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By Guardian Correspondent

THE government has proposed amendments to the Investment Act of 1997 with a view to improving the business environment in the country as demanded by stakeholders.

The Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Investment), Angela Kairuki said yesterday that among other things, the proposed changes will scrap red tape in business registration as well as nuisance taxes.

The draft of the recommended changes has been approved by the cabinet and awaits being tabled to the legislature in its next sitting in November.

Kairuki said this in Songea at the dialogue

meeting with members of the regional business community and investors which focused on challenges and issuing recommendations on how to improve the country's investment climate.

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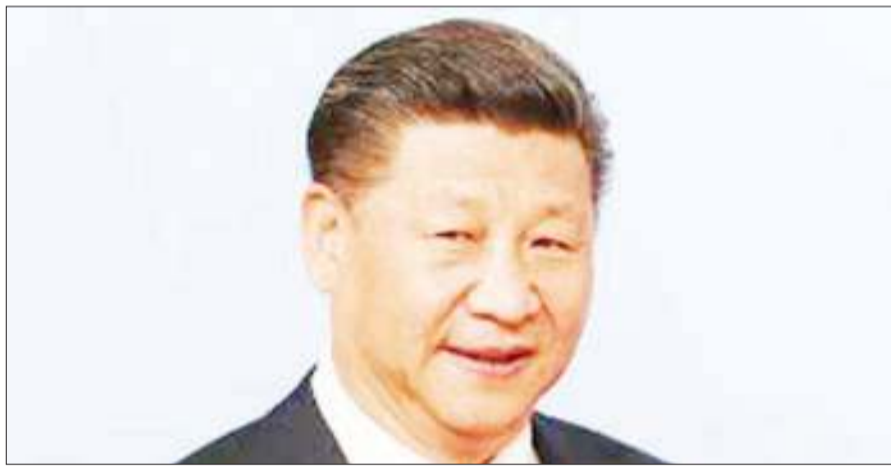
The government is improving the country's investment policy for the same purpose, she said.

"Intended improvements, among other

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Former President Ali Hassan Mwinyi, Constitutional and Legal Affairs minister Dr Augustine Mahiga (L) and Saudi Arabia's Ambassador to Tanzania, Mohammed bin Mansour Al-Malik (C), cut a cake at a reception held in Dar es Salaam on Friday to mark the 89th anniversary of the kingdom's National Day. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



## Foreign friends get top honours ahead of China's National Day

BEIJING

CHINESE President Xi Jinping (pictured) yesterday presented national medals and honorary titles of the People's Republic of China, the highest state honours, to dozens of individuals ahead of the country's 70th founding anniversary - tomorrow.

Xi, who is also general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, helped the awardees in attendance put on the medals and shook hands with them at a ceremony in the Great Hall of the People. Representatives received medals for some of the honourees.

Addressing the event, Xi conveyed congratulations and respect to heroes and role models who received the Medal of the Republic and honorary titles and six foreign friends of China who received the

Friendship Medal.

Former Tanzanian Prime Minister Dr Salim Ahmed Salim was awarded the Friendship Medal alongside former Cuban President Raul Castro Ruz, Thai Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, Russian writer Galina Kulikova, French Conservative former prime minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin who headed the France-China Foundation, and Canadian Communist activist and China publicist Isabel Crook.

Noting that the awardees were outstanding representatives of the people who contributed to the cause of the Party and the people, Xi said their deeds and contributions would always be marked in the country's history.

He said that when people respect and advocate heroes, more heroes emerge, adding that the Party and the state have always attached great importance to honouring heroes and role models.

"Today, we honour these heroes and role models with the highest standards to promote their qualities of loyalty, perseverance and humbleness," he said.

Xi stressed their loyalty to the cause of the Party and the people, their

# Prisons implement president's directive, realising 70 per cent self-reliance in food

By Guardian Correspondent, Rungwe

ONE year after President John Magufuli directed Tanzania Prisons Service (TPS) to ensure it is self-reliant in food, it says it is now producing 70 per cent of meals consumed by inmates.

This was revealed during the weekend by the Commissioner of Prisons (Legal and Prisoners Affairs) Uwesu Ngarama when closing Grade 1 Training for 915 prison wardens now promoted to corporals.

The training was conducted at Kiwira Prisons College in Rungwe District, Mbeya Region.

Speaking during a ceremony to swear-in newly appointed TPS Commissioner General Phaustine Kasike in July last year, President Magufuli said prisoners should work hard to make prisons self-sufficient in food and other needs.

Ngarama said since President Magufuli issued

the directive TPS has increased food production substantially.

He said the Prisons Service has been implementing the directive in phases and expects to be 100 per cent reliant within a short period.

"It's one year since we started to implement the directive and from the pace of implementation we have attained 70 per cent. I am certain after just a few years we will start depending on ourselves by 100 per cent," Commissioner Ngarama said.

On the training undertaken by the warders, Ngarama said it will help to improve the working environment of the Prisons Service in tandem with fifth phase government goals of developing the country to middle-income economy by 2025.

He called on graduates from the training to go and impart to others what they had learned on the proper way to live with inmates and other

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Uganda had by June 2019 paid US \$ 6.3 million, equivalent to 76 percent, whereas in total the EAC secretariat had received US \$ 29.7 million in membership fees from the member countries



CRDB Bank Pic CEO Abdulmajid Nsekela speaks at the launch of the bank's service enhancement and diversification campaign dubbed 'Ulipo Tupo' (literally: wherever you are, we shall be there) in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Story on Page 13. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Agro-marketing bodies in trouble over 123bn/- gap in cotton sub-sector audit

By Guardian Correspondent, Mwanza

THE Deputy Minister for Agriculture Hussein Bashe yesterday vowed that legal action will be taken against those involved in the loss of 123bn/- farmers' money misappropriated by Agricultural Marketing Cooperative Societies (AMCOS).

The Deputy Minister said this during the 16th annual meeting of cotton sub-sector stakeholders here over the weekend.

The meeting brought together big farmers, District Commissioners, District Development Directors (DEDDs), Members of Parliament and officials from cooperative societies of 17 Tanzania Mainland regions that cultivate cotton.

"We are not going to close our eyes on this issue because there are no other people in the country who can steal from cotton farmers but those in the cooperatives (AMCOS), as according to auditors from the Cooperative Audit and Supervision

Corporation (COASACO) over 123bn/- is missing hence legal steps will be taken," Bashe said.

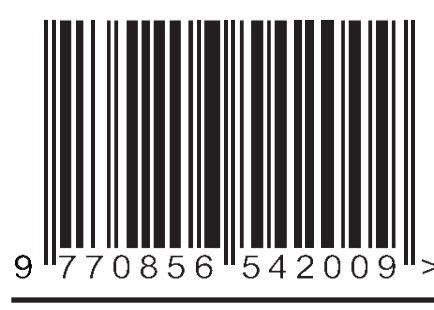
He also called on the Tanzania Cotton Board to pull up its socks and develop the cooperative sector so that a farmer will be able to cultivate cotton cheaply to get beneficial yields because, he said.

The cotton sector is still profitable so long as cooperatives play their part, as the government aims to embark on cotton seeds investment, he further noted.

He said agriculture is business like any other therefore it has to be respected. The government has taken up the issue of better cotton seeds for farmers but it will not bend to donors' conditions that this will not be beneficial to the country, he said.

Bashe said the volume of loans issued by commercial banks in the country stands at 14

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things, will reduce fees charged when registering with the Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC). This will help small and middle scale investors be registered at the TIC while benefitting from tax and non-tax exemptions," the minister affirmed.

Investors who will be threatened in any way by any officials need to report to the ministry for immediate measures to be taken, she appealed.

The deputy minister for Lands, Housing and Human Settlement Development, Angelina Mabula assured investors that plenty of land was there for them, hence those seeking plots only need to consult TIC.

"Before start using the land, an investor is advised to follow procedures and relevant regulations by firstly informing TIC so as to avoid unnecessary conflicts that could arise later," she said.

From November, the ministry will open investment liaison offices in each region which will make it easier for investors to report bottlenecks on the spot, especially to improve the availability of land and plots for investors.

Dr Ashatu Kijaji, the deputy minister for Finance and Planning said that it is

advisable that traders and investors be given six months before being eligible to pay tax for their businesses and projects.

This will give them an opportunity to learn, evaluate and prepare themselves well before start paying tax, she stated.

Mussa Sima, the Deputy Minister of State at Vice President's Office (Union and Environment), urged investors to ensure that they consult the National Environmental Management Council (NEMC) to familiarize themselves with environment regulations before commencing implementation of their projects.

British High Commissioner Sarah Cooke warned in May this year that there is a severe lack of confidence for business prospects over the next two years was likely if nothing was done to improve predictability of the business environment.

Speaking during a Tanzania-Britain business dialogue in Dar es Salaam, Cooke said British investors in the country yearned for policy predictability, less bureaucracy and faster approval of new investments or projects.

Reacting to the concern then, minister Kairuki said that change was inevitable but it would be effected carefully.

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duties as warders.

The Principal of Kiwira Prisons College, ACP Adriano Mduda said the training given is the foundation for leadership in the country's Prisons Service.

The short training began June 15 this year with 952 warders, 915 passed out as 37 others could not make it for various reasons.

In the TPS format, the training comes after basic training for recruits and among its aims is to prepare them for future leadership roles.

"This is an important step because future TPS leaders are bred at this level, and we believe those who have graduated will be good instructors to others."

Some of the training graduates said what they have gained has shaped them and will help them contribute to enhancing internal supervision of the Prisons Service.

One of the graduates, Cpl Zahara Majumba said the aim of the training given was to increase their knowledge of some of the leadership modus operandi that they did not get from their basic training.



Fire and Rescue Force officer Joseph Mwiconi takes children in Shinyanga through the basics of fire extinguishing. This was at a workshop held in the municipality at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Marco Maduhu

By Guardian Correspondent, Katavi

TANZANIANS living in the country's border areas have been called to report of any illegal immigrants in their areas in order to control the incidents of banditry and abduction.

This call was given by the Minister for Home Affairs Kangi Lugola who also said even though crime in these areas has largely been put under control, there are still regions such as Katavi where criminals use unofficial routes to enter the country and commit crimes.

Speaking to hundreds of wananchi at Ikola Village, Tanganyika District, Katavi region yesterday, Lugola called on the people to inform proper authorities about a person or persons whom they suspect so as to control the incidents of crimes.

## Lugola blames foreigners for crime rates in border regions

He said: "You have to be patriotic by informing of any illegal immigrants in your areas to assist the government to take necessary steps by smashing their criminal gangs. They commit the crime with the aid of Tanzanians who are unfaithful; this is not acceptable at all."

He added that Tanzania is led by the government that is serious in protecting its citizens, hence all bandits and other criminals involved in incidents of crime must be dealt without mercy.

On his part the Katavi Regional

Immigration Officer ACP Vincent Haule admitted the existence of this challenge and promised to root them through all levels of investigation machinery.

Haule said border areas have many challenges even though his office works day and night in dealing with illegal immigrants, and they are ready to receive tips from the wananchi about them.

He thanked minister Lugola for various directives he issued especially on illegal immigrants and citizenship and in particular in Katumba and Mishamo areas because the minister

had called on foreigners given citizenship not to commit crimes by going to Burundi and back without following laid down procedures.

The acting Tanganyika District Commissioner, Lilian Matinga, thanked the minister by visiting the district and promised they will work on all the directives he gave at the district's defence and security sittings.

Minister Lugola completed his visit in Katavi region by listening to wananchi's problems through public rallies and inspected various development projects.



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa and his wife, Mary (to his left), pay a casual visit to people awaiting medical attention at a free health camp for the elderly and persons with disabilities in Kihesa ward, Iringa Region, yesterday. Photo: PMO

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trillion/- but only eight percent is channelled to the agricultural sector. The banks avoid the sector because of lack of security for its loans, especially lack of usable collateral, he stated.

Because of this constraint the government has decided to look for funds to give to the Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank (TADB) to solve the collateral issue for farmers, he affirmed.

The government is engaged in discussions with international financial institutions to provide capital to TADB and up to now it has received over 40bn/- for the purpose, the deputy minister pointed out.

The meeting is being conducted under the theme "Invest to increase farmers' income to attain middle-income economy," where the chairman of Board of Directors of Tanzania Cotton Board Joe Kabisa said in his opening remarks that the danger now in the cotton industry is the red weevil. Quick remedial strategies are needed to control the destructive pest, he emphasized.

Marco Mtunga, the managing director of the Tanzania Cotton Board, said that serious challenges facing the cotton



Hussein Bashe

crop include the lack of the availability of consistent inputs including fertilizer, seeds and sprays, apart from the use of crude farming implements.

The meeting also saw the participation of the former Minister for Agriculture, Irrigation and Cooperatives Dr Charles Tizeba, Tabora Regional Commissioner Aggrey Mwanri and prominent farmer Mohammed Yahya who said what cotton farmers need most is education on profitable cultivation of the crop.

For the cotton crop to enjoy sustainable development, the government must allow all major crops in the country to run by themselves without subsidy from the government, the commercial farmer added.

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dedication to hard work for decades in a row in fields where the Party and the people need them most, and their humbleness to make huge sacrifice in ordinary job posts without pursuing fame or self-interests.

"Heroes and role models once again demonstrate with their actions that greatness comes out of the ordinary," Xi said, adding that adhering to firm ideals

and convictions and working tirelessly to do their jobs can make every ordinary person have an extraordinary life and every ordinary job can produce extraordinary achievements.

He called on the awardees to cherish the honour and influence more people with their strong faith, beliefs and confidence.

"We have sincere gratitude to the recipients of the Friendship Medal for their contribution to China's

development," said Xi, further noting that Chinese people were always ready and willing to work with people of all countries to build a community with a shared future for humanity and to make the planet a better place.

The eight honourees of the Medal of the Republic are late nuclear physicist Yu Min, long-time national legislator Shen Jilan, aerospace engineer Sun Jiadong, war veterans Li Yannian and Zhang Fuqing, "father of hybrid rice"

Yuan Longping, nuclear submarine designer Huang Xuhua and Nobel Prize winner Tu Youyou.

Another 28 Chinese individuals were awarded national honorary titles such as "the people's scientist," "the people's artist," "the people's hero," and "the people's role model." Some of them were honoured posthumously.

Earlier this month, Xi signed a presidential decree to confer these honours in accordance with a decision

adopted by the National People's Congress Standing Committee.

Huang Xuhua and Thai Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn spoke at the ceremony on behalf of the awardees.

Li Keqiang, Li Zhanshu, Wang Yang, Zhao Leji, Han Zheng and Wang Qishan attended the presentation ceremony, while Dr Salim Ahmed Salim was represented by his daughter Maryam, the World Bank's Country Representative in Albania.

While serving as Tanzania's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, the three-term secretary general of what was known as Organisation of African Unity (now African Union) is credited with having been instrumental in successfully crusading for China's admission into the world body in 1971 - this chiefly by bringing together African UN member-states in supporting the cause.

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# Lindi resident handed life sentence for defiling a minor

By Guardian Correspondent, Lindi

THE Lindi District Court here has sentenced Emmanuel Msemakweli (29), a resident of Kariakoo, Rasbura Ward in Lindi Municipality to life imprisonment after he was found guilty of two counts, including that of sodomy.

Lindi District Court Resident Magistrate Franco Kiswaga gave the sentence after the accused was found guilty of another count of rape to a minor, a girl student aged 10.

Before sentencing (in Cr case No 37/2019), Kiswaga asked the accused why shouldn't the Court mete out

severe punishment from the crimes committed, he answered by saying the court should show clemency as it was his first crime he committed and was goaded by Satan.

After that piece of defence, State Attorney Yahya Gumbo assisted by Godfrey Mramba asked the court to mete out severe punishment so as to act as lesson to others harboring similar intentions.

Magistrate Kiswaga, after listening to mitigations from both sides, said he agreed with their pleas but because his hands are tied by the laws, and invoking the provisions of sections 130 (1), (2) (a) and 131 (1) of Penal Code, Cap

16 he sentenced 30 years in jail for rape.

In addition, Kiswaga in invoking Section 154 (1) (a) of the same law he sentenced the accused to life imprisonment and since both punishments run concurrently, the accused will spend the rest of his days in prison.

Earlier it was alleged in court by the State Attorneys Yahya Gumbo and Godfrey Mramba, that the accused, at different times whilst he knew what he was doing to be a serious crime, raped a girl student aged 10 (whose name and the name of the school were withheld).

The duo told the court that this

crime was revealed after her teachers and mother saw changes the child's appearance and behavior, including the way she walked as well deteriorating learning progress.

They further said after seeing that, the teachers and the mother questioned the child what was happening to her, after which they took her to hospital for examination whose results showed

that she was being sexually abused. The two State Attorneys claimed that after that, they referred the matter to proper authorities who traced the accused and put under arrest.



Energy minister Dr Medard Kalemani (L, foreground) pictured yesterday inspecting some 2,000 electricity poles stored at the Singida power substation awaiting distribution. Photo: Correspondent Zuwena Msuya

# Tanzania, Saudi Arabia to bolster relations in various fields - envoy

By Correspondent Felix Andrew

SAUDI Arabia has pledged to enhance cooperation with Tanzania in various potential areas for improvement of economy and people's livelihood in both countries.

This was said over the weekend in Dar es Salaam by the Saudi Arabian envoy to Tanzania, Mohammed bin Mansour Al Malik at an event to mark the 89th anniversary of the National Day of the Kingdom of Saudi.

He said that economic powers has enabled Saudi Arabia to carry out its duties towards friendly countries and never hesitated in fulfilling its responsibilities in respect to its relations with Tanzania through cooperation and constant coordination between the two friendly countries.

According to him, Saudi Arabia has been keen in assisting Tanzania in various fields especially in areas of infrastructures development such as building roads, water supply, health and education sectors. He said the country also puts efforts on combating poverty and refugees' relief.

The Envoy noted that Saudi Arabia has provided nine development loans to support projects related to agriculture, roads health and water supply sectors with a total amount of \$ 96 million.

It has also been monitoring the \$ 43 million provided for expansion of the Zanzibar University and rehabilitation of rural roads in Tanzania mainland.

In the context of strengthening the existing bilateral relations, he said the two countries have signed a bilateral agreement covering various sectors including economic, trade, investment, youth and sports.

He said as for humanitarian fields, many medical delegations from Saudi Arabia have in the last two years made successive visits to provide medical and therapeutic services throughout Tanzania and conducted many surgical operations, patient treatments and distribution of medicines as well as training Tanzanian doctors in performing advanced medical operations, especially those related to cardiothoracic, catheterization ophthalmology and pediatric surgeries.

According to him, Saudi Arabia has an ongoing five year plan of training Tanzanian doctors by sending medical delegations to Muhimbili National Hospital to conduct operations and training in all medical specialties fields.

"This program started in 2018 and will be completed by end of year 2022. The Saudi Humanitarian efforts had also embraced openings of several medical clinics in remote areas, which required such centers" he said.

On the education sector, he said Saudi Arabia has allocated 100 scholarships annually for Tanzanian students to study in different Saudi universities and various educational specializations.

"We are also expecting a large trade delegation visit headed by the Minister of State for African affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia within the next two months, aimed to increase bilateral economic cooperation with Tanzania and increasing trade exchange especially in the sector of energy, manufacturing and agriculture in order to achieve

common interests of both countries", he added.

Meanwhile, Minister for Constitution and Legal affairs, Dr Augustine Mahiga, said Tanzania and Saudi Arabia have a long history of relationship.

He said the two countries have been cooperating in various areas including health, economy and education.

Dr Mahiga said that Tanzania would continue to strengthen its relation with Saudi Arabia for livelihood of people in the two countries.

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TBL trade marketing manager Edith Bebwa (2nd-R) presents a certificate to Emmanuel Malanga at a retail development programme training graduation ceremony held in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Others are senior TBL officials Sylvester Siza (R) and Amanda Walter. The training, which was facilitated by the company, benefited 184 entrepreneurs from Dar es Salaam and Dodoma regions. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## New project to help improve supply of weather information in Dar and Nairobi

By Getrude Mbago

RESIDENTS in Kigogo ward, Dar es Salaam region have hailed the implementation of a newly launched weather project saying that it will measurably improve supply and use of extreme weather information in the area and other parts of the city.

Dubbed 'Developing Risk Awareness through Joint Action (DARAJA)', the project is implemented collaboratively by the Centre for Community Initiatives (CCI), Resurgence (UK) and Konkuey Design Initiatives (KDI) in two East African cities—Nairobi and Dar es Salaam.

The project is funded by the UK's Department for International Development (DFID).

Speaking during the weekend when weather stakeholders visited a weather club at Gilman Ruthihinda primary school in Kigogo suburb, some of the residents expressed their contentment saying that since the commencement of the project, most of the households are now up to date on weather and climate information.

Biosa Ngazi, a Kigogo resident said: "The project has come at right time as many households are now seeing the importance of searching and making follow-up on weather information thus taking precaution measures. DARAJA has taught us on the importance of weather information in our daily life," she said.

According to her, previously most of the residents were not taking seriously on weather information thus ending up seeing themselves in centre of floods.

Saidat Omary Biliary, a resident from Kigogo ward (Dar es Salaam)

commended CCI for coming up with the project as it will help communities living in hazardous areas get weather forecasts and updates on time for them to plan better. "I real commend CCI for also training our pupils in schools on weather issues as they are the ones who are now informing is (parents) whenever they hear about forecast information," she said.

Farida Mtutuma is a chairperson of environmental club at Gilman Ruthihinda Primary School said "the project has helped us to know more about TMA and its responsibilities; we have also been furnished with the importance of weather and climate information for our development."

Another resident, Mariam Hamis also from Kigogo said even the language used by authorities in announcing the weather alerts is 'complex' making hard for vulnerable communities to understand.

For her part, Coordinator of DARAJA Project from the Centre for Community Initiatives (CCI) Stella Stephen said that the project aims to address vulnerability to extreme weather and climate impacts in rapidly-growing informal urban settlements.

According to her, vulnerability to extreme weather and climate impacts is increasingly located in East Africa's rapidly growing informal settlements. Majority of the residents in these settlements lack basic infrastructures and services including drainage.

"The project focuses on improving provision of accurate, reliable and timely weather and climate related information and products so as to help the vulnerable society to manage climate related hazards," she added.

By Guardian Reporter

## Mass vaccination of dogs set to eliminate rabies

A GLOBAL initiative that seeks to eliminate the rabies virus—Rabies Free Africa—is set to vaccinate two million dogs in East Africa.

A statement released yesterday by Rabies Free Africa said the organisation is well positioned to meet the 2030 World Health Organization's goal of eliminating human rabies deaths.

In the last year alone, approximately 215,000 dogs were vaccinated for the rabies virus in Kenya. In Tanzania, another 120,000 dogs received the vaccine, according to the statement.

Rabies is the deadliest infectious

disease known to humankind with a case fatality rate of 100 percent. More than 99 percent of the people infected with rabies get it from the bite of an unvaccinated dog. Nearly 60,000 people die each year from rabies and approximately 50 percent of them are children under 16.

"Through vaccination we have eradicated smallpox in humans and rinderpest in cattle. We are on the verge of winning the battle against polio - rabies belongs up there," said Dr. Thumbi Mwangi, clinical assistant

professor in the Paul G. Allen School for Global Animal Health (Allen School) and director of Rabies Free Kenya.

Rabies Free Africa and Rabies Free Tanzania research and vaccination programmes, housed at the Washington State University Allen School, works with African governments and international partners to build in-country capacity.

Together, they are developing multiple strategies to decrease the average cost of implementing dog vaccination campaigns, increase

access to post-exposure prophylaxis treatment, and identify initiatives that empower countries to launch rabies elimination campaigns for long-term sustainability. "In Tanzania, in addition to mass dog vaccination campaigns, we focus on questions related to the vaccine, its efficacy under different storage and distribution conditions and developing cost-effective approaches to deliver the vaccine at scale across remote landscapes." Felix Lankester, Rabies Free Tanzania director and professor at the Allen School, said.

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## We are committed to support informal sector growth, says ILO country director

By Guardian Reporter

THE International Labour Organization (ILO) country office has reiterated its commitment to support Tanzania in transforming informal sector into a vibrant sector of the economy.

ILO country director for Tanzania, Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda Wellington Chibebe said with majority of young people and women employed in the sector, it is where the future of most African economies lie.

He noted that in Africa, in combine figure, informal economy constitutes 85 percent of the continent's economy and in sub-Saharan Africa it was even higher.

He added that those in the informal economy are youth and women who in every society they form the backbone of the society hence cannot be forgotten.

"Informal sector is a critical sector as far as the future of Africa is concerned because it forms about 85 percent of national economies in the continent employing mostly youth and women" he stressed.

Chibebe was speaking after being briefed by the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) Acting Director of Population and Housing Census, Ruth Minja on the progress of the ongoing 2019 Informal Sector Survey taking place in Dar es Salaam region.

He said ILO believes that such kind of statistics will help the government to take on board the informal economy and ensure the informal economy is not a forgotten sector in the sense that when people talk of foreign direct investment for example it always targeting formal economy whereas majority of people are in informal economy.

The country director revealed that the first study on informal sector in Africa was done by ILO in early seventies in Kenya and since then its organization has been supporting African to undertake those kind of surveys.

He added that during his recent visit in Kenya, he learnt that the informal economy currently contributes about 34 percent in country's GDP.

He said when ILO was approached by NBS to support the Survey, it was more than happy to come on board and that it now provides technical assistance in the form of training and data collection and processing tools. "ILO is a not donor agency we only give instruments. We provides technical support in the form of training and provision of modern data collection tools" he said and insisted that ILO works only on the national

priorities where a country "tells us where it wants to go and how so we can support to do so"

The country director later participated in a high level supervision of the Survey accompanied by NBS officials, representative from Dar es Salaam Regional Administrative Secretary who is Principal Statistician, Joseph Nyahende and Kipunguni ward local leaders.

Earlier, NBS Acting Director of Population Census, Ruth Minja said so far the exercise was going smoothly and NBS was optimistic that the survey would meet the intended objectives.

"The household-based phase was successful with response rate of 99 percent while on the business phase the field work is on the final stage where 1,953 businesses out of 2,025 which is equivalent to 96.4 percent have enumerated by 25th September, 2019" she explained.

She told the country director and the media that the main objective of the survey was to examine contribution of informal sector to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

"Specifically the survey intends to obtain estimates on value addition in production of goods and services; productivity in investment, capital formation, location of establishments and businesses; employment and linkages between the informal sector with other sectors" she said.

She said the sector's contribution to national GDP is based on crude estimates of the past 25 years since 1991 hence there is an urgent need to extend the survey to other regions.

Meanwhile, poultry famers have asked the government to ensure it effectively monitors and supervises hatcheries to make sure baby chicks entering the markets are of required standard and had follow all health protocols.

Samuel Marwa a poultry famer at Kitinye, Kipunguni ward Dar es Salaam region told a team of ILO and NBS that there was a problem of quality of chicken feeds and baby chicken on the market as a results sometimes farmers incur huge loss due to chicken death caused by diseases because they were put in the market without bring properly vaccinated.

Responding to question posed by Edmund Mushi form ILO on the challenges they are facing, Marwa said they face numerous challenges but mainly lack of financial capital as there is no financial institution which have enough knowledge of their businesses but even if they know they regard them as risky.



Students of Mbulu District's Chief Sarwat Secondary School visibly elated as they carry desks worth 5m/- donated to the school at the weekend by NMB Bank. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

By Special Correspondent, Abu Dhabi

ZANZIBAR government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Abu Dhabi Fund for Development (ADFD) to provide USD 10 million (23m/-) for rehabilitation of Wete referral hospital in Pemba Island.

The MoU was signed by Zanzibar Finance and Planning Minister, Ramia Abdiwawa and Mohammed Saif Al Suwaidi-ADFD Director General.

The funds, apart from rehabilitating Wete referral hospital, will be used to improve Zanzibar's healthcare sector, improve the efficiency of healthcare services and develop the capacities of local medical personnel.

The Minister commended UAE for continued support in improving the Isle's health sector.

Ambassador Abdiwawa said: "We value your support to our health sector. The funds you have provided will help improve provision of health services in the Isles as well as strengthen the existing historical relationship between Zanzibar and UAE".

## Zanzibar and ADFD sign MoU for upgrading Wete hospital in Pemba

"Our government seeks to strengthen development cooperation with the UAE and Abu Dhabi Fund for Development (ADFD) to boost economic growth, especially in sectors vital to sustainable development", he noted.

Mewnahile, Mohammed Saif Al Suwaidi said the MoU articulates the active role of the UAE and ADFD in promoting sustainable development. He said ADFD supports various development programmes prioritised by Zanzibar government to improve the region's healthcare sector and accelerate sustainable development.

He added: "Wete referral hospital will be uplifted to the highest international healthcare standards to ensure the delivery of necessary medical services to the people of Pemba. The hospital will be provided with the latest medical equipment to contribute to improving the efficiency of healthcare and

treatment services."

"ADFD and the government of Tanzania have built an excellent partnership over years. Through financing various strategic projects, ADFD plays a significant role in the sustainable development of Tanzania. The rehabilitation of Wete hospital in Pemba Island will go a long way in the provision of high-quality medical treatment for the local population in the Zanzibar region", said ADFD Director General.

The outstanding relations between ADFD and the government of Tanzania date back to 1977. Since then, the Fund has earmarked a lot of funds towards the development of four projects serving key sectors including industry, transport and water.

Signing of the MoU follows President Dr Ali Mohamed Shein's visit in UAE in January 2018. He was invited by Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi.



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Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. Closing date is October 08, 2019.

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National Electoral Commission official Christina Njovu (R) has a word with Bukoba municipality residents yesterday on the biometric registration of voters. Photo: NEC

## PM launches Tanzania Sign Language initiative

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya, Iringa

Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa has launched the Tanzania Sign Language (TSL) initiative that will be implemented across the country as part of effort to broaden the language and make it widely accessible.

The initiative which was launched during celebrations of the International Week of the Deaf (IWD2019) in Iringa over the weekend, will also promote full participation and rights of the deaf community in Tanzania.

A press statement issued by the Institutions for Inclusive Development (I4ID) stated that the initiative will include a major campaign to consult deaf groups around the country to harmonize different signs and to agree an expanded vocabulary. It will support the development of a full primary and secondary school curriculum as well as conduct training for special needs teachers, led by the Tanzania Institute of Education.

I4ID is funded by UK and Irish Aid. It is supporting the government and institutions such as Chavita, Tanzania Institute of Education (TIE) and Patandi Teachers' College for Special Needs to fully integrate sign language into the education system.

Speaking at the event, I4ID team leader, Sachin Gupta said: "Until now the responsibility of society to provide a properly functioning sign language for the deaf to be able to communicate has been overlooked. But now TSL is being fully developed and integrated, which will be critical for helping ensure no child gets left behind by the education system, and improving inclusion, participation and quality of life for all deaf and hard of hearing people."

CHAVITA Executive Director, Dickson Mveyange said that teaching sign language to a deaf child is like giving a wheelchair to someone who can't walk.

He added: "Deafness is a disability of communication, just like paralysis is a disability of movement. Sign language is the most productive medium of instruction for deaf learners and it enables deaf people to fully develop personally and culturally. It is the only tool we have to fight against poverty, oppression, marginalization, and inequality."

British High Commissioner to Tanzania, Sarah Cooke said: "It is crucial for education systems to be inclusive to ensure all children benefit. I'm pleased to see the progress made by the government of Tanzania, following the Global Disability Summit in London, in improving quality education for deaf children with the help of UK Aid and civil society".

"Ireland is pleased to support efforts to make the education system more inclusive," added Irish Ambassador to Tanzania, Paul Sherlock as he commends the government and civil society for the positive steps taken to reach children that are at risk of being left behind.

Ambassador Sherlock said the Tanzania deaf community stands to benefit significantly from ongoing reforms.

Head of the UK Department for International Development in Tanzania, Beth Arthy noted that they are pleased to see the commitment of the Tanzanian government on making education available to all. Arthy said: "We are committed to supporting the government further expand opportunities for disabled children and I am proud that UK Aid support has played a role in bringing this about through our Institutions for Inclusive Development Programme (I4ID)".

The launch of the Tanzania Sign Language (TSL) initiative follows an announcement in September last year by Minister of Education, Science and Technology, Joyce Ndalichako that Tanzania will adopt sign language as the national language of education for the deaf.

The critical role sign language plays in allowing deaf people to live, learn, earn and fully participate in all areas of public life has been the focus of the week's campaign.

For decades sign language was stigmatized in Tanzania, and in the few places where deaf children were taught how to communicate using signs, they rely on a patchwork of different sign languages developed at home or brought from other countries, which has made communication and further education a major challenge for the deaf community.

In 2018, Tanzania's only specialist secondary school for the deaf, Viziwe Njombe Secondary School, made headlines when every student failed the country's most important exam, Form IV.

The government responded with a policy review that has led to several important initiatives for the deaf community.

The National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) estimates indicates that there are more than 600,000 people with hearing difficulties in Tanzania, including many out-of-school youth not served by any kind of education.

## Plant-based burgers inaugurated in the United States, Switzerland

By Guardian Reporter

GLOBAL food giant Nestlé has said it is expanding its plant-based food range in the United States, its largest market, and in its home country of Switzerland.

The launch comes just days after Nestlé announced its ambition to achieve zero net greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, including by offering more plant-based food and beverages.

Plant-based foods consist mostly or entirely of foods derived from plants, including vegetables, grains, nuts, seeds, legumes and fruits, and with few or no animal products.

A statement released yesterday by the company said in both countries, Nestlé is launching plant-based burgers and grounds, with ingredients and recipes customized to meet local tastes. All the products look and cook like raw beef and provide a juicy, meat-like taste and texture.

In the United States, Sweet Earth Foods has announced the launch of their newest products, the Awesome Burger and Awesome Grounds. Both deliver on the taste and texture of beef with the environmental and nutritional benefits offered by

plant-based proteins.

The Awesome Burger is made with yellow pea protein, resulting in a burger that is high in protein and fiber. Sweet Earth's Awesome Grounds will provide the same plant-based protein in a ground version that allows greater flexibility to cook various meals and sides, such as meatballs and tacos. Acquired by Nestlé in 2017, Sweet Earth has over 60 plant-based products in their portfolio.

In Switzerland, Nestlé is introducing its Garden Gourmet Incredible Burger and the new Garden Gourmet Incredible Mince. The two add to the already expanding Garden Gourmet range in Switzerland, which also includes many 'veggie-centric' options. The burger is made from soy and wheat protein and the mince from soy protein. Both contain natural plant extracts - beetroot, carrot, and bell pepper - and vegetable fats including chopped coconut oil.

The new Garden Gourmet Incredible Mince is just as versatile and juicy as ground beef. It is easily shapeable, making it perfect to create balls or skewers that can be seasoned to taste. It can also be crumbled up in a pan, for example to make a delicious Bolognese sauce or 'Chili Sin Carne'.

# Driving Youth Focused Financial Use Cases

Mobile money usage has exploded in recent years, with more users, and more services on offer. However, research by FinSights Lab, an initiative by the Financial Sector Deepening Trust (FSDT), has found that Tanzania's youth are taking surprisingly long to get involved. In their recent Bridging the Age Gap report, FinSights Lab found that mobile

money usage peaks at around 35, while youth below 25 are nearly 10% less likely to use the service. In total, 3.16 million 16-24 year olds in Tanzania don't have or use mobile money.

FinSights Lab believes that this provides an enormous opportunity for financial service providers in Tanzania. In the

Bridging the Age Gap report, FinSights Lab calculates that closing this gap through supporting earlier adoption of mobile money is a market with a realistic size of TZS 61 billion per year. Through capturing typical flows of money for youth, including remittances, early-stage asset purchases, and investment flows, financial service providers

could tap into this market.

In the Bridging the Age Gap report, FinSights Lab argues that while there are certain structural barriers that discourage young people from using mobile money (for instance lower ID ownership), solutions are possible for this market. Through building a deep understanding of what the youth need, and the barriers that they specifically face, FinSights Lab believes that tailored, effective products could be built.

It is in this context that FinSights Lab is accepting fresh applications from financial service providers who require support in driving the uptake and usage of financial services. In this application round, financial service providers will bring their ideas for the youth market to the platform and will draw from the broad array of expertise available in FinSights Lab to appropriately research, design, test and scale appropriate financial solutions for young people in Tanzania. Understanding youth mobile money needs and barriers, and building effective youth-focused mobile money solutions (e.g. products, services or marketing) is one FinSights Lab focus area. However, FinSights Lab is very interested to hear about any high-potential solutions, or problems identified in the youth market, and encourages innovative and brave thinking.

FinSights Lab encourages all financial service providers with an interest in the youth market to apply. More details on the application and on FinSights Lab can be found on the FinSights Lab website, at [www.fsdtd.or.tz/finsightslab/](http://www.fsdtd.or.tz/finsightslab/).

Should you have any queries or require an in person appointment with FinSights Lab, send all inquiries to [finsightslab@fsdt.or.tz](mailto:finsightslab@fsdt.or.tz)

For further details on the Bridging the Age Gap Report, FinSights Lab's report can be found at: <https://www.fsdtd.or.tz/category/publications/>



## Call for Applications

### Achieve Market Performance Through FinSights Lab

*Do you want to learn about how to think of the youth market differently, and to match your products to its needs? Are young adults a major target market for you? Are you looking to build an effective product or solution that is catered to young adults? Do you want to improve an already existing product or solution which is underperforming?*

**If you answered yes to any of the questions above, then FinSights Lab can support you. FinSights Lab is a solutions-driven interactive research platform, set up by the Financial Sector Deepening Trust (FSDT) to support the financial services sector in Tanzania. FinSights Lab is designed to be flexible and nimble, providing solutions fast and at low cost. It brings together world-class expertise in behavioral design, data science and experimentation to bring a more action-oriented approach to solutions development. FinSights Lab has the experience and skills to carry out research, design and testing activities for clients in the financial services sector. By bringing these skills to the market, together we can create the innovation needed to disrupt Tanzania's financial services.**

FinSights Lab has supported private sector financial services clients to design effective solutions for underperforming products, policies, or solutions. FinSights Lab is now opening a new application round to the market, in which we are calling for potential clients who are looking to offer solutions that cater to the youth segment (ages 16-35). FinSights Lab will support clients in this round through:

1. **Understanding** the problem using existing and bespoke research;
2. **Designing** solutions with the client to hit the youth market;
3. **Testing** the effectiveness of the solutions, and;
4. **Scaling** the most effective solutions to reach the desired impact.

**To shed some light and insight on the terrain that the FinSights Lab platform is looking to venture into, some of the challenges confronting young people and their overall access to finance include:**

- **Phone ownership:** There is a 15 percentage point gap in phone ownership between 16-24 year olds and 25 to 35 year olds (who are the most included age group)
- **ID ownership:** Only 56% of 16-24 year olds have some form of ID; thereby, leaving the remainder short of key Know Your Customer (KYC) requirements in gaining access to formal financial services
- **Lack of collateral:** With land being the key form of collateral for formal credit, among young people aged 16-24, only 1% have a title deed; thus, leaving the remainder locked out of formal credit channels

- **Poor financial health:** As a collective, the financial health of young people is 10 percentage points lower than the average of all other age groups.

- **Low levels of economic engagement:** Compared to other population segments, 37% of young people are dependent (vs 13% across other age groups) and on average, their monthly income is 40% that of other age groups

Specific population segments that the FinSights Lab platform is interested in developing solutions for include but is not limited to:

- Boda Boda drivers
- Bajaj drivers
- Machinga merchants
- House help
- Female traders

We invite your organization to submit your application to FinSights Lab, outlining the youth (ages 16 -35) focused market challenge you would like to resolve. For more details on FinSights Lab and the application process, please visit: [www.fsdtd.or.tz/finsightslab](http://www.fsdtd.or.tz/finsightslab).

The deadline for applications is 23 October 2019. Separately, if you would like to understand more about how to think of the youth market differently and more broadly, about the FinSights Lab platform, kindly RSVP with [finsightslab@fsdt.or.tz](mailto:finsightslab@fsdt.or.tz) for a half-day workshop that will be held on 11 October 2019. To read FinSights Lab's Age Gap Report, visit: [www.fsdtd.or.tz/finsightslab](http://www.fsdtd.or.tz/finsightslab)

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## Rate of suicides may be high, but is mental health the cure?

**A**LARM has lately been raised by experts at the Muhimbili National Hospital (MNH) that suicide rates among the youth have reached excessively high rates and something needs to be done about that. Psychiatrists are setting up teams to address the issue and offer advice to the Ministry of Health as to what should be done. But that is an old story and the situation in Tanzania is somewhat commonplace, so there may be no magic answers up our sleeves.

The basic issue that teams of experts will be addressing is that they should find new ways to check a growing tendency of people to commit suicide, now being cited as the second biggest cause of deaths for youths aged 15 to 30. The worst offender in relation to youth deaths is accidents, followed by suicides - both of which are essentially auxiliary routes to death, compared to disease.

A mental health awareness and suicide prevention forum at the MNH on Thursday saw a leading psychiatrist and mental health specialist at the hospital expound on the situation of suicides in Tanzania. One basic datum is that more males commit suicide than females but more females attempt suicide.

That on the whole implies that there is a macabre balance of death and anguish between the two sides, in that while females suffer more, males are more efficient in ending their lives. It is something close to a staged drama in school.

Experts at the Mental Health Association of Tanzania (MEHATA) are already focused on providing civic education at the family level on how best to address the challenge. This orientation is also a statement

of solution, that is, to conduct civic education on the wrongfulness of suicide, but which has time and again proved to be unworkable. To educate the society about suicides is one thing, and to conduct education that prevents pressures to suicide is another.

Experts basically agree that youths aged 15 to 29 are pushed to suicide when they fail to meet various challenges encountered as they enter adolescence and into proper adulthood. That is agreed but the precise character of those pressures opens a can of worms about the matter. Some focus on peer pressure and others on failed sentimental affinities, while effort is made to avoid citing lack of incomes, not because it engenders poverty but more so, it demeans the personality - thus leading to the content of 'peer pressure' issue.

Even failure in sentimental affinities is related if not tied to lack of incomes, as one fails individually in holding to a relationship, or in competition with peers for that matter. At the global level, close to 800,000 people die due to suicide every year and around 78 percent of global suicide cases occur in low and middle income countries. Acute inequalities are less felt in developed countries, probably owing to unemployment allowances, etc.

A leading MNH expert said suicide is a serious health problem, a very complex challenge with no single source. Every 40 seconds a person commits suicide somewhere in the world and each suicide has a serious impact on at least six other people. Not only do families lose loved ones, but what is more painful is that they do not see the point in it all, as life existed well beyond those age-related problems the youth was feeling. Adult suicide is more in-depth failure.

## Commemoration of World Rabies Day should lead to healthier living

**W**ORLD Rabies Day is an international awareness campaign coordinated by the Global Alliance for Rabies Control, a non-profit organisation with headquarters in the United States. It is a United Nations Observance and has been endorsed by international human and veterinary health organizations such as the World Health Organization, the Pan American Health Organization, the World Organisation for Animal Health and the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. World Rabies Day takes place each year on September 28, the anniversary of the death of Louis Pasteur who, with the collaboration of his colleagues, developed the first efficacious rabies vaccine. World Rabies Day aims to raise awareness about the impact of rabies on humans and animals, provide information and advice on how to prevent the disease in at-risk communities, and support advocacy for increased efforts in rabies control.

Rabies remains a significant health problem in many countries of the world. Over 99 per cent of all human deaths caused by rabid dog bites happen in the developing world, with 95 per cent of deaths occurring in Africa and Asia. With the exception of Antarctica, people and animals on every continent are at risk of contracting rabies.

One major problem with rabies prevention is a lack of basic life-saving knowledge among people at risk. Organizations working on the issue can often feel isolated, and, as a neglected disease, rabies does not attract sufficient resources, even though the world has the tools and knowledge to prevent rabies and nobody needs to die from this disease.

Health awareness days can help to improve policy on diseases [10] and increase resources to prevent and control them. This understanding led to the development of an awareness

day against rabies.

The first World Rabies Day campaign took place on 8 September 2007 as a partnership between the Alliance for Rabies Control and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, USA, with the co-sponsorship of the World Health Organization, the World Organisation for Animal Health and the Pan American Health Organization [Briggs D, Hanlon CA. World Rabies Day: focusing attention on a neglected disease. In 2009, after three World Rabies Days, the Global Alliance for Rabies Control estimated that rabies prevention and awareness events had taken place in over 100 countries, that nearly 100 million people worldwide had been educated about rabies and that nearly 3 million dogs had been vaccinated during events linked to the campaign.

A 2011 review by a network of international government agencies, academics, NGOs and vaccine manufacturers identified World Rabies Day as a useful tool to assist with rabies prevention, targeting at-risk communities, animal health workers, public health practitioners, governments, key opinion leaders and experts.

In the years following the review, World Rabies Day has also been used by governments and international agencies as a day on which to announce policies, plans and progress on rabies elimination. For example, in 2013, the Food and Agricultural Organization of the UN, the World Health Organization and the World Organisation for Animal Health first called for the global elimination of canine-mediated rabies in a joint statement released on World Rabies Day. At the first Pan-African Rabies Control Network meeting in 2015, the 33 African countries represented there recommended consideration of World Rabies Day as an opportunity for rabies advocacy.

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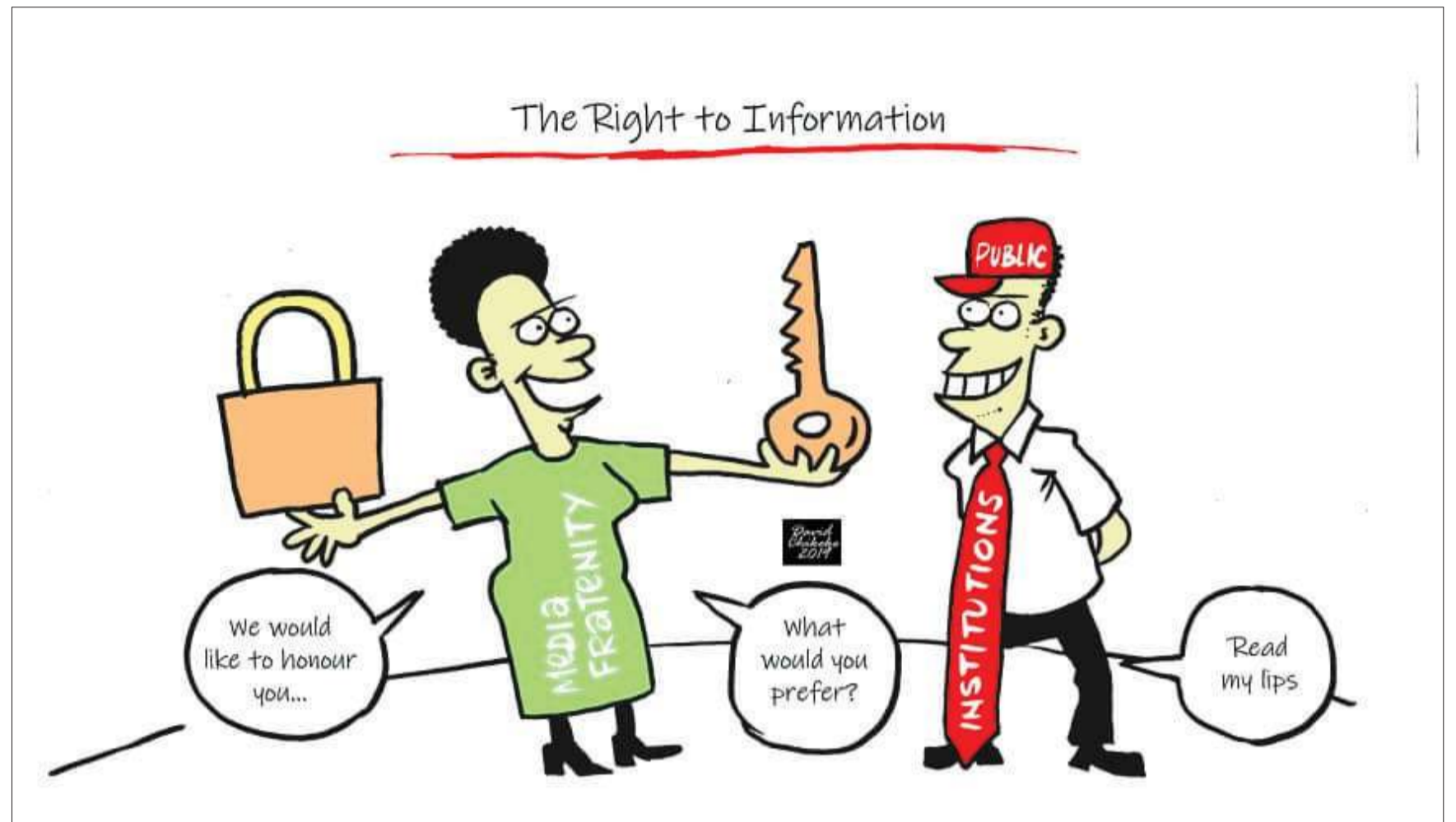
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## Economy nears Bermuda Triangle

By Brett Chulu

**T**HE current economic turmoil is concerning. We know the socio-economic indicators of this turmoil well. Broad money supply is increasing - in the official books, at least ZW\$5 billion was poured into the economy, taking our broad money supply to at least ZW\$15 billion. We have every reason to suspect that broad money supply is currently far more than what is reported - the recent sharp rise in the Zimbabwe dollar: United States dollar exchange rate seems to indicate significant swelling of money zero maturity money supply. It is a bad omen - the days of fiscal impunity could be on their way back.

Our authorities divined that the banning of multi-currencies would halt re-dollarisation. I knew from the classic grounded model of invisible entrepreneurship I came up with after a four-year formal research that re-dollarisation could not be stopped under the poor economic circumstances. What the model of invisible entrepreneurship taught me is that when people are hard-pressed to meet their socio-economic obligations, they will always find ways to outmanoeuvre those who control assets. People are thinking in dollar terms while transacting in the Zimdollar. Dollarisation has mutated to a covert form - it cannot be banned.

We will unfurl a selected web of behaviours people at the receiving end of a fast-deteriorating economic policy environment are resorting to to keep their heads above the water.

The behaviours of micro-margin sensitivity and calculated bets will be explored in the context of our current economic woes.

### Micro-margin sensitivity

Micro-margin sensitivity is the application of entrepreneurial licence by invisible entrepreneurs to deliberately avoid the smallest of personal economic losses and to leverage on the smallest of opportunities. Micro-margin sensitivity is an invisible entrepreneur's strategic response to the pressure wrought by targetising (drive by an asset user/asset steward to meet personal private economic gain from an asset entrusted them).

Micro-margin sensitivity has temporal, spatial and monetary dimensions. These three sub-patterns of micro-margin sensitivity represent the outcomes of an invisible entrepreneur's omnipresent quest to increase the probability of stretching personal economic gain. The last two patterns are relevant to our current economic environment.

By applying spatial micro-margin sensitivity, an invisible entrepreneur



is intentionally exploiting unutilised spaces to engineer opportunities to stretch or defend personal income margins.

You only need to look at our pavements and parking lots to see spatial micro-margin sensitivity in action. Desperate Zimbabweans have turned their vehicles into mobile retail shops - using parking lots in streets with large numbers of pedestrians.

Micro-margin monetary sensitivity exploits small windows of opportunity to either extract opportunistic monetary gains or insure against incidental or foreseeable monetary losses.

Last week, when the Zimdollar was depreciating at a frenetic pace, retailers were changing prices as much as twice a day, slightly above the prevailing black market rates, adding a margin of safety to insure against loss of ability to restock. When rates softened following the probe into the bank accounts of suspected cash barons, most retail shops have not changed the implied ZW\$:US\$ exchange rate - which is still elevated within the 20-20.5 range. It is a mixture of a fear of losing money and exploiting extra micro-margins.

The calculated bets pattern entails the exercise of entrepreneurial licence by invisible entrepreneurs to profit from risk-reward management. Calculated bets is hired as one strategic option to increase the probability of targetising optimally.

When invisible entrepreneurs embrace a loss of marginal income in anticipation of an opportunity to compensate for the loss and gain, an even bigger income they are engaging in strategic loss-acceptance.

At times, invisible entrepreneurs are compelled to accept losses emanating from an uncontrollable event or circumstance, but where the probability of reversing the marginal income loss is high. When they do this, they are engaging in forced loss-acceptance. The reason invisible entrepreneurs embrace forced loss-acceptance is that a refusal results in an even bigger loss. Forced loss-acceptance is, therefore, a resolution of a catch-22 situation by accepting a lesser evil.

Some retailers are leasing the forced-loss acceptance behaviour - they have inhouse bureaux de change - they

peg their retail prices at black market rates for those paying in ZW\$ and purportedly offer a huge discount as high as 90% if one transacts through their in-store bureaux de change. Other retailers are openly accepting US dollars in violation of the ban on forex for local transactions, but invoicing the amounts in ZW\$.

The term windfall bets denotes the tendency by invisible entrepreneurs to exploit opportunities that promise to enhance personal marginal incomes by relatively huge amounts. Gains accruing from windfall bets are not shared with the asset owner/asset controller.

Windfall bets in some instances enable the invisible entrepreneur to generate income that is far in excess of the asset owner's or asset controller's normative share target (the economic benefit an informal grouping of invisible entrepreneurs decide must accrue to the asset owner they are planning to cream off).

Windfall bets are of two types: engineered and unanticipated. Engineered windfall bets connote the practice by invisible entrepreneurs to deliberately create opportunities to generate income outside the accepted operational rules. Invisible entrepreneurs call engineered windfall bets into service to enhance personal marginal income. The issue of EcoCash agents who have hiked premiums for accessing cash to a high of 60% is a perfect example of engineered windfall bets.

Unanticipated windfall bets arise from the practice of exploiting incidental opportunities outside operational rules to enhance personal marginal income beyond normative levels. Enterprising people in Zimbabwe are buying goods from wholesalers who accept electronic payments - they simply sell the goods at the same price, but accepting cash only, which cash they can sell at huge premiums for EcoCash - get their 40-60% windfall and offload the electronic money with wholesalers.

Formal retailers, in reaction to informal traders charging goods at wholesale price, have responded by offering discounts for cash purchases - they have just found a way to run rings around the US dollar retail ban. It is a perfect 2% intermediate tax avoidance

strategy.

Another example of unanticipated windfall bets is exporters and gold producers who have significantly reduced forex earnings flowing to the central bank. The forex retention thresholds and a weak interbank market have created room for unanticipated windfall bets - gold deliveries have reduced significantly (40.6% as reported in the Monetary Policy Statement (MPS)) - that margin is extremely huge; it is almost certain that the gold producers are side-selling to avoid the central bank retention and offloading the forex in the parallel market.

Other exporters could be under-invoicing exports to create huge margins of export earnings that are not declared to the country. Imports could be increasingly smuggled and large importers under-declaring imports to create forex windfalls.

When we hear Treasury and monetary authorities crowing that the trade deficit is narrowing significantly, it could be just that importers exercising invisible entrepreneurship are outsmarting them.

The central bank headlined its MPS "to Normalcy." It would appear this prophesied normalcy is still far off.

The Bermuda Triangle, also known as the Devil's Triangle or Hurricane Alley, is a loosely defined region in the western part of the North Atlantic Ocean where a number of aircraft and ships are said to have disappeared under mysterious circumstances. Most reputable sources dismiss the idea that there is any mystery.

The vicinity of the Bermuda Triangle is amongst the most heavily traveled shipping lanes in the world, with ships frequently crossing through it for ports in the Americas, Europe and the Caribbean islands. Cruise ships and pleasure craft regularly sail through the region, and commercial and private aircraft routinely fly over it.

Popular culture has attributed various disappearances to the paranormal or activity by extraterrestrial beings. Documented evidence indicates that a significant percentage of the incidents were spurious, inaccurately reported, or embellished by later authors.

In 1964, Vincent Gaddis wrote in the pulp magazine *Argosy* of the boundaries of the Bermuda Triangle, giving its vertices as Miami; San Juan, Puerto Rico; and Bermuda. Subsequent writers did not necessarily follow this definition. Some writers gave different boundaries and vertices to the triangle, with the total area varying from 1,300,000 to 3,900,000 km<sup>2</sup> (500,000 to 1,510,000 sq mi). "Indeed, some writers even stretch it as far as the Irish coast." Consequently, the determination of which accidents occurred inside the triangle depends on which writer reported them.



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## Start the week with Cynthia Stacey

Jambo for the last week in September, and it's usually now, at the beginning of autumn when I most enjoy London, that I start wondering where I'll be at Christmas. Maybe here, where spirituality still triumphs over consumerism, but for how much longer...or Britain, where the festive season is nothing but consumerism, and as I pen this piece, the cash machines, or their digital equivalent, will already have been ringing up at the nation's tills, in keeping with the seasonal message to come and spend...spend...spend for Jesus!

Coming and going between differing environments can be disorientating, but on returning here once, after the first week with daily power cuts, and much of the second one almost waterless, I really didn't need reminding of where I was, as the third experience endorsed it.

Being driven into town the following week, there were loud sirens blaring, and cars rapidly swerving off the centre of the road, but if they didn't do so quick enough, a fierce arm waving policeman made sure they would.

As we know, this is standard practice here, and The Guardian photograph taken late last year, showed police questioning motorists who'd defied an order to clear the way for a former President's entourage.

To "clear the way"...the photo caption unintentionally set the menacing tone for this often crudely implemented

## Let's have...motorist-friendly motorcades!



On the right track...Bravo the bike! President John Magufuli surprised onlookers when he walked out of the State House to collect rubbish off the streets, after cancelling Independence Day celebrations in December 2015. After the clean up exercise, the President rode a bicycle to the State House, to highlight the fuel issue used by the presidential motorcade. (File photo)

exercise. But the worst example I've seen occurred a decade ago when driving to Bagamoyo with a friend, we suddenly heard extremely loud horns blaring, as frightened drivers in front of us pulled aside in panic.

At first we thought there'd been an accident, but then an open land rover carrying scary looking armed guards (they turned out to be a Field Force unit), screeched past at great speed yelling loudly at motorists to get off the

road, as our small car rocked with the cross wind of their passing.

...this frightening scenario was proceeded by a group of vehicles with flashing lights, driven like racing cars, then a succession of larger

vehicles, going too fast to count them.

Even by the classic example of perceived 'third world' behaviour, this was shocking, yet it occurred only because a former president was visiting Bagamoyo for the Maulid religious festival.

So what would such a visit have showed by its manner of getting there...this wasn't a globally known football team visiting Tanzania, and needing a military style defence unit, neither had the nation been invaded by a foreign power, or alien terrorists, so such actions in order to attend a Maulid gathering was inappropriate, when the entourage should have been indicative of a peaceful and dignified visit.

I mentioned this to one of Mwalimu Nyerere's old drivers, who said he'd have disapproved, and disliked obtrusive motorcades. But the impression this one left, has stayed with me... It was reminiscent of the Cossaks, the famous Russian horsemen, galloping through villages on their mighty beasts, and laughing as the peasants scattered to avoid being trampled to death under the horses hooves. Such behaviour can be indicative of brutish regimes, which this country is not.

In fact at the time of the conflict with Uganda, the British press wrote of "the gentle Tanzanian soldiers".

How much better to be known by this pleasing

description, as opposed to some unpleasantly managed motorcades, endangering motorists and pedestrians alike, and why can't the police look a little more friendly when doing it?

Obviously, not all of these give a negative image, like those for state visits for example, which are an asset to the nation. And I've seen various envoys being driven to the State House in a convoy flanked by outriders, which always look impressive and welcoming. Plus such conveys add a sense of occasion to national celebrations, and few motorists would object to being inconvenienced at such times...especially if they know the reason for it.

I'm not sure why police noisily urge drivers to slow down in Dar if the Speaker of Parliament for example speeds by, returning later in the same manner...and do all such journeys take precedence over other road users?

Nowadays, with so many retired leaders entitled to motorcade privileges, and police escorted convoys or whatever, the manner of facilitating these publicly funded exercises, should be more restrained and respectful to ordinary motorists. And is there a way of informing the public, what categories of 'special people' are eligible for this valuable service?

Some time ago in Britain, I was in a car at the traffic lights, and made eye contact

with the former Prime Minister in the vehicle next to me, but without realising the significance...but I know it now...he had to stop like everyone else!

I'm not suggesting that every country should have the same practices, and while the Danish royal family might go to the supermarket on their bicycles, the British royals certainly don't, as they'd probably be mobbed by the media.

London's former Mayor, Home Secretary, and currently Prime Minister Boris Johnson, is a famous figure in the UK, and rides everywhere on a bicycle, setting a good example by promoting this environmentally friendly mode of transport, but is of course, not currently doing so, as Prime Minister.

...but I'm trying to imagine public figures here in similar biking mode...but I can't see it. Because this is Land Cruiser/Pajero country big time, for aspiring senior civil servants, from "minnows to mighties"!

...but there was a wonderful photo of President Magufuli on 20th December 2015, riding a bike, nd complete with a helmet worn at a jaunty angle. He was riding the cycle to the State House, to highlight the fuel issue used by presidential motorcades, and he looked great!

...anyway, times up...but in twenty years time, if there's good roads, it would be progress of a kind, if the nation had a few cycling mayors and ministers also, to set an example to any "Tanzanian Cossaks"...still harassing the wananchi!

By Special Correspondent

Employment is a relationship between two parties, usually based on a contract where work is paid for, where one party, which may be a corporation, for profit, not-for-profit organization, co-operative or other entity is the employer and the other is the employee. Employees work in return for payment, which may be in the form of an hourly wage, by piecework or an annual salary, depending on the type of work an employee does or which sector they are working in. Employees in some fields or sectors may receive gratuities, bonus payment or stock options. In some types of employment, employees may receive benefits in addition to payment. Benefits can include health insurance, housing, disability insurance or use of a gym. Employment is typically governed by employment laws, organisation or legal contracts.

An employee contributes labour and expertise to an endeavor of an employer or of a person conducting a business or undertaking (PCBU) and is usually hired to perform specific duties which are packaged into a job. In a corporate context, an employee is a person who is hired to provide services to a company on a regular basis in exchange for compensation and who does not provide these services as part of an independent business.

Employer and managerial control within an organization rests at many levels and has important implications for staff and productivity alike, with control forming the fundamental link between desired outcomes and actual processes. Employers must balance interests such as decreasing wage

## Addressing the daunting challenge of youth unemployment in Africa through innovation



constraints with a maximization of labor productivity in order to achieve a profitable and productive employment relationship.

The main ways for employers to find workers and for people to find employers are via jobs listings in newspapers (via classified advertising) and online, also called job boards. Employers and job seekers also often find each other via professional recruitment consultants which receive a commission from the employer to find, screen and select suitable candidates. However, a study has shown that such consultants may not be reliable when they fail to use established principles in selecting employees. A more traditional approach is with a "Help Wanted" sign in the establishment (usually hung on a window or door or placed on a store counter). Evaluating different employees can be quite laborious but setting up different techniques to analyze their skill to measure their talents within the field can be best through as-

sessments.[5] Employer and potential employee commonly take the additional step of getting to know each other through the process of job interview.

Training and development refers to the employer's effort to equip a newly hired employee with necessary skills to perform at the job, and to help the employee grow within the organization. An appropriate level of training and development helps to improve employee's job satisfaction.

There are many ways that employees are paid, including by hourly wages, by piecework, by yearly salary, or by gratuities (with the latter often being combined with another form of payment). In sales jobs and real estate positions, the employee may be paid a commission, a percentage of the value of the goods or services that they have sold. In some fields and professions (e.g., executive jobs), employees may be eligible for a bonus if they meet certain targets. Some

executives and employees may be paid in stocks or stock options, a compensation approach that has the added benefit, from the company's point of view, of helping to align the interests of the compensated individual with the performance of the company.

Under the faithless servant doctrine, a doctrine under the laws of a number of states in the United States, and most notably New York State law, an employee who acts unfaithfully towards his employer must forfeit all of the compensation he received during the period of his disloyalty.

Employee benefits are various non-wage compensation provided to employee in addition to their wages or salaries. The benefits can include: housing (employer-provided or employer-paid), group insurance (health, dental, life etc.), disability income protection, retirement benefits, day-care, tuition reimbursement, sick leave, vacation (paid and non-paid), social security, profit sharing, funding of education, and other specialized benefits. In some cases, such as with workers employed in remote or isolated regions, the benefits may include meals. Employee benefits can improve the relationship between employee and employer and lowers staff turnover.

Innovative thinking about Africa's conventional employment issues is a key issue in the recently released African Development Bank new policy research document "Creating Decent Jobs: Strategies, Policies, and Instruments".

The report elicited strong presentations and a lively debate during the event which took place in the Babacar N'Diaye Auditorium at the Bank's headquarters, attended by senior management, diplomats, staff, and media representatives.

The Bank's Senior Vice President Charles Boamah noted that the issue of employment as being "at the top of the agenda of every African leader", noting that the report was "the first of its kind in challenging and unveiling some of the misconceptions that many experts have about the nature of under-employment and unemployment in Africa."

"The report signals the start of some fresh thinking about the nature of employment creation on the continent and clarifies which development strategies and policy interventions are needed for low-income countries in Africa", Boamah said.

He went on to predict that the report would "serve as a reference document on employment in Africa for some years to come".

Celestin Monga, the Bank's Chief Economist, remarked that part of its appeal was in applying innovative thinking to conventional employment issues.

For example, one problem identified was that domestic economic progress was often assessed by the allocation of public funding to priority sectors or by analyzing the number of reforms carried out to improve the business environment.

In this context, he observed that several of the world's top-

performing countries had low rankings for the ease of doing business.

Monga also remarked that the official unemployment figures of many African countries were so unrealistically low that policymakers found it difficult to explain how demand for labour in markets was so buoyant.

Africa was also the world region with the highest proportion of its workforce in vulnerable employment, which served to hide rather than clarify the essential issue of employment in Africa. A new model for measuring employment that related to actual conditions in Africa was needed, he said. The report, he said should also be seen as a manifesto for African jobs.

In the face of rapidly growing populations and heightened risks of social unrest or discontent, jobless growth was the most serious concern for African policymakers, said Abebe Shimeles, the manager in the Chief Economist's complex, who spoke on the highlights of the report.

"One problem", he added, "was already well known - that employment and unemployment needed to be more closely defined in their relative context, a task that had already caused difficulties in other development finance institutions."

Traditional labour market economists were not capable of accurately defining the particular African employment phenomenon". In addition, he pointed out that the status of the ministries of work or labour in many African countries was often not important

enough to be considered as a critical policy sector, reflecting the low priority given to making a serious difference to the continental employment challenge facing all the African countries.

This session of reflections featured Ivorian minister of youth promotion and employment Mamadou Toure, in the government of Cote d'Ivoire, who drew attention to the interconnections that existed around the jobs issue. "This cannot be resolved on its own, and certainly not without considering carefully other related aspects, such as skills, education, training, enterprise and social services," he said.

Professor Tchetché N'Guessan, of the University of Felix Houphouët-Boigny, Cocody, Cote d'Ivoire; and Mr Freddy Tchala, CEO of MTN in Cote d'Ivoire. Also spoke, discussing different aspects of employment, education, tr By Kwame Yeboah

Africa's population and labor force are growing rapidly, but opportunities for decent employment are expanding at a slower pace. According to the African Development Bank, the gap between the number of labor market participants and available wage job opportunities widens by approximately eight million annually. Young Africans are disproportionately affected by the slow growth in jobs, and projections suggest that even under the most favorable growth conditions, less than a quarter of the roughly 350 million young Africans entering the labor force by 2035 will find wage employment in the formal sector. Many young people will need to create their own jobs through entrepreneurial activities to avoid escalating challenges associated with unemployment.

By Correspondent Paskal Mbunga, Tanga

## Experts: Sleeping sickness under control

THIRD of Tanzania's land is estimated to be exposed to tsetse-fly related infections but the most notorious disease—sleeping sickness is under control, experts have said.

Most of these protected areas, and that seven out of 11 known tsetse flies in sub-Saharan Africa infest Tanzania.

A four-day seminar organised by the Commission for Science and Technology COSTECH to journalists was told that tsetse flies which transmit sleeping sickness (trypanosomes) to humans and nagana to animals have

been largely controlled.

The journalists were drawn from the eastern zone, namely Coast, Morogoro and host Tanga.

Dr Deusedit Malulu, a research scientist from the Tanzania Veterinary Laboratory Agency in Tanga said seven out of 11 known tsetse flies in sub-Saharan infest Tanzania.

Dr Malulu said that at one time the problem of sleeping sickness and nagana had reached an alarming rate in the protected areas and threatened the tourism in-

dustry because the incoming flow of tourists to the country had dropped considerably due to fear of the diseases.

However, according to Neema Molle, a COSTECH mass communication manager, a two-week task force operation launched by the then Minister for Livestock and Fisheries, Edward Lo-wassa in the late 1990s against the tsetse fly in the northern circuit managed to flush out the tsetse flies and ultimately brought success to the initiative.

Outlining ways of combating tsetse flies, Dr. Malulu pinpointed Sterile Insect Technique (STI) as among the best method used. He said sterile males are exposed to specified nuclear radiations in order to halt reproductive organs.

Dr Malulu mentioned that the development of improved semiochemical prototypes and their integrated 'push-pull' deployment in areas wide control of tsetse flies in East Africa has helped a lot in minimizing the problem.

He said an on-going research has proved the urine of water buck is a useful repellent to tsetse flies and is now in full use. He insisted that new attractants and repellents blends, devices will be developed, formulated and optimized based on water bucks for protection of livestock against tsetse bites and trypanosomiasis.

"Laboratory studies have shown efficacy of new blends in protection of cattle against tsetse bites (60 per cent) than conventional

methods" he said.

He paid tribute to the initiative of the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) through the regional project funded by Bio-Innovate Africa Program.

The eradication of tsetse flies and its after effects will be of great significance to the small holder and large scale farmers, livestock owners and rural communities, asserted Dr. Malulu.

While at Mlingano various research centres, the seminar brought the

news reporters to Tanzania Livestock Research Institute (TALIRI), Vector and Borne Disease Institute (VVBD), Tanzania Veterinary Laboratory Agency (TVLA), all in Tanga. Others they visited were Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) Mlingano, National Institute for Medical Research (NIMRI) and Vector Control Training Centre, all based in Muheza district.

While at Mlingano journalists were briefly notified by the Institute's

Director Dr. Senkoro on the development of the centre since its establishment over 50 years ago. She said the history of Mlingano research centre began in the 1930 during the sisal plantations when colonial settlers embarked on extensive sisal farming.

The Director of Commission for Science and Technology, Dr. Juma Msangi called on researchers and scientists to work together with journalists so that they can disseminate news on the findings of their researches, saying that wide coverage could have a big impact on the farmers and livestock keepers.

## TPSC: We're working hard to support government's industrialisation drive

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Public Service College (TPSC) is determined to produce competitive graduates, who can help in driving the country's industrialisation agenda.

"As college, we're determined to support the fifth-phase government's move of transforming the country into an industrial economy by producing quality graduates in almost all spheres of expertise," TPSC principal Dr Emmanuel Shindika said over the weekend when commenting on the college's contribution to the government's industrialization drive, which is being spearheaded by President John Magufuli since he came into power in November 2015.

"We've expanded the college and increased the number of students, who are being enrolled annually, improve teaching and learning facilities and improving the number of courses offered,"

Dr Shindika said.

"TPSC is determined to work in line with the pace of the fifth-phase government of building Tanzania as an industrial economy by 2025. And this is possible by having well-trained labour force," he said.

Offering a number of secretarial-related courses, the college operates in six branches—Mtwara, Singida, Tanga, Mbeya, Tabora and Dar es Salaam.

"We're encouraging civil servants, and ordinary citizenry to chip in and enroll for the college to pursue different courses. The government has been investing in different sectors, which need well trained staff and TPSC is ready to support the government's endeavors," the don said.

"As college, we've all the reasons to support the fifth-phase government in its industrialization initiative by providing short and long-term courses, which

are designed to improve performances of civil servants in their work places as this is a professional college which invests more in practical training," he added.

Last year, he the public college offered courses for different public institutions such as local government authorities, where council directors from across the country were trained on public services related issues.

Dr Shindika described the college as key in supporting public service departments on training, consultancy and research in order to meet customers' satisfaction.

Offering a wide-range of courses, the college now offers diploma course in secretarial and records and achieves management at the Dar es Salaam campus.

He said that TPSC graduates are normally employed in the public sector, "that's why we're urging public institutions to use this facility

to train their staffs for better outputs."

Minister of State in the President's Office (Public Service and Good Governance) George Mkuchika also urges public institutions to send their employees to the TPSC for training or face disciplinary.

Mkuchika said that in a bid to enable the public get better services from the government institutions, training of their servants were of a high importance and mandatory.

He said the government has been working on improving the college to make it serve the public better.

"Regardless of the civil servants educational background or CV, we demand that they all must pass through the college to learn on how to handle members of the public," he said.

He warned institutions leaders against not heeding to his advice saying action will be taken on those who will not adhere to the rules.

Some of the newly launched degree programmes at the college include Secretarial Studies and Administration and Record Management, Archives and Information Management. The minister applauded the college management for their tireless efforts toward attaining their goal of launching the courses.

TPSC was established under the ambit of the Executive Agencies Act No 30 of 1997 to provide a comprehensive training facility for Public Service and to support the changing needs of Public Services resulting from instituted reforms.

The priorities of TPSC are to provide demand driven training, consulting and applied/ action research to the public, non-governmental and private sectors of Tanzania.



TPSC principal Dr Emmanuel Shindika

## Minister Sima absolves NEMC on issuance of EIA certificates

By Guardian Correspondent, Mtwara

THE National Environment Management Council (NEMC) should be accused of delaying to issue environment impact assessment certificates (EIAs) because the council issues the documents within 95 days, Deputy Minister of State in the Vice-President's Office (Union and Environment) Mussa Sima has said.

He told journalists on his current tour of Mtwara region here recently that: "The council is under our ministry. We have our eyes and ears on this issue. Presently, NEMC cannot be ac-

cused of delaying to issue EIA certificates. If there is a delay, then it is because of consultants employed by the project that applied for the certificate; not NEMC," the deputy minister declared.

He further explained that there have been talks between the two sides ensure no problems arise on the issue.

The deputy minister praised NEMC for playing its part in making the investment atmosphere in Tanzania conducive to investors.

"They (NEMC) are fighting hard to make the investment environment very friendly to investors in order to at-

tract more investment in the country," he said.

Sima explained that regulations (made under the Environmental Management Act 2004) published in September, 2018 reduced days of issuing a certificate applied for from 149 days to only 95.

The deputy minister said the government has slashed levies in a deliberate effort to motivate investors, giving as example, reduced fuel filling station levy.

Previously, he explained, owners used to pay "up to 10 million, but because of the adjustments made they will pay four million."

He said when one talks

about environment, in essence one talks about the survival of the people.

"So our job in the ministry is to promote the welfare of Tanzanians without harming the environment."

He called on environment inspectors to submit their work schedules to offices of regional commissioners, explaining that the importance of the inspectors was felt when enforcing the ban on plastic bags.

The ministry and NEMC, he said, were doing their best to make a big and positive contribution towards making Tanzania a middle-income industrial nation by 2025.

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**Tanzanian Gold Announces Drill Results Below Buckreef Open Pit Bottom Intercepts of 38.7m @ 5.2g/t Au including 4m @ 18.1g/t**

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TORONTO, September 26, 2019 (GLOBENEWSWIRE) -- Tanzanian Gold Corporation's, (TSX:TNX) (NYSE American:TRX) (the "Company's") Board of Directors is pleased to announce further assay results from its on-going Phase II drill program at its Buckreef Project to define potential mineralized zones below the open pit as reported and published in the June 2018 Pre-Feasibility 43-101 Technical Report.

The significant intercepts reported today occur approximately 200m below the open pit bottom as follows:

**Hole LL19.5-I intersected 38.7m of gold mineralization grading @ 5.2g/t Au from 464.3m to 503m including**

- ✓ **3m grading @ 7.8g/t Au from 476m including:**
  - 1m grading @ 11.5 g/t at 477m; and
- ✓ **8m grading @ 12.5g/t Au from 481 to 489m including:**
  - 4m grading at 18.1g/t Au from 482m; and
- ✓ **3m grading @ 9.2g/t Au from 500m to 503m**

The intersections reported here are a down-hole length and may not represent true width but the true width is estimated to be 50 – 60%.

Mr. James E. Sinclair, Executive Chairman (TRX) commented, "We are pleased with the new and robust assay results from our ongoing program below the heavily drilled open pit where we are encountering wider intercepts in many of our holes. What we have encountered in this hole is an uninterrupted, continuously mineralized zone 200m from the bottom of the pit and over 400m from surface, which remains open at depth. This drilling will help us to better define targets for the upcoming Phase III drill program that will be testing the continuation of gold mineralization to ultradeep levels.

Many of the largest mines in Greenstone belts around the world are deep, wide and rich. We often view progress in the now expanding and comprehensive development at Buckreef through the lens of these three characteristics. Results released today continue that narrative and give us confidence that Buckreef may ultimately become prominent among a small group of Tier One, Greenstone Belt mines in the world.

World class mines are built over many years, at great expense. These projects employ the highest degrees of technology, science, and skill. We are developing the Buckreef Project in this fashion. From this point we expect to accelerate work necessary to advance to the ultimate goal of building an infrastructure, a mine, and gold processing plant at Buckreef. As noted, the Buckreef deposit remains open at depth and along strike, leaving exploration blue-sky potential fully intact. We could not be more excited with the results released today, and what they tell us about the Buckreef Project. Our efforts continue with enthusiasm."

#### Sample Protocol

The sample chain of custody is managed by the Buckreef technical team under the supervision of Anthony Minde, the Principal Geologist. Gold analyses reported in this release were performed by standard fire assay using a 50-gram charge with atomic absorption finish (0.01ppm LLD) and a gravimetric finish for assays greater than 10 grams per tonne. All assays were performed by Nesch Mintech Laboratory in Mwanza. Sampling and analytical procedures are subject to a comprehensive quality assurance and quality control program. The QAQC program includes duplicate samples, blanks and analytical standards.

Intervals of core to be analyzed are split in half with a mechanized core cutter, with one half sent to the Laboratory for geochemical analysis and the remaining half kept in storage for future reference and uses. Nesch Mintech Laboratory is ISO 90001 and 17025 accredited and employs a Laboratory Information Management System for sample tracking, quality control and reporting.

#### Qualified Person

The Company's Qualified Person, Mr. Peter Zizhou, has reviewed and approved the contents of this news release. Mr. Zizhou has a Master of Science (Exploration Geology) degree from the University of Zimbabwe (2000) and is a registered professional natural scientist with SACNASP (Reg. No. 400028/08).

Respectfully Submitted,  
James E. Sinclair  
Executive Chairman

By Special Correspondent

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a collection of 17 global goals set by the United Nations General Assembly in 2015 for the year 2030. Key to making the SDGs successful is to make the data on the 17 goals available and understandable. Various tools exist to track and visualize progress towards the goals.

In 1972, governments met in Stockholm, Sweden for the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, to consider the rights of the family to a healthy and productive environment. In 1983, the United Nations created the World Commission on Environment and Development (later known as the Brundtland Commission), which defined sustainable development as "meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs". In 1992, the first United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) or Earth Summit was held in Rio de Janeiro, where the first agenda for Environment and Development, also known as Agenda 21, was developed and adopted.

In 2012, the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD), also known as Rio+20, was held as a 20-year follow up to UNCED. Colombia proposed the idea of the SDGs at a preparation event for Rio+20 held in Indonesia in July 2011. In September 2011, this idea was picked up by the United Nations Department of Public Information 64th NGO Conference in Bonn, Germany. The outcome document proposed 17 sustainable development goals and associated targets.

In the run-up to Rio+20 there was much discussion about the idea of the SDGs. At the Rio+20 Conference, a resolution known as "The Future We Want" was reached by member states. Among the key themes agreed on were poverty eradication, energy, water and sanitation, health, and human settlement.

The Rio+20 outcome document mentioned that "at the outset, the OWG [Open Working Group] will decide on its methods of work, including developing modalities to ensure the full involvement of relevant stakeholders and expertise from civil society, Indigenous Peoples, the scientific community and the United Nations system in its work, in order to provide a diversity of perspectives and experience".

In January 2013, the 30-member UN General Assembly Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals was established to identify specific goals for the SDGs. The Open Working Group (OWG) was tasked with preparing a proposal on the SDGs for consideration during the 68th session of the General Assembly, September 2013 - September 2014. On 19 July 2014, the OWG forwarded a proposal for the SDGs to the Assembly. After 13 sessions, the OWG submitted their proposal of 17 SDGs and 169 targets to the 68th session of the General Assembly in September 2014. On 5 December 2014, the UN General Assembly accepted the Secretary-General's Synthesis Report, which stated that the agenda for the post-2015 SDG process would be based on the OWG proposals.

Ban Ki-moon, the United Nations Secretary-General from 2007 to 2016, has stated in a November 2016 press conference that: "We don't have plan B because there is

# SDGs: Africa's toughest challenges



African Development Bank (AfDB) President Akinwumi Adesina gestures as he addresses a news conference at the annual meeting of AfDB in Gandhinagar, India, May 22, 2017.

no planet B." This thought has guided the development of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The Post-2015 Development Agenda was a process from 2012 to 2015 led by the United Nations to define the future global development framework that would succeed the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) which ended in 2015. The gaps and shortcomings of MDG Goal 8 (To develop a global partnership for development) led to identifying a problematic "donor-recipient" relationship. Instead, the new SDGs favor collective action by all countries.

The UN-led process involved its 193 Member States and global civil society. The resolution is a broad inter-governmental agreement that acts as the Post-2015 Development Agenda. The SDGs build on the principles agreed upon in Resolution A/RES/66/288, entitled "The Future We Want". This was a non-binding document released as a

result of Rio+20 Conference held in 2012.

### Ratification

Negotiations on the Post-2015 Development Agenda began in January 2015 and ended in August 2015. The negotiations ran in parallel to United Nations negotiations on financing for development, which determined the financial means of implementing the Post-2015 Development Agenda; those negotiations resulted in adoption of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda in July 2015. A final document was adopted at the UN Sustainable Development Summit in September 2015 in New York.

On 25 September 2015, the 193 countries of the UN General Assembly adopted the 2030 Development Agenda titled "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development". This agenda has 92 paragraphs. Paragraph 51 outlines the 17 Sustainable Development Goals and the associated 169 targets and 232 indicators.

Description

There are 169 targets for the 17 goals. Each target has between 1 and 3 indicators used to measure progress toward reaching the targets. In total, there are 232 approved indicators that will measure compliance. The United Nations Development Programme has been asked to provide easy to understand lists of targets, facts and figures for each of the 17 SDGs. The 17 goals listed below as sub-headings use the 2-to-4 word phrases that identify each goal. Directly below each goal, in quotation marks, is the exact wording of the goal in one sentence. The paragraphs that follow present some information about a few targets and indicators related to each goal.

With an estimated 390 million people living in extreme poverty, hunger and food insecurity, Africa is in a race against time to deliver on its regional and global development goals.

On the sidelines of the UN General Assembly on Sunday, African heads of states and governments met to emphasize urgent collective action

and the need for greater collaboration between the United Nations and the African Development Bank to fast-track Africa's development.

The meeting, convened by the African Development and the United Nations, is "the first of its kind" between the two institutions taking place at the UN Headquarters, UN Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohammed said.

Underscoring the strong convergence between the continent's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and the African Development Bank's High 5s, Mohammed said it was time to join forces to deliver. "We are entering into the decade of action to deliver the SDGs...The investment requirements are vast," Mohammed said. "The role of the African Development Bank is crucial...to help de-risk investments and attract investment flows..... Africa's premier institution needs much more support" she added.

The leaders called for additional resources to drive the urgent task of Africa's development.

Speaking at the meeting, the President of the African Development Bank said, "The clock is ticking, the seconds are passing very fast, yet we still have time left on the clock. We can still close the gap. I am fully convinced that with a change of pace, driven by a greater sense of urgency, and global collective responsibility, Africa can still achieve the SDGs".

The two-hour meeting, moderated by the African Development Bank, was attended by seven African presidents - from Chad, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ghana, Guinea, Ethiopia and Lesotho, in addition to representatives of some 30 gov-

ernments. The leaders spoke of what had worked in their countries - including mainstreaming development goals into national plans, scaling up initiatives, and the implications of harmonizing policies and strategic entry points for the implementation of development goals at national, regional and global levels.

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Vera Songwe, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa called the SDGs Africa's "highest challenge."

Stemming the tide of illicit financial flows, public debt and tax evasion would be urgent measures to be taken by leaders if they meant to stay on track, she said.

Areas for potential collaboration include climate change in Africa, gender mainstreaming, promoting private sector investment, measures to utilize risk insurance to mitigate impact of natural disasters in Africa and appropriate security arrangements to support the Bank's operations in fragile states in on the continent.

The African Continental Free Trade Area, which came into force this year and creates the world's largest free-trade zone, will be another major area for collaboration under the partnership.

An assessment by the United Nations Development Program has clearly shown that achieving the Bank's High 5s will allow Africa to achieve about 90 pc of the SDGs. "So, the faster we deliver on the High 5s, the faster we will reach our goal and desired destination," Adesina said.

TO BE CONTINUED

# Read my lips: Spanking a child is no longer allowed

By Omphemetse S Sibanda

There has been an outburst of parental rage on social media following a Constitutional Court ruling outlawing corporal punishment in the home. This indignation is misplaced and misguided.

Even after the Constitutional Court decision on corporal chastisement as a form of child discipline, the

following still remains the dominant narrative, particularly among adults: hitting adults is called assault, hitting animals is called cruelty, hitting children is "for their own good".

You needed to go online and read tweets and social media posts to realise that South African children are under attack from their parents and other adults.

Tweets included: "#Con-

Court this ruling just made the lives of black children a whole lot harder"; "Hamba uyohlala noMogoengMogoeng eConstitutional Court" (loosely translated: Go stay with Mogoeng Mogoeng at the Constitutional Court); "Start building prisons and houses for kids, and find people who will take care of them without spanking them because 95% of South Africans won't just sit and

watch kids being disrespectful"; "95% of SA will be in prison #ConCourtRuling".

More interesting is that many people seem to have forgotten that the Constitutional Court did not issue a blanket order outlawing all forms of discipline. Not many people are discussing alternative forms of discipline.

Somebody will have to talk to the parents on behalf



Update: Dennis Turner, the Florida officer who arrested two elementary school children, has been fired. The battery charges against both students have been dropped. Police also clarified that both children arrested were 6-years-old; they originally described one child as 8-years old.

of the children, or at least put into correct perspective the outcome of the Constitutional Court ruling on corporal punishment at home.

Paulo Sérgio Pinheiro, reporting on a study he was appointed to lead by the late Kofi Annan (UN secretary-general's study on violence against children 2009) noted that:

"In every region, in contradiction to human rights obligations and children's developmental needs, violence against children is socially approved, and is frequently legal and state-authorised.

"The study should mark a turning point - an end to an adult justification of violence against children, whether accepted as 'tradition' or disguised as 'discipline'. There can be no compromise in challenging violence against children. Children's uniqueness - their potential and vulnerability, their dependence on adults - makes it imperative that they have more, not less, protection from violence."

Daily Maverick has carried divergent opinions on corporal punishment and two recent opinions addressed the Constitutional Court's decision to finally strike down corporal chastisement as unconstitutional - one authored by Oscar van Heerden, the other by myself. It has become very clear that Justice Mogoeng Mogoeng and his Bench are not about to get an "Oscar" for their decision.

"For the state to tell me how to conduct myself in my private space is simply an example of invasive patriarchy. It assumes the right to control movement and behaviour," wrote fellow Daily Maverick Opinionista Van Heerden.

His view is the decision is "an intrusion into the privacy of the home". Moreover, it further thrusts South Africa into being a nanny state.

In addition to his view that this decision is an unwelcome invasion of privacy, there are several soul-searching questions asked

by Van Heerden, including the following: "According to the dictionary, abuse is to treat with cruelty or violence, especially regularly or repeatedly. Does spanking qualify as such?"

This question reminds me of the 1874 battery case [State v. Oliver, 70 N.C (1874)] wherein it was stated, "If no permanent injury has been inflicted, nor malice, cruelty nor dangerous violence shown by the husband, it is better to draw the curtain, shut out the public gaze, and leave the parties to forget and forgive."

It would be difficult for any court in an open and democratic country to look the other way when a 13-year-old was kicked as a form of punishment. Not much can be said on this question because its reliance on the simplistic dictionary meaning of the word "abuse" plays into the hands of serial child abusers. Moreover, this unfortunate dictionary meaning of "abuse" is misplaced if it is

intended to refute that corporal chastisement is child abuse. Legally, child abuse is categorised in at least four strands: neglect, sexual abuse, emotional abuse and physical abuse with spanking included.

Perhaps I must drive the point home by referring to a study conducted by the Centre for Justice and Crime Prevention (CJCP) and the University of Cape Town which found "in the interviews administered at schools, 850 respondents (20.8%) reported having been hit, beaten, kicked or physically hurt by an adult who was supposed to be taking care of them. In the self-administered questionnaires at schools, this amounted to 1,410 respondents, or 34.4%. In the interviews administered in respondents' homes, 18% reported physical abuse by a caregiver; in the self-administered questionnaires completed by respondents at home, the rate reported was 26.1%."

Let us now take a deep breath and reflect: does your rejection of the anti-spanking decision as a parent also cover or intend to protect that nanny from hell who spansks your child for spilling milk on your mink blanket while you are away from home; who is caught on camera twisting your three-month-old baby's ears for wetting his nappy; who slaps your nine-year-old boy around the face and bursts his eardrum; who throws a book at your child for failing to grasp a homework task quickly because she is in a hurry to take her afternoon off?

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**THE GUARDIAN SIMPLE WORD FIT**

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3 Letter word: SUE, GAS, SIR, TOE, ORE, SIR, ERA,  
 4 Letter word: IDLE, LIME, EGAD, LIER, AMEN, YARD  
 5 Letter word: ERGOT, NORTH, RANGE, RAISE, OVARY  
 6 Letter word: PLEASE, ISHTAR, RUSSIA, NAYSAY, SCROLL, AMENDS, ASYLUM,  
 7 Letter word: SORGHUM, ULULATE, COUPLES,  
 9 Letter word: REHEARSAL

**THE GUARDIAN CROSSWORD** = 009 =

Clues: Across  
 1. Largest Ocean in the World (7)  
 4. First woman in the Bible (3)  
 5. Uninvolved (4)  
 7. International sports contest (7,5)  
 11. Term used in aircraft (4)  
 12. International language (7)  
 14. Straight and vertical (5)  
 15. Past tense of lay (4)  
 17. Very pale (5)  
 18. German song for voice and piano (4)  
 19. Small drops (3)  
 20. Member of semitic people (4)  
 22. Essential part (4)  
 25. Religious festival (6)  
 26. strands growing on head (5)  
 28. Optical illusion (6)  
 29. Animal kept at home (3)  
 30. Down from surface (4) 31. Weight (4)

Down:  
 1. Inventor (7)  
 2. One of the finger lakes (6)  
 3. Knowing something (5)  
 4. Organ of vision (3)  
 5. Stage of life (3)  
 6. Outside scope of morality (6)  
 8. Buckets (5)  
 9. Written report (6)  
 10. Ball game using no hands (6)  
 13. The largest desert in the World (6)  
 16. Gene chip (3,4)  
 17. Covered in water (5)  
 19. Control movement of vehicle (5)  
 21. Uncastrated pig (4)  
 23. Unit of middle eastern currency (4)  
 24. So (4)  
 27. Salt waters of earth (3)  
 28. the speaker or writer (2)

WORD FIT CROSSWORD

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Yesterday's Solutions

In this puzzle you have no clues, only a list of words that all fit into the grid. The Guardian have given you a head start

By Maggié, sanchezdamart@gmail.com 0789437309

## BUSINESS



WWF South Africa CEO Morné du Plessis.

PROACTIVE

## SA companies, cities join fight against climate crisis

JOHANNESBURG

South African businesses and municipalities have signed up for a new global initiative - the Alliance for Climate Action - to push for accelerated climate action.

According to a statement from the World Wildlife Fund South Africa (WWF), these businesses and municipalities were part of a "global groundswell of businesses, cities, regions and civil society role-players taking action in the face of climate change challenges and positioning themselves to lead in a low-carbon world."

The South African chapter was announced at a side event of the UN secretary general's climate summit in New York. The summit forms part of Climate Week NYC - which started on Monday and ends on Sunday - which brings together players from across the world to accelerate climate action.

The South African businesses and cities, who signed the climate declaration, committed themselves to working hand-in-hand with the South African government to accelerate the implementation of its pledge to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 2030.

The following entities joined:

Vodacom, Virgin Active, Liberty Holdings Limited, the City of Cape Town, Ethekwini Municipality, Intelligent Transport Society South Africa, Pinpoint, MISER Hybrid Technologies RSA, Mellow Cabs, electric vehicle manufacturers, the Sustainable Energy Society Southern Africa (SESSA) and Thorny Bush game lodges.

"While the national government has made climate change commitments, real action comes from those with the power to shift economies such as businesses and local authorities," said WWF South Africa CEO Morné du Plessis.

"Those who have agreed to join Alliances for Climate Action to work toward a carbon-neutral economy by 2050 lead by their actions and will inspire others to follow."

The Alliance for Climate Action South Africa will form part of a global network that aims to build domestic constituencies for climate action, working with national governments to accelerate progress toward Paris Agreement targets. The first country-level alliance was launched in Japan in 2018 followed by Mexico. Others who have joined include Argentina and Vietnam.

PLEA

## AfDB calls for action on SDGs

NEW YORK

With an estimated 390 million people living in extreme poverty, hunger and food insecurity, Africa is in a race against time to deliver on its regional and global development goals.

African heads of state and governments met on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly on Sunday, to emphasize urgent collective action and the need for greater collaboration between the United Nations and the African Development Bank to fast-track Africa's development.

The meeting, convened by the African Development and the United Nations, is "the first of its kind" between the two institutions taking place at the UN Headquarters, UN Deputy Secretary General Amina Mohammed said.

Underscoring the strong convergence between the continent's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and the African Development Bank's High 5s, Mohammed said it was time to join forces to deliver.

"We are entering into the decade of action to deliver the SDGs. The investment requirements are vast," Mohammed said. "The role of the African Development Bank is crucial to help de-risk investments and attract investment flows. Africa's premier institution needs much more support" she

added.

The leaders called for additional resources to drive the urgent task of Africa's development. Speaking at the meeting, the President of the African Development Bank said, "The clock is ticking, the seconds are passing very fast, yet we still have time left on the clock. We can still close the gap. I am fully convinced that with a change of pace, driven by a greater sense of urgency, and global collective responsibility, Africa can still achieve the SDGs."

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PROMOTION

## CRDB Bank rekindles market presence with year-long 'Ulipo-Tupo' campaign

By Guardian Reporter



An 'Ulipo-Tupo' poster.

A year-long campaign aimed at restoring its leading presence in the market has been launched by CRDB Bank Plc in Dar es Salaam over the weekend.

Under a slogan, 'Ulipo-Tupo,' the country's Tier 1 bank which controls over 20 percent of the market in several aspects such as net assets value, deposits and loan portfolio wants to take its various services closer to clients.

"The campaign seeks to assure our clients that 'Ulipo-Tupo' is not just a slogan but rather, our commitment to them as we show that we will always be there to give a supporting hand whenever needed so that they can achieve their objectives," said CRDB's Chief Commercial Officer, Dr Joseph Wits.

Dr Wits further said that the campaign, 'Ulipo-Tupo,' loosely translated as 'Wherever you are, we are also there,' will see the bank doubling its efforts in delivery of services and products to meet customer needs across their age, gender and income level groups.

Under the campaign, the bank will show its massive presence in the market by delivering services and products focusing primarily on customers need while mobilising their deposits to meet future plans.

"For the kids, we have Junior Jumbo. For teenagers, we have the Teen Account. For students, we have the Scholar Account. When they get employed, we have Salary Account. For women, we have Malkia Account. For retirees, we have Retirees Account while businesspeople have their own Current Account," Dr Wits added.

He said CRDB will also comprehensively market its loan products by focusing primarily on informing Tanzanians that those in need of loans can easily get them from the bank and achieve their aspirations through a simple process including digitally. "Currently, our personal loan, carrying an interest rate of 16 percent, is the cheapest in the market," the CCO charged.

The third promise that CRDB will show to its clients is that of simplified transactions across its 266 outlets in the country, 15 mobile branches, 553 ATMs, 10,000 agents and SimBanking platforms among others which give access to millions of people from almost anywhere in the country to transact.

INNOVATION

## Zanzibar Tourism minister commends bank for backing govt's digital efforts



Zanzibar Information, Tourism and Heritage minister, Mahmoud Thabit Kombo (3rd L) speaks with NMB Bank Dar es Salaam Zone manager Badru Idd (4th L) and other staff of the bank at the Zanzibar Tourism Fair which ended at the weekend. Photo courtesy of NMB.

By Guardian Reporter

ZANZIBAR government's efforts to digitise payments have found a reliable partner in NMB bank Plc whose debit cards are widely used by both local and tourists.

The Isles Minister for Information, Tourism and Heritage, Mahamoud Thabit Kondo said during the weekend when he visited NMB's pavilion at the ongoing 2nd Zanzibar Tourism Fair that commercial banks have a crucial role to play in encouraging consumers to go cashless.

"This second tourism fair is a big success because it involves small and

medium size entrepreneurs whose businesses target tourists," Kombo said. He noted that since last year, the fair will be held annually after Zanzibar President, Dr Ali Mohamed Shein ordered them to be featured every year.

"This show helps small scale entrepreneurs showcase their merchandise to potential customers who are mainly tourists," Kombo noted backing Vice President, Ambassador Ali Seif Idd's call to work with various stakeholders including banks to advance tourism and economic growth.

NMB's Head of Card Department, Philbert Casmir said the bank is investing heavily in new advanced

technologies aimed at facilitating digital transactions. Casmir told Minister Kombo that the bank which is one of the major sponsors of the fair, investments in digital technologies such as debit and credit cards is a continuous process to keep pace with global advances.

"Our investment in new technologies also aims at ensuring that our clients keep pace with global developments in digital transactions," he noted while stressing that products such as MasterCard are used anywhere globally.

The NMB Head further pointed out that the bank is also extending its services and products to every part of the country including rural areas where

most of the tourism business takes places as attractions are based there.

The bank's Zanzibar Branch Manager, Abdallah Duchi urged the Isles public to seize opportunities being provided by the bank and the tourism industry to tame poverty and spur economic growth of the Spice Islands.

"Come and make use of our services and products in order to exploit the tourism market which is a niche market that needs banking operations," Duchi stated noting that three physical branches including one at Chakechake in Pemba.



Outgoing Airtel Tanzania managing director Sunil Coloso cuts a cake prepared by fellow staff at a farewell party held in his honour in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Photo courtesy of Airtel.

## RECOGNITION

## Hundreds at farewell party for outgoing Airtel boss

By Guardian Reporter

**H**UNDREDS of Airtel Tanzania Limited's employees staged a colourful farewell party to outgoing Managing Director, Sunil Coloso who is leaving the country after serving for over six years.

Speaking during the party, Coloso said Tanzania has become his second home and it was difficult to bid farewell to his second family who are Airtel Tanzania employees with whom he has worked for more than six years.

"I thank my team for all their hard work and dedication during my tenure. I must admit that you made it so easy for me as a leader to achieve our targets," Coloso said stressing that he

lives behind a healthy company.

"Today, I am confident I leave behind a capable team that is enthusiastic enough to continue serving Tanzanians better and better every day," he added while calling on his peers and other stakeholders to accord all the support to incoming Managing Director, George Mathen who is expected in the country next month.

Coloso also thanked the government, its ministries and agencies for supporting Airtel Tanzania under his entire management tenure. "Through the government and various stakeholders support, we were able to provide world class communication services across the country," he added naming products such as Airtel Money, voice and data as having performed

well.

The outgoing MD is also credited with have built one of the largest mobile money distribution networks in the market with over 900 Airtel Money Branches.

The Airtel Tanzania's Corporate Communications Director, Beatrice Singano hailed Coloso for being a visionary leader who was not only dedicated to the growth of the industry but also supportive of the industry's contribution to the economy.

"His love for his work, devotion and team spirit are some of the many qualities we will remember him by. He was an inspirational and motivational leader who encouraged team spirit and gave each individual within the team space to grow," Singano noted.

## Brewer inaugurates nationwide responsible drinking campaign

By Guardian Reporter

Breweries Limited has launched a nationwide campaign to sensitize consumers on responsible alcohol consumption mainly targeting motorists and motorbike riders.

The campaign, dubbed, 'Don't drink and drive,' was flagged off in Tanga region on Friday bringing together different stakeholders including the regional traffic police officers, drivers, passengers and motorbike riders popularly known as 'Bodaboda.'

Tanga Regional Traffic Officer, Solomon Mwangamilo, said that by involving the police force in the campaign, SBL had set the pace in supporting government efforts to sensitize the public on the dangers of irresponsible drinking and created a forum on how to curb the menace.

He noted that a section of the population, especially motorists and 'Bodaboda' riders consume alcohol excessively without considering repercussions caused by such actions which often leads to fatal road accidents.

"We all know that alcoholism is directly linked to reckless driving which in some cases leads to serious road accidents with serious repercussions in the society. The impacts not only affect the consumers but also others whose lives and property get shattered,"



Tanga Regional Traffic Officer, Solomon Mwangamilo (L), presents reflector vests to 'Bodaboda' riders to mark the launch of a 'Don't drink and drive' campaign in Tanga City at the weekend. Photo courtesy of SBL.

Mwangamilo said.

RTO further noted that, besides causing un-called-for deaths and injuries, the resultant accidents from irresponsible alcohol consumption also impacts negatively on the health sector as accidents overstretch the sector forcing government to increase the budget for

treatment.

"These accidents also overwork our law enforcement officers because they have to handle scores of traffic cases daily for cases which would otherwise be avoided," he added.

Speaking at same ceremony, SBL's Director of Corporate Relations, John Wanyancha, said that the

campaign is aimed at building awareness in the public about dangers of excessive alcohol consumption.

"SBL is committed to joining hands with the government and other like-minded individuals, organizations and stakeholders in ensuring that the community, especially, drivers who are mostly prone to drink-in-

duced accidents are sensitized on the dangers of irresponsible drinking and urge them to practice safe and responsible drinking and driving," Wanyancha said. The 'Don't drink and drive' mainly targets youths who are prone to drink-driving hence exposed to traffic accidents.

## VERDICT

## Billionaire Rai loses court fight to buy ARM Cement

NAIROBI

Tycoon Jaswant Rai has lost the billionaire court fight to buy troubled cement maker Athi River Mining (ARM) for Sh6.5 billion to rival businessman Narendra Raval 'Guru' of National Cement.

The High Court yesterday gave Mr Raval the green light to acquire Kenya's second-biggest cement maker for Sh5 billion, raising doubts that a consortium, including Mr Rai and former ARM chief executive and owner Pradeep Paurana, could raise their Sh6.5 billion offer.

Mr Paurana had sued to block the sale of ARM through an auction after banks placed it under administration on grounds that its bigger offer had been ignored. Justice Mary Kasango said Mr Rai was not part of the court process challenging the sale and that his late inclusion in the Sh6.5 billion offer introduced 'hidden' clauses the court was not privy to.

"It does seem that the applicant's guarantee is conditional or dependent on a 'consortium agreement' whose terms, unknown not only by the respondents but also by this court, is to leave the transaction exposed and vulnerable," Justice Kasango said. "It is almost like introducing a hidden card or a hidden motive."

The court had frozen the sale of ARM pending the tabling of a 20 per cent guarantee of the Sh6.5 billion offer by Mr Paurana by September 10. PwC, which is acting as ARM administrator, did not accept the Sh1.3 billion guarantee, arguing it was presented on the strength of Mr Rai whom the consultancy firm considered a stranger in the bidding process.

Justice Kasango agreed with PwC, paving the way for the distressed ARM to be bought by National Cement—which emerged as the winner of a bidding round to buy the company's Kenyan assets, including land and plants.

ARM, once the second biggest cement maker in Kenya behind Bamburi Cement, was put under administration last August by some of its creditors over debts totalling Sh19 billion. Its shares were then suspended from the Nairobi bourse. The court ruling stalls Mr Rai's bid for a larger stake of Kenya's cement business after it established a smaller cement plant in Awasi, Kisumu County.

The Rai Group has interests in wood manufacturing, sugar milling as well as the manufacture of cooking oil and soap. It pursues these interests through its subsidiaries – Menengai Oil, Western Kenya Sugar, Sukari Industries and Olepito Sugar Company.



Narendra Raval 'Guru' of National Cement

## INNOVATION

## A simple debit card can help curb human trafficking, new UN banking group says

NEW YORK

Dozens of banks have signed up to a UN programme to offer trafficking survivors accounts and debit cards, organisers said on Friday, providing tools they may lack if their captors stole their financial identity or ruined their credit.

The banking coalition, launched during the annual General Assembly meeting of the United Nations this week, includes a dozen leading banks in Austria, Canada, Great Britain and the United States. It aims to help survivors who find traffickers

hijacked their financial identity for money laundering or other crimes and spoiled their credit record.

"Having access to legitimate financial services is something many people take for granted," said Sara Crowe, director of data analysis at the US-based anti-trafficking group Polaris, in a statement. "For too long, survivors of trafficking have faced challenges like having to cash checks at places that deduct large fees because they can't get a basic checking or savings account."

The scheme is among a number of projects proposed by the

Liechtenstein Initiative, a year-long effort to harness the might of the global financial industry in the effort to battle human trafficking. Tougher fiscal investigations, more coordinated freezing of criminal assets and expanded digital payrolls all could be harnessed to help shut down the \$150 billion-a-year illicit trafficking industry, a report by the Initiative said.

Globally, more than 40 million people are estimated to be enslaved, from those in forced labour to victims of sex trafficked or forced marriage, according to the International

Labour Organisation. "While states have formally abolished slavery, informally our financial and economic system continues to tolerate and even promote practices that generate similar results," the report said.

"Modern slavery and human trafficking thus represent a tragic market failure." The concept of offering survivors banking services was pioneered in Britain by HSBC, which has opened 217 such accounts since June, a spokeswoman said.



## WORLD

## Pelosi says public opinion shifting in support of impeachment inquiry

AUSTIN

U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said on Saturday that public opinion is now on the side of an impeachment inquiry against President Donald Trump following the release of new information about his conversations with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

Pelosi this week announced her support for an investigation after the surfacing of a whistleblower complaint that said Trump appeared to solicit a political favor from Ukraine's president aimed at helping him be re-elected next year.

Pelosi for months took a cautious approach in weighing the calls of other Democratic House members to launch impeachment proceedings against Trump, which grew louder after former Special Counsel Robert Mueller testified on July 24 about his probe of Trump and Russian interference in the 2016 election.

"In the public, the tide has completely changed; it could change now

- who knows - but right now after seeing the complaint and the IG (Inspector General) report and the cavalier attitude the administration had towards it, the American people are coming to a different decision," Pelosi said at a journalism event hosted by the Texas Tribune news website.

She added that her resistance to holding an impeachment inquiry quickly evolved from urging that fellow Democrats remain cautious of the political fallout ahead of next year's elections to full steam ahead as details emerged of Trump's dealings with Ukraine's leader.

"A president of the United States would withhold military assistance paid for by taxpayers to shake down the leader of another country unless he did him a political favor - that is so, so clear," Pelosi said.

In a July 25 telephone call between Trump and Zelenskyy, the U.S. leader asked his counterpart to launch an investigation of Democratic presidential hopeful Joe Biden and his son, Hunter, who had served on the board of a



U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi

Ukrainian energy company.

Both Bidens have denied any wrongdoing.

Trump has blasted the impeachment inquiry, arguing that he did nothing wrong and accusing Democrats of launching a politically motivated "witch hunt."

Lawmakers in the Democratic-led House of Representatives are investigating concerns that Trump's actions have jeopardized national security and the integrity of U.S. elections.

The impeachment inquiry has cast a new pall over Trump's presidency just months after he emerged from the shadow cast by Mueller's investigation.

"If the facts are persuasive to the American people, they may be to some Republicans," Pelosi said during the event.

Pelosi would not forecast how long it may take for the House to complete any possible impeachment proceedings against Trump.

"It will take as long as the Intelligence Committee

needs to follow all the facts," she said.

Several Democratic presidential candidates attended the three-day event in Austin, including Mayor Pete Buttigieg, former Representative Beto O'Rourke, Senator Amy Klobuchar and former Housing Secretary Julian Castro, all of whom agreed with Pelosi that the campaign to push Trump from office must focus on policies and not impeachment.

While some polls have shown Americans are split on supporting impeachment, Castro, who served under former President Barack Obama, said he thinks the public will increasingly back the inquiry.

"Like in Watergate, after more evidence gets out there ... you'll see more people of different political stripes start to support it," Castro said at the event, referring to moves in 1974 to impeach former President Richard Nixon.

Nixon resigned before impeachment proceedings were launched.

Agencies

## British PM Johnson vows to stay put to hit Oct 31 Brexit deadline

MANCHESTER

BORIS Johnson vowed yesterday to stay on as Britain's prime minister even if he fails to secure a deal to leave the European Union, saying only his Conservative government can deliver Brexit on Oct. 31 no matter what.

At the beginning of his party's annual conference in the northern city of Manchester, Johnson wants to rally his party with the "do or die" message that he will deliver Brexit by the end of October, with or without a deal.

But there are hurdles to clear, not least of which is what Johnson calls "the surrender act" - the law parliament passed to force the prime minister to request a Brexit delay if he has not secured a deal with Brussels by an Oct. 17-18 EU summit.



Johnson again declined to explain how he plans to circumvent that law and deliver on his Brexit promise, deepening uncertainty Britain's biggest trade and foreign policy shift for more than 40 years.

"People can feel that this country is approaching an important moment of choice and we have

to get on and we have to deliver Brexit on October the 31st ... I'm going to get on and do it," he told BBC television.

Asked if he would resign to avoid having to ask for a delay, Johnson said: "No, I have undertaken to lead the party and my country at a difficult time and I am going to continue to do that. I

believe it is my responsibility."

Opposition lawmakers have been highly critical of Johnson's reference to "the surrender bill", saying his language is stirring even more division in a country that his remained split since the 2016 referendum on EU membership.

Though the option of bringing a vote of no confidence in Johnson has been mooted in some quarters, Labour's education policy chief Angela Rayner said the party wants to "get no deal off the table" before it does anything else.

But time is running out on efforts to avoid a potentially chaotic departure from the EU, which many businesses say could hurt the economy and tip the country into recession.

The government is expected this week to present proposals

aimed at overcoming the main stumbling block in talks - the border between the British province of Northern Ireland and EU member Ireland. So far the two sides have failed to agree how to prevent the return to a hard border if a any future deal fails to maintain frictionless trade.

Johnson said he is still hopeful of securing a "good deal" but added that he would not pretend it will be easy.

"It is certainly true that other EU countries also don't want this thing to keep dragging on, and they don't want the UK to remain in the EU truculent and mutinous and in a limbo and not wishing to cooperate in the way that they would like," he said.

"There is a strong view across the EU that it is time.

Agencies

## Iran slams US for barring Zarif from New York hospital visit

TEHRAN

IRAN slammed the United States on Saturday for what it called an "inhumane" decision to bar its foreign minister, who was attending the UN summit meetings in New York, from visiting a hospitalized Iranian diplomat in the city.

US authorities were not allowing Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif to visit UN ambassador Majid Takht Ravanchi, who was undergoing cancer treatment in a New York hospital. In July, the US restricted Zarif's movement to just six blocks in New York.

The US State Department said it would allow the hospital visit request only if Iran released one of several US citizens it currently has

"wrongfully detained."

The official IRNA news agency quoted Deputy Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi as saying the US had taken humanitarian issues "hostage" for political causes.

Late on Saturday, Zarif (pictured) tweeted that he had communicated with Ravanchi by video call.

"Thanks to technology, I was able to see and talk to my friend of 40 years and our UN ambassador Ravanchi, who is in hospital here in New York only a few blocks away," he said.

The spat comes amid heightened tension between Tehran and Washington following US President Donald Trump's decision over a year ago to unilaterally pull out of a nuclear deal with Iran. The US has imposed



sanctions that have kept Iran from selling its oil abroad and have crippled its economy. Iran has since begun breaking terms of the deal.

The tensions have included seizures of oil tankers at sea. On Friday, Iran released a British-flagged oil tanker it had seized in July as it passed through the Strait of Hor-

muz, the narrow mouth of the Persian Gulf through which 20% of all oil passes.

The ship, the Stena Impero, set sail from Iran on Friday morning, arriving at an anchorage outside Dubai's Port Rashid in the United Arab Emirates just before midnight. It docked on Saturday afternoon.

Erik Hanell, president and CEO of Swedish-based Stena Bulk, which owns the tanker, said that "considering the circumstances of the past 10 weeks, the vessel is in good condition," which he said was testament to the professionalism of the crew.

The crew would go on shore leave while the Stena Impero, with a new crew on board, would remain in Dubai for checks before re-entering service, Hanell said in an emailed

statement.

The Stena Impero's seizure came after authorities in Gibraltar, a British overseas territory, seized an Iranian supertanker carrying US\$130 million in crude oil on suspicion it was breaking European Union sanctions by taking the oil to Syria. Gibraltar later released the tanker, then called the Grace I, after it said Iran promised the ship wouldn't go to Syria.

Renamed the Adrian Darya 1, the ship later sat off the Syrian coast, angering Britain. Iran hasn't said who purchased its 2.1 million barrels of crude oil.

Britain responded to Iran's release of the Stena Impero on Friday by accusing Tehran of trying to disrupt freedom of navigation. Agencies

## Netanyahu to meet centrist rival in last-ditch bid to form unity government

JERUSALEM

ISRAELI Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will make a final effort this week to salvage a deal from talks to form a unity government with his centrist election rival, he said yesterday.

An inconclusive ballot on Sept. 17, the second this year, has created a political deadlock and left Israel's longest-serving prime minister weakened.

Netanyahu (pictured), facing a looming indictment on corruption allegations he denies, has failed to secure a clear election victory twice in six months. His right-wing Likud party came second with 32 seats in the 120-member parliament, against 33 for former military chief Benny Gantz's centrist Blue and White party.

With neither party leader appearing able on his own to put together a coalition with a ruling majority, Israel's president on Wednesday tasked Netanyahu with forming the next government in the hope of securing a power-sharing deal between the Blue and White party and Likud.

If Netanyahu fails to clinch a deal, President Reuven Rivlin is then likely to ask Gantz to try to form a government, though he, like Netanyahu, also has no clear path to power.

The parties' negotiators met on Friday without success, with each side blaming the other for the stalemate. Likud said Netanyahu then telephoned Gantz and the two men would probably meet on Wednesday after another round of talks.

"Prime Minister Netanyahu is making a last effort to bring about a breakthrough in the talks for a unity government," Likud's spokesman said.

The Blue and White party said it would spare no effort to form "a broad, liberal, unity government".

In a video posted on Twitter, Netanyahu said there was no other solution than for him to serve first as prime minister and Gantz to serve second within a unity government.

Gantz, however, has pledged not to serve in a government under a premier facing criminal charges. His party has accused Likud of stalling in the talks in the hope of triggering yet another election.

Netanyahu, for his part, has said that the Blue and Whites were trying to instigate a coup within Likud that would see the party join a unity government with the Blue and White party after casting aside its veteran leader.

Israel's attorney-general is due to hold a pre-trial hearing this week on his announced intention to indict Netanyahu on fraud and bribery charges in three corruption cases.

Netanyahu, who says he is a victim of a political witch-hunt, can argue at the session against prosecution.

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## China publishes white paper on China and world in new era

BEIJING

CHINA'S State Council Information Office on Friday issued a white paper, titled "China and the World in the New Era."

Besides a preface and a conclusion, the white paper consists of four sections: "China Has Found a Development Path Suited to Its Actual Conditions," "China's Development Is an Opportunity for the World," "A Prosperous and Beautiful World Is the Common Aspiration of All Peoples," and "China Contributes to a Better World."

"China has entered a new era of development. China now has an impact on the world that is ever more comprehensive, profound and long-lasting, and the world is paying ever greater attention to China," it said.

The year 2019 marks the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China (PRC).

Over the past 70 years, under the leadership of the Communist Party of China (CPC), the PRC has witnessed profound changes and achieved a miracle of development unprecedented in human history, the white paper noted.

"In just a few decades, China has completed a course that took developed countries several hundred years," it said. China has now become the world's second largest economy, taken care of the material needs of its nearly 1.4 billion people, and achieved moderate all-round prosperity. "This has brought tremendous change to China. It also represents remarkable progress for human society, and above all, a significant contribution on China's part to world peace and development," it said.

The white paper noted that China remains the world's largest developing country, with a large population and foundations that need to be further strengthened.

"Some of the fundamentals in China remain unchanged, and therefore China is still facing a raft of severe challenges. The Chinese people still have work to do," the paper read.

Xinhua

## Syria demands withdrawal of all American, Turkish forces

UNITED NATIONS

SYRIA'S top diplomat on Saturday demanded the immediate withdrawal of American and Turkish forces from the country and said his government reserves the right to defend its territory in any way necessary if they remain.

Foreign Minister Walid al-Moallem's remarks to the United Nations General Assembly were made as Turkey and the United States press ahead with a deal to create a safe zone along Syria's border with Turkey.

On the political front, he reaffirmed

the government's support for the recently agreed committee to draft a new constitution for the country. As has been the government's tone since the start of the 2011 uprising in Syria, the foreign minister took a hard line, stressing there must be no interference from any country or timeline imposed on the process.

Al-Moallem's speech highlighted the enormous challenges to achieve reconciliation in Syria, where over 400,000 people have been killed during the conflict and millions more have fled.

The more than eight-year conflict

has also drawn numerous foreign militaries and thousands of foreign fighters to Syria, many to support the now-defeated Islamic State extremist group and others still there backing the opposition and battling government forces.

"The United States and Turkey maintain an illegal military presence in northern Syria," al-Moallem said. "Any foreign forces operating in our territories without our authorization are occupying forces and should withdraw immediately."

If they refuse, he said, "we have the right to take any and all countermeas-

ures authorized under international law."

There are around 1,000 US troops in Syria on a mission to combat Islamic State militants. The United States also backs and supports Kurdish groups in the northeast that are opposed to the Syrian government and have fought against Sunni extremist groups.

US President Donald Trump had said he wants to bring the troops home, but military officials have advocated a phased approach.

Al-Moallem described Turkey and the United States as "arrogant to the

point of holding discussions and reaching agreements on the creation of a so-called 'safe zone' inside Syria" as if it was on their own soil. He said any agreement without the consent of the Syrian government is rejected.

The deal between the US and Turkey keeps US-backed Syrian Kurdish fighters, considered terrorists by Turkey, away from Syria's northeastern border with Turkey. It involves an area five to 14 kilometers deep, as well as the removal of heavy weapons from a 20-kilometer-deep zone. The length of the zone has not yet been agreed to by

both parties but will likely stretch hundreds of kilometers.

Most of Syria is now under the control of the Syrian government, which is backed by Russia and Iran. However, Syrian rebels and extremists still hold Idlib in the northwest, and US-backed Kurdish groups hold parts of the oil-rich northeast.

The Syrian government maintains that Idlib remains a hotbed for "terrorists" and al-Moallem vowed that its "war against terrorism" will continue "until rooting out the last remaining terrorist."

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# China takes more responsibilities in a world undergoing profound changes



Chinese personnel teach local trainees how to simulate enterprise operation on computers at a Luban Workshop in Djibouti. The Luban Workshop, inaugurated in March, 2019, marks the first one of this kind in Africa. Photo by Lyu Qiang, People's Daily

70 years on, the world witnessed a great country rise from the east.

At the founding of the People's Republic of China, the country's economic aggregate was less than 50 billion yuan (\$7 billion). China was not able to produce a car or a tractor, not to say a tank or a plane.

Under the leadership of the Communist Party of China (CPC), the Chinese nation embarked on a magnificent journey toward modernization.

After 70 years of forging ahead, today, China's annual economic growth is equal to the total GDP of

a medium-sized developed country.

China's process of standing up, growing rich and becoming strong is the nirvana of the phoenix. In just a few decades, the country has completed the industrialization process that took developed countries several hundred years.

In the past seven decades, China advanced with the times, influencing the world as it kept developing.

From a semi-closed society to a country that pursues all-round opening-up, China has been shifting the global center of gravity

eastwards. Nowadays, the world's second largest economy has become the No.1 engine of global economic growth.

While China expends its own development path, it provides an alternative choice to modernization for developing countries who wish to maintain their independence when developing.

Historian Arnold Toynbee predicted that if China can blaze a new path in its social and economic strategies, then it can prove its capacity to endow a gift on China and the world.



The photo shows the Mbeya-Luwanjiro highway, Tanzania constructed by China Road and Bridge Corporation. Built on an average altitude of 2,000 meters, the highway is the "highest" in the country. Photo by Shi Yue

The past and the present both prove that the most fundamental reason for China's brilliant achievements over the past 70 years is that the country embarked on a development path that suits itself.

The success of the China's road has shown the world the powerful strength of an inclusive civilization. By learning from the world and practicing, China actively explores the way of the CPC's governance, socialist construction and social development.

Dr. Caroline, a German researcher on East Asian issues, said that

the CPC impresses her most is that the party is not an abstract and changeless symbol described by some politicians and media in the West, but it is constantly progressing.

The CPC has amazing learning ability that allows it to learn from others, she said.

The CPC clearly knows its historical position, direction, and mission, said Abuzer Pinar, a scholar at the Institute of Strategic Thinking in Turkey.

The original aspiration and mission of the CPC - to seek happiness

for the people, to rejuvenate the nation, and to seek common development - is the best footnote for China Stories

Over the past 70 years, China has maintained its ambition, committed to promoting mutually beneficial cooperation with the world.

From the founding of People's Republic of China, to the reform and opening-up, and then to the new era, China has always been thinking about how to rejuvenate the nation while pushing for human progress.

The gift brought by the Chinese miracle to the world is not only reflected in statistical data, but also in China's gesture to actively shoulder responsibilities at critical moments and seek truth and innovation.

During the 2008 international financial crisis, China's economy maintained steady growth, injecting valuable confidence and motivation to the world.

Today, the world economy has reached another transitional moment. In face of the anti-globalization sentiments, China continues to deepen reforms and maintains sufficient momentum and resilience for growth, playing an increasingly prominent role in reducing economic fluctuation and enhancing confidence for global economy.

In any case, one thing is clear: if China no longer grows, the world will fall into a severe depression. This statement made by German media has become the consensus of the international community.

As a Chinese saying goes, people with petty shrewdness attend to trivial matters while those with greater wisdom attend to governance of institutions.

Faced with issues such as the lack of growth dynamism and imbalanced development, China has contributed to interactive development of the world through advocating pragmatic cooperation, injecting new vitality and impetus into the high-quality development of the world economy.

People's Daily

## BRI shares development with the world

SIX years ago, Chinese President Xi Jinping proposed the building of the Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road during his visits to Kazakhstan and Indonesia respectively.

Now, continuously enlarging the "circle of friends", the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) has transited from making high-level plans to intensive and meticulous implementation. Bringing tangible benefits to countries and people along the route, the China-proposed initiative is delivering its outcomes to the world.

Nursultan Nazarbayev, the first President of Kazakhstan - a pioneer region of the BRI, hailed the China-proposed initiative as "a very great idea that has a perspective".

Currently, there are 6 railways and 11 highways passing through the landlocked country within the BRI framework, said the president, a designated logistics base in China's port city of Lianyungang is connecting the landlocked country to the Pacific Ocean through freight trains.

In 2018, almost 14 million tons of cargos were transported between China and Kazakhstan, up 38 percent year over year.

Last March, Italy signed a memorandum of understanding with China to jointly advance the construction of the Belt and Road Initiative. This made Italy the first G7 nation to officially join the BRI.

Then Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte said that the Belt and Road cooperation provided Italy more opportunities including enhanced economic and trade exchanges with other countries.

In Djibouti, the coastal and inland area are now connected by modern electrified railways, containers are piled up at the multi-purpose port, roads are getting wider, and local people



The photo shows an interchange of the Liudu section along the Ningde-Gujian expressway, Fujian province. Photo by Zhang Jingang

have access to clean tap water.

"Thank China for assisting our infrastructure construction," said Aboubaker Omar Hadi, chairman of Djibouti Ports and Free Zone Authority.

The China-built railways have greatly bolstered the country's exchanges with the rest of the world, and substantially cut the freight costs by using clean energies, he added.

In the Western Hemisphere, Jamaica built its first-ever modern highway with the assistance from China, shortening the travel time

between the south and north coasts from two hours to 45 minutes. The Belgrano freight railway reconstruction project in Argentina, which was undertaken by a Chinese enterprise, has greatly reduced the logistics costs between inland provinces and coastal cities and provided means for high-quality products in north Argentina to be exported overseas.

To date, China has signed Belt and Road cooperation agreements with 19 Latin American and Caribbean countries. More than 2,000 Chinese enterprises have registered

or invested in these countries, creating at least 1.8 million jobs for local communities.

Indonesian restaurant owner Marta feels a strong sense of gain as his business expanded tenfold within four years thanks to the construction of an industrial park funded by Chinese steelmaker Tsingshan.

In Mon State of Myanmar, refrigerators and TV sets are now accessible to people living in villages after a Chinese-aided power plant was established and north-to-south power transmission channel were built.

In June 2019, a medical team from

China arrived in Ulan Bator, capital of Mongolia, in a project called "The Belt and Road (B&R)-Brightness Trip". The team conducted 95 free surgeries to Mongolian cataract patients. "The Chinese doctors recovered my sight and give me a second life," a local patient said excitedly with tears when the gauze was taken off.

Irina Bokova, former Director-General of UNESCO, said that the Belt and Road construction will help realize the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development of the United Nations (UN), and tap peo-

ple's potential for innovation.

United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, said the BRI is improving the economic development pattern of the world through cooperation, and creating an important pathway for the healthy development of economic globalization.

The BRI is at a new start. The high-quality development of the BRI will gather more strength to promote people's wellbeing of all countries and contribute to the building of a community with a shared future for mankind. People's Daily



The photo taken on Sept. 15, 2019 shows a magnificent view of a fishing port in Qidong, east China's Jiangsu province, where workers are busy loading and unloading fresh sea food and fishing boats are shuttling. Photo by Zhai Huiyong

## Foreign assistance showcases China's image as a responsible country

JUNCAO, a type of herbal plant that are suitable for cultivating edible and medicinal fungi introduced by China to replace timber as a substrate for growing mushrooms, was a hot topic at a symposium held at UN headquarters this April.

Juncao technology is a part of China's technical assistance program and has been introduced to 106 countries so far.

The plant, dubbed as "poverty relief plants" or "China plants" by people in countries along the Belt and Road, have taken root in many countries such as Rwanda and Lesotho, delivering benefits to local people.

Juncao technology is just an epitome of China's foreign assistance. Over the years, China has provided assistance to other developing countries with utmost efforts under the South-South Cooperation framework.

China has been helping recipient countries boost their economy, reduce poverty, improve people's wellbeing and make huge contributions to facilitating South-South Cooperation and building a community with a shared future for mankind. By doing so, China has further built its image as a responsible major country.



Lao elementary students pose for pictures in front of the China-Laos Friendship Non-Government Primary School aided by China. Photo by Sun Guangyong, People's Daily

As the largest developing country in the world, China has proactively played a responsible role in foreign assistance since 1949, far exceeding the expectation of the international society.

In January 1964, Chinese premier Zhou Enlai proposed eight principles to guide China's foreign economic and technical assistance during his visit to Ghana. Since the reform and opening-up, China's foreign assistance policy has adjusted in accordance with the changing international landscape

and global technological development, considering both its own capability and the needs of the recipient countries.

China has become the world's second largest economy since 2010. Thanks to the huge improvement of the country's international status, the Chinese government has made substantial efforts to help developing countries reduce poverty, improve people's livelihood, and protect the environment.

Through mechanisms

such as the Belt and Road Initiative, the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank and the Silk Road Fund, China has put into practice the philosophy of cooperative development, working for a community of shared future for mankind.

China's foreign assistance follows the framework of South-South Cooperation between developing countries. It attaches no political string to its foreign assistance, and always respects the willingness and demand of the recipient countries.

China sticks to equal consultation and focus on the economic and social development of the local community. It does not impose its model of development on others.

As Chinese idiom says, give a man a fish, and you feed him for a day, show him how to fish, and you feed him for a lifetime. China is aligning its own development strategies with those of other developing countries, offering training programs to improve the development capability of the re-

ipient countries.

China has put great effort on infrastructure construction and has built a large number of livelihood projects in the recipient countries. These projects have greatly enhanced the sense of fulfillment for local people.

In April 2018, the China International Development Cooperation Agency (CIDCA) was established, marking a new phase for China's foreign assistance

Adhering to a more balanced approach to upholding principles

and pursuing interests, the agency has won wide acclaim from the international community for the assistance it offers to developing countries.

The new era has raised new requests for China's foreign assistance, and it will assume new responsibilities and play new roles in this sphere.

During China's NPC and CPPCC sessions this March, Wang Xiaotao, the director of CIDCA said that China's foreign assistance will serve under the structure of major country diplomacy with Chinese characteristics and the Belt and Road Initiative, inheriting China's long-term commitment to the world, showcasing Chinese people's understanding of justice and compassion, displaying China's image of offering timely assistance to the international community.

Mr. Wang said, China will work together with all countries and international organizations to make contributions to the UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and build a community of shared future for mankind.



Pre Unit student from Fountain Gate Academy Mwema Branch Tabata Segerea Dar es Salaam, Britney Fredrick show how to play basketball during the school sports Bonanza and Charity Day held at the school premises over the weekend. (Photo: Correspondent)

## Defending champion Caster Semenya sidelined at worlds

NEW YORK

DEFENDING 800-meter champion Caster Semenya has dominated her event like no other female athlete in track over the past 10 years, winning two Olympic golds and three world championships.

A world title will be handed out Monday night without Semenya, still in her prime and still the favorite to win every race she enters.

The 28-year-old South African is missing the world championships in Qatar as she fights the International Association of Athletics Federations' latest version of a regulation that forces XY DSD women to lower their level of natural testosterone.

Even many competitors say the prestige of the race is lowered without Semenya.

Madeleine Pape of Australia competed in the 800 against Semenya at the 2009 World Championships. After an 18-year-old Semenya won the world title, the IAAF kept her sidelined for nearly a year for "gender verification" tests.

Pape wondered about Semenya's fast times and physique, but now realizes testosterone is not the only factor that makes a champion.

"The playing field is never level," she said. "When you're always be standout performers and athletes who struggle to be competitive. The exclusion of Semenya instead gives us an incomplete event. The IAAF is being motivated by their fears and assumptions about XY women with high testosterone."

Semenya is joined on the sideline by 800 Olympic silver medalist Francine Niyonsaba of Burundi.

"The top two seeds before worlds aren't here. It definitely opens things up," said Aje Wilson, the U.S. runner who is the strongest contender for the gold.

Wilson finished second to Semenya at the Prefontaine Classic on June 30. That's when Semenya was temporarily allowed to race this summer. Afterward Wilson said, "everybody should be allowed to participate" and Semenya "should be able to do what she loves."

IAAF president Sebastian Coe, recently re-elected to another four-year term, says the regulations are necessary and weren't meant to exclude people.

"When you're the best in the world, people become obsessed," Semenya said recently in a video interview with The Guardian. "We're all different."

Of her high testosterone, Semenya says "so what?" She is joined by experts who say the IAAF hasn't proven that what the organization considers intersex athletes have a significant advantage.

The IAAF regulations apply only to female middle-distance runners with the 46 XY Difference of Sex Development condition, requiring them to lower their testosterone below 5 nanomoles per liter of blood. They'd need to take birth control pills or hormone

shots to compete in international events.

The track and field governing body has stressed the need for an "even playing field."

However, the key research the IAAF relied upon was conducted by IAAF-aligned experts rather than independent scientists, studied female athletes with high testosterone but not intersex athletes and used data with a "huge amount" of errors, according to Roger Pielke Jr., an expert witness on scientific integrity for Semenya at the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in February.

"The IAAF has placed itself into the position of second-guessing the biology of certain women who have been female since birth," Pielke said. "Hubris doesn't begin to describe this attitude."

Previously, the IAAF lost its CAS case in 2015 after Indian sprinter Dutee Chand challenged a testosterone limit below 10 nanos for all female track athletes. Those arbitrators ruled 2-1 there wasn't enough scientific evidence that testosterone provided a significant advantage.

This spring, Semenya lost her case before CAS 2-1. The IAAF narrowed the regulation to only intersex females who compete in events ranging from the 400 meters to the mile and mandated testosterone below 5 nanos. There are no testosterone limits for men.

Arbitrators Annabelle Bennett of Australia, Hugh L. Fraser of Canada and Hans Nater of Switzerland noted the IAAF rule is discriminatory but deemed it necessary discrimination to maintain "fair competition." Yet they had "serious concerns" about the ability of athletes to comply with the rule, given the side effects of long-term hormone use.

Semenya's lawyers appealed and she awaits the final decision by the Swiss Federal Supreme Court. Her appeal will focus on discrimination, the ethics of forced medication and human rights.

"The rule discriminates by imposing special burdens based on characteristics – both sex and biology – that are protected from discrimination," said Suzanne Goldberg, law professor at Columbia University and director of the Center for Gender & Sexuality Law. "Courts often look with skepticism on claims that discrimination is 'necessary' because those claims often amount to an effort to enshrine tradition stereotypes into law."

The Swiss Federal Supreme Court ruled in late July that Semenya must stop running until its final decision, which could take up to a year.

Semenya recently signed with a women's soccer team in Johannesburg, South Africa, but said on Twitter it doesn't mean she's no longer a track athlete.

Pielke points to a bigger problem in the sport – doping. He said the IAAF data indicates about two dozen intersex athletes among nearly 8,000 women competing at the World Championships since 2004.



Gospel and Bongo flavor artist Goodluck Gozbert performs during the Tigo Fiesta at CCM Kirumba Stadium in Mwanza over the weekend. (Photo: Correspondent)

## Coleman easily found: At the front of the pack at worlds

DOHA, QATAR

EVERYONE knew exactly where to find Christian Coleman this time.

The sprinter who faced a suspension because he couldn't be located for drug testing burst out of the blocks Saturday night and powered to the early lead in track's marquee event.

He got stronger from there, blowing away the seven other entrants in the 100-meter world-championship title race and leaving little doubt about who will be chased, and who will do the chasing, in a reworked track landscape without the retired Usain Bolt.

Coleman's time, 9.76 seconds, might not have turned many heads, but this should: He beat Justin Gatlin to the line by .13 seconds – an entire body length. That marked the biggest blowout in a 100-meter race at worlds or the Olympics since 2011.

"This is something I'll never take for granted," Coleman said. "The opportunity to come out here and compete. And then to be crowned world champion?"

But Coleman's breakout night had few similarities to any that Bolt dominated over his 10 years of record-setting, reggae-fueled fun.

Even on the races everyone knew he'd win, Bolt brought the entertainment – and some drama – taking forever to unfurl his 6-foot-5 frame from the blocks, then working the first 50 meters to grab the lead, then leaving everyone hanging at the end to see what that clock might say.

Coleman, on the other hand, never trailed – the legs on his muscle-bound, 5-9 frame pumping like pistons from start to finish.



Christian Coleman, of the United States, crosses the finish line to win the men's 100 meter final ahead of silver medalist Justin Gatlin, also of the United States, during the World Athletics Championships in Doha, Qatar, Saturday, Sept. 28, 2019. (AP Photo)

## Agassi finds few places of comparison in modern 'aggressive' field

NEW YORK

AS a tennis player, Andre Agassi defied comparison. And as a referee, the eight-times Grand Slam champion would rather not try himself.

Reflecting on his career on Saturday, at the Longines Global Champions Tour in New York, Agassi said the game today had simply changed too much for him to find an analog among the sport's current top performers.

"The truth is, some of them do what I did – but they do other things too," said Agassi, pointing to reigning Wimbledon champ

Novak Djokovic as someone "who can take the ball early and redirect pace or control points from the middle of the court," but also brings an added defensive edge.

"These guys, they can do everything I did on a return, except they have even a little more coverage."

"When I was really at my best, it was a risk to play aggressive ... (today) people play aggressive."

Having shifted his post-tennis career toward business and philanthropy, Agassi appeared on Saturday as the appointed "ambassador of elegance"

for the luxury watch-maker Longines, the title partner of the competition, with which he has formed a kind of symbiotic relationship.

Most notably the former world No. 1, who described his exit from tennis as "like Christmas," said the partnership helps him pursue the cause of youth education.

"It seems to push my buttons," said Agassi, talking with passion about the latest advancements in technology for childhood literacy.

But he acknowledged moving from the pro sport isn't quite so

simple for everyone. "I don't know if you can prepare somebody for it because it all depends on what it's meant to them and how much of their identity is tied up in it," said Agassi. "When you do something for the first third of your life and then you have two thirds of your life to go, it can be a tough transition."

He heaped praise on Russia's Daniil Medvedev, this year's U.S. Open villain turned unlikely hero who gave eventual champ Rafa Nadal a run for his money in a five-set final thriller.

But the rules are technical, and there's a difference between not being where you say you're going to be and simply failing to update the app that tells authorities where you can be found. Because of those details, Coleman's first violation was backdated to April 1, 2018 – the start of the three-month period at which the original information is supposed to be inputted. That took his first violation out of the 12-month window and compelled USADA to drop the case.

It allowed Coleman to race here in Doha, but couldn't strip away the words "Coleman" and "Doping" that appeared in headlines worldwide.

Coleman, who has been subject to more than 20 doping tests over the past two years and never been hit with a positive, posted a long YouTube video to explain the situation. He came to Doha thinking that would calm things down. It hasn't, and at this point – with the 200-meter qualifying starting Sunday and relays on his plate later next week – he's done trying.

"I'm not spending much time trying to explain things to people who aren't interested in the truth," he said.

Best, perhaps, to let his running do the talking.

With Tokyo a mere 10 months away, Gatlin, who came in as defending champion, bronze medalist Andre De Grasse and Yohan Blake of Jamaica found out just how much room they have to make up.

When did Coleman know he had it wrapped up?

"From the start," he said. "I got up on top of everybody. ... I knew that if I was being patient, the end would take care of itself."

At the end, Coleman let out a primal scream, then pounded his chest twice and jogged a half-circle around the track, shouting into the stands. He blew a couple of kisses toward the heavens and knelt for a brief second.

The half-full, 40,000-seat stadium was emptying. It was a far cry from the Bolt celebrations, all infused with reggae music, Jamaican flags, plenty of preening, picture-taking and the bow-and-arrow pose.

"There are so many people doing really good things right now," Coleman said. "Everyone should be celebrated. It doesn't have to be one face. I'm happy to part of that group."

Fair enough. But on the first big night of track without Bolt, Coleman found himself separated from that group, not running with it.

## Resurgent Real Madrid now show defensive progress in derby draw

MADRID

REAL Madrid's goalless draw with Atletico Madrid on Saturday in La Liga was not an entertaining spectacle but it proved Zinedine Zidane's side are heading in the right direction.

After conceding in each of their first five matches in all competitions, drawing with Valladolid and Villarreal in La Liga and suffering a 3-0 thrashing by Paris St. Germain in the Champions League, Spanish media said Real Madrid were in crisis.

However wins over Sevilla and Osasuna and the derby draw at the Wanda Metropolitano have left Madrid top of the table with 15 points from seven matches.

The stalemate with Atletico meant that for the first time in either of Zidane's eras at the club, Madrid have kept three consecutive clean sheets in the league.

"We've been working on (defending), to be more solid," Madrid cap-

tain Sergio Ramos told Movistar.

"Everything that you can add is good and I think that our morale is really high at this moment."

Madrid conceded nine goals in their first five games but have steadied the ship, much to the delight of Zidane.

The coach picked Fede Valverde to play in midfield with Casemiro and Toni Kroos, instead of the more attacking options of James Rodriguez or Isco.

"(Valverde) did very good work for the team, he always gets involved, he's improving," said the French coach. "I took that decision, he played well and I took him off because he felt something; I'm happy with his work."

"We deserved more than a point, I've got to congratulate my players because we were solid, keeping a clean sheet."

"We were really good defensively, we're lacking something going forward but we're working on that."

REUTERS

## Time for Arsenal captain Xhaka to repay Emery's faith

MANCHESTER, UNITED KINGDOM

GRANIT Xhaka will lead Arsenal into Monday's Premier League clash at Manchester United as the club's new captain, but the Swiss midfielder has to win over plenty of doubters that he is fit to wear the Gunners' armband.

Xhaka's discipline and defensive awareness have repeatedly been questioned since joining the club from Borussia Monchengladbach in 2016, but both Arsene Wenger and current Arsenal boss Unai Emery have consistently put their faith in the 27-year-old.

That trust is not replicated by the club's fans. On one of the few occasions he was replaced by Emery with the Gunners trailing 2-1 to Aston Villa last weekend, Xhaka was booed as he trudged off the field.

Despite being down to 10 men, Arsenal turned the game around with the energetic duo of Matteo Guendouzi and Lucas Torreira buzzing around the midfield.

That is a combination many supporters would like to see on a more regular basis, but Xhaka's elevated status in the dressing room means he will remain a fixture for some time to come.

Emery sought votes from his squad before naming a five-man leadership group on Friday, of which Xhaka came top, but the Spanish manager is aware of the doubters questioning his decision.

"In the dressing room the players voted him as the first (in the) leadership (group)," said Emery on Friday.

## If Einstein were still alive, he probably wouldn't have a clue about the offside rule - Bellerin

LONDON

ARSENAL's Hector Bellerin has backed his fellow footballers to speak out if they have an important opinion to air, rubbing the public perception that players should stick to football.

Bellerin recently returned to action after a lengthy injury lay-off, giving Unai Emery more options at full-back alongside Kieran Tierney, who also just regained full fitness after a summer transfer from Scottish champions Celtic.

With football now playing a bigger role in helping raise awareness for societal issues and various charitable endeavours, Bellerin feels that players are not given enough credit due to their backgrounds and called for respect as even someone as clever as famous scientist Albert Einstein might have struggled with some of the game's finer points.

"Most footballers come from difficult backgrounds," the right-back told the Guardian. "If your mum or dad is a banker or a doctor, then you're hardly likely to become a footballer; your parents will most likely put you through university and you'll have a career."

"My mum and dad raised me re-

ally well and I didn't hang around the streets all day, but I'm still from a lower-class family. We are just as good at what we do. If Einstein were still alive, he probably wouldn't have a clue about the offside rule. We have a different kind of intelligence."

Smart reading of gameplay, good decision making and clinical technique certainly fall into that category, but Bellerin is hopeful that his fellow professionals will continue to use their fame as a platform to discuss and shed light on important issues off the pitch.

"Footballers are still told to stick to football and not to talk about anything else," he added. "For a lot of footballers, it's easy to post boring stuff online after a game. I feel that we will never go forward if we keep doing that."

"We can use social media to show that we aren't machines that play every Saturday. We have our passions and our problems just like everyone else. Look at what happened when Raheem Sterling wrote about racism on Instagram."

"It seemed to come out of nowhere, and it started a really important conversation."

(Agencies)

## Man City win to keep perfect Liverpool in their sights

LONDON

MANCHESTER City clung onto the coat-tails of Premier League pacesetters Liverpool with a hard-fought win against Everton on Saturday after Jurgen Klopp's men extended their perfect start to the season.

Elsewhere, 10-man Tottenham put their recent wobbles behind them to clamber into the top four with victory against Southampton while Chelsea grabbed their first home league win under new boss Frank Lampard.

In the early match, Liverpool won their seventh Premier League game out of seven thanks to Georginio Wijnaldum's fortunate strike in a 1-0 victory at Sheffield United.

The European champions looked short on invention against the well-organised Blades until Wijnaldum's shot from the edge of the box 20 minutes from time trickled between the legs of United goalkeeper Dean Henderson.

Liverpool, who have won 16 consecutive league games, finished a single point behind champions City in the Premier League last season but are now setting a searing pace as they chase their first top-flight title since 1990.

"For us it was important to win, we had unbelievably big chances," Klopp told BT Sport.

"In the first half we had two big chances and in the second one, which we scored from. These games, they are not all beauties and you have to work hard for the results."

City were under huge pressure to respond in the late kick-off at Goodison Park and took the lead through



Manchester City's Raheem Sterling scores their third goal during their Premier League match against Everton at Goodison Park in Liverpool, Britain on Saturday. REUTERS

Gabriel Jesus midway through the first half.

But while Pep Guardiola's men were irresistible going forward, they looked shaky at the back, with makeshift centre-back Fernandinho and Nicolas Otamendi in central defence.

Dominic Calvert-Lewin equalised and both sides had further chances to score before a Riyad Mahrez free-kick and a late Raheem Sterling goal sealed a 3-1 victory, which moved City back to within five points of Liverpool.

"It's always difficult here," said Guardiola. "First half we started incredible, the first 20-25 minutes, then we had problems to control Gylfi Sigurdsson in that position."

"But we created from wide areas in the second half and we had the quality of Riyad Mahrez for the goal."

"Everton have fast players, they

caused a lot of problems at the back, so I'm delighted because we want to go for this league and try to win it again."

- Kane strikes -

Tottenham boss Mauricio Pochettino recalled his big guns for the home match against Southampton, making 11 changes from the side that suffered a shock League Cup exit at Colchester in midweek.

Spurs had won just two of their opening eight games in all competitions before Saturday and looked in deep trouble when they were reduced to 10 men.

Tanguy Ndombele fired the home side ahead but they suffered a blow when Serge Aurier was sent off after half an hour for two yellow cards.

Hugo Lloris then gifted Southampton an equaliser with a goalkeeping howler, Danny Ings dispossessing the

Frenchman in his six-yard box and forcing the ball home before Harry Kane restored the home side's lead shortly before half-time.

The 2-1 win lifted Spurs into fourth place in the Premier League, one spot behind West Ham, who drew 2-2 away to Bournemouth after beating Manchester United last week.

Pochettino said he was proud of the spirit his side had shown, adding it was an "amazing victory" for his team.

"Unbelievable fightback from the team, scoring the goal with 10 men and then fighting all together in the second 45 minutes, keeping a clean sheet in the second half," he said.

Chelsea boss Lampard said his side's 2-0 home win against Brighton, coupled with a clean sheet, would boost his players' confidence.

Speaking about the crop of young players coming through, he told the BBC: "It is great for the club and a long time coming. The work is done in the academy. The mentality is great. They want to play for this club. At the moment they are earning it and setting a level for others."

Also on Saturday, there was a first league win of the season for Wolves, 2-0 against bottom club Watford, and Crystal Palace were 2-0 winners against Norwich.

Aston Villa twice led against Burnley but were pegged back and had to settle for a 2-2 draw.

High-flying Leicester host struggling Newcastle on Sunday while Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's misfiring Manchester United are at home to Arsenal on Monday.

AFP

## Arsenal-Manchester United Preview

LONDON

ED Woodward gave Ole Gunnar Solskjaer a vote of confidence, but the manager is hoping it is also not the kiss of death.

After a near shock elimination in the Carabao Cup, Manchester United look to gain their bearings Monday when they face rivals Arsenal at Old Trafford.

Solskjaer came under fire after United turned in a listless performance last weekend in a 2-0 loss at West Ham United. The defeat extended the Red Devils' winless run on the road in league play to seven matches (0-3-4) and dropped them to 4-4-7 over their last 15 overall - a run that started with a 2-0 loss at the Emirates to Arsenal on March 10.

The grousing has come due to an offence - admittedly missing injured playmaker Paul Pogba and pacy forward Anthony Martial - that has scored just four goals in their last five league contests after opening the season with a comprehensive 4-0 thrashing of Chelsea.

Woodward, United's chairman who has polarised supporters with a haphazard approach to signing players in previous transfer windows, gave a full public endorsement of Solskjaer on Tuesday. Woodward claimed the team had "building blocks for success" after their summer signings of Aaron Wan-Bissaka, Daniel James and Harry Maguire in addition to extending No. 1 keeper David De Gea through 2023 last week with a reported pay packet of £350,000 per week.

All those things, though, mattered not a whit to Rochdale at Old Trafford on Wednesday, with the League One side leveling the match on 76 minutes through 16-year-old Luke Matheson. United (2-2-2) would eventually squeeze through on penalties, with de Gea's deputy Sergio Romero the hero after saving an attempt by Jimmy Keohane in the second round.

"We go 1-0 up in many games and, today again, we go 1-0 up and you think go on then, get the second, which is the key now," Solskjaer told United's official website after earning a date opposite Chelsea at Stamford Bridge in the fourth round next month. "And that's a learning curve for these boys as well. We need to go for the second. At this club, we don't just sit back and hope that's enough. If you settle for good enough, that's not what we want."

Pogba made his first start in nearly a month after missing time with a



Ole Gunnar Solskjaer



Unai Emery

hamstring injury and played the full 90 minutes, raising hopes he will at least be available for this contest in some capacity. Martial could make his return Monday, entering as first-choice striker Marcus Rashford has already been ruled out with a groin injury.

Left back Luke Shaw continues to recover from a hamstring injury, but Mason Greenwood, who scored the match-winner in United's win over Astana in their Europa League bow, should be available after making a late substitute appearance versus Rochdale. The teen starlet missed the West Ham loss due to a bout of tonsillitis.

"In the last two games when he's started, Astana and Rochdale, he's proven that he's dangerous when you get him in the box," Solskjaer said of Greenwood. "What's pleased me about him as well in this period is that he doesn't turn down chances to finish. When you're not 18 yet and you keep trusting yourself, he gets the chances, so I'm not worried about him at all."

Arsenal (3-2-1) entered the weekend occupying a spot in the table all too familiar to their supporters

- fourth - but they come to Old Trafford in a positive frame of mind with three wins on the bounce in all competitions. The Gunners also opened their Europa League campaign with a victory and also eased through to the round of 16 in the Carabao Cup with a 5-0 waxing of Nottingham Forest on Tuesday, earning a date with Liverpool at Anfield next month.

Gunners boss Unai Emery was forced into wholesale changes playing on a 48-hour turnaround after rallying from a pair of one-goal deficits to defeat Aston Villa 3-2 on Sunday, but 18-year-old Gabrielle Martinelli had a brace on either side of halftime in his first competitive start.

"Martinelli is a very young player. But he came here and we were waiting and watching him, how he could improve with us and really, really in the pre-season he played very well," Emery told Arsenal's official website after the win over Nottingham Forest. "He was working in each training with a big spirit and with a big performance, and I spoke with him to have some passion for when he gets his opportunity to play, to do like he was doing in the training and the matches in the pre-season. (Tuesday) he did

that.

"Really, he deserved it because he is very humble, a humble player and he fights, he is hungry to have that opportunity to help us and really it was perfect, his work (Tuesday)."

Arsenal also had some welcome sights on their back line as both Hector Bellerin and Rob Holding made returns from lengthy spells due to injury, with Bellerin back after a nine-month absence and setting up Joe Willock's goal, and Holding scoring on his return after missing 10 months with a knee injury.

Kieran Tierney, a £25 million summer signing from Celtic, also made his debut and impressed at left back with his marauding runs forward. All three could feature in this match, which would be a huge help to Emery as Arsenal have shipped 10 goals in their last five league contests.

"I think he was brilliant," Holding said of Tierney. "I loved having him on the left side of me. He was solid and for his first game back from a double hernia operation you can't ask for any more than that."

The Gunners remain without injured first-choice striker Alexandre Lacazette, which leaves Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang to continue shouldering the offensive burden. The Gabon international has scored six of Arsenal's 11 league goals and has tallied in his last two matches versus United.

Arsenal have just one victory in their last 16 visits (1-4-11) to "The Theatre of Dreams" but did notch a 2-2 draw last season. The Gunners are 0-4-8 in their last 12 league matches at Old Trafford since Emmanuel Adebayor's goal in the 85th minute separated the sides in a 1-0 victory in 2006.

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Judith Wambura, popularly known as Lady Jaydee.

## Caravans cruise to GP Gymkhana Shield cricket tournament final



Caravans' Jitin Singh bats against Surat Stars in this season's GP Gymkhana Shield competition's match between the two teams played in Dar es Salaam recently. Singh put man of the displays to help Caravans book a place in the competition's final after the squad had posted victory over Lions Cricket Club in the last four match played on Saturday. PHOTO: COURTESY OF NIKHIL PUJARA

By Guardian Reporter

**J**ITIN Singh starred with bat and ball to catapult Caravans to this year's GP Gymkhana Shield competition's final with a 37-run win over Lions Cricket Club in a pulsating last four game, which took place in Dar es Salaam on Saturday.

Caravans, the competition's defending champions, have, therefore, inched closer to lifting the trophy for the second year in a row and emerge as the most successful squad in the tournament.

Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC) Cricket Section has organized the tournament, with all matches being played at the club's venue.

The last four's eventual winners were set to lock horns with Ismaili Community cricketers in the final yesterday.

Solid batting by Caravans' top order batsmen was instrumental in the squad's ability to regis-

ter a convincing total in the semi-final clash against Lions.

After securing the chance to bat first Caravans went on to register 163 runs for the loss of six wickets in 20 overs.

An early dismissal of opener, Ismaili, who was sent back to the pavilion Lions' Sajid with a run to his name, did little to frustrate Caravans' efforts to stay in control of their innings.

Fellow opener Manoj executed several solid knocks and posted 17 runs before he was dismissed by Sajid.

Jitin Singh and Kassim Nassor stepped up the squad's pursuit of massive score, given the duo notched 57 runs apiece.

Dharmin and Sajid had impressive showing with the ball for Lions, taking three wickets and two wickets respectively.

In response, Lions chased Caravans' score with plenty of zeal, only to falter with 126 runs for the loss of nine wickets.

Pala was Lions' top run getter with 29, opening batsmen Omary and Dharmin recorded 22 runs and 15 runs respectively.

Singh led the eventual winners' successful attempt to frustrate Lions' chase, given he took three wickets and conceded 23 runs in four overs.

His impressive displays, eventually, won him the man of the match prize.

Gokul, Vipin Abraham and Manoj piled misery on Lions, as the trio took two wickets each to dash the latter's hopes of making it to the final.

This season's GP Gymkhana Shield tournament has Premier Refinishes and General Petroleum as main sponsors.

ASAR Limited, SBC Tanzania, Mgen Insurance, AFRO Turk, Cartridge World, PS Limited, I & M Bank and Jaykey Trading are the event's co-sponsors.

## Lady Jaydee, Dully Sykes to judge Bongo Star Search 2019 talents

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

THE 10th season of a music talent search project, known as Bongo Star Search (BSS), started in Arusha last weekend, as the organizers pitched camp at Mianzini, on Saturday and Sunday, to conduct special talent recruiting exercise.

As usual, the BSS runs under Benchmark Productions, with the company's Managing Director, Rita Paulsen aka Madam Rita, saying they are spending the entire weekend in Arusha to enlist new and upcoming talents from the city.

"There are young people who can sing, but lack personalities to complement their artistic endeavours, other can't sing but can represent themselves well, this time we want future artists who have those both qualities," Ms Paulsen noted.

The talent show marks its 10th anniversary, but throughout the decade, the show has never produced any winner from Arusha.

The organizers hope this time some outstanding performers can be picked from other regions apart from the incumbent Dar es Salaam.

Recruiting exercise will be done here by Bongo Flava music producer, Joachim Kimario 'Master J', and the chief BSS Judge, Rita Paulsen, and the entire exercise is taking place at the Fuzz Point Zone Resort, with actor and comedian, Idris Sultan playing host.

Seasoned crooners, Judith Wambura 'Lady Jaydee' and Abdul Sykes 'Dully Sykes', have also been enlisted to be official judges in the 2019's BSS, alongside Madam Rita and Master J.

"We would like artists who can come up with traditional music, cultural equipment and roots sounds, that can create serious future musicians, not just some mere bubble-gum pop artists as it has been the norm," Sykes noted.

Arusha District Commissioner, Gabriel Daqarro, who welcomed the delegation here, advised BSS entourage to also visit local schools.

He disclosed; "Next time you should involve local education institutions because that is where you can get real talents."

After Arusha, the talent search will head to Mwanza, Mbeya, Kigoma and later on take place in Dar es Salaam.

The BSS programs will be aired through 'Star Swahili' channel of Startimes, a TV program vendor which is the main sponsor of the talent show.

## Indians' Rohit experiment begins with two-ball duck

VIZIANAGARAM

Keshav Maharaj and Vernon Philander provided early warning signs for the Indian Test batsmen after Temba Bavuma and Philander added good runs on the third and final morning of the South Africans' tour game against an Indian Board President's XI in Vizianagaram, which petered out into a draw on Saturday.

A major point of interest from the Indian perspective was to see how Rohit Sharma fared as an

opening batsman. Unfortunately for Rohit, his stay in the middle lasted just two balls as Philander had him out caught for a duck.

It was 23 for 2 rather quickly as Kagiso Rabada sent back Abhimanyu Easwaran, the No. 3 batsman, for 13. But Mayank Agarwal and Priyank Panchal steadied the ship with a 62-run stand for the third wicket. Agarwal, expected to open in the Tests, scored 39 before becoming Maharaj's first victim, and after Panchal had fallen to Philander for 60, Maharaj got his second,

the in-form Karun Nair gone for 19.

At that stage, with the scoreboard reading 136 for 5, the Indians looked in danger of folding for a below-par total, but Siddhesh Lad and KS Bharat repaired the damage with a 100-run stand in just 20 overs.

Even as Lad bedded in, though not while missing out on scoring opportunities, Bharat took the aggressive route to hit seven fours and five sixes in a 57-ball 71 before Maharaj sent him back.

Jalaj Saxena and

Dharmendrasinh Jadeja were also dismissed towards the fag end of the day, falling to the spin of Senuran Muthusamy and Dane Piedt respectively. The Indians were still 14 runs behind with two wickets left - Lad was still there on 52 not out - when the two teams decided to call off the contest.

The third day began with the visitors on 199 for 5 in their first innings - the first day was entirely lost to the weather and only 50 overs of play was possible on the second, within which Aiden

Markram scored a century - with Bavuma on 55.

Bavuma, expected to be the pivot around which the South African stroke-players revolve in the Tests, picked up his scoring rate somewhat, getting to 87 in 127 balls as he and Philander added 80 runs in 14 overs. Philander was even more enterprising, hitting six fours and a six in his 49-ball 48 before becoming left-arm spinner Jadeja's third scalp.

The first Test begins in Visakhapatnam on October 2.

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## I'm excited to be back on the pitch - Abdi Banda

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TANZANIA international defender Abdi Banda has returned back to training with his South African Premier Soccer League side, Highlands Park, teammates after recovering from a knee injury.

The defender, who has been out since last season when he was at another Premier Soccer League side Baroka, was back on training pitch last week.

"I can't tell you good it feels to be back on the pitch, I am overwhelmed to describe how I feel, my joy might not be enough to describe what happened to me behind the scene," said Banda after his first training session on Friday.

After continuous and daily work with Highlands Park

physios and coaching staff, the 25-year-old defender reserved a special message to everyone who helped him.

"Thank you to everyone who helped me to get back on the pitch, all of the staff at the club," he said.

Banda, who has a big social media following, also acknowledged the support he got from fans at a time he explained as one of his darkest period as a player.

"Also a big thank you to the fans for supporting me in some of my darkest times as a player," he added.

Injury saw him miss out on his then club Baroka's glorious charge to their first ever South African League Cup title. He also missed out on Taifa Stars return to the African Cup of Nations

finals after Emmanuel Amunike axed him from the final squad.

Taifa Stars interim coach Etienne Ndayiragije included him in the squad for the 2022 World Cup Preliminary Round Qualifier against Burundi but he was not yet ready for action.

His return is a boost to Highlands Park who are ninth in the South African Premier Soccer League log after five outings in which they have won two, drawn two and lost one to register eight points.

The former Simba and Coastal Union defender moved to Highlands Park at the start of this season but he is yet to play for them.

He spent two seasons with Baroka where he enjoyed one good season before injuries ruined his second one.

## Flexibles by David Chikoko

