.

One route to raise capital has been the issuing of sovereign bonds on international financial markets. But to do this successfully, governments need a sovereign credit rating from at least one of the three dominant international credit rating agencies. These are Standard & Poor's (S&P), Moody's and Fitch. The number of African countries seeking a sovereign credit rating has increased from one in 1994 to 31 in 2018.

There's been growing dissatisfaction with the three agencies. A number of rated countries on the continent, such as Nigeria, are unhappy, joining a chorus of dissatisfied voices around the world. Their unhappiness stems from the fact that, outside the US and the European Union (EU), the agencies don't subscribe to any international regime or governance body. This means that their misconduct remains largely unchecked.

The international rating agencies have operated unregulated even though the need for them to be regulated has become apparent. The EU and US provide examples of how it can be done. After the 2008 crisis the EU introduced regulations and several directives to manage the agencies more tightly.

In the US, the Dodd-Frank &



Triple A rating is good.

Consumer Protection Act of 2010 expanded the regulatory power of the Securities and Exchanges Commission to enforce full disclosure about the rating agencies' methodologies.

The only country in Africa that has comparable laws is South Africa - although there is still very weak to no civil liability of rating agencies. These laws were passed partly to make it easier for European countries and the US to litigate against rating agencies in cases of misinformation, as well as controlling their influence.

There are no laws elsewhere in Africa to hold the rating agencies' operations on the continent to account. And there's no central coordination of their activities within individual African countries. This is because no single institution is responsible for administering their regulations or managing them. Either the ministry of finance, or sometimes the central bank, works hand in hand with rating agencies and liaises on issues relating to a sovereign's rating

profile.

So what can African countries do? The problem is that, as the influence of international rating agencies continues to expand, individual African countries have limited power to act against them. One possibility is that the continent establishes collective and well defined ways to ensure they present a common front to the rating agencies.

Countries that have complaints

In 2015, the Zambian government urged investors to ignore unsolicited credit downgrade from the rating agencies. It challenged the correctness of its rating, which it said hadn't been discussed with the country's representatives.

In 2017, Namibia rejected Moody's decision to downgrade the country's credit rating to junk status. It said the downgrade was contrary to its generally stable economic outlook.

The government of Nigeria also strongly disagreed with its downgrading. It questioned both the general rating premises as well as the agency's conclusions. The government believed the economy had successfully emerged from a recession and recorded important improvements across a broad range of sectors.

In 2018, Tanzania criticised Moody's decision to assign a low credit rating with a negative outlook on the country's first international credit rating. Tanzania rejected the rating. It argued that it hadn't been thoroughly consulted.

There are more general complaints too. Judging from

the way in which African countries are rated, an argument could be made that rating agencies view the African continent as a homogeneous entity. They appear to consider all African economies as unstable.

Only three - Mauritius, Morocco and South Africa - out of 31 rated countries have a rating just above "junk status." Only one - Botswana - has an A-class rating. Compared to other regions, 87% of African countries are rated "junk status." That's compared to approximately 19% in Western Europe, 27% in the Middle East, 38% in Central and Eastern Europe, 54% in Asia Pacific and 55% in Latin America and The Caribbean.

The effect of this is that African countries have to issue sovereign bonds at high discounts, and are subject to higher interest rates.

Another area of contention is that credit rating methodologies consistently over-emphasise political risk in the rating criteria. Political components constitute approximately 50% of the composite rating. Other components such as financial and economic components each contribute to the remaining 50%. While the qualitative factors are judged purely based on the ideology of the credit analysts, their perception towards the political institutions in Africa is generally negative.

The data shows that the rating agencies have downgraded more countries than they have upgraded over the past 24 years. There have been 47 downgrades, compared to only 22 upgrades and 113 negative changes in outlooks; only nine positive changes have been recorded.

Solutions and action plan

African countries should design a collective response mechanism to save the continent from rating abuse. This mechanism can also be used to bring the operations of agencies under control. The aim should be to avoid unfair and exploitative business practices.

One option would be for the African Union to establish a continental regulatory authority. It could govern the cross-border activities of international rating agencies, administer a prudential standard framework and evaluate the accuracy and fairness of ratings assigned to particular countries.

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BANKING & FINANCE

South Africa's startling rise in chartered accountancy failure rates

JOHANNESBURG

THE embattled South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (Saica) - already under unprecedented professional criticism for the role CAs played in corporate scandals at Steinhoff, VBS Bank, KPMG and elsewhere - is now under attack for flunking nearly a third of candidates who sat the board exams late last year.

Some 32% of candidates failed the exams last year, a big increase on the 20% and 11% who failed in each of the previous two years.

The clear aim is to clean up the profession's image after CAs were found

at the centre of a string of corporate scandals. Several aspiring CAs who flunked the exams seem mystified by the outcome, particularly as they had aced all previous exams - both at Saica board and university levels.

One candidate, who asked not to be named, says the results are suspect for a number of reasons. "My real gripe is the lack of transparency in marking. No percentages are given, just letters such as C (Competent) and BC (Below competent). So we never quite know what was expected of us."

Candidates in the dark

Candidates also complain that they

have no idea what weighting is attached to these different markings, nor how they should prepare for the repeat exams. What has alarmed some is the 48% pass rate for African candidates in 2018, as opposed to 86% for whites, 78% for Indians and 73% for coloureds. This compares with a pass rate in 2017 of 69% for Africans, 89% for whites, 84% for Indians and 80% for coloureds.

A letter from several dozen affected candidates from each of the Big Four accounting firms - EY, PwC, Deloitte and KPMG - challenges Saica on steps taken to address the "unique and complex" issue of the high African failure rate, and argues against generalised solutions to

remedy the specific socio-economic factors behind this failure rate.

The candidates also question Saica's motive for reducing the pass rate, given the deluge of recent corporate scandals, often enabled by CAs. The clear aim is to raise the bar to professional entry, but candidates who failed see it differently: a far higher percentage of candidates who took their study course through University of Johannesburg (UJ) failed than did those who studied at University of Cape Town, the two universities where most CA candidates prepare for the exam.

"We were told at UJ to answer questions with less technical language,

and communicate as

if we were speaking to someone on the street - which we did. Then we failed," says one. "Those of us who failed have to sit the exam again at the end of the year, but we don't know what is expected of us."

This fear appears grounded in fact: 45% of repeat candidates who sat the exam in 2018 failed, while 71% of first-time candidates passed. Marking strategy

'allows for manipulation'

The candidates who wrote to Saica claim the accounting body has been less than responsive and forthcoming to opinions and inputs from various stakeholders, and has instead blamed the candidates for the high failure rate. They claim Saica has not adopted a transparent marking strategy, and that this allows for manipulation by individual exam markers.

WORLD



Li Zhanhu (right), chairman of the National People's Congress (NPC) Standing Committee, holds talks with the Republic of Korea (ROK) National Assembly Speaker Moon Hee-sang at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on Tuesday. (XINHUA)

China, ROK to strengthen Belt and Road cooperation

BEIJING

CHINA and the Republic of Korea (ROK) should strengthen alignment of the Belt and Road cooperation and jointly safeguard multilateralism and free trade system, Chinese top legislator Li Zhanhu said Tuesday while holding talks with ROK's National Assembly Speaker Moon Hee-sang in Beijing.

Hailing the success of the Second Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation (BRF), which was held from April 25 to 27 in Beijing, Li, chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress (NPC), said the principles, concepts and goals for high-quality Belt and Road development as well as a series of major reform and opening-up measures that have been announced will bring more opportunities to countries around the world.

"Both China and the ROK firmly support openness, inclusiveness and cooperation," Li said, calling on the two countries to strengthen alignment of the Belt and Road cooperation, jointly safeguard multilateralism and the free trade system against the background of rising unilateralism and protectionism, and work toward a more fair and justified international order.

Noting that bilateral ties have re-

sumed development after temporary difficulties, Li said China stands ready to maintain and strengthen communication with the ROK at different levels and in various fields, respect each other's core interests and major concerns, and further cement the foundation of mutual trust underpinning bilateral ties.

He also pledged to further boost friendly contacts between China's NPC and ROK's National Assembly, strengthen exchanges of experience in legislation and supervision, and promote cooperation in such fields as economy and trade, culture, youth and cooperation at sub-national levels.

Moon said ROK highly appreciates China's constructive role in the process of political settlement of the Korean Peninsula issue.

He also spoke highly of the success of the BRF, noting that ROK is willing to strengthen alignment of the Belt and Road cooperation with China and expand pragmatic cooperation in various fields.

The ROK's National Assembly attaches importance to friendly ties with China's NPC, Moon said, while pledging to deepen exchanges and cooperation so as to make greater contribution to the sound, stable development of bilateral relations.

Xinhua

Uganda approves licensing of five blocks in second round of oil exploration

KAMPALA

UGANDA'S cabinet has approved the licensing of five oil blocks in the second round of the country's oil exploration in the Albertine Graben, located in the western region.

A government statement issued in Kampala on Tuesday said the Avivi, Omuka, Kasuruban, Turaco and Ngaji blocks are located both offshore and onshore of Lake Albert, shared with eastern Democratic Republic of Congo.

"The objectives of implementing the second licensing round include... establishment of additional petroleum resources and reserves to the current recoverable reserves estimated at 1.4 billion barrels of oil and 500 billion cubic feet of non-associated gas," the statement said.

The approval, which was made on Monday, also aims at creating opportunities for national participation through service provision and employment, according to the statement.

Last month, minister of energy and

mineral development Irene Muloni said a new round of competitive bidding for oil exploration licenses would be announced later this month. Three companies are participating in the first round of oil exploration.

China National Offshore Oil Corporation, Total, and Tullow are operating in the first blocks in the Albertine Graben.

The Ugandan government expects commercial oil production to start by 2023.

Xinhua

Iran's move on JCPOA triggered by Washington's rash policy, says Kremlin

MOSCOW

IRAN'S decision to suspend some of its obligations under the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) on the Iranian nuclear deal is caused by rash steps taken by Washington, Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters yesterday.

"President Putin has repeatedly talked about the consequences of rash steps in relation to Iran, that is, the decision taken by Washington," he said. "We see that these consequences are starting to ensue."

"The situation is serious, it is clearly provoked by previous decisions [of Washington]," Peskov (pictured) continued. "Putin had said that ill-conceived subjective decisions lead to unjustified pressure on Iran and provoke further undesirable steps, which we are witnessing now."

Peskov reminded that Putin has repeatedly reaffirmed Moscow's commitments to the JCPOA, highlighting the importance and indispensability of this deal.

The Kremlin spokesman added that Moscow would maintain contacts with its JCPOA partners in order to save the deal. "It goes without saying that Russian diplomats will continue to discuss this topic [the JCPOA] with their partners, including (their) European partners, in order to maintain the agreement's viability," he stressed.

Peskov added that it is too early to talk about potential sanctions against Iran due to the decision taken by Tehran. "Right now, we just need to assess the situation properly and exchange the positions on this matter," he said. "We need to analyze this situation and to establish contacts along the lines of foreign ministries," Peskov stated.

The Kremlin official added that Putin does not plan to meet with Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, who is currently on a visit to Moscow.

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South Africa starts voting amid issue of corruption

JOHANNESBURG

SOUTH Africans voted yesterday in presidential and parliamentary elections amid issues of corruption and unemployment.

It is 25 years since the end of apartheid, but despite the demise of the harsh system of racial discrimination, the country remains divided by economic inequality.

The African National Congress, the party of Nelson Mandela that has been in power since 1994, is likely to win a majority but it will face a difficult challenge to do as well as five years ago.

The party has been tarnished by widespread corruption scandals and a national unemployment rate of 27% that has left many voters disillusioned. The ANC's leader, President Cyril Ramaphosa, has campaigned on promises to clean up his party, an acknowledgment of the problems that forced his predecessor to resign last year.

Opposition leader Mmusi Maimane, who has campaigned vigorously against corruption, was one of the first voters at the Dobsonville polling station in Soweto, Johannesburg's largest black township.

"Soweto represents to me the home of the struggle against apartheid and it is where we are now struggling against corruption and for a new government," Maimane said after casting his ballots.

Black support for Maimane's party, the Democratic Alliance, is limited because it is generally perceived to be run by whites.

In the working class suburb of Kempton Park, in eastern Johannesburg, Albert Lethole, 65, said it felt good to vote. He said he voted in the first all-race elections in 1994.

"Things have been changing slowly but more needs to be done," said Lethole of changes since the end of apartheid.



People vote at a polling station in the Crawford College in Johannesburg, South Africa, yesterday. South Africans are flocking to about 23,000 voting stations across the nation on Wednesday to cast ballots that will determine which party is to rule the country in the next five years. (Xinhua)

The ANC has vowed to embark on a program of seizing white-owned land without compensation, for which it needs a 67% majority to change South Africa's constitution.

In the most likely scenario, the ANC will need to form a coalition government with another party to get the votes needed to alter the constitution. That is likely to be the Economic Freedom Fighters, a populist, left-wing party that also supports land seizures.

If the ANC's share of the vote slips below 60%, Ramaphosa could be vulnerable and his party could oust him and choose a new leader.

The country's young voters, who make up about 20% of the electorate, largely support the EFF, which is led by charismatic firebrand Julius Malema, who broke from the ANC six years ago.

More than 40 smaller parties also

are vying for power in the balloting.

Neither the president nor the parliament is elected directly. Voters cast ballots for a national party and the number of votes won by each party determines how many representatives are sent to the legislature. The president is the leader of the party that gets the most votes.

Some 26 million people of the country's population of 57 million are eligible to vote. Most of the 22,900 polling stations opened at 7 am local time and were to close at 9 pm (0500 to 1900 GMT; 1 am to 3 pm EDT).

The day is a national holiday to encourage turnout.

South Africa was famous for its long lines of voters in the first post-apartheid election 25 years ago. But a sense of national apathy this year could be an ominous sign for the ANC.

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Kremlin comments on Kiev's move not to recognise Russian passports for Donbass residents

MOSCOW

MOSCOW will continue issuing Russian passports to Donbass residents despite Kiev's plans to recognize these documents as invalid, Russian Presidential Spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters when asked what the Kremlin's reaction would be if Ukraine refused to recognize such passports.

"What reaction can be expected from the Kremlin? The Kremlin will continue issuing passports to those who wish to obtain them and are covered by the presidential decree," Peskov said.

Ukrainian Prime Minister Vladimir Groisman said at a cabinet meeting earlier yesterday that the country's government would make a decision recognizing Russian passports issued

to Ukrainians living in Donbass as invalid. Groisman added that it would be possible to use those documents neither within the country nor for international travels. Ukrainian Foreign Minister Pavel Klimkin said earlier that Kiev would be ready to discuss dual citizenship with Russia only after it regained control of Donbass and Crimea.

On April 24, Russian President Vladimir Putin signed a decree, which eases Russian citizenship rules for residents of certain regions of southeastern Ukraine.

"Individuals permanently residing in certain areas of Ukraine's Donetsk and Lugansk regions have the right to apply for Russian citizenship under a fast-track procedure," the decree reads.

Agencies

South Sudan delays formation of unity govt avert war - official

JUBA

SOUTH Sudanese government agreed to extend the deadline for the formation of a unity government by six months to avoid return to war, information and broadcasting minister Michael Makuei Lueth said Tuesday.

Makuei (pictured) said President Salva Kiir's administration had initially objected to delay in forming the unity government beyond the May 12 deadline, but it compromised for the sake of peace.

"We did not want to go back to war and we don't want to declare the agreement has collapsed, but we want to come out with a government that is acceptable to all of us."

That is why we accepted the extension," Makuei said. Makuei said any failure in extending the pre-transitional period would have shattered



the fragile peace deal and returned the world's youngest nation into war.

He called on the parties to the pact to unite and ensure that the pending issues, such as security arrangements and determination of number of states be completed before the elapse of the six months.

"We make sure we operationalize the provisions of chapter two because at the end of the six months, there will

be no room again for extension," Makuei said.

Parties to the agreement on Tuesday held a news conference in Juba to brief the country about the outcome of last week's talks in Ethiopia where they agreed to delay the new government by six months.

Signatories to the 2018 peace agreement on May 3 agreed to extend formation of the transitional government by six months following delays in the implementation of the pact.

Henry Odwar, deputy chairman of the main rebel group, Sudan People's Liberation Movement in Opposition (SPLM-IO) said the delay would allow the parties to resolve the pending issues.

"In the last eight months, we were unable to implement the security arrangements and we hope in the next six months, we should be able to im-

plement the security arrangements. We need to work together so that we achieve peace," Odwar said.

Gabriel Changson Chang, chairperson of Opposition Alliance, a grouping of smaller armed factions in the peace deal, said the extension was not to destroy the peace deal, but it was meant to salvage the deal from collapse.

South Sudan descended into civil war in late 2013, and the conflict has created one of the fastest growing refugee crises in the world.

The UN estimates that about four million South Sudanese have been displaced internally and externally. A peace deal signed in August 2015 collapsed following renewed violence in the capital Juba in July 2016. Under the 2018 peace deal, opposition leader Riek Machar, will once again be reinstated as President Salva Kiir's deputy.

Xinhua

Iran stops complying with parts of nuke deal, threatens for more

TEHRAN

IRAN'S withdrawal from implementing parts of the 2015 nuclear deal yesterday will be intensified in future in case Tehran's interests under the pact cannot be honored, Iranian authorities said.

The move by Iran comes after its persistent demands that the Europeans and other signatories of the deal should protect Tehran's economic and financial interests were not heeded

appropriately.

On Wednesday, ambassadors of France, Britain, Germany, Russia and China in Tehran received letters authorized by Iran's Supreme National Security Council (SNSC), saying that Iran scales back compliance with two of its commitments under the nuclear deal.

Iran might stop more compliance with the nuclear deal after 60 days, the letters revealed.

Iran's initial steps to stray away from its commitments

subject to the deal were detailed by Iranian President Hassan Rouhani's televised speech on Wednesday when he said that Iran would begin to build up stockpiles of its enriched uranium and heavy water.

"It doesn't mean that Iran leaves the nuclear agreement, known as Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA)," he said.

The Iranian president said that Iran is ready for talks on its JCPOA-related economic interests, in which wide range of

sanctions on the Iranian economy had been lifted but were imposed by U.S. President Donald Trump following his entire withdrawal from the 2015 agreement last year.

Under the nuclear deal clinched between Iran and world's six major powers in 2015, Iran accepted to send out its low-grade enriched uranium once its production exceeded 300 kg. Besides, Iran had to sell the extra amount heavy water product beyond 130 tons.

Iran will wait for 60 days to start negotiations with the signatories of the nuclear deal over its economic interests enshrined by the nuclear deal, including its oil sales and international banking transactions, Rouhani said on Wednesday.

"The path we have chosen today is not the path of war. It is the path of diplomacy," Rouhani said, adding that if Iran achieves no results after 60 days, it will adopt two more counter-measures to the U.S. withdrawal from

the deal. Rouhani threatened that Iran might increase the level of uranium enrichment and start modernizing its heavy water reactor.

"Under the nuclear deal, Iran accepted to keep the level of its enriched uranium at 3.67 percent. After 60 days (if there is no result for talks), we will not honor the level for uranium enrichment," he said.

"At that time, Iran will also start to complete the construction of the Arak Heavy Water

establishment," he added.

Earlier on Wednesday, Iran's SNSC said in a statement that "at the current juncture, we are not committed to complying with the restrictions on the enriched uranium reserves and heavy water supplies."

The statement also set a 60-day deadline for the remaining parties to the deal to fulfill their obligations, particularly in preserving Iran's interests in the areas of banking and oil.

Agencies

Colorado high school student gunned down, 8 wounded

HIGHLANDS RANCH

ANOTHER high school student is dead and eight more wounded here on Tuesday, as gun-triggered tragedy returned to this fear-gripped community southwest of Denver, Colorado.

"We know two individuals walked into the STEM school, got deep inside the school and engaged students in two separate locations," said Douglas County Sheriff Tony Spurlock in a news conference. "There were a number of students that were shot and injured."

Just before 2 p.m. local time (2000 GMT) Tuesday afternoon, two teenagers wielding guns entered the STEM School Highlands Ranch K-12 magnet school with 1,800 students southeast of Denver -- just seven miles (11.2 km) from the notorious 1999 Columbine massacre.

Young students described hiding beneath their desks, crying, trembling in fear and hearing the "boom" of gunfire nearby before sheriff deputies rushed the high school, stopped the violence and apprehended two suspects.

Police said Tuesday night the student killed was an 18-year-old male, and that one of the two apprehended was the same age and gender, who was later described as "quiet," when his family's neighbors were interviewed by a local TV station.

Two of the students hit by gunfire were listed in serious condition Tuesday night, and four had been released from hospitals, sources said.

Outside the school was a scene of utter chaos, as hundreds of screaming parents rushed to the scene, following 79 police units, 148 fire and rescue vehicles, and three airlift helicopters.

"My God, we just want to see our babies alive," a distraught mother, who preferred to remain anonymous, told Xinhua.

DEJA VU

Twenty years and one month ago, Columbine High School, located just over 11 km away in affluent Littleton, Colorado, was the scene of a historic mass murder where 12 students and a teacher were shot to death and 21 injured by two deranged teenagers.

Times have changed and schools are better prepared for such horrifying events.

"Because of the way police responded, lives were saved today," said Frank DeAngelis, the principal at Columbine 20 years ago.



Officials guide students off a bus and into a recreation center where they were reunited with their parents after a shooting at a suburban Denver middle school on Tuesday, in Highlands Ranch, Colo.

"The protocol has changed -- before we only did fire drills, but now the kids were prepared for a live shooter, and the police responded -- they did not wait, they went in immediately," he told NBC News.

Just last month, southwest Denver schools were emptied for a day while police conducted a manhunt for an 18-year-old from Miami who flew to Denver, bought a shotgun near Columbine, and was described as "obsessed" with the 1999 massacre.

"We can do better than this -- our children don't deserve to go to school and be in fear of gun violence," said Colorado House Rep. Tom Sullivan.

Sullivan, whose son Alex was murdered on his 27th birthday in the Aurora theater shooting of 2012, was elected to public office last year in a wave of politicians nationwide advocating stricter gun control laws.

Thus far in 2019, against the odds, Sullivan has pushed through the Denver statehouse a "Red Flag" bill giving law enforcement more power to intervene quickly if an individual shows signs of being a threat to himself or others.

Currently, Sullivan is pushing to get a safety-storage bill passed that would require gun

owners to lock and secure their weapons, to stop them from getting in the hands of mentally troubled, murderous teenagers.

That law might have stopped the devastating Sandy Hook Elementary School mass murder in 2012 where 21 children were gunned down, and possibly, Tuesday's tragedy south of Denver.

Both mild measures have been staunchly opposed by Colorado's Republican politicians who are supported by the National Rifle Association (NRA), who oppose every form of gun control measure that is introduced.

Even the National Basketball Association (NBA) got involved in the public outcry.

Later Tuesday, the nearby Pepsi Center featured NBA playoff action with the Denver Nuggets hosting the Portland Trailblazers, during which the Nuggets posted their condolences and prayers to family members of victims.

The opposition Trailblazers then posted a "heartfelt prayer to the entire Denver community."

Popular Nuggets coach Michael Malone also addressed the incident. "That's a community I live in ... I'm not a politician, I don't have all the answers but something has to change," he said in his pre-game press conference.

Agencies

Four southern African countries agree on 'integrated' elephant management approach

KASANE, Botswana.

THE leaders of Botswana, Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe have agreed to pursue an "integrated response" to global outcry over the anticipated re-introduction of elephant hunting.

They were attending the 2019 "elephant summit" in Kasane, northeastern Botswana, which ended on Tuesday.

The leaders of Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe also rallied behind Botswana's call for the region to have a unified approach in tackling human-wildlife conflict.

For his part, Namibian president and Southern African Development Community chairperson, Hage Geingob, took a swipe at those who criticize Kavango Zambezi Transfrontier Conservation Area (KAZA TFCA) countries for its conservation programs that call for reduction of elephant numbers.

"I support KAZA efforts on elephants. We should not be victims of our success in conservation," he said. "The West must humble itself and learn conservation from us, instead of lecturing us on what we ought to do." In 1995, Namibia only had 2,000 elephants. The number has since grown to 40,000 thanks to effective



Botswana's President Mokgweetsi Masisi, Namibian President Hage Geingob, Zimbabwean President Emmerson Mnangagwa and Zambian President Edgar Lungu (from L to R) pose for photos during the 2019 Elephant Summit in Kasane, northeastern Botswana, on Tuesday. The leaders of Botswana, Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe have agreed to pursue an "integrated response" to global outcry over the anticipated re-introduction of elephant hunting. (Xinhua)

policies and laws, Geingob said, calling for a sustainable way of ensuring that the ecosystem's carrying capacity is maintained.

"The elephant population in Namibia is in safe hands. The shared approach on elephant management will go a long way in reducing human-elephant conflict," he said.

Botswana's president, Mokgweetsi Masisi, urged the governments in the KAZA to speak with one voice on the need to reduce elephant numbers.

The rise in elephant population is making it difficult to manage sustainable ecosystems, especially in Botswana, where their number is estimated at over 130,000, Masisi said.

The prevailing circumstances call for an urgent review of the strategy with a key element of effective international engagement, hence the Kasane Elephant Summit, he Masisi.

In his address, Zambian president Edgar Lungu said the elephant summit is a testimony on the region's common resolve to manage the KAZA TFCA natural resources.

The African Savanna elephant thrived in the KAZA area because of good conservation policies, he said.

Lungu encouraged his colleagues in the region to work hard in fighting poaching and illegal wildlife trade.

"Together with our communities, we have to practice sustainable conservation and real benefits from conservation should support livelihoods," he said.

Zimbabwean president Emmerson Mnangagwa also affirmed his country's support to controlled elephant management.

Elephants are a symbol of conservation success in the KAZA region, he said, adding that Zimbabwe is committed to the elephant management approach as championed by the region.

He also called on countries to implement robust mechanisms to curb illegal wildlife trade. Xinhua

UN commission urges African countries to invest more in blue economy

ADDIS ABABA

The UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) has urged African countries to invest more in the blue economy so as to capitalize on the potential of the imminent African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

The ECA also reiterated its "availability and commitment" to work with African countries and pan-African institutions to develop the continent's blue economy, the commission said in a statement.

According to the ECA, the blue economy "can play a major role in Africa's structural transformation via the sustainable use, management and conservation of aquatic and marine ecosystems and associated resources and an optimal linkage of these with other sectors."

"It also stressed that African countries "can take advantage to cash in on the AfCFTA through shipping and offshore free-trade zones, eco-tourism and biodiversity, fossil and renewable marine energy, pharmaceutical and cosmetic industries, genetic resources and marine products more generally."

The ECA said it is ready to support African countries in the development of the nexus between the blue economy and free trade pact.

Antonio Pedro, ECA's director of the Sub-regional Office for Central Africa, urged countries with resources in the sector, such as Mauritius, Sao Tome and Principe, and Seychelles, to capitalize on the opportunities offered by the AfCFTA, which is expected to officially enter into force at an extraordinary summit of African heads of state and government slated for July 7, 2019.

Last week, the African Union (AU) set a one-month timeframe to activate the AfCFTA on May 30 as Sierra Leone and the Saharawi Republic deposited their instruments of ratification with the AU Commission earlier this month.

"The two deposits meet the minimum threshold of ratifications required under Article 23 of the AfCFTA Agreement for it to enter into force 30

days after the deposit of the 22nd deposit, which is made by the Saharawi Republic," the AU said in statement last Wednesday.

According to the ECA, focused investments to build the blue economy industry, improvements in quality assurance and standardization, more depth in the value chain, and the alignment of youth training policy with the national development needs are important for AU member countries as the free trade pact edges closer to take effect.

Pedro, the ECA sub-regional director, said the commission stands ready to support African countries with "huge potential" in the blue economy to benefit from the sector by capitalizing on the free trade pact.

"ECA would be available to facilitate the sharing of experiences and the signing of South-South partnerships with other countries having the characteristics of Mauritius, Seychelles and Sao Tome and Principe, which are leading in rolling out the Blue Economy strategies of the African Union," an ECA statement quoted Pedro as saying on Monday.

The ECA, in a policy handbook published in 2016, described the blue economy as "the resources of the aquatic and marine ecosystems including oceans, seas, coasts, lakes, rivers, and underground water linked to productive sectors such as fisheries, aquaculture, tourism, transport, shipbuilding, energy production, bio-prospecting, and underwater mining and related activities."

The AfCFTA, which was signed by 44 African countries when it was launched in Kigali, capital of Rwanda, in March 2018, aspires to create a tariff-free continent that can grow local businesses, boost intra-African trade, spur industrialization and create more jobs.

Regarded as the world's largest free trade zone by the number of countries, the AfCFTA covers more than 1.2 billion people, with a combined gross domestic product (GDP) of 2.5 trillion U.S. dollars.

Xinhua

As elections loom, Greece announces 'relief measures'

ATHENS

GREEK Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras on Tuesday announced tax cuts and pledged to reinstate a benefit for low income pensioners among other "relief measures", weeks before municipal and European Parliament elections.

Greece emerged from its third international bailout in August last year and has been outperforming fiscal targets agreed with its international lenders, giving the government leeway to proceed with handouts in an election year.

"The time has come for the sacrifices of the Greek people to be vindicated," Tsipras (pictured) said in a joint news briefing with Finance Minister Euclid Tsakalotos and other ministers.

The new measures will come into effect in 2019-21. They include a permanent benefit for pensioners, who saw their incomes slashed at the peak of Greece's debt crisis in 2012. Value-added tax on restaurants will be reduced to 13 percent from 24 percent while the reduced VAT bracket will fall to 11 percent from 13 percent.

The government will also eliminate a so-called "solidarity tax" on annual incomes of up to 20,000 euros and lower it for all other incomes from



next year. It also wants to reduce corporate tax to 25 percent by 2021 from 28 percent. Tsipras, who faces a confidence vote on Friday, said the new handouts were not expected to put the country's fiscal achievements or annual targets at risk.

It was not clear if the lenders, who started a post-bailout review to assess Greece's progress this week, had approved the handouts.

Greece has committed to delivering primary budget surpluses, excluding debt servicing, of 3.5 percent of annual economic output up to 2022.

Its outperformance this year would be 1.14 billion euros, Tsipras projected, adding that Greece has a 31 billion euro liquidity buffer.

In the coming days, an amount of 5.5 billion euros would be deposited in an escrow account, which would serve as a guarantee that Greece would meet its fiscal targets up to 2022 and debt obligations, he said. Agencies

China trying to boost comprehensive development of Asia, world - former Egyptian minister

CAIRO

CHINA, through holding the Conference on Dialogue of Asian Civilizations to be held later this month, is trying to unite efforts for achieving comprehensive development of Asia and the world, said Helmy al-Namnam, the former Egyptian Minister of Culture.

In an exclusive interview with Xinhua, al-Namnam noted that such conference will bring Asian countries together in a constructive manner to cope with existing conflicts.

Focused on exchanges and mutual

learning among Asian civilizations and a community with a shared future, the conference includes an opening ceremony and six sub-forums.

"China is currently carrying out an important comprehensive development program. To carry out this program, China is remarkably following peaceful ways away from military conflicts and wars," al-Namnam told Xinhua.

Al-Namnam said that Asia comprises most of the ancient civilizations, such as Iraq, Syria, India, China, part of Russia and Southeast Asia, stressing that

these regions have ancient civilizations and must "meet together because what unites them is much greater what might separate them."

What fuels conflict and leads to armed conflict is the absence of real dialogue, al-Namnam said, "but China's initiative to hold a major conference of the dialogue of civilizations in Asia is a very important move to pave the way for the language of dialogue over the language of conflict."

The conference will invite state leaders from Asia and other regions, heads of international organizations, and

representatives from various fields of humanities. Other activities such as an Asian cultural carnival, Asian civilization week and Asian food festival will also be held during the event.

"I believe that this initiative will be a great success and might be an important start to ending many of the differences in Asia," he pointed out.

China has an interest in the cultural aspect, and the Chinese people have great desire to employ the cultural side in practical aspects of life, al-Namnam said.

"In China, people pay great attention

to heritage because they realize that heritage cannot be isolated from contemporary life," the former minister told Xinhua.

Al-Namnam also noted that China is an ancient country with a great civilization like Egypt, which greatly helps elevate communication between the two countries. He said that the bilateral relations are deeply-rooted since the beginning of the Silk Road.

"I consider myself lucky because preparations for the Chinese-Egyptian cultural year in 2016 started when I assumed my post as a minister," al-Nam-

nam revealed.

In 2016, Chinese President Xi Jinping and Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah al-Sisi attended the celebration marking the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between the two nations and the opening ceremony of the Chinese-Egyptian Culture Year in Luxor, Egypt.

"I believe that the continuation of cooperation between Egypt and China is very important," al-Namnam said, adding that China has a very successful development experience that can be followed by Egypt. Xinhua

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Reshynda Baker, from Louisville, Ky., shows off her R. Kelly tattoo as she waits to see him outside Leighton Criminal Court building where he appeared for a hearing in his sex-abuse case, Tuesday, May 7, 2019, in Chicago. (AP Photo)

R. Kelly's lawyer demands Avenatti texts, emails at hearing

CHICAGO

CELEBRITY lawyer Michael Avenatti pushed his way into the R. Kelly sex abuse case proclaiming that he was representing two of the accusers but on Tuesday it became clearer that he may be involved in a way he didn't anticipate: as a witness.

At a court hearing, Kelly's attorney reiterated his demand for any communications between Avenatti and Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx's office regarding the R&B star. He said he continues to wait for prosecutors to provide him with a copy of the videotape that Avenatti said he turned over to them that allegedly shows Kelly having sex with an underage girl.

"Everyone treats him like a lawyer in this case (but) he's a witness, so treat him like a witness," Steve Greenberg told news reporters after Tuesday's hearing. "He says he's got this tape (so) he's a chain of custody witness."

The judge told Greenberg he needs to know specifically what the lawyer wants from prosecutors and why the material is important in his defense of Kelly. He ordered the attorneys to return to court on June 26.

Avenatti, who represented porn actress Stormy Daniels in her legal battles against President Donald Trump, told The Associated Press in a phone interview that he doesn't understand what Greenberg is doing, especially given that texts and emails between him and Foxx were made public last month.

He said the only way Greenberg could help Kelly is if he somehow convinced a judge or jury that Avenatti "doctored" the videotape. Avenatti called that "ludicrous."

"If Steve Greenberg is hanging his defense of R. Kelly on Michael Avenatti, R. Kelly better

start preparing to spend the rest of his life in prison," said Avenatti, who faces unrelated charges of embezzlement and extortion in California and New York.

Also at the brief hearing, Greenberg said prosecutors have turned over bank records as well as documents related to two of the singer's accusers. He said among them are documents showing what he called efforts to extort Kelly.

Greenberg later told reporters that he had not reviewed all the documents yet.

Kelly, who was charged in February with 10 counts of sexual abuse pertaining to three girls and one woman, is due back in family law court on Wednesday in his child support case. It is unclear what will be discussed at that hearing because the judge won't let the media attend those hearings and has prohibited attorneys from speaking about the case.

After being arrested on the sex abuse charges and posting bond, Kelly was sent back to jail for failure to pay child support. He remained in jail for three days until someone paid the more than \$160,000 he owed in back child support to his ex-wife.

Another hearing involving a civil lawsuit filed by one of the accusers in the criminal case also is scheduled for Wednesday.

On Tuesday, an attorney who represents Kelly on entertainment matters said Kelly is in the process of lining up singing dates both inside and outside of Illinois. The lawyer, Doug Anton, said he expects the judge in Kelly's criminal case, who must sign off on any appearances outside of the court's jurisdiction, to allow the singer to travel to make a living.

Kelly had planned a trip to perform in April in Dubai, but it was called off.

AP

Tanzania's artists set to contest for MultiChoice Academy spots

By Guardian Reporter

ARTISTS from across Tanzania have been handed an opportunity to boost their competence as the MultiChoice Talent Factory (MTF) Academy has officially announced the much anticipated call to entry to all emerging filmmakers from 13 African countries.

Four Tanzanians, the organizers said, will join other film star aspirants from Across Africa to take part in the training.

The MTF Academy, which was launched in May last year, is part of MultiChoice Africa's groundbreaking corporate shared value initiative aimed at igniting Africa's creative industry through TV and filmmaking.

The artistes, as noted by the organizers, should either have some industry experience or a relevant post-school qualification in filmmaking to apply for the exciting opportunity to hone their television and film production skills under the guidance and mentorship of industry experts.

The Pan-African initiative is searching for 60 aspiring film and TV creatives from across the continent to be part of the Class of 2019, organizers noted.

As part of the program, young filmmakers are provided with training and hands-on experience in the film industry.

The program focuses on storytelling, production, audio and directing and other key areas. The academies also provide students with an opportunity to learn directly from well-known leading industry experts.

The participants will also work on live sets of local TV productions and create original content that will be aired on various local M-Net channels across the MultiChoice platforms, namely DStv, GOtv and Showmax. So far, organizers pointed out, MTF Academies have exposed the Class of 2018 to real-life industry immersions.

They include the Kenya Hub students working on productions such as music reality show Coke Studio, Pambio, Turn-Up and the popular Swahili telenovela titled Selina.

In Nigeria, the students cut their teeth on the thrilling series titled Battleground, The Johnsons, Tinsel and Flat Mates, which is a situational comedy, whilst in Zambia, the class worked on the reality show, Date My

Family, Top ZED music show and the drama series titled Chintelelewe.

The students also had the opportunity to gain hands-on experience on SuperSport shows and pitch their final-semester film projects to MultiChoice channel executives.

As part of MultiChoice Africa's investment in growing Africa's creative industries into vibrant economies, MTF in 2019 extended its commitment by introducing the MTF Master class series.

The series aim at boosting the industry professionals' competence by offering exclusive access to practical, expert-led industry skills workshops in various counties.

And in March, the initiative rolled out the MTF Portal, www.multichoicetalentfactory.com, an interactive online destination which brings talent and opportunities together under one platform for members of Africa's creative industry fraternity to connect and network with each other.

Millsap, Jokic spark Nuggets' 124-98 blowout of Blazers

DENVER

PAUL Millsap is showing the young'uns how it's done.

Millsap scored 19 of his 24 points in the first half Tuesday night, sparking Denver's 124-98 blowout of the Portland Trail Blazers that put the Nuggets on the verge of their first trip to the Western Conference finals in a decade.

The 34-year-old forward with nearly 100 games of playoff experience has injected some savvy into a series dominated by youth and emerging stars.

"It's not his first time, you know? He's been here before," Jamal Murray said. "He's showing everybody the ropes. ... He does all the little things that can help us win games and sets the tone for us."

Millsap is averaging 19 points and 9.6 boards in the best-of-seven series that the Nuggets lead 3-2 with Game 6 coming up Thursday night in Portland.

Gary Harris called Millsap "that calming factor" for a team making its first playoff appearance in six seasons. "He's been huge for us this series. He's been bringing it offensively, defensively and he helped us get off to a great start today."

After Millsap got the Nuggets going with a dozen first-quarter points, Nikola Jokic took over from there, scoring 25 points and pulling down 19 rebounds, tying a team NBA playoff high. Murray added 18 points to go with nine assists and zero turnovers.

Damian Lillard, who led Portland with 22 points, said it's exhausting facing the waves of young sharpshooters the Nuggets send at you, starting with the fulcrum of Jokic and Murray running the pick-and-roll.

"And then when all else fails, you've got to guard Millsap," Lillard lamented. "He's a handful for guys to guard because he's in the paint, he's making face-up jumpers, he's making 3s. In transition, you've got to find him, and then he's a monster on the glass."

Leaning on Millsap's experience and well-rounded game, he said, "is just something they can always go to, something they can always count on. So, it's tough to deal with."

Millsap helped the Nuggets turn in



Portland Trail Blazers forward Zach Collins, front, fouls Denver Nuggets guard Gary Harris as he shoots while Portland guard Damian Lillard defends in the first half of Game 5 of an NBA basketball second-round playoff series, Tuesday, May 7, 2019, in Denver. (AP Photo)

the first lopsided game of a series that was so evenly matched coming in that Denver held a cumulative scoring advantage of 464-462 and both teams had made the same number of free throws and 3-pointers.

The Nuggets never trailed and stretched a six-point lead after one quarter to 18 at the half and 28 heading into the fourth quarter. They led by as many as 31 before a parade of backups gave the starters some much-needed breathers.

Coming off a resounding Game 4 win that followed that epic quadruple-overtime loss, the Nuggets were focused and efficient just as coach Mike Malone promised when he said Denver wouldn't dare let up and exhale at home after reclaiming the home-court advantage.

Whatever adjustments Blazers coach Terry Stotts tried to make at the half didn't take as the Nuggets

outscored Portland 28-18 in the third quarter, and before long, the Blazers were thinking more about salvaging Game 6 and hoping to regroup for a return trip to Denver in hopes of a different outcome.

"We've got two must-wins ahead of us," Stotts said.

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Malone said he hopes his team learned from its Game 6 loss at San Antonio last series and doesn't have a similar letdown in Portland. Although the Nuggets have contained Lillard, Malone said the Nuggets are well aware that the Blazers' star could go off for 50 points Thursday night.

Lillard concurred, saying, "I've had big games against tough defense in games where I was getting a lot of attention. With our season on the line and knowing we've got to have two games in a row, you never know."

HEAVY HEART

Malone lives in the neighborhood where a school shooting left one student dead and several wounded Tuesday in suburban Denver. Malone and his wife have two daughters who attend school nearby.

"When kids go to school, they should be going to school to learn, have fun, be with their friends, not worried about an active shooter," Malone lamented during a heartfelt pre-game news conference.

Malone didn't want to address the tragedy with his team before tip-off, saying it was "a conversation and a subject maybe on an off day." He also was struggling with how he'll talk about it with his kids: "I'm texting my daughter, telling her she's going to be OK - I don't even know if she will be OK."

AP

Leonard scores 21, Raptors rout 76ers 125-89 to win Game 5

TORONTO

THE Toronto Raptors came up with a new load management plan for Kawhi Leonard. It was to make sure their star forward didn't have to shoulder the entire offensive burden.

Leonard had 21 points and 13 rebounds, Pascal Siakam scored 25 points and the Raptors used a balanced attack and a huge second quarter to rout the Philadelphia 76ers 125-89 Tuesday night and take a 3-2 lead in their Eastern Conference semifinal series.

Toronto can advance to the

Eastern Conference finals for the second time in four seasons with a victory in Game 6 at Philadelphia on Thursday night. The Raptors lost in six games to Cleveland in the East finals in 2016.

If the 76ers can extend the series to a seventh game, it would be played in Toronto on Sunday night.

Leonard, who had scored 33 or more points in each of the first four games of the series, shot 7 for 16 from the field and 7 for 8 at the line before checking out with 7:22 to play and Toronto up 103-73. He had four assists and two steals.

"Tonight was one of those games

where we let him rest a little bit, which is important," Raptors guard Kyle Lowry said. "He had a big double-double, but he didn't have to do everything offensively."

Leonard scored 39 points in Toronto's Game 4 win on Sunday.

Lowry scored 19 points, while Danny Green shot 5 for 7 from 3-point range and finished with 17 points. Marc Gasol scored 11 points and Serge Ibaka had 10. All five Toronto starters scored in double digits.

"Kawhi still had a great game and the surrounding cast contributed," 76ers coach Brett Brown said.

The 36-point margin was the largest in Toronto's postseason history, and marked Philadelphia's worst playoff defeat since a 40-point loss to Boston in Game 1 of the 1982 Eastern Conference finals. "The spirit, I thought, went away a little bit quicker than I'd wished," Brown said.

Up by one after the first, the Raptors outscored the 76ers 37-17 in the second to take a 21-point lead, 64-43, at halftime.

"The second period is where it got away from us," Brown said. "I give Toronto credit, we didn't have the answers for a few of their

players and it snowballed."

Ahead 92-70 at the start of the fourth, Toronto extended its lead to a game-high 40 points on a dunk by Norman Powell with 2:24 remaining. The Raptors shot 16 for 40 from 3-point range, setting a franchise record for 3-pointers in a postseason game. They hadn't made more than 10 in the four previous games this series.

"The 3-point shot was punishing tonight," Brown said.

Jimmy Butler scored 22 points and Tobias Harris had 15 for the 76ers, who have lost two straight after winning the previous two.

Joel Embiid scored 13 points and had eight turnovers. Embiid started despite missing the morning shoot-around because of flu-like symptoms.

"Offensively there was a rhythm to his game that was clearly out of synch," Brown said. "He's been in bed for two days." Embiid also battled illness in Games 2 and 4.

"I know I've got to do a better job for us to win," Embiid said.

Sixers guard Ben Simmons shot 3 for 5 and finished with seven points, seven rebounds, and five turnovers.

Siakam scored nine points in

the first and Lowry had eight as Toronto led 27-26 after one. Leonard had seven rebounds and five points in the first.

Ibaka needed three stitches to close a cut on his forehead after he was inadvertently elbowed by Leonard in the opening quarter. Ibaka returned to start the second and, despite a visible bump on his head, soon scored his first points by blowing past Embiid for a dunk.

Green scored nine points in the second, making three of Toronto's four 3-pointers. Toronto shot 12 for 21 in the second while Philadelphia shot 6 for 20.

AP

Emotional Klopp hails 'unbelievable' triumph over Barcelona

LIVERPOOL, England

LIVERPOOL manager Juergen Klopp said the 4-0 win over Barcelona on Tuesday was "unbelievable" and paid tribute to the belief his players had shown to secure the shock 4-3 aggregate win and a place in the Champions League final.

The German was clearly swept up in the emotion at the end of the game as a delirious Anfield crowd sang the club's anthem "You'll never walk alone" with the players lined up in front of the Kop.

"When I saw the boys after the game and saw the tears in their eyes, that's football and they are professionals and it's still like this," said Klopp. "This club touches you like crazy, it's like you feel much more than others in these moments. It's really great, I love it."

"It's a special night, very special. Winning against Barcelona is obviously one of the most difficult things in the world of football. Winning against Barcelona when you are actually 3-0 down makes it not easier."

"We had to score four goals and (were) not allowed to concede. That made it, again, more difficult. So we didn't really think about it, to be 100

per cent honest.

"We tried to build on the performance at Barcelona, all the good things we did there, and tried to win the game step by step."

"We have the ball, we attack with whatever we have – they have the ball, we defend with whatever we have. And that made it a really special game. It was really difficult to play against us tonight."

Liverpool took a seventh minute lead through Divock Origi and then struck twice after the break courtesy of substitute Georginio Wijnaldum before Origi got the crucial fourth goal.

Throughout the match, Liverpool played with pulsating energy and gritty determination, while still being able to carve open a trembling Barcelona defence.

"What the boys did – this mix, again, of big heart and football skills – is unbelievable," Klopp added.

"But ... we didn't learn it in the first game, we knew it before already."

"I said to the boys before the game, 'I don't think it's possible but because it's you I think we have a chance' – is because they are really

mentality giants.

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Klopp mentality behind Liverpool's historic comeback - Mourinho

LONDON

LIVERPOOL's stunning victory over Barcelona in the Champions League semi-finals on Tuesday was made possible by the belief manager Juergen Klopp's has instilled in his squad, according to Jose Mourinho.

Liverpool produced one of the greatest comebacks in the competition's history to beat Barcelona 4-0, overturning a three-goal first-leg deficit to advance to their second consecutive final with a 4-3 aggregate victory.

"For me, this has one name – Juergen," Mourinho, who led Porto and Inter Milan to the Champions League title, told beIN Sports.

"This is about him. This is a reflection of his personality – don't give up – his fighting spirit, every player giving everything."

"He's not crying because he's missing (injured) players, he's not crying because they're playing 50 or 60 matches a season... Today is about Juergen's mentality."

"This is not about tactics, not about philosophy. This is about heart and soul and fantastic empathy he has created with that group of players."

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Grobbelaar sees Klopp as worthy heir to Shankly

NEW YORK

JUERGEN Klopp has taken Liverpool on a rollercoaster Premier League title challenge this season and while it might end in disappointment, former goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar believes their German coach warrants comparison with club great Bill Shankly. Liverpool trail league leaders Manchester City by a point going into Sunday's final fixtures.

Victory over Wolverhampton Wanderers in their final match at Anfield will put them on 97 points, yet that will only be good enough for second if City win at Brighton and Hove Albion.

While the season could end without silverware, Grobbelaar, who won six top-flight titles with Liverpool, believes the club are heading in the right direction under Klopp, seeing similarities between the German and the club's most famous boss.

Shankly spearheaded Liverpool's rise to the top of English football in the 1960s, winning three First Division titles and establishing the foundations that would help the club dominate the domestic game for almost three decades.

"From (Shankly) until Juergen Klopp I don't think there's anyone that can be talked about in the same breath as those two," said Grobbelaar, who played for Liverpool for 13 years from 1981. "Because Shankly was an icon. He knew the fans, he got the fans, he's charismatic. Now we've got exactly the same."

"(Klopp) has got the charisma to take this team much further than it is today."

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With an 'impossible' win, Klopp's Liverpool write their own history

LIVERPOOL, England

JUERGEN Klopp's Liverpool wrote one of the most amazing chapters in the history of the club's European triumphs with a 4-0 victory over Lionel Messi's Barcelona in the Champions League semi-finals on Tuesday that stunned the world of football.

After a 3-0 defeat in the away leg, Liverpool's season was heading for glorious failure on Sunday, with their 10 months of exhilarating football set to produce only a pat on the back with a runners-up spot behind Manchester City in the Premier League.

Instead, the 4-3 aggregate win means Liverpool's season will not finish until June 1 when they compete in a second straight Champions League final against Ajax Amsterdam or Tottenham Hotspur in Madrid, aiming for their sixth European Cup triumph.

City will clinch the Premier League title with a victory at Brighton & Hove Albion on Sunday, no matter what Liverpool do at home to Wolverhampton Wanderers in their final match.

But if that happens to the Anfield club, the pain of missing out on a first domestic league crown for 29 years will be eased by the knowledge that European glory could be on the horizon.

Juergen Klopp's Liverpool team faced a near impossible task of not only beating Barcelona by four goals, but trying not to concede at home to a team led by arguably the greatest forward the modern game has known – Messi.

With the Argentine's two goals in the 3-0 win in the first leg at the Nou Camp last week, Messi took his tally for Barcelona to a barely computable 600 goals in 683 matches.

And because Liverpool failed to score an 'away goal', used to separate teams when aggregate scores are level, even a 4-1 or 5-2 win would not have been enough for the Reds to go through.

They simply had to deliver a devastating attacking display – all the more difficult with injuries to key forwards Mo Salah and Roberto Firmino – and produce a clean sheet.

But that is what they did – to even their own astonishment.

HUGE TASK

Such was the scale of the task that Klopp revealed the prospect did not even feature in their pre-match thoughts.

"Winning against Barcelona is one of the most difficult things in the world of football," he said.



Liverpool's Divock Origi scores their first goal against FC Barcelona during their Champions League semi final second leg match at Anfield in Liverpool, Britain on Tuesday. (Agencies)

"Winning against Barcelona when you are 3-0 down... we had to score four goals and were not allowed to concede, even more difficult, so we did not really think about it to be honest."

Before Tuesday night, Liverpool's greatest comeback in Europe came in the 2005 Champions League final when they trailed 3-0 to AC Milan but emerged as the winners from a penalty shootout after fighting back for a 3-3 draw.

The latest great escape was something similar to that night in Istanbul when Steven Gerrard had led their unbelievable second-half comeback against a Milan side then viewed as by far the best team in Europe.

It was the sense of destiny, a phrase Klopp had used only last week to describe how this season was to evolve, which perhaps, given City's advantage on the domestic front, was closer in his mind to fatalism.

Just like 14 years ago, when Milan froze like deer in headlights, Barcelona began to surrender, to lose their normal composure and

shape, to do inexplicable things.

ELEMENTARY ERROR

Nothing was stranger than when, with the aggregate score at 3-3, the entire Barcelona defence, made up of decorated experienced internationals like Gerard Pique, switched off and allowed Trent Alexander-Arnold to take a quick corner.

The 20-year-old full-back passed to the unmarked Divock Origi who, despite his undoubted surprise, kept his composure to slot in the winner while the Spaniards stared on in disbelief, unable to comprehend such an elementary error.

But how do you explain the two-goal performance from Origi, a lanky 24-year-old Belgian backup player who was only in the starting lineup because of the two attacking injuries?

And how can you understand the two goals early in the second half from Georginio Wijnaldum, a Dutch midfielder who rarely scores and was only brought on at the interval because of

an injury to left-back Andy Robertson?

Did Klopp really not believe such an upset was possible?

Perhaps he had an inkling.

"How can you be sure before a game? I said to the boys, 'I think it's impossible but because it's you we have a chance.' And we believed in this chance," said the German.

"We said from the beginning, we want to create our own history – not because we are not happy about having the history of the club, no, but because we need new chapters."

History surrounds visitors to Anfield, the home of a club with deep pride in their past and a belief that they represent to their community something more than just a football team.

"If I have to describe this club then it's a big heart and tonight it was obviously pounding like crazy," said Klopp.

"You could hear it and probably feel it all over the world."

REUTERS

'We looked like schoolboys', says Suarez after Barca crumble again

LIVERPOOL, England

BARCELONA forward Luis Suarez said his team mates defended like children for the fourth goal they conceded in a shock 4-0 defeat at Liverpool on Tuesday which sent them crashing out of the Champions League 4-3 on aggregate.

Liverpool forward Divock Origi got the decisive goal that completed a remarkable turnaround from Juergen Klopp's side, netting a low pass from Trent Alexander-Arnold after the defender flummoxed the visitors by taking a quick corner.

"For their fourth goal we looked like schoolboys, we have to be ready for all the criticism that is going to rain down on us now," Suarez told reporters after a miserable return to his former club, where he spent three years before joining Barca.

"We are very sad, we are in a lot of pain, we feel this pain even though we are professionals."

Spanish champions Barca were the only unbeaten side left in the competition but found themselves overwhelmed by Liverpool, sinking to a second straight shocking Champions League exit after last season's 3-0 defeat at AS Roma in the last eight. The Catalans won the first leg of that tie 4-1 and Uruguay international the 32-year-old Suarez admonished his team for letting a huge lead slip away from them once again.

"We have to do a lot of self criticism because this is the second time that the same thing has happened to us. We cannot commit the same mistake two years in a row, there are many things we need to consider and think about," Suarez added.

"They (Liverpool) did what they wanted to do, which was to score early. They believed from the first minute to the last."

Barca coach Ernesto Valverde fielded the same starting lineup at Anfield as he had played in the first leg – just as he had done in the fateful second leg away to Roma. But Suarez insisted the coach, who has led Barca to two successive La Liga titles and taken them to the Copa del Rey final, should not face criticism for another European meltdown.

"We are the ones that played the game," Suarez said.

"The boss used the same tactics as in the first leg and he tried to do the same



Barcelona's Lionel Messi looks dejected during his team's loss to Liverpool on Tuesday. (Agencies)

thing here. You have to say sorry for the attitude and the things that everyone saw today."

Meanwhile, Barcelona midfielder Sergio Busquets apologised to the club's fans after his side were sent tumbling out of the Champions League in the semi-finals on Tuesday, losing 4-0 to a rampant Liverpool side for a remarkable 4-3 aggregate defeat.

It is the second year in a row Barca have thrown away a three-goal lead from the first leg to exit the competition, having been knocked out in the quarter-finals by AS Roma last season following a 3-0 surrender in the Italian capital.

"They were better than us, they went all out to win the game from the start and we really struggled with their pressure especially at the start of both halves," a despondent Busquets told reporters.

"I can't say anything else, all I can do is say sorry to our supporters because, after last year in Rome, to go out like this after such a good result in the first leg is very tough, there's little else to say."

Barca looked on course to reach the final for the first time since 2015 after Lionel Messi inspired them to a 3-0 win in the first leg but they were overwhelmed by Liverpool's pressure and went behind in the seventh minute to Divock Origi's strike.

Busquets said his side were powerless to cope with Liverpool's pressing game.

"Once they scored and they pressed us high it was very difficult. I think we had the chance to score the goal that we needed but it wasn't to be," the midfielder said.

"When you face a team like this which presses you very high up the pitch and you don't make the most of second balls they just keep pushing further forward and with this atmosphere it was very difficult."

Substitute Georginio Wijnaldum scored twice in the space of two minutes early in the second half to level the tie on aggregate. Origi then put Liverpool ahead in the tie for the first time thanks to some quick thinking from Trent Alexander-Arnold from a corner which caught Barca unawares.

"The fourth goal was a mistake from everyone as we were all taken by surprise. They were more clever than us to take the corner quickly and then they played by themselves," Busquets added.

"If we'd have scored it would have changed everything, we had the chances to do it, now it's very difficult to think of things to say."

Meanwhile, Liverpool's stunning 4-0 Champions League demolition of Barcelona naturally dominated the front and back pages of British newspapers on Wednesday with most going on a similar theme to the Daily Mail's splash: "Miracle of Anfield".

"An Anfield miracle transcribed from the pages of pure fantasy," read the headline of the match report in The Independent, while The Guardian led with "Out of this world".

The Merseyside club's sensational victory over what some pundits described as one of the best sides of the modern era allowed them to overturn a 3-0 deficit from

the first leg of their semi-final.

There were some suggestions that Liverpool had topped the 'Miracle of Istanbul', when the club similarly overturned a three-goal deficit to beat AC Milan in the 2005 Champions League final to win their fifth European title.

European fixtures at Anfield have had a special atmosphere going back a lot further than that and some suggested the noise generated by a packed house combined with Juergen Klopp's aggressive side had unsettled the Spanish champions.

"This is Liverpool's gift: to rip up what you thought you knew about football and footballers, to take you – mentally and physically – to a place you don't know and never wanted to go," Jonathan Liew wrote in The Independent.

There was plenty of praise for the spirit and self belief that Klopp has fostered in his team, the German even forgiven for using an expletive when praising his players after the match.

"Juergen Klopp makes Liverpool believe they can do the impossible," wrote Matt Dickinson in The Times. "No one minded when Juergen Klopp dropped the f-bomb live on television."

"After this, he could have stripped off and run around Anfield with his pants down and it would all have seemed part of his manic Germanic charm. With that grin and this football, he can get away with anything."

There was plenty of praise as well for Trent Alexander-Arnold's quick-thinking from a corner that caught the Barcelona defence napping and set up the decisive fourth goal for stand-in striker Divock Origi.

"With 79 minutes gone, the most celebrated team of the modern age had been reduced to bunch of mooching, stumbling yellow-shirted spectators," Barney Ronay wrote in The Guardian.

"A Champions League season that had seemed to be zeroing in on another coronation for Lionel Messi had been wrenched, gleefully, the other way. It will instead be Liverpool in Madrid on the first day of June for another shot at the ultimate."

The website of Spanish sports daily AS led with a quote from Argentine forward Messi in their headline "It was a horror movie", while rival publication Marca's edition splashed "Barcelona fail epically at Anfield."

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Maliehe unveils Lesotho provisional squad for 2019 COSAFA Cup

CAPE TOWN

LESOTHO national team coach Moses Maliehe has announced his 23-man provisional squad for the upcoming COSAFA Cup to be staged in Durban, South Africa from May 25-June 8.

The Crocodiles have once again been given a bye and will start the competition in the quarterfinals, where they have been drawn against Uganda.

Maliehe indicated that his side has unfinished business with The Cranes, who beat them in both qualifiers for the 2019 Africa Cup of Nations finals.

The Lesotho squad is dominated by local players with the South African-based Black Leopards trio of Tshwarelo Bereng, Tumelo Khutlang and Luciano Matsoso among a small group of that ply their trade outside their country.

The others are Nkoto Masoabi, who plays for Real Kings in the South African National First Division and American-based defender Lesia Thetsane.

"It will be a different ball game this time around. We know that Uganda are a good side and they are likely to use the match as part of their preparations for the tournament in Egypt," Maliehe said.

"It will be a motivation for us to get our revenge because a lot will be at stake in the tournament."

Lesotho won bronze in the 2018 edition of the regional tournament and Maliehe feels his team has grown in leaps and bounds to go all the way to the final.

"It's every coach's wish to do well in every tournament and we want to do better than we did in the previous tournament," the Lesotho coach stated.

"This year's tournament could be a little bit tough in that we have four countries from the region that have qualified for the 2019 Africa Cup of Nations and are likely to bring their strongest teams at the tournament.

"We have always kept the core of our team that played in the qualifiers a few months ago because we want to go as far as the final," he said.

Lesotho last reached the final of the regional competition in 2000 but had picked up the bronze medal in the last two tournaments.

Lesotho preliminary squad:

Goalkeepers: Sam Ketskile, Thabiso Lichaba, Mohaheng Ramalefane.

Defenders: Motlomelo Mkhwanazi, Basia Makepe, Nkai Lerotholi, Bokang Sello, Lesia Thetsane, John Mohai, Kopano Tseka

Midfielders: Sepiriti Malefane, Tsoanelo Koetle, Letsatsa Moshoeshe, Tsoarelo Bereng, Tsepo Toloane, Tumelo Khutlang, Hlompho Kalake, Jane Thabants'o, Luciano Matsoso, Lehloholo Fothoane

Strikers: Motebang Sera, Nkoto Masoabi, Thapelo Tale



Visual artist, Safina Kimbokota, displays one of her works in an art exhibition aiming at celebrating female visual artists, which took place at the Chinese Cultural Center in Dar es Salaam recently.

Dar artists set for L'Atelier competition

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA'S artists are set to take part in the Absa L'Atelier competition slated for later this year.

Barclays Bank Tanzania's parent company, Absa Group, sponsors the competition.

Ultimately, as noted by the organizers, three finalists will receive international artistic residencies at France's Cité Internationale des Arts and in South Africa as part of the competition.

Designed to identify and nurture the rich artistic talent across Africa, Absa L'Atelier intends to give the next generation of African artists the grounding and skills needed to bring their possibilities to life and build sustainable careers in the arts.

The competition's new look, which is in-line with Absa Group's new visual identity, is a taste of what is to come for Barclays Bank Tanzania, which is on its own journey to change its name and look to the Absa brand.

The competition is open to entrants from the 12 African countries in which the Absa Group operates, Botswana, Ghana, Kenya, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Seychelles, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia.

Aron Luhanga, Head of Marketing and Corporate Relations of Barclays Bank Tanzania, said: "Tanzania is renowned for its Makonde art, traditionally created in the form of wood-carved sculptures, and Tingatinga art, which was often painted on walls, stones or leather and reflected colourful images of community life and beliefs."

"This tradition has continued into contemporary Tanzanian art, which often reflects life and the world around the artist. We hope that Absa L'Atelier's support for emerging Tanzanian artists will play a role in further developing the sector."

Entrants, organizers disclosed, will compete within 'country groups', which were drawn at the opening event in Johannesburg earlier this morning.

The 12 countries have been divided into three groups of four countries, and participating artists will compete with other artists within their group.

Tanzania entrants will be competing against participants in Pool B, which also includes the Seychelles, Botswana and Mauritius.

Entering its 34th year, Absa L'Atelier has built a strong legacy as a platform that allows the dynamic, inspiring and young visual artists of our continent to shine.

"Established during the peak of apartheid in South Africa, L'Atelier soon gained prominence as one of the few platforms for visual artists to gain exposure locally and internationally. It has solidified that reputation in the intervening years," Paul Bayliss, Absa Group Art & Museum Curator, said.

As a way of building on this legacy and to ensure that Absa L'Atelier remains at the cutting edge of the ever-evolving art world, Absa has made several changes to the competition this year - changes that are designed to ensure participating emerging artists receive the right artistic support for their discipline.

Key changes to competition include a streamlining of the adjudication process, which has been moved online to reflect Absa's shift towards becoming a digitally led bank.

The competition now features one tier of adjudication that allows entrants (aged 21 to 40) to submit a portfolio of work comprising a minimum of four and a maximum of five pieces of artwork. All adjudication will be conducted on the designated digital platform.

Absa L'Atelier's changing face means artists' works will be reinterpreted and curated through a more pan-African lens that will ensure they get the exposure they need to help bring their possibility to light.

This focus ties in with Absa's commitment to the continent, which is encapsulated in its Africanacity concept.

"Africanacity speaks to the distinctly African ability to find creative ways to get things done - and Absa L'Atelier wants to celebrate this ingenuity by providing African talent with the platforms necessary to bring their possibilities to life," Bayliss disclosed.



Yanga's head coach, Mwinyi Zahera.

Yanga target win over Biashara united

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

MAINLAND Premier League leaders, Yanga, have said they are looking at nothing short of a win when they play away to Biashara United in the league's match at the Karume Stadium in Mara tomorrow.

Smarting from a 2-0 defeat in the hands of Iringa's Lipuli FC in the semi-finals of the 2019 Azam Sports Federation Cup, Yanga said they are determined to get the better of Biashara United.

Yanga head coach Mwinyi Zahera said his charges are in the mood to win tomorrow's game.

He disclosed his squad gears towards winning the remaining matches so that they can still keep their dreams of clinching this season's premier league trophy.

He said he has advised his players to for-

get the Lipuli FC game results and focus on the coming game.

Yanga players, the coach said, should also take control of the proceedings and avoid giving space to their opponents.

"We played well in our game against Lipuli FC, my players did all they could only that our opponents played well and they deserved the victory," he noted.

"But the Lipuli game is water under the bridge we are now focusing on our next game against Biashara, our aim is to win all of our remaining games and see what happens."

"Our chances of emerging as champions are very slim but you never know in football anything can happen."

The match between Yanga and Biashara promises to be an entertaining tie as the two teams have different missions.

Biashara United that have collected 37 points are fighting to avoid relegation while their opponents that have recorded 80 points from 34 games want to keep their dreams on winning the league's trophy alive. Yanga are coming into the game with the fresh memories of the defeat to Lipuli while Biashara won their last game against the Iringa side.

The last time the two sides met in Dar es Salaam, Yanga won 2-1. However, Biashara United's head coach, Amri Said, is reported to have said his side will do all it can to see to it that they remain in the league next season.

"It will be a difficult game, we respect Yanga as one of the best teams in the country but we don't fear them, we are very ready for the encounter as our aim is to remain in the league" said the coach.

Tanzania clobbers Nigeria in ICC Women T20 Qualifiers

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA'S senior women cricket team have picked their first win in the 2019 ICC Women's T20 World Cup Qualifiers. Africa, thrashing Nigeria by 86 runs at the Old Hararians Club in Zimbabwe yesterday.

The win saw the Tanzania girls successfully bounce back from 92-run defeat to Zimbabwe in the opening match on Monday.

The Tanzania girls opted to bat in the yesterday game after winning the toss and notched 156 runs, losing one wicket in the allotted 20 overs.

Opener Fatuma Omary was in great form with the bat, posting 70 runs that consisted of 10 fours.

Fellow opener Monica Paschal was equally merciless to Zimbabwe bowlers, given the former nailed unbeaten 61 runs that included six fours. Hudaia Mrisho also had double-digit figure for the team, as she notched unbeaten 15 runs that comprised a four.

Nigeria girls found the going tough in the chase, in which they were skittled for 70 runs in 20 overs.

Samantha Agazuma top scored for the West Africans, posting 23 runs that consisted of a four. Blessing Etim chipped in with 12 runs.

Nuru Omary had no mercy for Nigeria batters, as she took four wickets in four



Tanzania's women cricket team's players celebrate winning an international friendly duel with Indonesia in Thailand last year.

overs to frustrate the latter's chase.

Namibia caused the big upset on the second day of the ICC Women's Qualifier, Africa 2019 in Harare, as they outlasted defending champions Uganda by 14 runs on the second day.

Adri van der Merwe (31) and Sune Wittmann (25) were again in the runs, as Namibia made a competitive 115 for six. In response, Uganda were slow out of the blocks. Stephanie Nampiina fought a lone battle, as her 25 off 21 balls gave the

champions a chance. However, Irene van Zyl's four for 7 was the key for Namibia, who held on for a famous victory that has bust Group B wide open already.

Hosts Zimbabwe carried on their merry way, as they trounced Tanzania by 92 runs. Shame Mayers was again the key, with a class 65 from 50 balls, with support from Modester Mupachikwa (30), in an opening stand of 78.

That was enough to propel Zimbabwe to 143 for four, and

that was always going to be too much for Tanzania.

They could only reach 51 for eight in toil of an effort, with Anesu Mushangwe (two for 3) and Tasmeen Granger (two for 6) throttling their efforts.

In other Group A action, Nigeria bounced back from a first day defeat by getting the better of Mozambique who had posted 93 for seven. The backbone of that knock was Cristina Magaia, with 38 from just 24 balls.

Blessing Etim took a hat trick for 14 runs and her control was key to stifling the young Mozambiquans.

In the chase, Nigeria lost Etim in the first over, but then Blessing Nwobodo (33 not out) and Samantha Agazuma (28 not out) nervelessly took them home.

Kenya also kept up their good start, as they dominated their clash with Sierra Leone.

Veteran Margaret Ngoche starred with an excellent 73 from 53 balls, which took Kenya to total of 170 for four. Sharon Juma added the gloss with 39 from 30 balls.

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12:00 Kipenga Xtra
13:00 Planet Bongo
16:00 EA Drive
20:00 Kipenga
21:00 The Cruise

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