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Newly re-elected President Dr John Pombe Joseph Magufuli takes the oath of office before Chief Justice Prof Ibrahim Hamis Juma (R) at Dodoma city's Jamhuri Stadium yesterday. Photo: State House

'End all the politicking, as polls are past history'

By Henry Mwangonde, Dodoma

PRESIDENT John Magufuli yesterday called on Tanzanians to put aside politicking and focus on building the country's economy, saying elections behind are "well and surely behind us".

Dr Magufuli and Vice President Samia Suluhu Hassan took the oaths of office at different times at Dodoma's Jamhuri Stadium, a ceremony that was witnessed by thousands of Tanzanians alongside foreign dignitaries.

He became the first president to take the oath in Dodoma before Chief Justice Prof Ibrahim Juma, Chief Secretary John Kijazi and his cabinet of ministers, party leaders and foreign guests on the podium.

Addressing the gathering, Dr Magufuli thrice

declared that the election is over and that it is time to focus on building the economy by working hard to ensure all projects in place are implemented as planned.

In brief remarks, Dr Magufuli stated that there was no time to waste haggling about the polls, and it is time for nation building.

"Elections are over. I repeat elections are over. Let us work hard to build this nation, we have a great task ahead," he declared.

The Head of State said his government will immediately work on issues that are crucial for the country's development as promised during the CCM campaign, vowing to work for the country and protect the constitution. "I promise to work with all Tanzanians in building

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Pomp and pageantry as JPM takes oath of office

By Henry Mwangonde, Dodoma

IT was pomp and pageantry as thousands thronged Jamhuri Stadium in the capital to witness a historic moment as President Dr John Magufuli took the oath of office for his second and final term.

CCM supporters who attended the ceremony arrived in their tens of thousands at the stadium, wearing the bright yellow and green colors of the party and waving prototypes of the national flag.

A military band serenaded heads of state from several African countries, including Uganda, Zimbabwe and the Comoros.

"I do swear that I will always, truly and diligently serve the people of the United Republic of Tanzania," Dr Magufuli said, holding the Bible.

Vice President Samia Suluhu Hassan then took the oath, also administered by Chief Justice Prof Ibrahim Juma.

Witnessing the oath were Speaker of the National Assembly Job Ndugai and Chief Secretary John Kijazi, among others.

There was heavy security at the event in which police and special branch officers were at hand for crowd control and any unseemly event, as the stadium gradually filled to capacity, while big screens were installed outside the stadium for other participants to watch.

The military band entertained the crowd as soldiers paraded in different styles to make the event even more colorful, with Dr Magufuli entering the stadium at around 09:42 am in an open military vehicle and went round waving to the crowd.

He inspected a military guard of honour to

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Museveni, Mnangagwa hail Tanzania's liberation efforts

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

UGANDAN President Yoweri Museveni and his Zimbabwean counterpart Emmerson Mnangagwa yesterday spoke fondly of Tanzania's role in the liberation of other African countries.

Speaking at the swearing in ceremony for President Magufuli at Jamhuri Stadium, President Mnangagwa who graced the occasion said his country sees Tanzania as a mother of their independence.

He said Tanzania has always stood with Zimbabwe in difficult times, including leading the campaign for the removal of sanctions

against the country by Western powers.

"Tanzania was a centre of Pan-Africanism since those days and Zimbabwe will never forget that, but Tanzania has continued to stand with us all the time including the time of drought when you gave us maize," the Zimbabwean leader said.

President Museveni said he has been a follower of founder president Julius Nyerere, whose the focus was people-centred leadership.

"It is high time Africa formed political parties that put direction on what next after elections because our leaders in the past were in the forefront of putting the African agenda on top of everything,"

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Congratulatory Message

The Guardian and Nipashe welcome you to send congratulatory Messages to President Dr. John Pombe Magufuli and Vice President Samia Suluhu Hassan on their re - election

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Newly elected Z'bar President Dr Mwinyi appoints aide

By Guardian Reporter

ZANZIBAR President Dr Hussein Mwinyi has appointed Suleiman Ahmed Salum his Secretary.

In a statement issued by Chief Secretary of the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar, said that the appointment has been done as per article number 53 of the Isles' constitution of 1984.

According to him, prior to the appointment, Suleiman was serving as assistant director in the Joint Finance Commission.

Meanwhile, Dr Mwinyi has appointed Nahaat Mohammed Mahfoudh director general of the Zanzibar Ports Corporation (ZPC).

Prior to the appointment, Nahaat worked in various institutions in the private sector.

According to the Chief Secretary, the appointments were effective from November 4, 2020.

On Tuesday, the newly elected president appointed Dr. Mwinyi Talib Haji the new Attorney General (AG) for Zanzibar, replacing Said Hassan Said, who served under the seventh phase government.

According to the statement released by Zanzibar State House and signed by Chief Secretary Dr. Abadulhamid Yahya Mzee, the AG's appointment follows under section 55-1 of the Zanzibar Constitution of 1984.

Prior to the appointment, Dr. Haji served as Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Union Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East Africa Cooperation.

This was Dr. Hussein's first appointment after taking over as Zanzibar President on Monday. He won the top leadership position by 76.27 per cent of the votes in the General Election.



President Dr John Magufuli exchanges greetings in style with his Ugandan and Zimbabwean counterparts, Yoweri Museveni (L) and Emmerson Mnangagwa (2nd-L), shortly after he was sworn in. Photo: State House

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mark the end of his first five-year term and then after swearing, to mark the

beginning of another term.

Various traditional dances and music from Bongo flavor artists added rhythm to the ceremony, with the event

capping months of political activities culminating in the General Election last Wednesday, where Dr Magufuli bagged more than 80-percent of the votes.

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he said.

The Ugandan leader said prosperity cannot be achieved through begging but it is a result of massive production of goods and services - which can only be achieved if citizens work hard.

Uganda and Tanzania should put emphasis on implementing strategic security engagement for all Africans and attain unity, he said.

The two presidents were among are among high level foreign dignitaries who arrived in the country to witness the second inauguration of President John Magufuli.

President Mnangagwa and other dignitaries from Botswana and Burundi landed at the Julius Nyerere International Airport in Dar es Salaam yesterday, before connecting to Dodoma.

Meanwhile, Chinese President Xi Jinping congratulated Dr Magufuli for

his re-election, saying in the message that China and Tanzania are all-weather friends, partners and brothers. The bilateral relations have developed steadily with fruit being yielded in exchanges and cooperation in various fields, he said.

Lauding China-Tanzania relations, he said China is ready to work with President Magufuli to push forward the comprehensive partnership between China and Tanzania for greater progress for higher benefits for the two countries and two peoples.

Former Union presidents Jakaya Kikwete and Ali Hassan Mwinyi and former Isles president Ali Mohamed Shein joined thousands of people who gathered at the stadium to witness the epic moment.

Dr Magufuli was sworn into office for his second term seven days after he was declared winner of the October 28 polls.

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My government will not sideline anyone; we will all work together as a nation," insisting that he will honor the oath and serve all Tanzanians regardless their political affluities, tribes or religions.

"We are going to implement all promises in the party's 2020-2025 manifesto and those which were given by contestants during the 60-day of campaigns," the president underlined.

The government will continue with its strategies and plans for building the country's economy and broaden employment opportunities for the youth.

The government shall focus on protecting national values of peace, unity and equality, along with strengthening the union, he stated, reiterating that building our economy and creating employment opportunities for the youth is a key priority for the government.

He insisted that the government will not give up on the fight against corrupt leaders and officials across the country. "All thieves and swindlers of public funds will be dealt with accordingly," he cautioned.

"We will intensify the fight against corruption. There will be no room for corrupt officials in the government. Those who embezzle public funds will be punished accordingly," he emphasized.

He expressed his appreciation for the media industry generally for exercising professionalism especially during the 60 days of election campaigns.

"I would like to thank all journalists for their patriotic attitude during the election campaigns. The media industry in general played a big role during and after elections," he asserted, repeating his promise that the government will soon build a big stadium in Dodoma accommodating more participants during big occasions.



The Zimbabwean President delivers a speech at yesterday's swearing-in ceremony. Photo: State House

By Guardian Reporter

THE government has vowed to improve irrigation infrastructures and revive old irrigation schemes as well establishing new ones to increase the country's crop production.

The remarks were made yesterday by Gerald Kusaya, Agriculture Ministry Permanent Secretary during his working visit at the National Irrigation Commission (NIRC) in Dodoma.

"The government is fully mobilised to tackle challenges facing the agricultural

Govt sure to improve irrigation infrastructure countrywide - PS

sector, including revamping all worn out irrigation infrastructures, revive old schemes and establish new ones," he said.

Kusaya further said in addition the government will increase new water sources by constructing dams as well utilizing natural water sources

including rivers, natural dams and lakes.

He said the government has also accorded priority in increasing experts in the irrigation sector at district level, thereafter at ward and village level in order to reach farmers.

Speaking earlier to the NIRC

management, Kusaya called on its officials to work hard together in order to attain revolution in irrigation revolution.

Kusaya inspected machinery at NIRC offices used in the construction and refurbishment of irrigation infrastructures.

Dodoma farmers told to extend priority to groundnuts growing

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

GROUNDNUTS growers have in Dodoma have been called on to accord priority to the crop as it can withstand climate conditions in Dodoma Region.

The advice was given here yesterday by a retired agricultural officer from Chamwino District in the region, Aidan Chaula at a training seminar on groundnuts farming conducted in collaboration with the Naliende Centre of Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI-Naliende) and Tanzania Official Seed Certification Institute (TOSCI).

Chaula said groundnuts is among crops that grows in abundance in Dodoma and if it well managed its production could increase substantially.

He said 'mnanje' and 'mangaka' types of groundnuts grow well in Dodoma

hence farmers should plant them in their farms.

He said the seeds thereof are available at TARI-Naliende Centre based in Mtwara Region.

He said if groundnuts seeds are planted in December, the farmer is assured of harvests in the following April.

He said the 'Naliende' type of the crop reaps after 100 days and has high market demand as it yields a lot of oil and also used for making peanut butter.

He said the 'Mnanje' type, large and reddish in colour is in high demand as it contains zinc, calcium and magnesium minerals that are have high nutritious value, and it uses 120 from planting to harvesting.

Chamwino District Agricultural Officer Anastazia Pascal appealed to farmers in the district to grab the opportunity in growing groundnuts.

Repairs to Mtwara's Libobe-Ling'wena road section now complete - TARURA

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA Rural and Urban Roads Agency (TARURA) has completed repairing a road connecting Libobe and Ling'wena villages in Mtwara District that was destroyed due to heavy rains and cut communication between the two villages.

Patrick Kanyagha, Mtwara District TARURA Manager said following the destruction of the road they sought for urgent funds from the Agency headquarters and were provided with 185m/- that used to repair the 4.8 km road.

"The road section is part of the 19 km Likwi-Mtama road and we saw it better to repair it to enable the residents continue with their economic

activities," said Kanyagha.

He said after receiving the funds priority was given was to restore the ridge and installation of eight new box culverts, digging trenches for the drainage and resurfaced the 3.5 km section with aggregate.

Majid Rashid, a Ming'wena village resident praised the government for repairing the road which has eradicated transport inconveniences that existed and enabled residents conduct their economic activities.

Somoe Kankunje another Ming'wena villager said the access to basic social services in the area has been simplified.

TARURA in Mtwara District continues road repair work including bridges to enable residents transport their crops to markets with ease.

They came in their thousands to witness Magufuli's big moment



President Dr John Magufuli affixes his signature to the Oath of Office moments after he had taken it at the swearing-in ceremony at Dodoma city's Jamhuri Stadium yesterday. Photo: State House



Dr Magufuli inspects a military parade mounted for him shortly before he was sworn in. Photo: State House



President Magufuli waves to the crowds who turned up at Dodoma city's Jamhuri Stadium to witness his swearing-in. Photo: State House



Tanzania People's Defence Forces commandos demonstrate before Commander-in-Chief President Magufuli and the public their readiness for military action. Photo: Correspondent Anthony Siame



This is but just a glimpse of what TPDF commandos can do when duty calls. Photo: Correspondent Anthony Siame



A cross-section of the hundreds upon hundreds of people who witnessed President Magufuli swearing-in at Dodoma city's Jamhuri Stadium yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph



Representatives of political parties, some of whom stood as presidential candidates alongside Dr Magufuli, were among the scores of dignitaries who witnessed yesterday's swearing-in ceremony. Photo: State House



Prominent people from public and all manner of other institutions follow proceedings at the swearing-in ceremony. Photo: State House

Ten CCM members get ready to contest top Bunge positions

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

TEN CCM members are vying for nomination to contest for the posts of Speaker and Deputy Speaker in the next Parliament while one withdrew in last minutes.

Those who vie for nomination include the outgoing Speaker Job Ndugai and his Deputy Dr Tulia Ackson who are defending their previous positions.

Others are David Meshack, the party's Kibamba Parliamentary aspirant who came up 36th in the preferential votes, Stamina Mdolo, Member of CCM Central Committee for Dar es Salaam Region and prominent lawyer.

However, names have not been obtained of those who picked forms from the Dar es Salaam CCM office, while Abdallah Mwinyi who collected forms from Zanzibar CCM office and vied for Speaker's post later opted out.

Speaking to reporters here yesterday after collecting nomination forms Meshack said his aim was to have the opportunity to serve parliamentarians and Tanzanians in general.

"It's not that I'm opposing Ndugai to the position, my aim is to serve

Tanzanians, and if I failed to the nomination to vie for MP, this is my other chance to keep that pledge for Tanzanians," he said.

He said in case he was elected as Speaker; he will ensure the House is managed by standards that abide by its rules.

Speaking after closure of the exercise for collecting nomination forms, CCM Assistant Secretary General Solomon Itunda said until yesterday noon a total of 10 CCM members collected nomination forms.

"The exercise begun November 2 this year and closed today (yesterday) after the party's Secretary General extended the period by one day to enable many more CCM members collect forms to serve their party," Itunda explained.

However, he had no names for other CCM members who had collected nomination forms from the Dar es Salaam CCM office.

On Wednesday, the party's Secretary General Dr Bashiru Ally said the party's Central Committee meeting will be convened tomorrow to pick up candidates for Speaker and Deputy Speaker.



Karatu district commissioner Abbas Kayanda has an audience with Buger villagers at a meeting held on Wednesday. Photo: Correspondent Woinde Shizza

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THE National Ranching Company (NARCO) has paid a total of 400m/- dividend to the government between 2018/2019 and 2019/2020.

This was disclosed by Mipawa Msele, NARCO acting manager in an interview with this paper that dwelt on the company's achievements and strategies.

Msele said in the past five years the company provided the amount of dividend, to the government's Consolidated Fund to enable it

NARCO pays 400m/- dividend to govt

implement its development projects.

He said since its establishment, the company attained many achievements including distribution of quality livestock breeds to livestock keepers through artificial insemination at low cost.

In the circumstances livestock keepers have continued to receive quality breeds for both bulls and cows

at affordable cost.

Msele further said NARCO has provided practical training in livestock keeping to more than 1,000 youth each year.

He said the youth came from higher and middle level learning institutions, livestock colleges, secondary and primary schools for practical training and research in various fields of science

in livestock keeping and agriculture, environment, entrepreneurship and investments.

Msele said other NARCO's achievements included free provision of professional advice to the people in regard to prevention and cure of various veterinary diseases.

"NARCO has also been producing and selling to various people quality

livestock fodder at low cost especially to livestock keepers in urban areas, as well as during dry seasons with acute shortage of livestock fodder," he said.

He also said in effort to improve relations with herders' community surrounding NARCO ranches, they rent ranch plots to herders via short term contracts saying this reduced herders roaming about with animals' herds in

search of fodder and water.

Msele said the practice has enabled more than 31,356 cattle, 11,733 goats and 6,000 sheep from more than 30 villages countryside access to various services in NARCO ranches.

He further said they have succeeded to produce and rear the fast growing 'boran' cattle hybrid.

He said they have provided water for free to the people and their livestock especially during dry seasons in nine regions whereas more than 2,500 households and 30,000 livestock benefitted.



VACANCIES ANNOUNCEMENT

Air Tanzania Company Limited (ATCL) is in the process of revamping its operations and has introduced new equipment to its fleet as part of implementation of its five years Corporate Strategic Plan (2017/2018-2021/2022). In line with this expansion, the Company is also making some reforms in its structure, internal operations and staffing to accommodate the needs of its business expansion. Therefore, applications are invited from qualified Tanzanians to fill the following position: -

1.1 POSITION: CABIN CREW (5 POSTS)

a) Entry Qualifications:

The following are qualifications for aspired candidates: -

- Must have a minimum Certificate of Secondary Education (Possession of Advanced Level Secondary Education or above will be an added advantage);
- Must have Ab Initial Certificate from recognized aviation training institution and Holder of Cabin Crew Certificate from Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority (TCAA) with proven ability to speak Chinese Language; OR
- Possession of any academic/professional certificate with the proven ability to speak Chinese Language;
- Must be fluent in English and Swahili;
- Must have an arm reach of 212cm while standing;
- Must have no visible tattoos & scars while in Air Tanzania crew uniform
- Must be physically fit with a healthy Body Mass Index
- Must be Computer literate;
- Must be aged between 18-27 years for non-experienced cabin crew and not above 40 years for experienced candidates.

a) Duties and Responsibilities:

- Ensure and maintain safety, security, comfort and welfare of the passengers, and fellow crew members in the cabin operations;
- Fully adhere to all policies and regulations and timely completion of all duties as assigned by the Purser/Senior crew;
- Ensure that customers receive the best possible service as per service procedure and standards;
- To deliver world class passenger service and assist in on-time performance;
- To form the liaison between passengers and the flight crew;
- Make proper utilization and handover of in-flight catering items, materials and good care of in-flight equipment;
- To ensure that cabin operations are conducted in accordance with applicable regulations and standards of the organization;

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- Report all flight incidences to the Purser/Senior Cab in Crew Member;
- Accept and carry out changes to planned roster/ duty as required;
- Co-operate with the Purser/Senior to make sure that there are no passenger complaints;
- To oversee safety, service and scheduling procedures; and
- Collect feedbacks regarding the service, timing and report with recommendations to the Purser/Senior Cabin Crew Member.

2 REMUNERATION:

Five (5) years contract and attractive remuneration and fringe benefits as per ATCL Scales and Incentive Scheme.

3 MODE OF APPLICATION:

Interested applicants must submit a dully signed letter for consideration of the applications attached with the following:-

- A detailed curriculum vitae (CV);
- Certified copies of all certificates (including Secondary School), other relevant certificates and licenses. (Tanzanian applicants who have studied outside Tanzania should have their certificates approved by relevant authorities i.e Tanzania Commission for Universities (TCU) or National Examination Council- NECTA))
- Copy of birth certificate, passport or Citizen Identity Card
- Two recent passport size and full size colored picture;
- Names and addresses of at least two reputable referees;
- Applicant's reliable contact address, email address and telephone numbers.

Note:

Misrepresentation of facts and qualifications during application shall warrant legal consequences.

4 CLOSING DATES:

Application letters should reach the undersigned within 14 days from the first date of this announcement: -

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CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE



Hon. Dr. John Pombe Magufuli



Hon. Samia Suluhu Hassan

Roads Fund Board, Management and its staff would like to convey their sincere congratulation to His Excellency Dr. John Joseph Pombe Magufuli, President of United Republic of Tanzania and Her Excellency Samia Suluhu Hassan, Vice President of United Republic of Tanzania for the landslide victory in the General Election on 28 October, 2020.

The landslide victory is evidence of trust that Tanzanians have in you in bringing dramatic development and transformation that they have been aspiring for long time.

The Board, Management and staff commit to work diligently and professionally in order to ensure the roads network is preserved and adequately maintained for the network to provide required contribution to stimulate social and economic development.

May God bless Tanzania;

May God bless His Excellency Dr. John Joseph Pombe Magufuli;
May God bless Her Excellency Samia Suluhu Hassan.

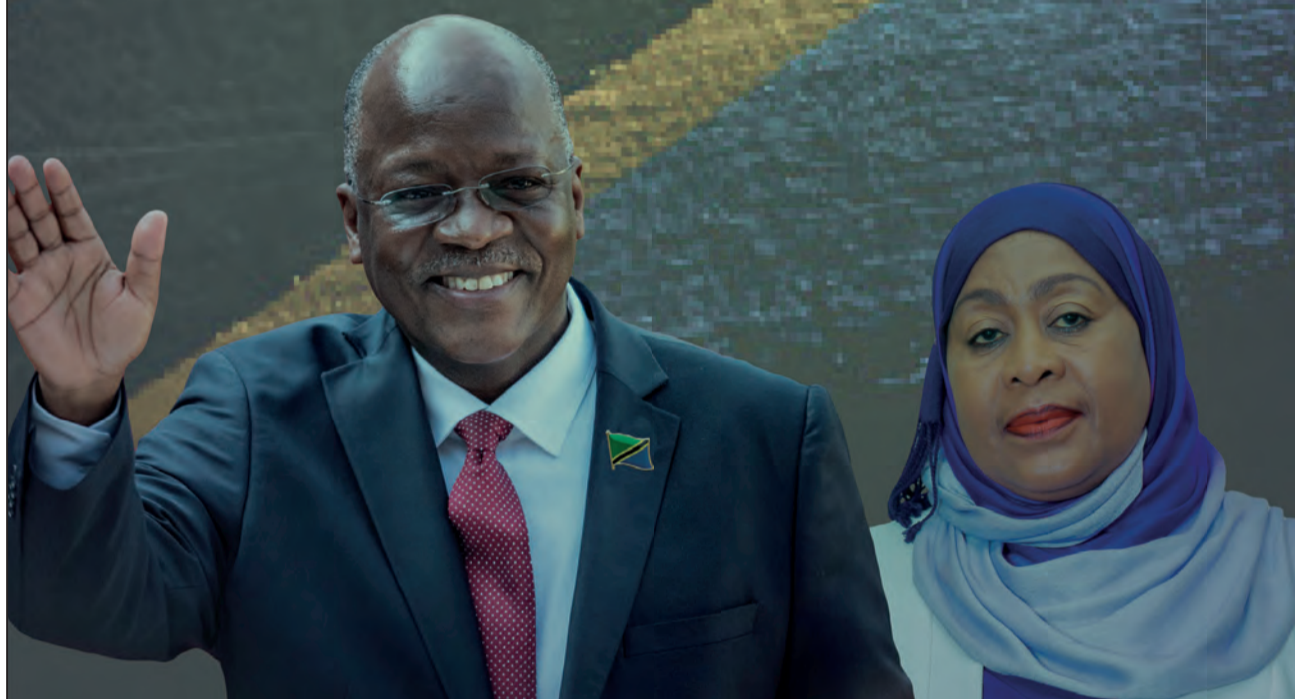
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The Board of Directors, Management and Staff of **BANK OF AFRICA** wishes to join the nation in congratulating **His Excellency Dr John Pombe Magufuli** and **Her Excellency Samia Suluhu Hassan** for the re-election victory (2020 - 2025).

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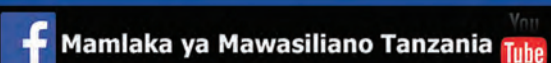
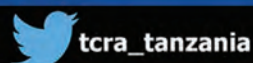
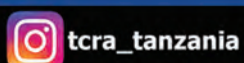


Hon. Dr. John Pombe Magufuli

Hon. Samia Suluhu Hassan

Board of Directors, Management and Staff of the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA), join hands with all Tanzanians to Congratulate His Excellency, **Dr. John Pombe Joseph Magufuli** and **Honourable Samia Suluhu Hassan** for being re-elected and sworn-in, President and Vice President of the United Republic of Tanzania respectively for the next five years, 2020-2025.

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The Board of Directors, Management and Staff of Kilombero Sugar Company Limited (KSCL) would like to join all Tanzanians in congratulating His Excellency Dr. John Pombe Joseph Magufuli for being elected President of the United Republic of Tanzania for the second term, and Her Excellency Samia Suluhu Hassan for being elected Vice President of the United Republic of Tanzania.

KSCL pledges to continue working diligently and closely with the Government in its enduring effort of ensuring a prosperous future for all.

Don't rely on sunflower, opt for alternative crops, Singida farmers advised

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

RESEARCHERS from the Agricultural Policy Research in Africa (APRA), called on farmers in Singida Region to invest heavily in growing other crops rather than relying on sunflower only.

APRA researcher Dr Christopher Magomba made the suggestion here yesterday when presenting the research report to reporters during a one-day meeting organised by the organisation.

He said the research on the crop was conducted in July 2018 involving 15 villages of two districts of Mkalama and Iramba.

The researcher said that the study showed that the economic development in the region could benefit from growing other cash or staple food crops, something which is contrary to the belief that sunflower is the only cash earning crop in the area.

He said cultivation of other crops and other economic activities and other alternative sources from small economic projects also contributed in the increase of the region's economic growth.

For instance, he said that maize farming which is 83.86 per cent of the region's entire farming activities,

contributes the region's economic development compared to sunflower.

Other crops which were shown doing equally well for the region economic growth as including onions, tomatoes, millet and cotton, he revealed.

Dr Devota Kilave, senior researcher on issues of gender farming said the participation of women in commercial farming also largely contributed in their economic wellbeing.

Dr Kilave said from the research, in order for women to make progress in regard to their daily lives, commercial farming was one among activities to free themselves from economic hardship.

By Guardian Correspondent, Babati

PHARMACCESS International in Manyara Region has donated medical equipment to 12 Mamcare centres project aimed to improve mother and child care.

The region's Mamcare project manager, Johnson Mali yesterday told PharmAccess International board members who were on the project's inspection visit in the region that the donated items were valued at 59.343m/-.

The event was also attended by the region's senior medical officials and other health services providers.

He mentioned the items donated as including a bed for pregnant mothers' examination and machine for measuring blood's oxygen content.

Others were ultrasound machines, machine for measuring blood pressure and wound dressing sets.

He mentioned other items as delivery bed and washing machine.

Mali said they donated the items following request thereof from the

12 health centres in Manyara get facelift

centres for better services delivery.

Heri Marwa, PharmAccess International country director said he has been engaged in community

work for ten years.

He called on the centres that received the donated items to take care of them and use them for the purposes intended.

He said PharmAccess has spent more than 500m/- in various projects in the country.

Speaking on behalf of PharmAccess board members, Dr Fatma Mrisho praised projects' managers saying institutions that do well were those that respond to government's needs.

She added that the donated items will assist towards the improvement of the health of the mother and child.

Manyara region regional medical officer Damas Kayera said the day was important for the health of Manyara residents.



The event was also attended by the region's senior medical officials and other health services providers



INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF ACCESS CONTROL AND SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS (NYANKANGA AND GEITA HILL UNDERGROUND) TO BE PROCURED BY GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company") an AngloGold Ashanti's ("AGA") asset is located in north western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region, about 5km from Geita town.

The Company is in the process of procuring for Supply and Installation of Access Control and Surveillance Systems (Nyankanga and Geita Hill Underground) and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible service providers to submit Expression of Interest for the below listed service.

Scope of work:

REF NO.	SERVICE TO BE PROCURED
GGME01053	Supply and Installation of Access Control and Surveillance Systems (Nyankanga and Geita Hill Underground)

1. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	10%
COMMERCIAL	
Company Profile	1.25%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.25%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.25%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.25%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.25%
Company Shareholding Structure	1.25%
List of Directors	1.25%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.25%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	
Audited & certified financial statements (2018-2019)	5%
At least 2 references from the applicant's bankers regarding supplier's credit position	5%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	
OSHA Compliance Certificate	2.5%
Environment Compliance Certificate	2.5%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	2.5%
Safety and Environmental Policies	2.5%
PAST EXPERIENCE	
At least 3 Names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered into with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	2.5%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	2.5%
Acceptance certificates/completion certificates (proof of the above)	2.5%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	2.5%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA	
Proof of being Cathexis Registered Member	15%
Proof of being an approved Supplier and installer of Softcon Access control system	20%
Proof of being an approved Supplier and Installer of Centurion and Turnstar systems	15%
Proof of being an approved supplier and installer of Axis Surveillance systems	10%

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR PROVISION OF VARIOUS GOODS AND OR SERVICES TO BE PROCURED BY GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company") an AngloGold Ashanti's ("AGA") asset is located in north western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region, about 5km from Geita town.

The Company is in the process of procuring various services and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible service providers to submit Expression of Interest for the provision of various goods and or services for any of the below listed services.

Scope of work:

REF NO.	SERVICES & GOODS TO BE PROCURED
GGME01052	Purchase of Underground Fire-Fighting Vehicles (Skid Unit)
GGME01060	Hydrostatic Test For Fire Extinguishers

1. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	10%
COMMERCIAL	
Company Profile	1.25%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.25%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.25%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.25%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.25%
Company Shareholding Structure	1.25%
List of Directors	1.25%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.25%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	
Audited & certified financial statements (2018-2019)	5%
At least 2 references from the applicant's bankers regarding supplier's credit position	5%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	
OSHA Compliance Certificate	2.5%
Environment Compliance Certificate	2.5%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	2.5%
Safety and Environmental Policies	2.5%
PAST EXPERIENCE	
At least 3 Names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered into with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	2.5%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	2.5%
Acceptance certificates/completion certificates (proof of the above)	2.5%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	2.5%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA	
	60%

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Prisons Deputy Commissioner Jeremiah Katungu inspects a parade mounted by scouts at a Form Four graduation ceremony at Bwawani Secondary School in Coast Region yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Frank Kaundula

Local govt leaders detained by wildlife officials, set free

By Guardian Correspondent, Mwanza

AUTHORITIES in Mwanza District, Kilimanjaro Region have released three local government leaders who were detained by the wildlife authorities for allegedly fueling chaos after elephants killed a school teacher in their localities.

Local leaders from villages of Kwakoa, Ngulu and Mkongea in Mwanza District, were detained early this week for inciting villagers to attack wildlife officials when a herd of elephants stormed into their villages killing a school teacher.

Those who were released include Abdalah Hasani, village executive officer of Kwakoa village, Hashim Waziri (VEO) of Ngulu village and Salehe Juma, a local leader at Mkongea village.

Speaking on the incidence, Tanzania's Wildlife anti-poaching unit (KDU) in northern zone Goodluck Nnko urged the public to provide needed support whenever wild animals invade their areas.

Nnko said that leaders of the local government authorities (LGAs) should be in the frontline to influence community members to support wildlife activities especially when

animals storm into their settlements.

The leaders were arrested some days ago when a herd of elephant stormed into their areas recently and killed a Kwangu secondary school teacher.

According to him, the villagers caused chaos and restricted wildlife officials from taking the deceased body wanting the elephants also to be killed.

"We will continue educating the public on the importance of cooperating during hard times, whenever elephants storm into villages, the members of the public raise their angers towards wildlife officials, this is not fair because, we have been working hard to fight these incidents," he said.

Nnko said that in the incident, villages attacked and destroyed cars of wildlife officials who went in the village to take the deceased body for further steps.

Kiende Mvungi, Kwakoa ward councilor said that the situation has been resolved and situation is now cool

"However, herds of elephants are still in the villages, we have continued to see them here but measures are taken to control and take them back to the National Parks," he added.

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

THE Tanzania National Parks (Tanapa) has formed a probe team to investigate the recent killings of three cows that were shot within Lake Manyara National Park.

Karatu District Commissioner Abbas Kayanda has announced when speaking to Buger villagers on the action taken by the government on the matter.

He said the team involves officials from Tanapa and security organs, saying that after the investigations, measures will be taken against all those who were involved in the killings.

"Once the investigation team completes the exercise, the report will be public and those who will be behind this matter will be taken to task," he

Probe team formed to investigate cattle killings in Lake Manyara National Park

told the gathering.

The DC said that the government supervises its workers to ensure that they all observe ethical conduct according to their professionalism but when someone goes against the rules, he/she has to face the consequences.

He also warned the habit of the some wildlife officials invading people's settlements during night, a situation which is against rules.

"It is strictly prohibited to storm into someone's house even if he/she has done a mistake, do it during daytime and follow all the required procedures .It is risk for both the officials and the residents as well," he said.

Kayanda said that villagers have the right to conduct their daily legal activities freely with also the wildlife officials being free to do their part in their areas.

He urged the villagers to remain calm and continue adhering to the conservation laws which include avoiding sending their livestock in protected areas.

"In the agreement entered between wildlife authorities and the residents wants the villagers to participate fully in protecting national parks for the country's development," Kayanda added.

Herman Batiho, assistant commissioner of TANAPA reminded the public that entering in national parks is strictly prohibited except with a special permit from the responsible authorities. "Conservation laws do not allow any human activity be conducted within protected areas, and whoever found going against the rules, stern measures will be taken immediately including hefty fines," he said.

The assistant commissioner further hinted that anyone who will be found guilty of killing the cattle will face legal measures.

Roziana Emmanuel, the owner of the cattle claimed that the cows were in her farm at around 11am when they were shot dead by wildlife officials.

He appealed for the Karatu Distict Commissioner and wildlife authorities to see to it that justice is done.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The Board of Directors, Management and Staff of KCB Bank Tanzania Limited are pleased to congratulate Hon. Dr. John Pombe Magufuli for the election of the fifth term President of the United Republic of Tanzania and Hon. Dr. Hussein Ali Mwinyi for the eighth term President of the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar.

KCB Bank will continue to support both Governments in the nation building activities for the benefit of Tanzanians.

We wish you all the best, Good Health and Divine Protection.

God bless Tanzania and its people!

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Taking A New Look
At The News
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Was World Tsunami Awareness Day - Nov 5 - property marked?

THE word 'tsunami' comprises the Japanese words 'tsu' (meaning harbour) and 'nami' (meaning wave). A tsunami is a series of enormous waves created by an underwater disturbance usually associated with earthquakes occurring below or near the ocean.

Volcanic eruptions, submarine landslides, and coastal rock falls can also generate a tsunami, as can a large asteroid impacting the ocean. They originate from a vertical movement of the sea floor with the consequent displacement of water mass.

In 2020, World Tsunami Awareness Day encourages the development of national and community-level, local disaster risk reduction strategies to save more lives against disasters. This year's observance promotes "Sendai Seven Campaign," target.

By the year 2030, an estimated 50 per cent of the world's population will live in coastal areas exposed to flooding, storms and tsunamis. Having plans and policies in place to reduce tsunami impacts will help to build more resilience and protect populations at risk. We therefore ought to you have a national or a local plan in place to anticipate a tsunami?

In December 2015, the UN General Assembly designated 5 November as World Tsunami Awareness Day, calling on countries, international bodies and civil society to raise tsunami awareness and share innovative approaches to risk reduction.

World Tsunami Awareness Day was the brainchild of Japan, which due to its repeated, bitter experience has over the years built up major expertise in areas such as tsunami early warning, public action and building back better after a disaster to reduce future impacts. UN Disaster Risk Reduction facilitates the observance of World Tsunami Awareness Day in collaboration with the rest of the United Nations system.

Tsunamis are rare events but can be extremely deadly. In the past 100 years, 58 of them have claimed more than 260,000 lives, or an average of 4,600 per disaster, surpassing any other

natural hazard. The highest number of deaths in that period was in the Indian Ocean tsunami of December 2004. It caused an estimated 227,000 fatalities in 14 countries, with Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India and Thailand hardest-hit.

Rapid urbanisation and growing tourism in tsunami-prone regions are putting ever-more people in harm's way. All earthquakes do not cause tsunamis. There are four conditions necessary for an earthquake to cause a tsunami: The earthquake must occur beneath the ocean or cause material to slide into the ocean. The earthquake must be strong, at least magnitude 6.5 on the Richter Scale. The earthquake must rupture the Earth's surface and it must occur at shallow depth - less than 70km below the surface of the Earth. The earthquake must cause vertical movement of the sea floor (up to several metres).

A landslide which occurs along the coast can force large amounts of water into the sea, disturbing the water and generate a tsunami. Underwater landslides can also result in tsunamis when the material loosened by the landslide moves violently, pushing the water in front of it.

Although relatively infrequent, violent volcanic eruptions also represent impulsive disturbances, which can displace a great volume of water and generate extremely destructive tsunami waves in the immediate source area.

One of the largest and most destructive tsunamis ever recorded was generated in August 26, 1883 after the explosion and collapse of the volcano of Krakatoa (Krakatau), in Indonesia. This explosion generated waves that reached 135 feet, destroyed coastal towns and villages along the Sunda Strait in both the islands of Java and Sumatra, killing 36,417 people.

Tsunamis caused by extraterrestrial collision (i.e. asteroids, meteors) are an extremely rare occurrence. Although no meteor/asteroid-induced tsunamis have been recorded in recent history, scientists realize that if these celestial bodies should strike the ocean, a large volume of water would undoubtedly be displaced to cause a tsunami.

There just cannot be durable peace with natural resources, ecosystems destroyed

THE International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict is an international day observed annually on November 6. The International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict was established on November 5, 2001 by the United Nations General Assembly, during Kofi Atta Annan's tenure as Secretary-General. Of this observance Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has since written, "We must use all of the tools at our disposal, from dialogue and mediation to preventive diplomacy, to keep the unsustainable exploitation of natural resources from fueling and financing armed conflict and destabilizing the fragile foundations of peace." Various calendars found on the World Wide Web reference November 6th in abbreviated fashion as 'World Day to Protect the Environment in War'.

Though humanity has always counted its war casualties in terms of dead and wounded soldiers and civilians, destroyed cities and livelihoods, the environment has often remained the unpublicised victim of war. Water wells have been polluted, crops torched, forests cut down, soils poisoned, and animals killed to gain military advantage.

Furthermore, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has found that over the last 60 years, at least 40 per cent of all internal conflicts have been linked to the exploitation of natural resources, whether high-value resources such as timber, diamonds, gold and oil, or scarce resources such as fertile land and water. Conflicts involving natural resources have also been found to be twice as likely to relapse.

The United Nations attaches great

importance to ensuring that action on the environment is part of conflict prevention, peacekeeping and peace building strategies, because there can be no durable peace if the natural resources that sustain livelihoods and ecosystems are destroyed.

On 27 May 2016, the United Nations Environment Assembly adopted a resolution which recognised the role of healthy ecosystems and sustainably managed resources in reducing the risk of armed conflict, and reaffirmed its strong commitment to the full implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals listed in General Assembly resolution entitled "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development".

Six United Nations agencies and departments (UNEP, UNDP, UNHABITAT, PBSO, DPA and DESA), coordinated by the UN Framework Team for Preventive Action, have partnered with the European Union (EU) to help countries identify, prevent and transform tensions over natural resource as part of conflict prevention and peacebuilding programmes.

The Environmental Law Institute (ELI), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and the Universities of Tokyo and McGill initiated a global research programme to collect lessons learned and good practices on managing natural resources during post-conflict peacebuilding. This four-year research project has yielded more than 150 peer-reviewed case studies by over 230 scholars, practitioners and decision-makers from 55 countries. This represents the most significant collection to date of experiences, analyses and lessons in managing natural resources to support post-conflict peacebuilding.

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What makes journalists great?



By Cameron Duodu

IF you read the obituary of Sir Harold Evans, who attained great fame as the Editor of the London Sunday Times and died on 23 September 2020, at the age of 92, you will find an answer to the question.

Harold Evans was the journalist par excellence. He'd always wanted to be a journalist, and when he left school at the young age of 16, he enrolled in a shorthand class where all the other students were girls! Ever a lad with a strong mind, he completed the course, undeterred by the teasing of friend and foe alike.

His first job was on a tiny news paper, the Reporter, published at Ashton-under-Lyne. Among his assignments on the paper was being sent to cover a visit by General George Carpenter of the Salvation Army.

"When the great man asked the assembled Salvationists whether they had been saved, I explained that I was from the press," Evans recalled later. "But you can still be saved!" said the Salvation Army general.

Evans did not reveal what he would have done, in his days as a great editor, with a story about a Bible-puncher. But he unashamedly became a "missionary" of sorts, himself, when he was appointed, in later life, to edit some of the greatest newspapers in the world. His career in journalism followed service in the British Air Force, during the 2nd World War, and a University course at Ddur4ham.

His most celebrated campaign was one that sought to obtain compensation for the families of children born with deformed limbs, because their mothers had taken a drug called "Thalidomide"

that was widely prescribed to pregnant women in the UK to cure them from "morning sickness".

The drug was distributed by very wealthy drug firms which callously refused to accept responsibility for the children's deformities. When Harold Evans committed The Sunday Times to fighting them on behalf of the distressed families, Evans met with very expensive lawsuits that were instituted against his paper for libel. Both his reputation and his career came under threat because the forces he fought against were so powerful.

He will be remembered for this famous exposé, about hundreds of T "It was one of the most . "Twenty judges of the EurConvention.

After leaving

Evans fought the companies all the way to the House of Lords, and lost. He could not believe that British judges could shut their eyes at the plight of hundreds of children who were born without limbs, just because powerful drug companies had been negligent.

The cases against the Sunday Times lasted for about a decade. But Evans continued the fight - he took the case all the way to the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg. This is what he wrote about what happened there:

"It was one of the most memorable days of my life when...I sat in Strasbourg on April 26, 1979, and listened to the conclusion of L'affaire Sunday Times," (Evans wrote). "Twenty judges of the European Court had deliberated. ... Nine of them were against us, including the British judge, but eleven carried the court: 'We find there has been a violation of Article 10 [of the European

Convention of Human Rights].'

"This meant the House of Lords injunction had infringed our rights to free speech and that the law of contempt would have to be liberalised in Britain in the spirit of the Convention", Evans added.

An obituary in the London Guardian noted that following this victory, "Evans's reputation was at its height. For a decade, he and the team of talented and aggressive journalists he led at the Sunday Times pulled off one triumph after another."

There was the revelation of Kim Philby as the highest-placed Soviet spy in the history of British intelligence; the showing-up as a fraudster of the MP and publisher Robert Maxwell; and the publication, in defiance of the secrecy laws of the British public service, of Richard Crossman's diaries. Evans also became the first British editor to ignore a "D"-Notice that prevented the media from following certain stories allegedly related to "national security".

Evans set up an "Insight" team, made up of very courageous journalists selected from the paper's news staff, whose job was to spend more time than usual, assiduously digging up stories of skulduggery throughout the world.

I had the honour of being commissioned to do two stories for the Insight team - one dealing with a Liberian-registered Portuguese oil tanker whose captain sold the oil the boat was carrying, and then deliberately scuppered the boat in West African waters. How I managed to get to Liberia and get the whole story out of the lawyer appointed to defend the Portuguese captain, will be told at the appropriate time.

I also covered another good story for the paper from Liberia - the Samuel Doe military coup of 1981.

Another story The Sunday Times sent me to do was in Lome, where I was asked to investigate the crashing, at Lome airport, of an aircraft that was carrying a secret cache of arms and - a large amount of currency. The Togolese authorities had hushed the matter up - for obvious reasons! So it was perhaps the most dangerous story I ever covered. For next thing I knew, the Togolese had stationed agents at the Aflao border to arrest me and charge me with espionage (!) when I was leaving Togo! When I got wind of this, I left Lome and got to Accra - by other means!

Certainly, the courage and intellectual honesty of Harold Evans would be difficult to find in any other editors of the 20th century - and that includes the Washington Post editors who blew up Nixon's presidency. For the people whose caused were taken up by Evans and his staff were mostly, the helpless and the cheated.

These included Timothy Evans, a man convicted and hanged in England in 1950, for a murder he did not commit. After Harold Evans and the Sunday Times took up what they considered his wrongful conviction, Timothy Evans was granted a posthumous pardon. His case was one of the factors that persuaded the British Parliament to abolish the death penalty.

No wonder Harold Evans was given a knighthood by the Queen. To him, though, the greatest honour must have been the vote for him, by readers of the UK Press Gazette, that accorded the accolade of "The Greatest Editor That Ever Was."

Customer care: It's meaning revisited

If you have lived long enough, you know that customer care isn't so good in most places.

I am a client of the 2 biggest banks in the country, and I have come to hate their customer care service. However, I need the banks, so I have nowhere to run to.

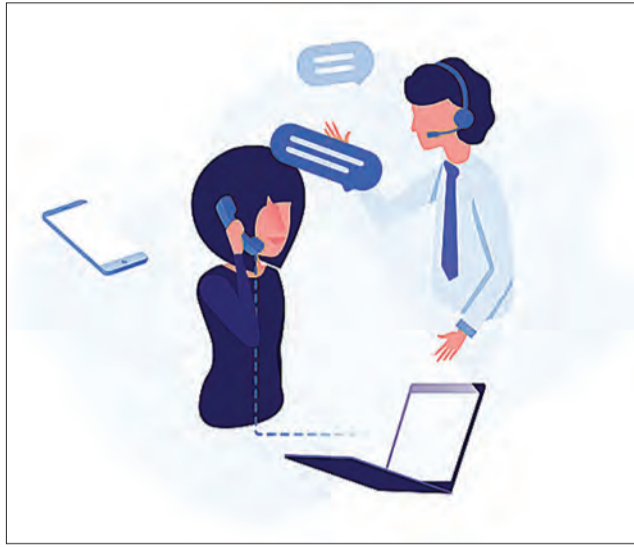
In the first bank, getting anything done takes hours of queuing. Getting an ATM card replaced just takes ages.

In the second bank, I recently queued for an hour to replace a card, then they asked me to bring a copy of my tax PIN certificate. I tried to give them a soft copy but they could have none of it. I had to go out, get somewhere to print, then come and queue again.

In the third bank, last time I went to withdraw money from over the counter they said that my account did not have a passport photo. "No big deal. I am here in person. Let's add one," I said. The response was that was not possible, and I needed to go to the branch where I opened the account to have that fixed. Only after threatening to close the account did a manager intervene.

Mobile phone customer care sucks. I had to replace my SIM card twice, and pay customer care center a visit before they realized that the reason my SIM card was not able to receive a 4G signal was because of a 'small error' on their side.

You might also know that the first thing the Telcos customer care attendants



tell you is to try restarting your phone, even when you have clearly told them that you have restarted it 72 times.

Have you ever tried contacting Paypal, Facebook or Google? You are likely to be attended to by a ro-

bot. Paypal once closed my account due to a non-existent transaction, and my attempt to appeal was always responded to with the automated message that their decision was final. Facebook erroneously charged me twice for a

transaction, which they denied. When I reversed the first transaction which they claimed was not successful, they sent me a warning that any reversal of transaction would lead to my account being closed.

But why is customer care a problem? Because it is hard. First, I do not need any customer service help when everything is OK. When something is wrong, I try and figure it out. When I cannot fix it, I turn to customer care support. With that, customer care ends up doing the most difficult tasks possible.

Second, customer care is just a necessary evil. If my bank had only ten clients, they would know us by our faces and our names. They would solve all our prob-



lems on phone. They would not require us to sign anything, just a word of mouth would be enough. That is not the case. With millions of customers, every institution now needs a dedicated person called customer support, with a well outlined plan on how to deal with customers. They have standard answers to most questions, and they are not the most tech-savvy people the telcos or banks have. Their desire to keep costs low ends up providing poor services to the people they want to serve.

Third, it is hard and costly to build a good company culture and empower

employees to speak in one voice, and stand up for your core values. Small institutions are able to do that. The bigger an institution gets, the harder it becomes. This has also been the point where many institutions die. It is also the point where corporations risk being disrupted by new technologies and processes. It takes a lot of input to offer excellent customer care.

So in a nutshell, how can an institution excel in customer support?

The best answer is simply to work hard. An institution should consider customer support as one of their

main marketing channel, and do all it takes to ensure customer satisfaction. This can be achieved by ensuring availability of support team when needed, timely response to customer queries, ensure polite and friendly service, capacity building to ensure high quality support. Work on building a good customer experience, giving honest and caring response to clients. Never lie or give flimsy excuses. Offer what you promised, build a customer centric organization/business, where the needs of the customers drive your actions.

Indian news publishers discuss ways to prepare for post-Covid-19 times

BY ELIZABETH SHILPA

The Covid-19 pandemic has been the biggest story of their lives for most journalists. Ironically, it also sounded the death knell of several news organisations and rendered their journalists and other staff jobless.

After months of upheaval, it's clear that some structural changes are going to be permanent at news organisations in the post-Covid-19 world. This is according to panelists who spoke about "Managing business and the future of news, post Covid-19", at the recent WAN-IFRA's Indian Media Leaders eSummit.

"While the role of the media is huge during this crisis, the media have also taken a huge economic hit. Massive salary cuts, layoffs, shedding paywalls because people couldn't read papers. What does the rest of the year look like? How can we get back on our feet?" asked Nidhi Razdan, associate professor of journalism at Harvard University and former Executive Editor at NDTV (New Delhi Television Limited), who moderated the session.

Anant Goenka, Executive Director at The Indian Express Group; Jayant Mathew, Executive Editor & Director at Malayala Manorama; and Sivakumar Sundaram, Chairman - Group Executive Council at Bennett, Coleman & Co Ltd. (BCCL), also took part in the discussion.

Green shoots after the crisis

Sundaram said that if the 2008 financial crisis was about digital disintermediation and the 2010 health-care crisis was about physical disintermediation, the 2020 crisis has been about supply chain or physical distribution chain getting disintermediated.

He elaborated: "Several intermediaries in the physical value chain would disappear going forward. A countrywide largely distributed product in the physical space like a newspaper has had its challenges during the time of physical disruptions. Some of the changes would be permanent."

In India, when the lockdown was abruptly an-

nounced in March, everyone was caught by surprise. For media organisations this led to the breakdown of supply chains, a fall in the number of printed copies and readers shifting to digital mediums. However, there have been indications of green shoots.

At BCCL the focus of the team has been to get distribution back on its feet. Once the distribution reached healthy numbers, the advertising sales team took charge.

Several experiments were conducted in August - offers were made and relevant contextual content was produced in association with the editorial team, with such works slowly reviving the advertisement flow and creating momentum among consumers.

"How we as an industry come together to define our business and how we continue to distribute the physical product going forward, is going to be one of the single largest determinants of our business model," Sundaram said.

Next big growth area: reader revenue

Anant Goenka of Indian Express meanwhile agreed that distribution has been picking up and media houses seem to be getting back to being "solid, independent financially relevant businesses".

However, he felt that the next big phase of growth in the industry would come not from advertising but from reader revenue, something he said that media houses have "historically been terrible at doing".

"Whoever is able to do that best, not first, I think will have disproportionate returns," he said, adding: "By consumer revenue I don't mean subscriptions alone. It can be anything - crowd-funded journalism, releasing classified ads in the paper through a website, releasing classified advertisements on the web platform - Manorama was an early mover in this, micropayments, membership."

• A World Association of Newspapers and News Publishers (WAN-IFRA) dispatch.



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Tunisia should be a beacon of hope in a troubled region

BY STELLAH KWASI AND JAKKIE CILLIERS

Tunisia is the only democratic success story in the aftermath of the Arab Spring. Nearly a decade since the revolution though, the country still struggles to deliver political and socio-economic reforms, and developmental problems have worsened.

The optimism of the unprecedented peaceful transition with the ousting of Zine al-Abidine Ben Ali in 2011 hasn't delivered the promise of greater opportunities or improved livelihoods.



Impressive delivery on education, water and eliminating poverty hasn't enabled Tunisia to escape its middle-income trap. File photo

Tunisia's problems include high unemployment particularly among the youth and women, rising inflation, porous borders and violent extremism, a large informal economy and political fragmentation. These

constraints have been amplified by the impact of COVID-19, which has morphed from a health crisis to a crippling economic issue.

A study by the International Food Policy Research Institute

projected that the COVID-19 crisis would lead to a 46.4% decline in Tunisia's GDP in the second quarter of 2020. Further shocks to the country's economy can be expected until the pandemic is contained globally.

Insider control of Tunisia's economic system excludes a huge portion of its well-educated population

A new report by the Institute for Security Studies explores the opportunities and challenges for Tunisia's likely development trajectory based on current policies and events. This analysis is then used to design three scenarios that can help Tunisian authorities craft policy that sets the country on the path of inclusive growth

and development.

Our analysis shows that the country's economic challenges are deeply structural and were entrenched long before the revolution. Tunisia's closed economic system and its control by insiders exclude a huge portion of its well-educated population whose frustration boiled over in the absence of gainful job opportunities.

Some of these problems are intensified by Tunisia's declining growth rate since the 2000s and per capita income, which although previously improving, has stagnated in the past decade. Although Tunisia shares many characteristics of an upper-middle-income coun-

try, its average incomes are now slowly converging with those of other lower-middle-income countries.

Tunisia's political impasse which has resulted in a fragmented Parliament and difficulty in forming a government undercuts any effort at economic reform. Many educated Tunisians want to leave the country and foreigners don't invest.

Tunisia needs a food security policy that doesn't undermine the productivity of its agricultural sector

A large public wage bill and significant subsidies on fuel, food and housing continue to strain government coffers and drive social and regional inequality. This is because of the disproport-

ionate way in which these subsidies benefit the middle class and wealthier sections rather than the poor.

Agricultural yields also remain low (under two tonnes per hectare) despite agriculture consuming 80% of the country's natural water resources. This is especially striking because Tunisia has been experiencing water stress that is projected to worsen with the impact of climate change. So reliance on food imports has steadily increased, leaving Tunisia vulnerable to external shocks such as fluctuating international prices and disruption of supply chains amid declining foreign reserves and COVID-19.

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR PROVISION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AUTOMATION TO BE PROCURED BY GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

I. INTRODUCTION

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The Company is in the process of procuring Accounts Payable Automation and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible service providers to submit Expression of Interest for the below listed service.

Scope of work:

REF NO.	SERVICES TO BE PROCURED
GGME01044	Accounts Payable Automation

1. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	10%
COMMERCIAL	
Company Profile	1.25%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.25%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.25%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.25%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.25%
Company Shareholding Structure	1.25%
List of Directors	1.25%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by Mining Commission	1.25%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	
Audited & certified financial statements (2018-2019)	5%
At least 2 references from the applicant's bankers regarding supplier's credit position	5%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	
OSHA Compliance Certificate	2.5%
Environment Compliance Certificate	2.5%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	2.5%
Safety and Environmental Policies	2.5%
PAST EXPERIENCE	
At least 3 Names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered into with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	2.5%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	2.5%
Acceptance certificates/completion certificates (proof of the above)	2.5%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	2.5%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA	
SAP Compatibility	40%
Proof of compliance with Local Banking Regulations	10%
Proof of compliance with Tax Legislation	10%

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the NAME AND REFERENCE NUMBER of the service they intend to express interest on together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com not later than 0830 A.M 19 November 2020 (the "LOI" Submission Deadline"). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.



INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR PROVISION OF SERVICES FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS AND MEDIA CONSULTANCY THROUGH AUDIO/VISUAL AND PRINT MEDIA (TELEVISION, RADIO AND NEWSPAPERS) AND SOCIAL MEDIA TO BE PROCURED BY GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

I. INTRODUCTION

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The Company is in the process of procuring Services for Public Relations and Media Consultancy through Audio/Visual and Print Media (Television, Radio and Newspapers) and Social Media and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible service providers to submit Expression of Interest for the for the below listed service.

Scope of work:

REF NO.	SERVICE TO BE PROCURED
GGME01005	Provision of Services for Public Relations and Media Consultancy for Geita Gold Mining Limited (GGML) Through Audio/Visual and Print Media (Television, Radio and Newspapers) and Social Media

1. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	10%
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Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	2.5%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA	
Proof of being a Creative and Innovative firm with demonstrable ability to use cutting-edge techniques to give GGML a competitive advantage in communications, public relations and brand visibility	15%
Proof of Strong ability to amplify the impact of our media coverage with excellent social media and other online expertise. This includes knowing the technologies, techniques and expertise to accelerate visibility to highly targeted audiences beyond media coverage across age groups, rural vs urban, diverse cultural and literacy levels and so on.	15%
Proof of Distinguished ability to produce high quality content (still picture, video and audio), excellent graphic design capabilities and efficient translation services of documents in both English and Kiswahili.	15%
Proof of Solid network of media outlets (community, national and international), industry figureheads, thought leaders, and other PR agencies with available networks for optimal utilization by GGML.	10%
Proof of ability and experience to organize or utilize PR events to show-case, cultivate and broaden Company's corporate image and best practices for purposes of network and stakeholder enlightenment	5%

Applicants are required to share previous work (s) for each technical criteria cited above

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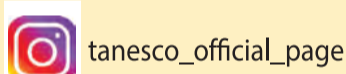


Excellency Samia Suluhu Hassan

Board of Directors, Management and staffs of Tanzania Electrical Supply Company Limited – TANESCO join hands with all Tanzanians to **Congratulate His Excellency Dr. John Pombe Joseph Magufuli** for being re-elected President of United Republic of Tanzania and **Her Excellency Samia Suluhu Hassan** as a vice President for the next Five years, **2020-2025**, and **Hon. Dr. Hussein Ali Mwinyi** for being elected and Swom-in as the President of Zanzibar and Chairman of Revolutionary Council.

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TANZANIA INVESTMENT CENTRE (TIC)



CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE



Excellency Dr John Joseph Pombe Magufuli

The Board of Directors, Management and Staff of the Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC) wish to congratulate **His Excellency Dr John Joseph Pombe Magufuli** for being re-elected as President of the United Republic of Tanzania for the another term of five (5) years.

TIC pledges to continue promoting Tanzania as the best country to invest and attract more investors and support the existing ones, as the country progresses with the implementation of the industrialization agenda.

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PUBLICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND DISCLOSURE OF FUNDING SOURCES FOR MANAGEMENT SCIENCES FOR HEALTH (MSH) TANZANIA FROM 1ST JULY 2018 TO 30TH JUNE 2019

Management Sciences for Health (MSH) is a global not for profit organization that is committed to saving the lives and improving the health of the world poorest and most vulnerable people by closing the gap between knowledge and action in public health. The below are the extract of audited financial statements of MSH Tanzania for the period from 1st July 2018 to 30th June 2019.

This publication is made in accordance with regulation 13 (a) of the Non-Governmental Organizations (Amendments) Regulations, 2018 which obliges NGO receiving funds exceeding TShs 20 million in a year to publish its fund received and its expenditure in a wide circulated newspapers and other media channels which are easily accessible by the targeted beneficiaries.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

	2019 TShs	2018 TShs
Income		
Receipts from HQ	3,607,942,841	3,583,572,313
Expenditure		
Program direct expenditure	2,920,158,316	3,226,668,396
Program operating expenditure	898,493,666	542,160,438
Deficit for the year	(210,709,141)	(185,256,521)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	2019 TShs	2018 TShs
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Account receivables	44,335,193	41,683,631
Cash and bank balances	40,618,661	31,156,858
Total assets	84,953,854	72,840,489
LIABILITIES		
Non-current liabilities		
Equity and retained earning	(229,083,162)	(121,417,156)
Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	314,037,016	194,257,645
Total liabilities	84,953,854	72,840,489

During the year under review the projects was funded by USAID, Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and Bills and Melinda Gates.



JOB VACANCY

Air Tanzania Company Limited (ATCL) is in the process of revamping its operations and has introduced new equipment to its fleet as part of implementation of its five years Corporate Strategic Plan (2017/2018-2021/2022). In line with this expansion, the Company is also making some reforms in Engineering and Maintenance section to accommodate the business needs. Therefore, applications are invited from qualified Tanzanians to fill the following positions: -

1. AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE TECHNICIANS (4 POSTS)

1.1 Entry Qualifications

The following are the qualifications for aspired candidates: -

- Minimum qualification must be Diploma in Aircraft Maintenance Engineering or its equivalent from a recognized institution;
- Possession of TCAA basic license will be an added advantage;
- Must be computer literate.

1.2 Duties and Responsibilities

- To assist in the inspections, removal, repair and installation of aircraft components;
- To assist in assembling and testing aircraft components and systems;
- To assist in overhaul and calibration of equipment and tools as per approved procedure in line with ATCL AMO Capability; and
- To perform any other duties as may be assigned by the supervisor.

2. PLANNING/DEVELOPMENT ENGINEER (5 POSTS)

2.1 Entry Qualification

The following are the qualifications for aspired candidates: -

- Must have Degree in Aeronautical Engineering in Mechanical/Electrical/ Aircraft power plants/ Aircraft Structures/ Electronics & Telecommunication or its equivalent qualification from a recognized institution; Or
- TCAA Aircraft Maintenance Engineer's License, with at least 3 years working experience.
- Must be computer literate.

2.2 Duties and Responsibilities

- To assist in planning aircraft check dates according to check intervals and aircraft utilization.
- To assist in preparing check packages for aircraft.
- To assist in compiling and updating aircraft maintenance and component life.
- To assist in preparation and issuing of daily May Fly, showing aircraft movement and their details.
- To assist in developing and design modifications to structure, power plants, landing gears components and systems.
- To assist in conducting periodic salvage investigation.

3. ASSISTANT AVIATION LIBRARIAN (1 POST)

3.1 Entry Qualifications

The following are the qualifications for aspired candidates: -

- Minimum qualifications must be a Certificate in Library, Archives and Documentation or equivalent qualifications with experience of at least two years in library operations;
- Experience on the same field in the aviation industry will be preferred;
- Specific knowledge in technical documentation and manuals will be an added advantage.
- Must be computer literate.

3.2 Duties and Responsibilities

- To check for new manuals, amendments and revisions.
- To assist the librarian in the acquisition of aircraft manuals and technical publications from OEMs.
- To assist the librarian in organizing and classifying manuals.
- Maintaining and updating aircraft and AMO documents/manuals in technical and operation library.
- Performs any other duties as may be assigned by the supervisor.

4. TECHNICAL DATA ASSISTANT (1 POST)

4.1 Entry Qualification

The following are the qualifications for aspired candidates: -

- Must have Diploma in Aircraft Maintenance or Engineering or Diploma in Mechanical/Electrical/Electronics & Telecommunication; OR
- Ordinary Diploma in Library and Archive or Records Management or its equivalent with one year of practical working experience;
- Training on airline documentation and data keeping and knowledge of aircraft maintenance activities will be an added advantage.
- Must be computer literate.

4.2 Duties and Responsibilities

- To keep all aircraft and component records under supervision.
- To assist in managing and monitoring aircraft component data software.
- To assist in recording accurately all Log books and associated data of the aircraft, aircraft components and other items as specified in the aircraft maintenance program.
- Assisting in maintaining and preserving aircraft maintenance records and data.
- Performs any other duties as may be assigned by the supervisor.

5. REMUNERATION

Five (5) years contract and attractive remuneration and fringe benefits as per ATCL Salary Scales and Incentive Scheme.

6. MODE OF APPLICATION

Interested applicants must submit a duly signed letter for consideration of the applications attached with the following:-

- A detailed curriculum vitae (CV),
- Certified copies of all certificates (including Secondary School), other relevant certificates and licenses. (Tanzanian applicants who have studied outside Tanzania should have their certificates approved by relevant authorities. i.e. Tanzania Commission for Universities (TCU) or National Examination Council (NECTA)
- Two recent passport size photographs
- Copy of birth certificate, passport or Citizen Identity Card
- Names and addresses of at least two reachable referees
- Applicant's reliable contact address, email address and telephone numbers.
- Applicants from the Public Service should channel their requests through their current employers

Note: - Misrepresentation of facts and qualifications during application shall warrant legal consequences.

7. CLOSING DATES

Application letters should reach the undersigned within 14 working days from the first date of this announcement: -

MANAGING DIRECTOR & CEO,
AIR TANZANIA COMPANY LIMITED,
P.O. BOX 543,
DAR ES SALAAM
DATE ISSUED: 06.11.2020

Philips and AU join forces to create access to healthcare solutions for COVID-19, beyond

By Special Correspondent

ROYAL Philips, a global leader in health technology, and the African Union (AU) yesterday announced a major new partnership aimed to strengthen healthcare infrastructures and access to care in the continent by improving access to medical equipment.

Via the Africa Medical Supplies Platform (AMSP), Philips and the African Union will help provide a range of medical equipment, including state-of-the-art ventilators, patient-monitoring equipment, point-of-care ultrasound scanners, oxygen concentrators, and mobile digital radiography systems, in response to the immediate needs of healthcare facilities and COVID-19 patients.

"We are seeing second, and third waves of COVID-19 hit regions across the globe, so we cannot be complacent," said African Union Special Envoy Strive Masiyiwa.

"There is still a huge shortage of ventilators across the African continent and that is why this collaboration with Philips is critical to help us overcome the financial and technological constraints of our existing healthcare systems."

In addition to sourcing additional equipment via the AMSP platform, public-sector country and government hospitals and private hospital chains will be able, before 31 March 2021, to trade their

outdated ventilators in for a next-generation Philips hospital ventilator at favorable conditions. Wherever possible, outdated ventilators will be sustainably disposed of or refurbished as part of Philips' EcoDesign initiative.

"Lack of access to affordable quality healthcare is one of the most pressing issues of our time," said Frans van Houten, CEO of Royal Philips.

"While the COVID-19 pandemic has only intensified the situation, the improvements we are collectively making to expand access to care in underserved communities and upgrade aging equipment will strengthen healthcare infrastructures now and in the long-run."

Alongside providing much needed medical equipment, the collaboration will extend the reach of Philips' established Med-Talks Platform, which provides peer-to-peer networking webinars aimed at the clinical community.

These webinars are designed to stimulate continuous professional development through case studies and best practice sharing and provide access to the latest protocols and learnings from across the world. Coordinated through AMSP, Philips' collaboration with African Union means that communities across Africa will be able to receive the care they need from trained local healthcare workers, with the best technology and know-how available.

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Natural
Resource
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TENDER No. TNRF/11/2020

The Tanzania Natural Resource Forum is a national NGO which seeks to improve governance and accountability in Tanzania's natural resource sector to achieve more sustainable rural livelihoods and better conservation outcomes. As a member-driven NGO, TNRF works to improve policy and practice for the better, by helping to bridge the gap between People's local natural resource management needs and practices; and National natural resource management priorities, policies, laws and programs. TNRF thus intends to identify and enlist reputable and registered contractors and suppliers for:

Lot 1: Drilling of one borehole complete in Orkitikit village with separate troughs for human and livestock use in Kiteto District

Lot 2: Renovation of Nalangtomon Dam approximately 600 sq meters in NAPALAI grazing cluster in Kiteto District

Lot 3: Rangeland reseeding of about 10 Ha in NAPALAI cluster (Laalala, Ilera, Partimbo and Namelock villages) in Kiteto district

Lot 4: Supply of six Boran healthy breeding bulls for ALLOLE cluster (Lolera, Lembapuli, Amei and Lesoit villages) in Kiteto District

Lot 5: Undertake scientifically guided bush clearing 16,000Ha in KIMBO cluster (Kimana, Mbigiri and Orponong villages) shared grazing cluster with support from the community and District Council experts.

Interested suppliers/firms may purchase tendering documents from TNRF offices, Corridor Area, Arusha or via email: info@tnrf.org upon presentation of a request letter duly stating the company name and original bank slip/scanned for Tzs 100,000 (One hundred Tanzanian shillings only) for each of this service being a non-refundable fee deposited with our bank accounts details below:

Accounts Name: Tanzania Natural Resource Forum

Account No: 002 - 4002411.

Bank Name: Absa Bank (T) Ltd, Arusha Branch

All tenders in one original and one copy, properly filled and enclosed in plain sealed envelopes (Not indicating bidder's name) stating clearly TENDER FOR GOODS, SERVICE AND WORKS should be addressed to:

Procurement / Tender Committee

Tanzania Natural Resource Forum

P.O BOX 15605,

Tel: +255 747 158 888

ARUSHA-Tanzania

TENDER No. TNRF/11/2020

Deposited at the reception of Tanzania Natural Resources Forum offices in Njiro, Arusha.

Tender validity period is two weeks starting from 5th Nov, 2020

CRDB'S 51.9BN/- HEAD OFFICES DUE FOR COMPLETION IN DECEMBER

By Property Watch Reporter

CONSTRUCTION work of the 51.9bn/- head office building in Dar es Salaam has reached over 90 percent and will be handed over by December this year.

National Housing Corporation's Director General, Dr Maulid Banyani said in Dar es Salaam recently that the green technology building located at Upanga Sea-view is in its final stages. "We were given the contract to erect the complex by CRDB some two year ago and so far construction work is going on well," Dr Banyani said.

When required to give more details on the mega project which is using green technology, the NHC chief said, "You better get details from our public relations officer." In remarks to substantiate his boss, NHC spokesman Yahaya Charahani said the new building will be handed over once finished with all necessary permits secured.

"We will hand over the building once we get a certificate of occupancy and bill the bank for payment," Charahani said adding that according to the contract, CRDB did not make any down payment for the complex



CRDB Bank Plc's new headquarters building in Dar es Salaam.

whose construction started in 2018.

Among other major amenities that the building will have include parking bay for hundreds of cars at

its backyard, offices, gym and a basket ball court which will incorporate restaurants and coffee bars. "It will be a state of the art building that is using

environmentally friendly technology as required by the bank," the NHC spokesman added.

Charahani further noted that in order to give

enough space to the building's fore view, Palm Beach commuter bus stand will be relocated some few metres away from its current location. "We have already

informed relevant authorities about plans to relocate this bus stop a little bit away from the bank's front entrance for security reasons," the NHC spokesman noted.

Commenting on the project's progress so far, CRDB Bank's Senior Corporate Affairs Manager, Emmanuel Kiondo said all is well with the project so far. "Our plan is to relocate to the new building during the first quarter of 2021 if all goes well," Kiondo said.

The green building technology joins NHC headquarters in Dar es Salaam as the commercial capital's only two modern office blocks subscribing to the latest eco-friendly global technology to reduce carbon emissions blamed for causing global warming.

In November 2019, Songdo, South Korean based Green Climate Fund announced that CRDB had been the first bank in East and Central Africa to be accredited following fulfilment of several conditions. "CRDB Bank is a very strong bank because it has a wide reach and presence, extending to two countries and will hopefully go beyond," GCF's Director of Private Sector Facility, Ayaan Adam, said in a statement then.

Berkshire-supported Teraco plans \$250m Africa data centre

CAPE TOWN

Teraco Data Environments Pty Ltd., a data centre provider backed by Berkshire Partners, is investing \$250 million to build Africa's largest facility on a single site, its CEO Jan Hnizdo said in an interview Monday.

The continent's biggest data centre operator is starting construction on the facility in South Africa's economic hub, Johannesburg, as it prepares to capitalise on the growing demand for internet and cloud-based services in the region. The development will be built in two phases through funding support from shareholders and its main lenders.

"We are building this latest data centre to hyper-scale, as we expect additional large cloud providers will want to deploy here to ensure a good user experience for the growing African market," Hnizdo said.

Global technology giants are competing to establish affordable and efficient ways to extend high-speed internet and data storage across the continent, where demand is picking up as hundreds of millions of people start gaining access to web services.



Teraco Data Environments Pty's Durban data centre.

Watumishi Housing has all unit titles for Dar, Dodoma projects

By Property Watch Reporter

PROSPECTIVE property buyers of Watumishi Housing Company Limited's houses and apartments I Dar es Salaam and Dodoma will immediately get their title deeds and unit trusts once they pay for them.

WHC's CEO, Dr Fred Msemwa said in Dar es Salaam this week that the state developer which has hundreds of completed housing, apartments and commercial building properties countrywide has no challenge of the documents.

"We have already got unit titles for Bunju, Magomeni and Dodoma and we are processing others for Gezaule," Dr Msemwa said while acknowledging that banks and other property financiers are struggling to get the documents.

He pointed out that both unit titles and title deeds take time to process but explained that for WHC, it has been relatively smooth to get the documents which help buyers access mortgage loans from financial institutions.

Banks and buyers of single unit houses and apartments have been complaining against delays in processing of title deeds and unit titles by Ministry of Lands, Housing and Human Settlements



WHC's Gezaule houses in Dar es Salaam.

Development officials which has denied them access to loans.

The WHC chief executive conceded that the complaints have been around for some time now but acknowledged that progress has been made. "This is not true because both title deeds and unit titles take same time to process and a lot of progress has been

made in speeding up the exercise," he noted. Established in 2013 as a public entity, WHC is a property developer and a licensed fund manager for management of civil servants Real Estate Investment Trust (WHC-REIT). WHC-REIT was licensed by Capital Market and Security Authority in 2015 and became the first fully-fledged REIT

to be established in Tanzania and East Africa.

As a property developer, WHC-REIT is the main implementer of the Tanzania Public Servant Housing Scheme tasked with building of 50,000 housing units in five phases commencing 2014/15 fiscal year. Houses shall be sold under mortgage arrangements, hire purchase/rent to own,

progressive payments and upfront cash to public servants, private sector employees and other members of pension funds (PSSSF, NSSF and NHIF) across Tanzania and Diaspora. However, under this scenario, Public servants shall continue to buy houses and shall be given preferential treatment whenever there is a

competition for few houses. Investment through REITs is a new concept in Tanzania and yet it provides an immense opportunity for the general public to participate and create personal wealth as well as contribute towards overall economic development, the WHC said on its website.

Sustainable urbanisation the focus this World Cities Day

NAIROBI

Coined by the United Nations General Assembly, World Cities Day is celebrated annually on 31 October.

Alexander Abrass, senior sales director, Danfoss Cooling, Turkey, Middle East & Africa, says that this year, "We, as a global community, need to address the future challenges of urbanisation and make a concerted effort in contributing to sustainable urban development, especially during the worldwide Covid-19 pandemic, whilst

most households work and study from home."

It is estimated that at least 55% of the human population live in cities and towns and that this number will increase to 70% by the year 2050, with the majority of growth attributed to Asia, Africa, in particular China, India and Nigeria, where population growth is at its highest.

"The UN-Habitat identifies cities and their communities as being at the frontline of the Covid-19 response, and Danfoss aims to contribute at the forefront in the sup-

ply and recommendation of green economic, sustainable and energy efficient technology to ease the impact of urban development during this new normality," says Abrass.

Urban October was launched by UN-Habitat in 2014 to emphasise the world's urban challenges and engage the international community towards the New Urban Agenda. The aim - to ensure cities and human settlements become more inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.

"Gone are the days of con-

ventional methodologies of producing, transporting, storing and the way we consume perishable foods. As it is estimated that 8.9% of the world's population (690 million people) suffer from hunger, we need to do more with less, as a global community.

"A lot more needs to be done about food safety and how produce is treated, and it needs to be done in an energy efficient way as we face over a quarter of a billion people potentially at the brink of starvation. Carbon dioxide, or CO₂, as a refrigerant has therefore become a hot topic in the food retail industry," says Abrass.

The Birmingham Energy Institute estimates that as much as 90% of the food wastage in developing countries stems from food loss somewhere along the supply chain. An estimated \$940bn are lost, and 4.4 billion tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions are created by the production of food, which will never be consumed, annually. With efficient cold chains, food loss could be reduced by up to 40%.

TANZANIA MEDICINES AND MEDICAL DEVICES AUTHORITY



CONGRATULATIONS



His Excellency Dr. John Pombe Joseph Magufuli, President of the United Republic of Tanzania

Hon. Samia Suluhu Hassan, Vice President of the United Republic of Tanzania

The Ministerial Advisory Board (MAB), Management and all staff of TMDA, join hands with all Tanzanians to congratulate His Excellency Dr. John Pombe Magufuli for being elected as the President of the United Republic of Tanzania and Hon. Samia Suluhu Hassan as Vice President.

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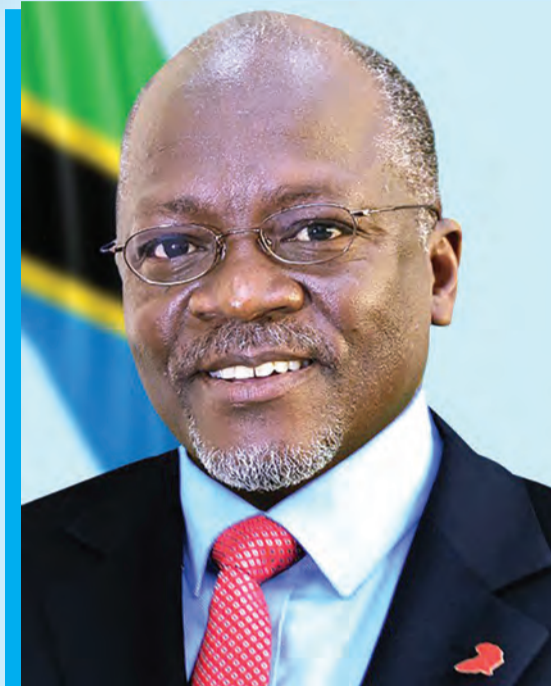
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TANZANIA INTERNATIONAL CONTAINER TERMINAL SERVICES (TICTS)



Congratulations



Hon. Dr. John Pombe Magufuli

Hon. Samia Suluhu Hassan

Board of Directors, Management and Employees of Tanzania International Container Terminal Services (TICTS) would like to Congratulate the President Hon. Dr. John Pombe Magufuli and Vice President Hon. Samia Suluhu Hassan for being re-elected to lead our Nation for another Five Year Period (2020-2025)

TICTS will continue to Cooperate and provide full support to the 5th Government towards Economic Reforms aiming at enhancing our National Developments.

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The Board of Directors, Management and staff of Tanzania Revenue Authority congratulate **H.E. Dr. John Pombe Magufuli** and the **Vice President Hon. Samia Suluhu Hassan** for re-election for the second term and **H.E. Dr. Hussein Ali Mwinyi** for his election as the eighth President of Zanzibar and Chairman of Revolutionary Council.

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OMAN TO BROADEN FOREIGN INVESTOR ACCESS TO ITS PROPERTY MARKET

MUSCAT

Oman is opening up its real estate market to foreign investors further by allowing them access to a wider selection of residential properties as part of reform measures aimed at improving the country's fiscal position. The move is outlined in the Sultanate's Medium-Term Fiscal Plan, which also confirmed it is looking at introducing a personal income tax on higher earners. "The Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning is adopting a package of measures that will

work to revive the real estate market in the Sultanate," according to the plan. This includes "opening the door to non-Omanis to own real estate residential units in multi-storey commercial residential units in certain areas."

Non-GCC nationals can currently buy property in Oman, but only within integrated tourism complexes (ITCs) such as the Al Mouj and Muscat Hills resorts in the capital and the Salalah Beach Resort. There are 13 ITCs in the Sultanate, according to the tourism ministry's website. The new rules grant rights "to own limited lands

and properties within multi-storey buildings", explains Aditi Gouri, head of strategic consulting and research at Cavendish Maxwell.

"There are still certain restrictions, whereby the percentage of sale to expats should not exceed 40 per cent of the units in a commercial and residential building, or 20 per cent of a single nationality," she said. Other measures aimed at improving the property market include licensing rent-to-own schemes and allowing payments by instalments.

The real estate market in Oman has "been under

pressure since 2015," as a result of lower oil prices and has been affected further by the Covid-19 pandemic, according to Matthew Wright, head of consultancy at Savills Oman. "Residential rental values in Muscat dropped by an average of 30-40 per cent from 2014 to 2019 and have seen further reductions of 10-20 per cent over the course of 2020," he said.

One key difference with the proposed rules is that residential properties within ITCs provide residency rights, but buying outside will not, which could limit their appeal, Mr Wright said. "We

understand that the Ministry of Housing & Urban Planning may re-assess whether purchasing a property outside an ITC project should include residency rights for non-GCC nationals in the future," he said.

Oman's Medium Term Fiscal Plan sets out a series of measures aimed at reducing the Sultanate's budget deficit by cutting spending and diversifying revenues. Alongside proposals for the income tax on higher earners, Oman will introduce VAT at a rate of 5 per cent from April next year, improve tax administration and collection and look to improve returns

from state-owned companies. Reforms to the labour market are proposed to make it more flexible and the Sultanate is planning to allow visa-free entry to more than 100 nationalities to boost tourism.

Oman's economy is projected to shrink 10 per cent this year and 0.5 per cent in 2021, according to the International Monetary Fund's latest forecasts. The fund estimates the Sultanate will run a fiscal deficit of 18.3 per cent this year and that its debt-to-GDP ratio will rise to 81.3 per cent by the end of the year.

According to the

government's Medium-Term Fiscal Plan, efforts already undertaken to cut government spending by 10 per cent this year will help reduce the budget by 870 million Omani rials (\$2.26bn). Cutting water and electricity subsidies to zero by 2024 in line with the fiscal plan, will help the sultanate reduce spending by 2.07bn rials and increase revenue by 1.39 billion rials. By adopting measures in the plan, the sultanate hopes to be able to keep debt-to-GDP at about 80 per cent by 2024. Without the measures, it forecasts an increase in the ratio to 128 per cent.

THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA



TANZANIA ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED (TANESCO)

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSULTING SERVICES

TANZANIA-ZAMBIA TRANSMISSION INTERCONNECTOR PROJECT (TAZA)
PRACTICE AREA: ENERGY AND EXTRACTIVES
SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE
Credit No. 6293-TZ
Project ID No.: P163752

Assignment Title: **PROVISION OF INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR ASSISTANCE ON ALL PROCUREMENT ACTIVITIES UNDER TANZANIA-ZAMBIA TRANSMISSION INTERCONNECTOR PROJECT (TAZA)**

Reference No. PA/001/2020-21/HQ/C/10

- The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania through Tanzania Electric Supply Company Limited (TANESCO) has received Fund from the World Bank toward the cost of the Consultancy Services for Provision of Individual Consultancy Services for assistance to all Procurement Activities under Tanzania-Zambia Transmission Interconnector Project (TAZA) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.
- The consulting services aims to support the Project Manager, of the Tanzania-Zambia Transmission Interconnector Project (TAZA), in planning, co-ordination and control of the procurement activities from its start to the time it is completed. He/ She will be responsible for ensuring that the requirements of the Project in line with the Procurement Manual are fulfilled. He /She will also support the project monitoring function to ensure that the project is concluded successfully.
- TANESCO now invites eligible individual Consultants to express their interest in providing the Services. Interested Individual Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:
 - A University degree in Procurement, Business Administration, Commerce, Economics, with extensive and demonstrated experience in procurement in all aspects of procurement of goods, non-consulting services, works and consulting services;
 - A strong experience of at least 6 years' general experience in procurement services with 3 years in public sector and at least 2 years working on similar energy projects financed by multilateral development agencies e.g. World Bank, African Development Bank etc. with a demonstrated strong track record;
 - Previous experience in processing high value contracts subject to international competition and in working with multi-sectoral teams are added advantages;
 - Good oral and written communication skills. Should be fluent in English;
 - Working knowledge of the PPDA procurement rules and procedures.
 - A high level of interpersonal and management skills and ability to work independently, unsupervised and also with teams in the organization at all levels;
 - Must be able to work under pressure with tight deadlines;
 - Computer knowledge and skills in MS Word, MS Excel is a mandatory requirement;
 - Must be able to perform the assignments related to procurement in a fair and unbiased way; and
 - With proven integrity and confidentiality in handling public resources and in executing duties.
- The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016 setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
- Individual Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.
- Further information can be obtained online through Tanzania National Electronic Procurement System (TANePS) (www.taneps.go.tz)
- Qualified and interested candidates who meet the required **qualification and experience** are invited to submit updated CV and cover letter explaining their motivation and why they are suited for the assignment to TANESCO PIU before **4th December, 2020 at 14:30 East African Time**.
- Interested individual consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services by submitting **consultant's profile, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions and availability of appropriate skills**.
- Expressions of interest must be submitted online through Tanzania National Electronic Procurement System (TANePS) (www.taneps.go.tz) before **14:30 East African Time** and therefore interested individual consultants are required to register with TANePS through PPRA. Applications will be opened promptly thereafter Online in **TANePS**.

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Project ID No.: P163752

ASSIGNMENT TITLE: **CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR PLANNING AND OVERSEE GENDER ACTIVITIES UNDER TANZANIA ZAMBIA TRANSMISSION INTERCONNECTOR PROJECT (TAZA)**

REFERENCE NO. PA/001/2020-21/HQ/C/09

- The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania through Tanzania Electric Supply Company Limited (TANESCO) has received Fund from the World Bank toward the cost of the Consultancy Services for Planning and Overseeing Gender Activities under Tanzania Zambia Transmission Interconnector Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.
 - The consulting services aiming to develop Gender Action Plan (GAP) of TAZA project based on the draft GAP developed by TANESCO to targeting increased female recruits hired as part of recruitment, leadership and mentorship program designed under the project. The Gender Action Plan (GAP) should focus on specific intervention areas that ensure gender is effectively integrated in the planning, implementation, M&E and reporting. The GAP should help to achieve overall project objectives by enhancing gender equality in the context of the energy sector. Also prepared GAP will help TANESCO Project Implementation Unit (PIU) and their Contractors take consideration women needs during implementation of TAZA project.
- Consultants to express their interest in providing the Services. Interested Individual Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:
- Bachelor Degree in Gender and Development, Social Development or related Social Science fields of studies with minimum 10 -15 years of directly relevant experience in the public sector;
 - Experience in gender policy, gender sensitivity training, women's employment and gender-based violence is desired;
 - Relevant experience in providing high level technical support, program design and advisory support for gender equality interventions in energy sector (or similar sectors) in Africa region;
 - Ability to lead social and gender assessments, design surveying tools and conduct field level consultations is required;
 - Experience in the energy and infrastructure sectors in developing countries is a plus;
 - In-depth experience working directly with project teams and interacting with governments/public sector entities on gender and social issues in Tanzania or East Africa is key;
 - Proven ability to plan, develop, coordinate and monitor programs and various activities from content (research, writing and presentation) to administrative aspects (budgets etc.);
 - Experience in budgeting is key;
 - Fluent in written and spoken English as well as fluency in Swahili will be an added advantage;
 - Willingness to travel to remote areas as needed.
- The attention of interested Individual Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016 setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
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WORLD

AMERICA'S CHOICE 2020: Joe Biden edges closer to victory as Trump mounts legal challenge

WILMINGTON/WASHINGTON

DEMOCRAT Joe Biden moved closer to victory in the US presidential race yesterday as election officials tallied votes in the handful of states that will determine the outcome.

Incumbent President Donald Trump alleged fraud, filed lawsuits and called for recounts in a race yet to be decided two days after polls closed.

The presidential race was coming down to close contests in five states. Biden, 77, held narrow leads in Nevada and Arizona while Trump, 74, was watching his slim advantage fade in must-win states Pennsylvania and Georgia as mail-in and absentee votes were being counted. Trump clung to a narrow lead in North Carolina as well, another must-win for him.

Should Biden win Arizona, he would be only the second Democratic presidential candidate to win the state in 72 years. Trump won it in 2016.

Trump had to win the states where he was still ahead and either Arizona or Nevada to triumph and avoid becoming the first incumbent US president to lose a re-election bid since fellow Republican George H.W. Bush in 1992.

Edison Research gave Biden a 243 to 213 lead over Trump in Electoral College votes, which are largely based on a state's population. Other networks said Biden had won Wisconsin, which would give him another 10 votes. The

magic number for the winning candidate is 270 votes.

Biden predicted victory on Wednesday and launched a website to begin the transition to a Democratic-controlled White House.

"It's clear that we're winning enough states to reach (the) 270 electoral votes needed to win the presidency," Biden, appearing with his running mate Kamala Harris, said in his home state of Delaware. "I'm not here to declare that we've won. But I am here to report that when the count is finished we believe we will be the winners."

The website, called buildbackbetter.com, declared "the Biden-Harris Administration can hit the ground running on Day One."

As Trump spent part of the day airing grievances over Twitter, Biden pledged to govern as a unifier if triumphant.

"What brings us together as Americans is so much stronger than anything that can tear us apart," Biden, appearing with his running mate Kamala Harris, said in his home state of Delaware on Wednesday.

Trump, 74, has long sought to undermine the credibility of the voting process if he lost. Since Tuesday's Election Day, he has falsely declared victory, accused Democrats of trying to steal the election without evidence and vowed to fight states in court.

US election experts say fraud is



US Democratic presidential candidate and former vice-president Joe Biden speaks in Wilmington, Delaware, on Wednesday (AP)

rare.

Trump's campaign fought to keep his chances alive with the demand for a Wisconsin recount as well as lawsuits in Michigan and Pennsylvania to stop vote counting. Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson called his team's lawsuit "frivolous."

His campaign filed a lawsuit in Georgia to require that Chatham county, which includes the city of Savannah, separate and secure late-arriving ballots to ensure they are not counted.

It also asked the US Supreme Court to allow Trump to join a pending lawsuit filed by Pennsylvania Republicans over whether the battleground state should be permitted to accept late-arriving ballots.

The maneuvers amounted to a broad effort to contest the results of a still undecided election a day after millions of Americans went to the polls during the coronavirus pandemic that has upended daily life.

While fighting to stop the count in states where he feared losing, Trump blasted news organizations that projected losses in Arizona and Nevada, states he thought he should be winning. He tweeted his consternation over mail-in voting.

"They are finding Biden votes all over the place -- in Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and Michigan. So bad for our Country!" he posted on Twitter.

Biden said, "Every vote must be counted. No one's going to take our democracy away for us, not now, not ever. America's come too far, America's fought too many battles, America has endured too much to ever let that happen."

Biden won Michigan by 67,000 votes, or 1.2 percent, while he was ahead in Wisconsin by just over 20,000 ballots, or 0.6 percent, according to figures from Edison Research, which projected Biden as the winner in Michigan. Several news outlets projected Biden as the winner in Wisconsin, though Edison did not, citing the pending recount.

Wisconsin law allows a candidate to request a recount if the margin is below 1 percent, which the Trump campaign immediately said it would do.

In response to the Michigan lawsuit, Ryan Jarvi, a spokesman for the state attorney general, said the elections had been "conducted transparently."

Voting concluded on Tuesday night, but many states routinely take days to finish counting ballots, bolstered by a surge in mail-in ballots nationally because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Other closely contested states, including Arizona, Georgia, Nevada and North Carolina, were still counting votes, leaving the national election outcome uncertain.

In Pennsylvania, Trump's lead dropped to around 164,000 votes as officials gradually worked their way through millions of mail-in ballots, which were seen as likely to benefit Biden.

Trump campaign manager Bill Stepien called the president the winner in Pennsylvania. Biden said he felt "very good" about his chances in the state.

If victorious, Biden will face a tough battle to govern, with Republicans appearing poised to keep control of the US Senate and likely block large parts of his legislative agenda, including expanding healthcare and fighting climate change.

Agencies

Ethiopian army plans further strikes in restive Tigray region

By Bloomberg

ETHIOPIA prepared for a second day of clashes in the restive Tigray region as the United Nations and the US urged the two sides to step back from a conflict that risks erupting into a full-blown civil war.

The military engaged with forces loyal to the Tigray People's Liberation Front in three areas on Wednesday and more operations are planned in the coming days,

Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed said in a televised address.

The prime minister's office said the federal government had declared a six-month state of emergency in Tigray to be overseen by the chief of staff of the armed forces.

"The commission is gravely concerned and closely monitoring the fast-developing security situation in Tigray and other parts of the country," said the Ethiopian



Human Rights Commission in a statement. "EHRH urges both federal and regional security forces to ensure the safety and security

of civilians." There was no immediate word on the number of casualties in the conflict, which erupted on Wednesday after Abiy accused the TPLF of orchestrating a raid on a federal army camp. Relations between the national and regional governments have deteriorated since Abiy took office in 2018 and sidelined the TPLF, once the preeminent power broker in Ethiopia. The fighting has unnerved investors. Yields on Ethio-

pia's Eurobonds due 2024 jumped 64 basis points to 6.89 percent in London on Wednesday, the biggest increase in six months.

United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and the US urged both sides to de-escalate tensions. "We are saddened by the tragic loss of life and urge immediate action to restore the peace," the US State Department said in a statement on its website.

Agencies

Assad: Billions locked in Lebanese banks behind crisis

AMMAN

SYRIAN President Bashar al Assad said billions of dollars of deposits held by his countrymen in Lebanon's financial sector that were blocked after a major financial crisis were a main cause of Syria's deepening economic crisis.

Lebanese banks, fearing capital flight and grappling with an acute hard currency crunch, have since last year imposed tight controls on withdrawals and transfers abroad, drawing outrage from local and foreign depositors unable to access their savings.

Assad (pictured) said anywhere from US\$20 billion to US\$42 billion of Syrian deposits could have been lost in the once vibrant banking sector that held over US\$170 billion in foreign currency deposits.

"This figure for an economy like Syria is terrifying," he said

"It's the money they put in Lebanese banks and we paid the price this is the core of the problem that no one talks about," Assad added, speaking during a tour of a trade fair broadcast on state media.

Syrian businessmen say Lebanon's tight controls on with-



drawals have locked hundreds of millions of dollars once used to import basic goods from oil to

commodities into Syria.

Many Syrian front companies had also long circumvented Western sanctions by using Lebanon's banking system to import illicit goods into Syria by land, bankers and businessmen say.

The US Treasury has blacklisted scores of such firms.

Assad said the current economic woes were not caused by the Caesar Act - the toughest US sanctions yet against Damascus which came into force last June.

"The crisis began before the Caesar Act and years after long-imposed Western sanctions ... It's

the money (in Lebanese banks) that has been lost," Assad said.

Syrian authorities blame Western sanctions for widespread hardship among ordinary residents, where the currency's collapse since the start of the year has led to soaring prices and people struggling to afford food and basic supplies.

Last month the government faced severe fuel shortages and has been forced to raise bread prices as wheat stocks dwindle, leading to growing disenchantment by a weary population battered by a decade of war.

Police arrest 10 in Portland, 50 in NY over post-election violence

PORTLAND

POLICE in the city of Portland made arrests and seized fireworks, hammers and a rifle after late night demonstrations, as Oregon Governor Kate Brown activated the state's National Guard in response to "widespread violence" on the night after voting in the US presidential election.

Portland Police said it arrested ten people in the demonstrations after declaring riots in the city's downtown area while the New York Police Department (NYPD) said it made about 50 arrests in protests that spread in the city late on Wednesday.

"All of the gatherings that were declared riots were downtown. We have made 10 arrests", a Portland Police spokesman told Reuters in an emailed statement.

Demonstrations were also seen in a few other US cities on Wednesday night as activists demanding that vote counts proceed unimpeded rallied in several cities, including Atlanta, Detroit, New York, and Oakland.

Earlier on Wednesday, about 100 people gathered for an interfaith event before a planned march through downtown Detroit, in the battleground state of Michigan, to demand a full vote count and what they called a peaceful transition of power.

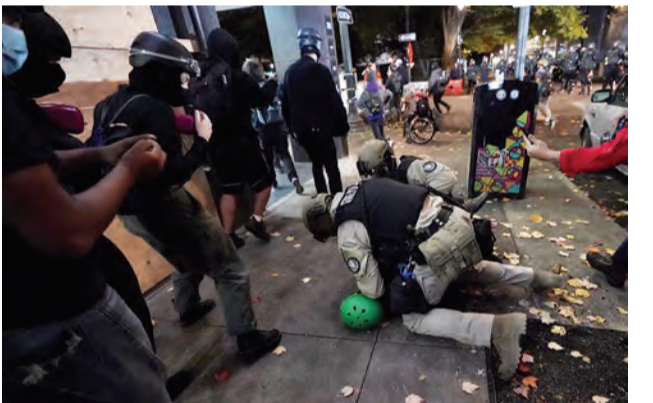
Local partners of Protect the Results - a coalition of more than 165 grassroots organizations, advocacy groups and labor unions - have organised over 100 events planned across the country between Wednesday and Saturday.

Heading into the Nov 3 elections, the United States had seen months of protests following the death in May of George Floyd, an African-American who died after a Minneapolis police officer knelt on his neck for nearly nine minutes.

The protests once again picked up momentum following the police shooting later in the year of an African-American named Jacob Blake in Kenosha, Wisconsin and more recently of 27-year-old Walter Wallace Jr. who was gunned down by two officers in Philadelphia.

Portland has seen several demonstrations since Floyd's death, particularly in the city's downtown area, with protests occasionally turning into clashes between demonstrators and police as well as between right- and left-wing groups.

The anti-racism protests have demanded an end to police brutality and racial inequality while the more recent demonstrations surrounding the Nov 3 vote have demanded for a full count of the votes cast on Tuesday.



Oregon State Police arrest a protester in Portland on Wednesday.

African countries laud, appreciate China's donations of anti-pandemic supplies

BEIJING

AFRICAN countries recently have lauded and expressed their thanks for the Chinese government's donations of supplies to help women, children and adolescents of African countries combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

African governments and people from all walks of life said that at a time when Africa is short of anti-pandemic goods, China has overcome difficulties in international transportation and delivered anti-pandemic goods to 53 countries in Africa in time, which are timely help for African women, children and adolescents to tide over the difficulties during the pandemic.

These assistances show the true friendship and help of the Chinese people towards the African people, and are vivid illustrations of China and Africa working together to overcome the current difficulties, which the African people will keep in mind, they said.

The pandemic knows no borders, and it can only be overcome by mutual assistance and cooperation among countries, they said, noting that China has actively engaged in international cooperation against the COVID-19 pandemic, and offered assistances to various countries in the world, including African countries, which shows its noble humanitarian cares and constructive spirit of cooperation.

The important initiatives proposed by Chinese President Xi Jinping at the Extraordinary China-Africa Summit on Solidarity against COVID-19 held in June have greatly encouraged African countries, they said.

Xinhua

China's high-quality development sparkles with greener progress

CHINA made unprecedented efforts of pollution control during its 13th Five-Year Plan period (2016-2020), which has obviously improved its ecological environment and pushed the country closer to its goal of becoming wealthier, more prosperous and more beautiful.

Green is the color that marks China's high-quality development. The country is attracting increasingly more attention from the world with bluer sky, greener mountains and more lucid waters.

China's rapid green development comes from its ecological conservation efforts. The 18th Communist Party of China (CPC) National Congress held in 2012 incorporated ecological civilization into China's overall plan for the development of socialism with Chinese characteristics,

placing it alongside economic, political, cultural, and social progress to formulate a new and five-pronged approach to building socialism. The 19th CPC National Congress listed the battle for prevention and control of pollution as one of the three critical battles to secure a victory in building a moderately prosperous society in all respects, and agreed to add the statement of "fully understand that lucid waters and lush mountains are invaluable assets" into the Party Constitution.

From becoming a role model in fighting desertification, to pocketing the title of "Champions of the Earth" - the UN's top environmental honor for three years in a row, and to winning the UN's Habitat Scroll of Honour Award, China has been widely recognized by the international

society for its construction of ecological civilization.

Inger Andersen, Executive Director of the UN Environment Programme, noted that the world needs the Chinese environmental protection philosophy which advocates the harmony between human and nature.

A seed of green contributes to a beautiful world, and a seed of hope leads to a splendid future. The Chinese people's perseverance in building ecological civilization is shining in the new era. They turned Saihanba in north China, once a vast barren land, into the world's largest man-made forest, creating a green miracle, which was considered a classic practice to safeguard the earth. From 2015 to 2019, China gained over 71 million hectares of

forest area from 2009 to 2019, ranking the first in the world regarding the growth of forest resources in the period. According to satellite observation, a quarter of the newly added forest areas in the world from 2000 to 2017 came from China, and the country was the largest contributor to global net gain in forest area. The Global Forest Resources Assessment 2020 issued by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN fully recognized China's contribution to afforestation and forest protection, and the Australian Financial Review also remarked that China's 40-year and billion-tree project is a role model for the world.

China has lifted over 3 million people out of poverty through ecosystem services. After 30 years of science-based

treatment, the Kubuqi Desert in north China, once known as the "sea of death," has been turned into a 6,000-square kilometer oasis that lifted over 100,000 local people out of poverty. It demonstrated the effectiveness of the Chinese desertification control that emphasizes both forestation and poverty reduction. It is believed by the international society that the Chinese practice that addresses both economic development and environmental protection is a remarkable exploration, and has contributed Chinese wisdom to the construction of global ecological civilization.

The vigorous promotion of ecological conservation by China, a country with 1.4 billion people, unquestionably has an international influence. From actively im-

plementing the Paris Agreement to pushing the G20 to publish its first Presidency Statement on Climate Change, from raising the initiative to jointly build the Green Silk Road to establishing the South-South Climate Change Fund, and from attaining the 2020 climate action targets ahead of schedule to proactively advancing the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, China has made important contribution to the construction of global ecological civilization as it continuously greened its development.

Chinese President Xi Jinping recently announced at the UN Summit on Biodiversity that China will strive to peak carbon dioxide emissions before 2030 and achieve carbon neutrality before 2060.

People's Daily

CIIE: Major platform initiated to bolster global trade

Keynote Speech by H.E. Xi Jinping President of the People's Republic of China At the Opening Ceremony of The Third China International Import Expo (CIIE) Beijing, 4 November 2020

Your Excellencies Heads of State and Government,

Your Excellencies Heads of International Organizations,

Your Excellencies Heads of Delegations,

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, Dear Friends,

With concerted efforts of all parties, the third China International Import Expo (CIIE) is now open. At the outset, let me extend, on behalf of the government and people of China as well as in my own name, a hearty welcome to all the distinguished guests. To the many old and new friends, I give you my warm greetings and best regards.

This year's CIIE is convened at a special time. COVID-19, which caught us all by surprise, has hit countries hard and dealt a heavy blow to the world economy. As scheduled and confident in the containment protocols that have been put in place, China is hosting this global trade event. It demonstrates China's sincere desire to share its market opportunities with the world and contribute to global economic recovery.

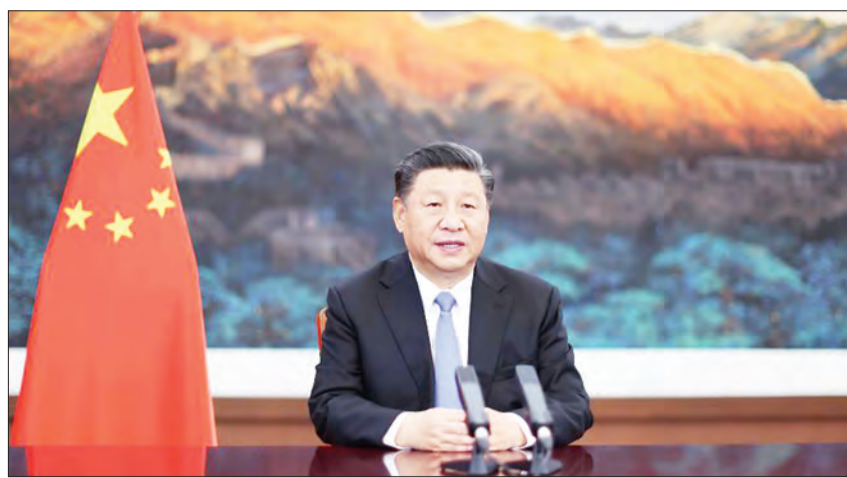
Over the past three years since its inception, the CIIE has enabled exhibits to become traded goods and exhibitors to spot more investment opportunities. It has facilitated an exchange of new and creative ideas, and better connected China and the wider world. Acting as a major platform for international procurement, for investment promotion, for cultural exchange and for open cooperation, the CIIE is now an international public good for the world to share.

This year, the CIIE has drawn a large number of businesses around the globe. The exhibition area has expanded by nearly 30,000 square meters. A zone on public health and epidemic prevention has been added, which alone has attracted many Fortune Global 500 corporations and leading firms in relevant sectors. With both online and offline exhibitions arranged and thoughtful preparations made in every way, I am confident that the third CIIE will be a safe, exciting and successful expo for all of you.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Friends,

Notwithstanding COVID-19, the pace of opening up in China has continued to quicken this year. The measures I announced at last year's CIIE have been implemented to the full. China has taken steady steps to expand imports, with imports of goods and services outpacing the global average over the past year. The items on the national negative list for foreign investment have been cut from 40 to 33. The number of pilot free trade zones has increased from 18 to 21. The Master Plan for the Development of Hainan Free Trade Port and the Implementation Plan for Further Reform and Opening-up in Shenzhen have both been released and taken effect. Good progress has been registered in concluding high-standard free trade agreements, developing demonstration zones for creative promotion of import trade, protecting intellectual property rights, and advancing high-quality Belt and Road cooperation.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Friends, The COVID-19 pandemic has added



Chinese President Xi Jinping delivers a keynote speech via video at the opening ceremony of the third China International Import Expo held in east China's Shanghai on Wednesday. (Xinhua)

to the instability and uncertainty facing the world economy. However, looking back at history, humanity has always been able to forge ahead despite risks, disasters and headwinds, and humanity shall and will continue to stride forward.

The overwhelming trend for countries to move toward openness and cooperation remains unchanged. All countries need to come together to jointly tackle risks and challenges, strengthen cooperation and communication, and embrace greater openness.

— We need to commit to mutual opening up that features shared benefits. COVID-19 is a stark reminder that all countries are in a community with a shared future. No one can stay immune in a major crisis. Solidarity and cooperation is the right choice to make in meeting challenges. We must uphold the principle of mutually beneficial cooperation. We need to build trust rather than second-guess each other; we need to join hands rather than throw punches at each other; and we need to consult rather than slander each other. Bearing in mind the common interests that bind us all, countries need to work together to make economic globalization more open, inclusive and balanced for the benefits of all.

— We need to commit to mutual opening up that features shared responsibilities. Both history and reality tell us that when confronted by risks and challenges, countries must work together as partners, with each shouldering its due responsibility. It is ill-advised to pursue unilateral dominance, or choose to hurt others' interests, which diminishes one's own interests. Big countries need to lead by example, major economies need to act on sound principles, and developing countries need to play an active part in promoting opening up and sharing responsibilities. It is by working together that we will advance common development of our world.

— We need to commit to mutual opening up that features shared governance. Faced with the challenges brought by economic globalization, we must not allow unilateralism or protectionism to undermine the international order and international rules. Rather, we need to reform the global economic governance system in a constructive way to better seize opportunities and avoid harm. Guided by a vision of global governance based on extensive consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits, we need to safeguard the multilateral trading system with the World Trade Organization (WTO) as its cornerstone, improve the rules of global economic governance, and build an open world economy.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Friends, The just concluded Fifth Plenary Session of the 19th CPC Central Com-

mittee adopted an overall plan for China's development in the coming 14th five-year plan period. Very soon, China will achieve the goal of finishing building a moderately prosperous society in all respects and eradicating poverty. From next year on, China will begin a new journey toward fully building a modern socialist country. It will mark a new stage for China's development. Answering to the changing circumstances and new requirements, we have set out to foster a new development paradigm with domestic circulation as the mainstay and domestic and international circulations reinforcing each other. What we envision is not a development loop behind closed doors, but more open domestic and international circulations. We will do so not only to meet China's own development needs but also for the greater benefit of people in all countries.

China has a population of 1.4 billion and a middle-income group that exceeds 400 million. The vastly huge China market is the most promising in the world. Total import into China is estimated to top 22 trillion US dollars in the coming decade. Chinese manufacturing now makes an important and positive part of the global industrial and supply chains. Demand on the massive domestic market in China will continue to unleash endless potential for innovation.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Friends,

COVID-19 has put all countries through a tough test. In the case of China, our people have exerted extraordinary efforts and made major strategic gains in controlling the coronavirus.

The Chinese economy is steadily picking up, as evidenced by the positive overall growth in the first three quarters, including a 0.7% growth in foreign trade and a 5.2% rise in paid-in foreign investment.

This is a major contribution to economic recovery in the world. What's more, out of solidarity with other countries in fighting COVID-19, the Chinese people have shared full experience and done our best to assist the international community.

As of 20th October, China had provided assistance to 150 countries and seven international organizations and exported over 179 billion masks, 1.73 billion protective suits, and 543 million testing kits. This is how China has acted out its responsibility.

Going forward, China will stay committed to openness, cooperation and unity for win-win results. We will steadfastly expand all-round opening up and explore more efficient ways to connect domestic and foreign markets and share factors of production and resources.

Our aim is to turn the China market into a market for the world, a market shared by all, and a market accessible to all. This way, we will be able to bring more positive energy to the global

community.

First, China will nurture new pace-setters of opening up. Over the past seven years, in pilot free trade zones in China, a lot has been done to break new ground and bold experiments have produced remarkable results. The Hainan Free Trade Port has been kicked off to a good start. China will continue to leverage the pioneering role of pilot free trade zones and free trade ports in steering opening up. We will introduce a negative list for cross-border services trade and open still wider in areas like the digital economy and the Internet. We will deepen reform and innovation in trade and investment liberalization and facilitation, and make institutional innovations to support an open economy of higher standards.

Second, China will pursue creative ways to grow foreign trade. Through the CIIE and other platforms of opening up, we will continue to support companies from around the world in exploring business opportunities in China.

We will tap into the growth potential of foreign trade with a view to boosting growth in international trade and the world economy. China will encourage cross-border e-commerce and other new business forms and models to grow even quicker to foster new drivers of foreign trade. China will shorten its catalog of technologies prohibited or restricted from import to create a favorable environment for the free flow of technologies across borders.

Third, China will keep improving its business environment. In the wake of COVID-19, China has adopted a range of pro-business relief policies that apply equally to all companies registered in China. Earlier this year, the Foreign Investment Law and its supporting rules and regulations came into effect, and the negative list on foreign investment was cut still shorter. China will continue to make its foreign-related legal framework more open and transparent, strengthen intellectual property protection, better protect the lawful rights and interests of foreign investors and provide them with more high-quality services to further improve the business environment.

Fourth, China will pursue deeper bilateral, multilateral and regional cooperation. China stands ready to conclude high-standard free trade agreements with more countries in the world.

We will work for the early signing of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) and speed up negotiations on a China-EU investment treaty and a China-Japan-ROK free trade agreement. We look forward to more exchanges and mutual learning with high-standard free trade zones in other parts of the world. China will take an active part in WTO reform and in cooperation at the United Nations, the G20, APEC, BRICS and other fora. China will work with partner countries to promote high-quality Belt and Road cooperation and build a community with a shared future for mankind.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Friends,

As we often say in China, "Those who do not make their way to the Great Wall are not true heroes." Now, at a time of formidable challenges facing the world economy, it is imperative that we bolster confidence and courage to tide over this difficult period together.

China will join hands with all other countries to create opportunities in opening up, tackle difficult problems through cooperation, and foster a brighter future for humanity.

Thank you!



People protesting in support of counting all votes in Las Vegas, USA

Uncertainty over US election could negatively affect global affairs – Kremlin

MOSCOW

UNCERTAINTY over the US presidential election outcome could negatively affect global affairs, mostly the economy, Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters yesterday.

"Any uncertainty in the most powerful world economy in one of the largest countries has and could potentially have negative consequences for global affairs, first of all for global economy," Peskov said.

"Meanwhile, we will see how long this uncertainty period lasts and how strong this influence is," he noted.

The spokesman declined to comment on the latest election developments due to lack of clarity.

"The results of the US election haven't been announced yet and it's impossible to make comments in the current situation," he said. "We would rather take our time and wait for the situation to become clearer."

Any comments by Russia on the US election would be "like a red rag to a bull," Dmitry Peskov added.

Neither would he make any comments regarding the fact that the US had not accused Russia of meddling in the current presidential election so far.

"Unfortunately, everything related to our country is like a red rag to a bull in the US, so let's refrain from making comments right now. I think that the Americans should deal with their affairs on their own," the spokesman said.

Nationwide, American citizens headed to the polls on November 3 to elect 435 representatives to the House, 35 senators out of 100 to the Senate, and the President and Vice President of the United States.

The November race for the White House pits Democratic contender Joe Biden and his running mate Kamala Harris against incumbent US President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence of the Republican Party.

In addition, voters decided on 13 US state and territorial governorships, and numerous other local elections were held.

The winner of the presidential race is still not known. According to a forecast by Fox News, incumbent President Donald Trump has secured 214 electoral votes, while Democratic candidate Joe Biden received 264. To win the presidency, a candidate needs 270 out of 538 electoral votes.

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Africans amused but alarmed by US election's aftermath

ABIDJAN/CONAKRY

FOR plenty of Africans, President Donald Trump's actions in the aftermath of the U.S. election have been a cause for dark humor, but others have reacted with dismay or disbelief.

In countries whose own recent elections were marred by accusations of cheating and violence, some expressed alarm about the signal that Trump's premature declaration of victory, allegations of fraud and flurry of lawsuits might send to their own leaders.

"Trump is setting a bad example for Africa and a country like ours. You cannot proclaim yourself in an election where you are a candidate when justice exists," said Mory Keita, a car parts dealer in Guinea.

Dozens were killed in protests before and after the West African country's president won a controversial third term last month.

"It's a total disgrace," said Bachir Diallo, a Guinean mining executive. "Such a mess is worthy of a banana republic."

As the vote count pointed towards a victory for Democrat Joe Biden, others felt a sharp sense of irony seeing events play out in a developed nation whose authorities regularly admonish African leaders for not respecting democratic norms.

When the U.S. Embassy in Guinea's neighbor Ivory Coast called on Wednesday for dialogue and commitment to the rule of law following another disputed presidential election, it triggered an avalanche of reactions.

"I believe the playground response is 'why you talking about yourself?'" one Twitter user retorted.

"What we are seeing from Trump is not different from what we have been seeing in African politics. However, it is terrifying to see this in America," said Tito Kisiya, a sales executive in Tanzania, whose presidential election last week drew criticism from U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo.

Even so, some who followed the U.S. election found positives to take away.

"It's calm, and there is no violence," said Viviane Asseke, a schoolteacher in Ivory Coast, where more than 10 people have died in clashes since the president won a third term that opponents consider unconstitutional.

"It makes you want to vote."

Agencies

Peace monitor says ongoing dialogue crucial for sustainable peace in South Sudan

JUBA

SOUTH Sudan's peace monitor said on Wednesday the ongoing national dialogue in the capital bringing diverse communities together to discuss peace and reconciliation will provide solutions to achieving sustainable peace in the youngest nation.

Berhanu Kebede, Chief of Staff of the Reconstituted Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (RJMEC), said the national dialogue conference is a part of the concerted efforts towards finding solutions for sustainable peace in South Sudan.

"I would like to say that the vision of the revitalized peace agreement (R-ARCSS) to lay the foundation for a united, peaceful and prosperous society based on justice, equality, respect for human rights and the rule of law is truly laudable," Kebede told delegates attending the dialogue in Juba.

"We must therefore all agree that the inclusion and recognition of the voices of the diverse peoples of South Sudan are of utmost importance to the peaceful future of this country," he added.

Kebede said that the recommendations reached at the end

of the conference will be of particular interest to the ongoing peace implementation process that is still stalling.

President Salva Kiir and various opposition groups are yet to complete the training and deployment of the unified forces to take charge of the country's security during the three-year transitional period.

The parties have also not yet enacted the amended permanent constitution, besides implementing political and economic reforms underlined in chapter four of the R-ARCSS.

Kebede disclosed that the outcome of the dialogue will

influence the implementation of Chapter 5 of the peace deal which calls for transitional justice after more than six years of conflict.

"As we continue to implement the agreement in this transitional period, we should appreciate just how the voices of the entire spectrum of South Sudanese society are so important and critical in the implementation," he said.

"Chapter 5 on transitional justice is essential to atone for crimes committed during the dark days of conflict, the untold human suffering that the agreement acknowledges. In this re-

gard, expeditious establishment of the three transitional justice institutions will be a great leap forward and RTGoNU support on this matter is critical," added Kebede.

He also noted that Chapter 6 of the agreement on establishing the permanent constitution is vital, as it will lay a critical foundational foundation for enduring peace in South Sudan.

"The Preamble of the R-ARCSS duly recognizes that the parties to the agreement are determined to compensate our people by recommitting ourselves to peace and constitutionalism and not to repeat mistakes of the

past," said Kebede.

"When the Constitution-making process is fully underway, reaching communities at grass-root level and understanding the perspectives of all peoples of South Sudan, irrespective of their backgrounds or political beliefs and affiliations, will be a critical ingredient in establishing the solid foundation that Chapter 6 intends to lay," he disclosed.

South Sudan descended into conflict in December 2013, killing tens of thousands and displacing millions both internally and externally. **Xinhua**



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Tanzanian boxer Hassan Mwakinyo.

Mwakinyo steps up preps for international title fight

BY CORRESPONDENT ISMAIL TANO

TANZANIA'S professional Super Welterweight sensational, Hassan Mwakinyo, has stepped up his preparations for an international title fight against Argentinian, Jose Carlos Paz, which will take place in Dar es Salaam on November 13.

The boxers will trade blows for the World Boxing Federation (WBF) Intercontinental Super Welterweight title, currently held by Mwakinyo, and International Boxing Association (IBA) Super Welterweight title, held by Paz.

Mwakinyo stated he has improved his training schedule, as he is currently training four hours a day.

The boxer has set up camp at Magoroto in Muheza District, Tanga for the coming bout.

Mwakinyo is training under coach, Hamisi Mwakinyo, and various assistants whilst using various videos to assess Paz who has a good record in the division.

In another development, the fight's organizers have stated that tickets for the fight will be sold online through companies, Nilipe and Selcom.

Jackson Group Sports Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Kelvin Twissa, said entrance fee for the fight, which will take place at Next Door Arena, will be 150,000/- for each of the seats in the common area.

A 10-person table, he noted, will be sold for 3m/-, with the fans that will purchase tickets for the tables being treated to a range of services.

While Mwakinyo is continuing training for the coming bout, the country's Super Middleweight boxer, Abdallah Pazi, has been taken of the list of boxers who will take part in supporting fights slated for the day.

2020's Miss Tanzania contestants set for camp

BY CORRESPONDENT ISMAIL TANO

TWENTY models from five regions that will contest for this year's Miss Tanzania crown are expected to start camp for the event in Dar es Salaam on November 26.

The initial stages of the competition started at the regional level early in February this year, after which the process was temporarily halted due to the Coronavirus pandemic that hit the country and the rest of the world.

The process of recruiting 100 participants for the regional level continued in June as soon as the government had issued permission for resumption of sporting activities and social gatherings.

The regional contests' participants were later reduced to 50.

The 50 participants, as disclosed by the organizers, were tasked with making and

Pazi, popularly known as 'Dulla Mbabe', was set to trade blows with Democratic Republic of Congo boxer, Alex Kabangu, the latter will thus face Tanzanian, Hussein Itaba.

Twissa said that the coming bout's entrance fee is normal for professional boxing. Dar es Salaam-based Itabahas started training for the fight against Kabangu.

Pazi recently succumbed to defeat to Kazakhstan boxer, Bek Nurmagambet, by points in an international non-title fight which took place in Atyrau, Kazakhstan.

The boxer went to fight in the Kazakhstan fight under Tanzanian promoter Juma Msangi.

"We have seen a change in one of our fights with the aim of expanding the scope and improving professional boxing in Tanzania. The changes have been made to also give opportunity to emerging fighters in the country, I believe Itaba will do well in the fight," Twissa said.

He said that preparations for the day, known as 'Dar Fight Night', are progressing well.

Twissa also stated there will be supporting bouts, one of which will see domestic female boxer, Zulfa Macho, face Zambian Alice Mbewe.

Kenyan female boxer, Fatuma Zarika, will take on Zimbabwe's Patience in women's Super Bantamweight bout.

Paz, Twissa noted, has decided to arrive in Tanzania early with a view to adjusting to the weather.

The boxer is expected to arrive tonight at 4.30pm aboard the KLM flight and he will be accompanied by his coach, Oscar Alberto Ramon.

submitting their responses to the Miss Tanzania Committee members who were responsible for assessing the responses.

Out of the 50 participants, only 20 participated in the process and have already been notified of entering the Miss Tanzania preparatory camp at the end of this month.

The models are Prisca Lyimo, Tamia Hakam, Juliana Rugumba, Rehema Cuthbert, Yvonne Paul, Ruth Benito, Grace Machibula, Rose Manfere, Margaret Mwambi and Sarafina Mageye.

Martha Golodi, Zenitha Chundu, Deolyn Molle, Hoyce Bakanoba, Necerian Kivuyo, Razia Abraham, Angela Pendaali, Advera Mwemba, Verynice Docar and Gloria Fela are the other models.

The Miss Tanzania beauty pageant is organized by The Look Company under its Director, Basila Mwanukuzi, former Miss Tanzania winner.

Simba SC gets morale boost ahead of Dar derby

BY CORRESPONDENT ISMAIL TANO

VODACOM Premier League defending champions, Simba SC, have got morale boost going to the top flight' tie against age old rivals, Yanga, notching 2-0 win over Kagera Sugar in the competition's duel, which took place in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday.

Simba SC is expected to lock horns with Yanga in an eagerly awaited encounter at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam tomorrow.

The Wednesday game saw forward John Bocco notch the first goal for Simba SC on the 18th minute via a penalty his team won after midfielder Hassan Dilungawas fouled by Kagera Sugar fullback David Luhende within the box.

Midfielder Said Ndemla made it 2-0 for Simba SC during the added-on time of the opening period, banging in from close range after he was released by fellow midfielder Clatous Chama.

The two teams made forays into each other's penalty area now and then in the second period, Simba held for the remainder of the duel and came out with crucial three points.

With Simba SC set to miss the services of their strikers, Chris Mugalu and Meddie Kagera, in the Saturday clash with Yanga due to injuries, the side's head coach, Sven Vandebroek, looks to have found a new option in Bocco to tame Yanga.

Simba SC so far has Bocco and Charles Ilanfy in the attacking department.

Ilanfy, recruited by Simba



Simba SC players celebrate after the outfit had netted a goal in a Vodacom Premier League game against Kagera Sugar, held at Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday. Simba won 2-0. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

SC in the main transfer period, has however yet to nail a place in the side's starting lineup.

He has played one league game against Prisons, which saw Simba missing Kagera and Mugalu.

Boccoscored two goals when Simba SC romped to a comprehensive 5-0 victory over Mwadui FC in a league clash, played in Dar es Salaam.

He did not play full 90 minutes in the match given head coach Vandebroek

sought to protect the forward from getting injury, which could have seen him miss the coming assignment.

Vandebroek stated that despite Simba SC having many players capable of scoring, the squad needs a competent striker like Bocco.

"Simba SC has a lot of players who can score goals but you can't be sure of the result without the presence of prolific strikers, we need all of the strikers to be fit so we can be sure of choosing play-

ers for the starting lineup based on the game," he noted.

"With our two strikers nursing injuries, I can hardly use Bocco for a long time as he could be injured and if you look we have tough games ahead of us, including the clash against Kagera Sugar and the (Saturday) match against Yanga, that is why I rested him early in the last match, I was afraid he would be injured," he disclosed.

Yanga's head coach

Cedric Kaze noted that getting one point from his outfit's league match against Mwanza's Gambina FC last Tuesday was a good thing as his players were committed to winning but things went awry.

The match, played at Gwambina Complex in Misungwi, had the two outfits locking horns with a 0-0 draw to take one point apiece.

Despite the draw, Yanga moved to the top spot in the domestic top flight table, having collected 23 points from nine matches, whilst Azam FC are positioned second with 22 points from the same number of matches.

Yanga have already jetted into Dar es Salaam and entered camp to prepare for the match against Simba SC.

The Tanzania Premier League Board (TPLB) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Almas Kasongostated six referees are expected to officiate the match.

Kasongo said two referees will be stationed behind the goals of both sides, one will be the central referee, two assistant referees and one fourth official.

The league board moreover announced that the game will be played at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium after the facility's renovation was completed.

Bank wins praise for sponsoring 2020 Taifa Cup basketball competition

BY CORRESPONDENT NASSIR NCHIMBI

PREPARATIONS for the 2020 CRDB Taifa Cup Basketball Championship are all set and done as the grouping of 36 teams to vie for the event's trophy was conducted on Wednesday.

The national level basketball showdown, which will be played for 10 days, will be staged in Dodoma from November 12-22.

The grouping exercise took place at Don Bosco Youth Center in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday.

Tanzania Basketball Federation (TBF) president Phares Mageasa said that 24 men's teams have confirmed fielding teams while 12 others will compete in the women's tournament.

He lauded CRDB Bank for the institution's timely support, saying that the bank has truly come for the development of the sport in the country.

The showpiece's other co-sponsors include Sanlam Company and Mayfair Insurance.

The draw for the men's teams has Ilala, Kilimanjaro, Tabora, Rukwa, Shinyanga and Katavi placed in Group A.

Group B has Mbeya, Mwanza, Manyara, Kigoma, Coast Region and Kinondoni.

Group C has been made up of Songwe, Dodoma, Morogoro, CRDB Youth (special team), Tanga and Mtwara whereas Group D has Temeke, Arusha, Iringa, Singida, Zanzibar's Pemba and Unguja.

The women's grouping has only three groups. Group A has drawn together Ilala, Iringa, Morogoro and Coast Region while Group B has Temeke, Dodoma, Arusha and Singida.

The teams in Group C include Mbeya, Unguja, CRDB Youth



Tanzania Basketball Federation (TBF) president Phares Mageasa.

(special invited team) and Tanga.

"We are all set for the tournament, thanks for CRDB Bank for coming onboard to support us in accommodation, transport and other costs," Mageasa disclosed.

Additionally, the TBF technical commissioner, Manase Zablon, said the tournament will be used by the technical experts to select both men and women national teams ahead of various international tournaments.

The competitions are, among others, the East and Central Africa Championship, which

has seen Tanzania play in it for a number of years.

"We need to have strong teams that will pose a stiff opposition to other countries' teams," he said.

Mageasa appealed to regional teams to continue preparing for the 2020 CRDB Taifa Cup Championship.

He predicted the tournament will be tough and exciting, noting: "The competition will be two weeks of a fully packed action with players showcasing their talent in dribbling, passing and scoring."

Apart from selecting the

national teams, he said, the event will also expose new talent.

"We expect to see a big number of young talented players who will be exposed and later promoted to a level of international competitions" he said.

Basketball is one of the sporting events that lacked massive financial support in recent years.

The coming of CRDB Bank will therefore stimulate the best performance of the teams to a high excellence as they will be capable of travelling and competing.

Barca, Juve win in Champions League as woeful Man Utd beaten

BY MARTYN WOOD

LIONEL Messi scored as Barcelona overcame a depleted Dynamo Kiev 2-1 in the Champions League on Wednesday, while Juventus eased Ferencvaros aside and Manchester United slumped to an unexpected defeat in Turkey.

Nine-man Paris Saint-Germain lost to RB Leipzig in a repeat of last season's semi-final and Chelsea proved too strong for Rennes, with Timo Werner twice converting from the penalty spot.

Making his 150th appearance in European competition, Messi dispatched an early penalty at Camp Nou after he was fouled in the area and Gerard Pique headed in Ansu Fati's cross on the hour.

Viktor Tsygankov grabbed a consolation for coronavirus-hit Dynamo as Barca, winless in four games in La Liga, recorded their third successive Group G victory to stay three points clear of Juventus.

"We are happy because we won," said Barca coach Ronald Koeman. "But we have to play better than we did today. We have to improve, above all without the ball, where we haven't played well."

Cristiano Ronaldo made his first start for the Italian champions since September after testing positive for Covid-19 in a 4-1 win at Hungarian side Ferencvaros.

However, the Portuguese star was outshone in Budapest by Alvaro Morata, whose two goals put Andrea Pirlo's team in control.

Paulo Dybala added a third before an own goal from Lasha Dvali, with Franck Boli netting for the hosts in the final minute.

United produced a shambolic first-half defensive display as Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's side lost 2-1 against Istanbul Basaksehir.

Demba Ba collected the ball just inside his own half and raced through to beat goalkeeper Dean Henderson on 13 minutes, with Edin Visca smashing in a second after Juan Mata was stripped of possession.

Anthony Martial's header cut the deficit before half-time but United saw their momentum in Group H halted after wins over PSG and RB Leipzig last month.

"You don't just turn up and get three points in the Champions League. We weren't good enough, that's it. It's not easy to be positive when you've lost the way we did," Solskjaer told BT Sport.

- PSG capitulate in Leipzig - Emil Forsberg's penalty earned Leipzig a 2-1 victory as they came from behind to beat a weakened Paris Saint-Germain, dealing a major blow to the Champions League aspirations of last season's runners-up.

Angel di Maria had given PSG an early lead in Germany but he then crucially missed a penalty for the French champions, who were missing both Neymar and Kylian Mbappe due to injury and ended the contest with nine men.

Christopher Nkunku levelled before half-time for Leipzig and Forsberg converted from the spot in the 57th minute before the visitors had both Idrissa Gueye and Presnel Kimpembe sent off.

"It's difficult. It's maybe our fault because we didn't get the second goal and then made a mistake on the penalty," PSG boss Thomas Tuchel told RMC Sport.

"There was a red card, it's then hard, 10 against 11. There were too many things going against us."

Chelsea stroled to a 3-0 win at home against Rennes who saw defender Dalbert sent off after conceding two penalties in the first half.

Werner took over spot-kick duties from Jorginho and confidently tucked both away before Tammy Abraham turned in a third for the Blues on 50 minutes.

Frank Lampard's men have yet to concede in Group E and are level on seven points with Sevilla, who rallied to defeat Krasnodar 3-2 despite the dismissal of captain Jesus Navas late in the first half.

Goals from Magomed Suleymanov and Marcus Berg, the second a penalty, put Krasnodar ahead in Spain but Ivan Rakitic pulled one back for Sevilla before the break.

Morocco striker Youssef En-Nesyri struck twice in four second-half minutes to floor Krasnodar and leave the Russians alongside Rennes on just one point.

Erling Braut Haaland notched a brace to lead Borussia Dortmund to a 3-0 win at Club Brugge and send the Germans top of Group F. Thorgan Hazard had opened the scoring in his native Belgium.

Felipe Caicedo's late equaliser earned Lazio a 1-1 draw at Zenit Saint Petersburg after Aleksandr Erokhin had struck in the first half in front of some 17,000 fans in Russia.

Solskjaer's defence is shaky as future hangs in the balance

BY PIRATE IRWIN

MANCHESTER United manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer may have dismissed Roy Keane's suggestion this week that the players would cost him his job but the manner of Wednesday's Champions League defeat supported the former United great's claim.

The Daily Mirror's headline "Dumb and Demba" summed up the embarrassment of the United defence.

They allowed 35-year-old Demba Ba the freedom of the pitch to score Istanbul Basaksehir's opening goal as the minnows of the Champions League group ran out 2-1 winners.

The expensively-assembled defence were exposed again before half-time for Basaksehir's second handing United their first defeat in this season's competition and leaving Solskjaer in deep trouble.

"You wouldn't see this on Hackney Marshes (in amateur football)," said Solskjaer's former United team-mate Rio Ferdinand on BT Sport.

"Where is the defending? There is zero organisation. Where is the person organising that?"

"I hope Ole is telling them they are embarrassing him."

"I hope he is very animated in the dressing room because those players need a rocket."

The Champions League had prior to Wednesday provided respite for Solskjaer from a desperate start to the Premier League campaign.

United are languishing in 15th spot after making their worst start to a league campaign in 48 years and face a tricky trip to Everton on Saturday.

Defeat there might persuade executive vice-chairman Ed



Manchester United manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer may not be leaving the stage just yet as he has some currency with executive vice chairman Ed Woodward due to an encouraging season last term. (Agencies)

Woodward -- the great survivor despite being blamed by the supporters for much of what has gone wrong at the club -- it is time for a change.

Tempting for Woodward is the availability of former Tottenham Hotspur manager Mauricio Pochettino, who he is a known admirer of.

Solskjaer conceded the opening goal was indefensible and accepted he shared responsibility.

However, unlike his predecessor Jose Mourinho who enjoyed playing to the press gallery Solskjaer is never one to respond directly to speculation over his future.

"I decline to comment on such a thing," he said.

"It is early on. Opinions are there all the time. We have to stay strong."

"I am employed by the club to do a job and I'm doing that to the best of my ability with my staff."

- "The goal is comical" - Solskjaer may still have some currency in his favour with Woodward after signs of improvement in the team last term.

United finished third in the league -- only the second time that has happened since Alex Ferguson retired at the end of the 2012/13 season -- and reached the semi-finals in three cup competitions.

If there is any room for optimism ahead of the Everton clash for Solskjaer it is that prior to Wednesday United have been far better away from home than at Old Trafford.

They have failed to win their first four home league games whereas Basaksehir's victory ended Manchester United's longest away winning run in all competitions in their history (10 straight wins).

It was their first away defeat in 19 matches since losing in January at Liverpool in the Premier League.

Solskjaer will be looking for the same type of character the team showed

after the traumatic 6-1 home defeat by Mourinho's Spurs earlier in the season.

Excellent wins over last season's Champions League finalists Paris Saint Germain, Newcastle in the league and a 5-0 annihilation of Champions League semi-finalists Leipzig have shown the quality of the side.

However, as good as they are in attack at times it does not hide the fact the once reliable Harry Maguire is a shadow of the player he was before his legal difficulties in Mykonos.

Confidence appears to have drained from him and with it the defence has lost it's one true leader.

Quite how Solskjaer can remedy that may prove pivotal in reviving the defence and retaining his job.

He will want the brutal assessment of the back four provided by former team-mate Paul Scholes to mark the moment the defence pulled themselves together.

"It's like under-10s football," said Scholes on BT Sport.

"Embarrassing. What the defence were doing I have no idea.

"The goal is comical, laughable. That can only be a player's fault -- that's not down to the staff or the coaches."

AFP

Players concerned over Qatar trip for Asian Champions League, union says

DOHA

GLOBAL footballers union FIFPRO has accused the Asian Football Confederation of failing to consult players before moving Champions League games to Qatar, saying some had voiced concerns over making the trip during the pandemic.

FIFPRO said it was "disappointed and concerned" about the lack of consultation, adding that players had complained about the risks of travelling and about quarantine periods that will interfere with family life, games and training.

The delayed AFC Champions League East competition, featuring clubs from Australia, China, Japan, Malaysia, South Korea and Thailand, will run from November 18 to December 4 in a bio-secure "bubble" in Qatar, followed by knockout games leading up to the final in Doha on December 19.

"FIFPRO is disappointed and concerned by the lack of consultation of professional footballers in the scheduling of the AFC Champions League in Qatar and the planning of Covid-19 protocols," a statement said.

"These matters have implications for their mental and physical health as well as their participation in domestic leagues."

The global players union and affiliated associations in Australia, Japan, Malaysia, South Korea and Thailand, which represent 12 of the 16 clubs involved, were not consulted about the arrangements,

FIFPRO said.

"Furthermore, we have not received any information about the outbreak of Covid-19 in the tournament's so-called 'medical bubble' during the western AFC region competition in September," it added.

Saudi giants Al Hilal were kicked out of the Champions League West competition in Qatar after 30 players and staff tested positive, leaving them unable to name the minimum 13-player match-day squad.

The AFC defended the bio-security arrangements in Qatar at the time, saying there had been "no transmission of Covid-19 between two competing teams throughout the matches".

FIFPRO, which represents tens of thousands of footballers worldwide, called for "openness and direct consultation" in planning decisions, "as happens in other continents".

"It is necessary now more than ever because of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic," the Netherlands-based body said. "The players whose health, financial situation and careers are on the line deserve to be part of these decisions."

There was no immediate comment from the AFC. Last month, the AFC insisted players' welfare was the "main priority" after FIFPRO accused it of being slow to provide support when the coronavirus suspended leagues around the region. AFP

Doctor says Maradona recovering well after brain surgery

Buenos Aires

DOCTORS treating Argentine football legend Diego Maradona, who had successful brain surgery to remove a blood clot, are "amazed" at the rate of his recovery, his physician said Wednesday.

Surgeons at a private clinic in Buenos Aires spent 80 minutes removing the clot on Tuesday night.

"I just saw him, he's switched on, in a very good mood. We are amazed at how he's healing," said the doctor, Leopoldo Luque, who provided an update on the 60-year-old's condition.

"But we have to be careful because we are still in the post-operative period," he cautioned.

"It is clear that he has no neurological complications," said Luque, speaking to reporters through a mask.

"There are other parameters that we are waiting to evaluate, because it is still very early. But the recovery is excellent."

The comments sparked loud cheering and chanting from fans of Maradona who have hung banners depicting his glory day outside the clinic.

"Once more his health has played a trick on him but he has antibodies to recover with the help of the people," fan Oscar Medina told AFP.

World Cup winner Maradona had been taken to hospital in La Plata -- where he is the coach of top-flight side Gimnasia y Esgrima -- on Monday for a series of tests after feeling unwell.

A scan revealed the blood clot, and on Tuesday he was transferred to the clinic in a northern neighborhood of the capital.

"We managed to successfully remove the clot. Diego coped well with the surgery," Luque said in an earlier update.

Maradona, who turned 60 on Friday, has suffered ill health before. He has survived two heart attacks, and also contracted hepatitis and underwent gastric bypass surgery.

Following this surgery, fellow Argentina football star Lionel Messi sent him a message of support.

"Diego, all the strength in the world. My family and I want to see you well as soon as possible," said the Barcelona forward, who like Maradona in his pomp wears the No.10 jersey.

- "Behaving strangely" - Due to his age and previous



Fans of Gimnasia y Esgrima hung flags of Diego Maradona outside the clinic in La Plata, where the club is based and the football star was receiving treatment. (Agencies)

health issues, Maradona is considered high risk in relation to the coronavirus pandemic, which has hit Argentina hard.

Several times in the last eight months he has been in isolation and was forced to stay at home last week after a bodyguard showed coronavirus symptoms, although he later tested negative.

Prior to falling ill, Maradona had been depressed, his lawyer Matias Morla said on Wednesday.

The famously fast-living icon had only been able to spend half an hour at his own birthday celebration

at his team's training ground on Friday, when he had difficulty walking.

"He was behaving strangely. He was very depressed and spoke about dead relatives that he missed," said Morla.

He said Maradona was "very worried" about the surgery and praised Luque, adding that "if he hadn't detected the clot, Maradona's fate would have been different."

Luque insisted on Tuesday that the procedure was "a routine operation."

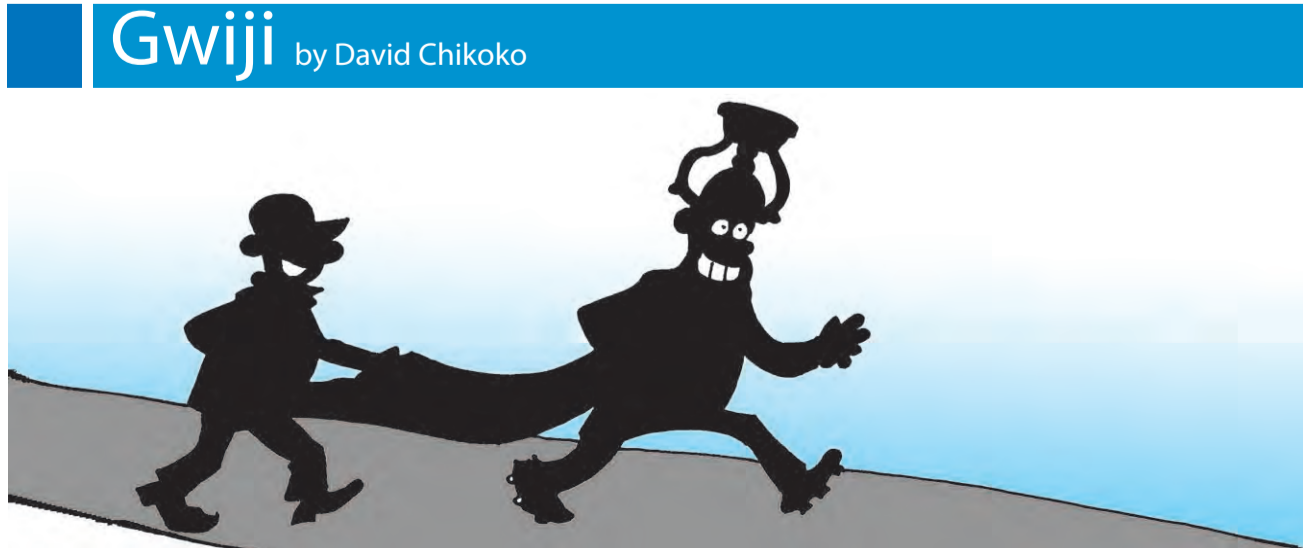
"The operation consists of a small incision to drain the blood. In 24 or 48 hours the patient can leave the

hospital," neurosurgeon Raul Matera told TyC Sports channel.

Maradona's daughter Dalma said she had visited her father after his surgery but did not give further details of his condition.

"I just want to thank everyone for the constant displays of love for my dad, for my sister and for me, thanks to everyone who prayed for him," she tweeted on Wednesday morning.

- Anemic - Maradona was transferred from the hospital in La Plata, 60 kilometers (37 miles) south of Buenos Aires,



Gwiji by David Chikoko

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Solskjaer's defence is shaky as future hangs in the balance

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Athletes battle it out in a recent Rock City Marathon which took place in Mwanza.

Top foreign athletes set for 2020 NBC Marathon

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

ATHLETICS Tanzania (AT) has said the coming NBC Marathon, which is to take place in Dodoma later this month, has attracted top athletes from neighbouring countries, Kenya and Uganda.

Tullo Chambo, AT information officer, stated that so far, they have received request from Athletics Kenya and Uganda Athletics that have confirmed to send runners for the marathon.

He said Uganda and Kenya have asked to field five athletes and nine athletes respectively in the race, slated for November 22.

Chambo mentioned athletes from Uganda as Philip Kiplimo, Vincent Chelimo and Julius Ochieng, who will compete in men's 42km race.

Uganda's other athletes, Doreen Chemutai and Melly Chelimo, are to compete in women's 21 km race.

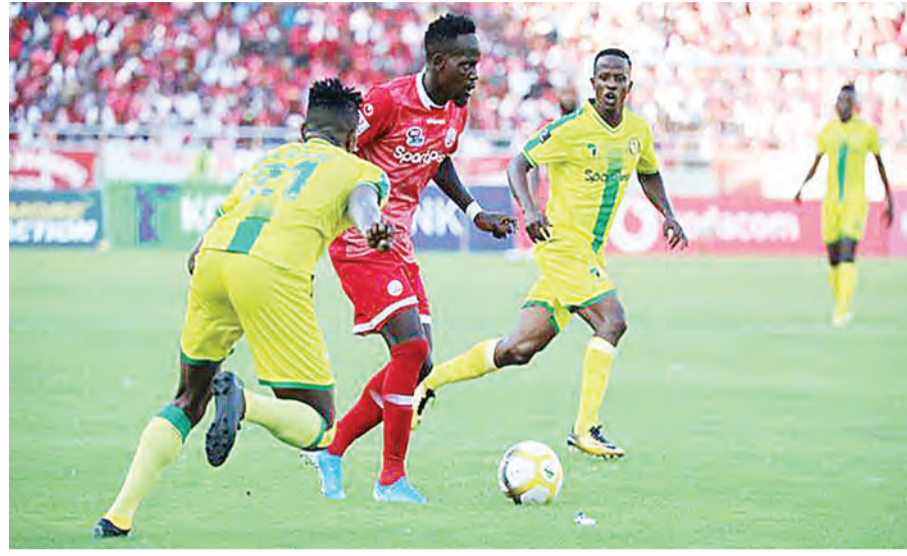
He stopped short of mentioning athletes from Kenya, saying there are some issues which have not yet been completed.

"Many countries' athletics associations have sent requests for their athletes to compete at the coming NBC marathon, the figures I have is that Kenya will send nine athletes while Uganda will send five athletes," he said.

A mammoth of athletes is set to compete in NBC marathon, which is recognized by World Athletics (WA). The marathon gears towards raising money for fighting cervical cancer in the country.

The national athletics governing body signed a five-year agreement with the National Bank of Commerce (NBC) to raise money which will be used to meet costs for treatment of people suffering cancer that are at Dar es Salaam's Ocean Road Center.

Simba SC, Yanga in mind games ahead of Dar derby



Yanga midfielders, Mapinduzi Balama (L) and Haruna Niyonzima, block Simba SC midfielder, Clatous Chama, in a previous season's Vodacom Premier League clash, which took place in Dar es Salaam.

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA'S soccer rivals, Simba SC and Yanga, have begun engaging in mind games ahead of the 2020/21 Vodacom Premier League match involving the two teams, which will take place at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam tomorrow.

Simba SC Chairman Mwina Kaduguda, in a monitored interview with one of domestic radio stations held on Wednesday, stated

that come rain, come sunshine, his club will beat Yanga.

The Simba SC boss issued the comments after his team had commanded a 2-0 victory over Kagera Sugar in a top flight match, which took place at Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam the same day.

He said Simba SC does not fear Yanga and the former will prove that at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium tomorrow.

Kaduguda, who is a qualified soccer coach, said he has watched Yanga players and saw

no one who can pose a threat to his side.

He was adamant only Azam FC are a threat to Simba SC.

"We are ready for the game against Yanga, we will beat them, I repeat we don't fear them, maybe Azam FC can pose a threat to us, not Yanga, I'm a qualified coach and what I'm saying is the truth," the outspoken official stated.

"Currently we are placed third in the league table, while they (Yanga) have 23 points and are placed first, we will on Saturday have 22 points

(after beating Yanga), one point adrift of them," he said.

He said the two defeats Simba SC suffered in the hands of Prisons and Ruvo Shooting have served as a wakeup call to the league defending champions.

Simba SC suffered 1-0 loss to Prisons in a duel, which took place in Sumbawanga, Rukwa last month.

Ruvo Shooting later handed Simba SC a second defeat of the season, edging the latter 1-0 at Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam last week.

Kaduguda also said there is no need for the club's officials and supporters to point fingers at each other for the two losses.

"We lost two games in a row, but the two defeats served as a wakeup call to our team, we don't blame anyone for our defeats, the defeats have helped us prepare well for the league," he stated.

"Last season we lost to Yanga once in the league, but we ended up being champions, this season that will also happen," he said.

He also stopped short of commenting on the availability of his outfit's top goal scorer Meddie Kagere, in tomorrow's duel, saying the outfit's doctors can talk on the issue.

He though said Kagere is still a Simba player and the forward might be available on Saturday for the game.

In the recent years, Yanga have been playing second fiddle to their age-old rivals, but the club's vice-chairman Fredrick Mwakalebela, in a telephone interview held on Tuesday, said his team is ready for Simba SC.

He said his team is well prepared for the game

and he is confident of seeing the club post good results.

"We are ready for Simba SC, in fact all is set for us to collect all three points, you have all seen how our outfit is this time around, we have signed players who are capable of winning any game," he said. Commenting on his side's performance in a goalless draw with Gwambina FC in a top flight duel, which took place in Misungwi, Mwanza on Tuesday, Mwakalebela said it was a tactical plan for Yanga's technical bench to rest many first team players.

"The goalless draw with Gwambina FC will not affect our players ahead of the Saturday game, actually the coach told us that resting many first team players was a tactical approach," he said.

The last time the two giants met was early this year in the previous season's Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC) semi-final, which had Simba SC notching 4-1 victory over Yanga.

However, the Saturday game promises to be more entertaining as both clubs have boosted their squads with competent new players.

Aces Cricket Club makes it to 2020 DC Caravans T20 competition semis

By Guardian Reporter

ACES Cricket Club has booked a place in the 2020 Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup tournament's semi-finals, thrashing Aga Khan SC by six wickets in a Group A duel, which took place at Leaders Club venue in the city early this week.

The match's eventual winners will for that matter lock horns with Group B leaders Gymkhana Cricket Club in the last four stage's duel, set for Sunday.

Sunday will as well have the semi-final losers locking horns with winners of an Eliminator between Group A's second-placed team, Aga Khan SC, and Group B's second-placed team, Caravans Club, seeking qualification for the final.

Aga Khan went on to post 128 runs for seven wickets in 20 overs once they won the toss and elected to bat against Aces Cricket Club.

Opener Arshaan Jasani's 54 runs not out had Aga Khan getting off to a good start in the innings, the promising all-rounder cleared the boundary on four occasions.

Jasani, also a key player for the senior national team, cracked two fours and two sixes on his way to



Aces Cricket Club

ending as the top run getter.

Fellow opener, Dhruvit Mehta, did not have much time to exhibit his batting virtuosity, given he notched 14 runs which included a boundary and a six.

Issa Kikasi, who is equally the club's key player, had a rather short spell with the bat, recording eight runs which included a six.

Two quick dismissals of other key players, Riziki Kiseti and John Zablon, to some extent put Aga Khan in difficult position as far as ending the innings with

a convincing score was concerned.

Harsheed Chohan ended two runs short of double-digit figure as Aces Cricket Club bowlers piled pressure on their opponents' batsmen.

Veteran skipper Ayzaz Jasani and Vipin Abraham chipped in with 10 runs not out and 17 runs not out respectively.

Abraham had time to crack two sixes and he was in the end the other batsman with double-digit figure in the innings.

Aces Cricket Club's medium pacer, Salum Jumbe,

put stellar showing, taking three wickets and giving away 20 runs in four overs.

Needing 129 runs to come out victorious, Aces Cricket Club covered every blade of grass during their turn with the bat, posting 129 runs for four wickets to, ultimately, tame Aga Khan SC.

Teamwork spirit that Aces Cricket Club showcased during the chase paid off, with six of the team's batsmen chipping in handsomely and, in the process, steering the side to victory.

They had a good start to

the chase, in which openers, Ankit Baghel and Jumanne Mohamed, notched 23 runs and 16 runs respectively.

Mohamed blasted two fours and a six, at it was the case for Baghel.

The team's captain, Bhavesh Govind, batting at number three, boosted the chase with his 20 runs, which included a boundary and a six.

Youthful player Ejaz Aziz stepped up after Govind's exit, boosting Aces Cricket Club's confidence with his 18 runs which consisted of a four and a six.

Jumbe and Ally Mpeka, in the end, made certain of Aces Cricket Club's victory, setting up a fifth-wicket stand with solid batting.

Jumbe was the team's top run getter as he notched unbeaten 34 runs which consisted of a boundary and three sixes.

Mpeka posted unbeaten 16 runs for the team, famed for their never-say-die attitude, which normally comes to view in tricky ties.

Aces Cricket Club has, in this case, topped Group A after coming out victorious in four matches they have taken part in, collecting eight points.

Aga Khan SC comes second, having recorded two wins and a loss to amass four points.

The GP Pak Stars, Union SC and Shree Kutchi Leva Patel SC are placed third, fourth and fifth respectively in the group.

Caravans Club has organized the competition, which is an annual feature, under the auspices of the DC with an aim of raising the standard of the sport at the domestic level.

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