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## Minister: We have list of dealers and miners suspected of smuggling gems

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

THE government has said it is finalising investigation on 12 mineral dealers suspected to be involved in cross-border trafficking of gemstones.

Minerals minister Doto Biteko (pictured) said here at the weekend that the suspects, who are well-to-do individuals, will soon be apprehended and charged with illegal trade and export of minerals.

Speaking here during the Annual General Meeting of the Tanzania Mineral Dealers Association (TAMIDA), which was followed by election of TAMIDA office bearers, Biteko said he has a list of twelve mineral smugglers with extensive operations, some being dealers and others engaged in mining activity as well, who would soon be apprehended.

"No, I won't be revealing the names of

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such suspects here, but they should be informed that we have their reports and they have nowhere to hide once the state machinery starts rolling," he said.

He appealed to TAMIDA members to ensure that officials to be elected are properly screened to pick only those with a clean bill of health to be handed office.

"Otherwise we shall find ourselves under managements of people who collude with foreigners in stealing our resources," said Biteko, noting that revenues collected from mining jumped from 164bn/- to over 525bn/- annually within a period of five years.

The deputy minister, Stanslaus Nyong'o said the ministry now has a new target of collecting 575bn/- this financial year, and by current trends that goal could even be surpassed.

Nyong'o however reminded TAMIDA officials that mining is an industry with

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# Hope for improved ties as new US envoy presents credentials

By Getrude Mbago



NMB Bank Plc acting chief financial officer Benedicto Baragomwa (with microphone) briefs Vice President Samia Suluhu Hassan in Simiyu Region at the weekend on how the bank's support to agriculture in the country. The VP was on a tour of the bank's pavilion at the ongoing annual Nane Nane (Farmers' Week) exhibitions being held in the region for the third year running. The week, which climaxes on August 8, is marked to recognise the contribution of farmers to Tanzania's economy. The weeklong predominantly agricultural fair sees farmers and other agricultural stakeholders, among them universities and research institutes, input suppliers or fertiliser producers showcasing new technologies, ideas, discoveries and alternative solutions concerning the agricultural sector. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

TANZANIA has expressed hope for stronger relations with the United States of America after its new envoy presented his credentials at the State House in Dar es Salaam yesterday.

This comes after nearly four years without a fully empowered envoy from Washington DC, during which a chargé d'affaires led the US Embassy in Dar es Salaam.

Dr Donald Wright becomes the 19th US ambassador to Tanzania, succeeding Mark Bradley Childress, a non-career appointee who served from May 2014 to October 2016.

Speaking at the ceremony, Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation minister Prof Palamagamba Kabudi said the posting of the envoy would enhance bilateral relations between Tanzania and the US.

"We really commended President Donald Trump for appointing the new ambassador. We have a very strong relationship with the US, and I'm sure that with the coming of this new ambassador, the relationship will improve," he said.

The minister said that in 2018 the US government provided Tanzania \$682m to implement various health projects covering malaria and tuberculosis (TB) in particular.

"We so far spent \$450 million of the funds. Last year, the US government added \$55.2m to support the health sector and several other fields."

So far a total of 3,179 projects have been implemented by US companies, which have in-turn generated at least 550,000 employment opportunities over the past three decades.

Last year, Tanzania exported goods worth 119bn/- to the US, which the minister said it shows that trade relations between the two countries are growing.

In their conversation, Ambassador Wright assured

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## 'Extend more credit to farmers to spur growth'

By Guardian Correspondent in Simiyu

VICE President Samia Suluhu Hassan has urged financial institutions to accelerate lending to farmers to boost their capital base and productivity.

With nearly 70 per cent of Tanzanians depending on agriculture for a living, lenders have a moral obligation to pump more money into the sector as it employs the majority of citizens.

The VP made the call at the weekend while launching this year's Agriculture Exhibition, NaneNane 2020 being held at national level at Nyakabindi Stadium in Simiyu Region.

This year's fair carries the slogan "For Agricultural Development, Livestock and Fisheries Choose the Best Leaders 2020."

She said although financial institutions are major contributors to growth in the crop, livestock and fisheries sectors, there is still need for greater

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## Subletting fuel dealers query slashing of margins by Total

By Francis Kajubi

FILLING station operators have filed complaints with the Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (Ewura) over the deduction of their earnings from the fuel margin by a major oil marketing company -Total.

The dispute came up after Total slashed between 22/- and 67/- of the fuel retail margin per litre since June, reducing the earlier profit margin placed at 105/- per litre.

Ewura's Communications and Public Relations manager, Titus Kaguo, told The Guardian yesterday that the regulator has since directed Total to refund the dealers the deductions

effected.

"We furnished Total with a compliance order to refund the dealers as the deductions were made unprocedurally," he said.

But the head of Legal and Corporate Affairs at Total (T) Ltd, Marsha Kilewo denied the accusations, saying that the deductions were affected based on clauses in contracts it signs with dealers.

A city fuel dealer said that apart from illegally taking the money from them, Total has been deducting the money without paying tax on it.

"We estimate that the government has been losing around 105.7m/- a year from key fuel

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## SHARE FACTS ABOUT COVID-19

Know the facts about coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and help stop the spread of rumors.

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  - Cough
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- Seek medical advice if you
- Develop symptoms

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## 'Extend more credit to farmers to spur growth'

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issuance of loans to farmers and traders, as currently only nine percent of loans issued by banks go to agriculture. This level of lending is inadequate, the VP insisted.

She commended some commercial banks which have started selling insurance policies to farmers, a gesture that takes up government efforts to move to extend insurance cover to farmers on the basis of their economic activities.

"It is high time for lenders to start investing in the construction of crop warehouses," she said, noting that such infrastructure is vital in the growth and overall development of the agricultural sector.

The participation of banks and the wider private sector in the show was commendable as their presence would be a catalyst in the growth and development of agriculture. This is in tandem with government efforts to uplift priority areas that are strategically vital for production and enhancing productivity in agriculture, the VP underlined.

Acting NMB Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Benedicto Baragomwa, told Vice President Samia that the bank has started selling insurance policies to farmers, through its risk management business, which trades as "NMB Bancassurance." It is increasingly becoming popular with its value for money to customers, he stated.

NMB has this year set aside 1.9bn/- for supporting construction of crop warehouses in various regions, which the government says is an area that requires full support of financial institutions, he affirmed.

The bank has contributed 42.5m/- to this year's Farmers Day and exhibition bonanza attracting big lenders, numerous exhibitors and thousands of visitors, he stated.

NMB will continue supporting the government to empower farmers, livestock keepers and fishing activity, while seeking to extent accessibility to services by wider digital footprint, he said.

For his part, NBC Bank Managing Director Theobald Sabi said the country's economy can be transformed through mechanization. Improvement of agriculture and its further commercialization require that farmers take advantage of tailor-made

agricultural financial solutions like "NBC Shambani."

"We are proud to be part of NaneNane Agriculture Fair 2020 as a major sponsor. Agricultural development has always been among our top priorities and we are at the forefront of promoting this important sector," he said.

For the third consecutive time, NBC has injected 40m/- to help sponsor the exhibition.

"NBC wishes to offer more support to agro-based activities by enabling farmers access equipment for agricultural mechanization through the NBC Shambani product," he said, noting that it was vital to get young people involved in agriculture so as to boost its dynamism.

Sabi further spoke of changes in lending to farmers as the bank was in collaboration with the Tanzania Trade Development Authority (TanTrade). It organized a business seminar for small and medium enterprises (SMEs) featuring farmers. The participants would be trained on how to correctly execute reporting of loans, he explained.

"And if the farmer sets out to get a loan, then he or she will definitely get it. We try to make this procedure as clear and open as possible," he emphasized.

The NaneNane Fair is meant to highlight innovation and identify imperatives to achieve food security and sustainable development. It similarly provides an ideal platform for local and international agriculture stakeholders to exchange views, discern trends and confer on new developments, along with seizing market opportunities.

The show offers visitors an opportunity to evaluate a wide range of agricultural technologies, equipment and related products, meet key decision-makers and find out best practices espoused by exhibitors.

Japhet Hasunga, the minister for Agriculture, commended President John Magufuli for attaining the vision of Tanzania becoming a middle-income economy five years earlier than envisaged. The farming community has played a key role in these developments, the minister noted.

The contribution of the agricultural sector in realizing that goal was beefed up by various stakeholders, especially banks through lending and advisory services, he added.



Students in Rukwa Region pictured at the weekend brandishing placards carrying messages underscoring the need for child protection and security. They were taking part in the launch of a regional crusade against childhood pregnancies. Photo: Correspondent Nebart Msokwa

## Mining company, NEEC ink new deal to empower more Tanzanian miners

By Guardian Reporter

GEITA Gold Mining Ltd (GGML) and the National Economic Empowerment Council (NEEC) have signed an agreement for the provision of consultancy and support services on the mining's local content implementation.

The agreement has been signed recently in Geita town, Geita Region at Geita gold market ground and shall continue for a period of 1 year and continue to be valid until June 30, 2021 unless terminated.

Speaking during the ceremony to sign that agreement, GGML vice president for sustainability, Simon Shayo said the agreement aims at jointly undertaking programs and initiatives aimed at improving participation of Tanzanians in investments, including giving

Tanzanian citizens and companies meeting the necessary criteria preference in the supply of goods and services in the mining sector.

He said the agreement aims at ensuring that communities around Geita and Tanzania are better off through working together, and with the support of AngloGold Ashanti-Geita Gold Mining Limited. That also forms part of GGML's broader partnership with the local authorities and the host community.

"At AngloGold Ashanti-Geita Gold Mining Limited, we are committed to the sustainable development of the communities we operate in. We would like to leave a legacy, even when mining may have stopped. Our aim is to increase the participation of Tanzanians in the mine so that we can support the society that we work with.

"We have continuously demonstrated this at Geita by becoming active partners with the Government in improving social services including education, health and agriculture," said Shayo.

Shayo explained: "GGML is proud to be the best and largest taxpayer in Tanzania where in 2019 alone, the total amount of taxes paid by GGML to the Tanzanian government was approximately 467 billion. GGML has also provided employment to more than 5000 Tanzanians including employees under various contractors."

Dorothy Mwaluko, the Permanent Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office responsible for Policy, Coordination and Investment said participation of Tanzanians in various investments is still low due to various reasons including low skills levels, inadequate

access to investment capital and inadequate market information among producers.

Mwaluko added that the country also faces other investment challenges especially inadequate formalization of businesses among owners and fear to participate in local and international procurements due to lack of confidence among micro and small enterprises owners. She further explained that in accordance with the Local Content Regulations, with that agreement now Geita Gold Mining Limited shall receive goods and services supplied by Tanzanian citizens and Companies in a technically proficient, business sensitive manner, at Competitive or reasonable cost and with a commitment to act with mutual co-operation based on trust, integrity and open-book dealings.



Kilolo district community development officer Philemon Namwinda (R) checks an improvised rain gauge installed at the Kilolo District Council premises in Iringa Region at the weekend. It was installed by the Tanzania Meteorological Authority at a Climate Smart Agriculture-Learning Alliance (CSA-LA) Platform meeting held in the district recently. He is with Kilolo meteorological station coordinator Beatus Nyato. CSA-LA is a diverse network of stakeholders committed to improving knowledge on the impact of climate change. Photo: Correspondent Friday Simbaya

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President John Magufuli that he is going to work hard to strengthen cooperation between the two countries.

President Magufuli also received diplomatic credentials from the Vietnamese Ambassador, Nguyen Nam Tien.

The two envoys expressed satisfaction for the reception and discussion with the Head of State, promising to ensure that longstanding relationships between the two countries and Tanzania are bolstered and deepened.

They promised to strengthen existing links on further economic engagement by promoting trade and investments in various sectors.

Dr Wright, the new US ambassador

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served as a young volunteer (Peace / Corps) in the medical field in Zanzibar more than 30 years ago, and expressed his strong sense of engagement in coming back to Tanzania as ambassador of the United States.

"Tanzanian people are generous, warm. So I am so excited to be here again. We want a very strong diplomatic relationship with Tanzania," he said Wright, the US ambassador.

Ambassador Wright has been a leader in public health and health policy for 17 years, including service at the

United States Department of Health and Human Services, the United States Department of Labor, and the United Nations.

Prior to being named Ambassador to Tanzania, Ambassador Wright served as the acting Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). He has also directed the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP), the Office of Research Integrity (ORI) and the Office of Occupational Medicine (OSHA). In addition, he served as the Executive Director of the President's Council on

Sports, Fitness and Nutrition (PCSFN.)

Prior to entering government service, Dr. Wright spent nearly two decades as practicing physician in his home state of Texas, focusing on family medicine and occupational health. He is joined in Tanzania by his wife Kathy.

For his part, the Vietnamese ambassador Nguyen Nam Tien said Vietnam always respects the bilateral relations with Tanzania. "Tanzania is a very beautiful country, I am happy to be here and I believe with the relationship between the two nations, we will witness more development."

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stations acquired from the defunct Gapco by Total. The different tax invoicing model is being used as a way of denying taxes to the government," he declared, demanding anonymity.

"Before the deduction came into effect in May there was one tax invoice. But Total is now bringing us different tax invoices where one invoice features those deductions and the other doesn't," he elaborated.

Other dealers in Dodoma, Tanga and Morogoro raised the same complaint that the retail fuel margin is meant for retailers with no deductions.

Earlier Kaguho said that the basis is tied to EWURA's petroleum products price setting rules, GN No. 5/2009 with amendments in GN No. 269/2018.

"We have confidently ordered Total to abolish such deductions but instead of doing so, they have been going to the Ministry of Energy trying to find ways of solving the issue in their favor since the contracts they made dealers sign contradict the regulator's conditions," he further noted.

TRA Director of Information Richard Kayombo said that TRA obtains taxes as soon as oil enters the country. "If those complainers have other issues - may be levies - then the right authority they should seek is EWURA."

Kilewo said that everything in how the company works with dealers "is stipulated in the contract clauses they signed with Total three years ago."

Total acquired Gapco in 2017 with over 70 fuel retail stations, with Total opting to operate the stations by selecting a third party to do the same on its behalf, while retaining both wholesale and retail licenses from EWURA.

"We work with dealers under the marketing agreement license where dealers get into Total's business as just sellers of the product at our stations. The retail margin is given to the license owner that is Gapco, thus dealers from ex-Gapco fuel stations obtain a uniform amount of 67/- per litre as fuel margin which is free from VAT, in the allocated 105/- retail margin as set out by EWURA," she added.

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crisscrossing links around the country, in which case electing office bearers should be designed to bring on board members from various parts of the country.

"For quite a long time now, TAMIDA was being treated as if it belonged to Northern Zone miners operating in Arusha and Manyara. It is therefore high time that TAMIDA takes up a national outlook," he declared.

He however praised the Arusha Gem

House for its leading role as a mineral trading center, with diamond traders in Mwanza travelling with their valuable stones all the way from the Lake Zone to sell diamonds at the center.

For his part, TAMIDA chairperson Sammy Molle said the industry has made major strides during the five years of the fifth phase government. It has curbed smuggling and officiated most mineral and gemstone dealings, he added.





Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children minister Umyi Mwalimu (L. foreground) arrives in Muheza town at the weekend for the launch of Breastfeeding Week anniversary celebrations. Photo: Correspondent Steven Williams

## Women's lobbies decry low representation ahead of polls

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

AS the country heads for the General Election in late October, some women's lobby groups have questioned Tanzania's sincerity in bringing about gender balance in political leadership considering the low number of women being nominated by parties.

Speaking here at the weekend, representatives of women's organisations have noted that major political parties have once again proved that they don't mean what they lecture by nominating only a handful of women to vie for parliamentary and councillorship positions.

President John Magufuli is seeking a second term in office through ruling CCM but so far men dominate nomination list of all registered opposition parties.

The chairperson of the Women Fund Tanzania (WFT), as well as the head of the Coalition of Women and Constitution (Ulingo wa wanawake na Katiba) Professor Ruth Meena stated here that at this pace of low representation of women in politics,

the country may not achieve the year 2025 target of eliminating gender inequalities.

"President John Magufuli recently advised political parties to consider reducing the wide gender gap as they dispatch representatives to vie for various positions, which essentially should sync with the new Political Parties Act Number 6(a)," stated Prof Meena.

The CWC chairperson reminded that when it comes to voting exercises, it was women who actually lead in casting ballots, turning up in large numbers accounting to more than 53 percent of total voters, at least if the previous 2015 General Elections are anything to hang up the wall.

But again during the 2015 General Election women who ran for various posts on the ruling CCM ticket accounted for just 9 percent of total candidates while the female candidates for Chadema accounted for only 6 percent.

At least the Civic United Front party upped the women candidates' proportion of its stable at 11 percent.

But when averaged, the three political parties together accounted for just 8.6 percent of women candidates' representation.

On the other hand CCM had a female running mate for its presidential candidacy, Samia Suluhu Hassan, while the Alliance for Change and Transparency (ACT) Wazalendo floated a female presidential aspirant in Anna Mughwira who later defected to the ruling party after being appointed Regional Commissioner for Kilimanjaro.

In regards to that, the Coalition of Women and Constitution warns that it may take 165 years before the ratio between men and women in the country's leadership could be brought to 'even' level.

"Out of despair, most women who yearn to enter politics now scramble for the few available special seats slots that have little, if any influence, because holders are never granted budgets for their respective areas of representations and can never be appointed to higher offices such as that of Prime Minister.

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF) has underscored the need for both the government and private sector to increase investment and joint efforts so as to combat wildlife crime in the country.

TPSF Policy Analyst Victoria Michael made the suggestion over the weekend when speaking during the online breakfast debate concerning biodiversity conservation on combating wildlife crime. She described wildlife crime as a well organised and internationally coordinated with many players being engaged therefore it is not easy to achieve the war by the government alone.

So, she said that the private sector has a huge role to play in eradicating

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wildlife crimes in the country.

Victoria said that different from many other crimes, wildlife crimes are highly coordinated from poaching, illegal trafficking of wildlife products to the illicit market locally and internationally.

"The private sector is not well engaged in the efforts to combat wildlife crimes, unlike other crimes wildlife crimes are well organised syndicate its value chain with main actors to include poachers, transporters, and financial institutions, whereby all these key players needs to be effectively involved in combating wildlife crimes," she explained.

According to her, engagement of

various stakeholders is required; otherwise, the global community will continue to witness loss of various species and massive loss of biodiversity.

In her presentation titled: "The engagement of the private sector in combating wildlife crimes; Victoria added that wildlife areas are also sources of business opportunities for the private sector.

She noted that the private sector's participation in conservation of biodiversity has minimal, unnoticeable, and un-impactful, it is however empirical to note that the private sector has been participating in conservation of biodiversity in a number of ways

such as green programmes, no littering policies, afforestation, use of energy efficient technologies, employing water use efficient technologies, and use of solar systems (clean energy).

She further said: "The sector has recommended that, to enhance the private sector to conserve biodiversity, the government should reduce regulatory burdens, offer tax incentives, offer friendly tax regimes, among others."

She also said that the body also calls for review of legal and policy frameworks governing biodiversity resources with a special focus on the wildlife sector, this analysis will

inform the private sector on how it can reposition itself in containing the loss of biodiversity and/or engage in biodiversity conservation, particularly wildlife.

Robert Mande, Assistant Director of the Anti-poaching Wildlife Division in the country hinted on the note saying that poaching is a complex crime which calls for concerted efforts to curb it.

Mande said that wildlife crimes are a complex challenge with serious financial and economic implications; therefore it needs a holistic approach to deal with.

He noted that since the government established National Task Force Anti

poaching (NTAP) in 2016, for the period of 2015-2020 they have achieved to identify over 3000 poaching suspects and 2000 were arrested.

According to him, NTAP has investigated about 300 high profile wildlife cases including international ones and have dismantled 11 syndicates headed by level four and five traffickers.

He also said that since the establishment of NTAP, 914 cases related wildlife were filed in court whereby 96 suspects were successfully prosecuted and 43 suspects paid fines of about 2bn/-.

Through NTAP we are operating under the philosophy of working beyond traditional government framework, therefore we need various stakeholders including private sector and law institutions," he added.

### SECTION I: INVITATION FOR TENDERS (IFT) ZANZIBAR ANTI-CORRUPTION AND ECONOMIC CRIMES AUTHORITY.



**Tender Number: SMZ/E05/W/ICB/2020/2021/09**

**For**

**Proposed Construction Works for Office Block for Zanzibar  
Anti-corruption and Economic Crimes Authority**

### Invitation for Tenders

Date: 3rd Aug, 2020

- The Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar has set aside funds for the operation of The Zanzibar Anti-corruption and Economic Crimes Authority (ZAECA) during the financial year 2020/2021. It is intended that part of the proceeds will be used to cover eligible payments under the contract for the Proposed Construction Works for Office Block for Zanzibar Anti-corruption and Economic Crime Authority.
- The Zanzibar Anticorruption and Economic Crime Authority (ZAECA) now invites sealed tenders from eligible Building Contractors registered or capable of being registered in Class One for carrying out the Proposed Construction Works for Office Block for Zanzibar Anti-corruption and Economic Crime Authority.
- Tendering will be conducted through the International Competitive Tendering procedures specified in the Procurement (Goods, Works, and Disposal of Public Assets by Tender) Regulations, 2016 – Government Notice No. 62 of 2016, and is open to only selected Tenderers as defined in the Regulations.
- The selective eligible Tenderers may obtain further information from and inspect the Tendering Documents from 7:30am to 15:30pm hours local time Mondays to Fridays except on public holidays at the office of the Secretary of Tender Board, Zanzibar Anticorruption and Economic Crime Authority,

language and additional sets may be purchased by selected Tenderers on the submission of a written application to the address given under paragraph 4 above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of TZS 100,000.00 (Tanzania Shillings One Hundred Thousand Only). Payment should either be by Cash, Banker's Draft, or Banker's Cheque, payable to the Procuring and Disposing Entity.

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- All tenders in one original plus three copies, properly filled in, and enclosed in plain envelopes must be delivered to the address given under paragraph 4 above at or before 14:00pm hours local time on 14th Sept, 2020. Tenders will be opened promptly thereafter in public and in the presence of Tenderers' representatives who choose to attend Zanzibar Anticorruption and Economic Crime Authority Conference Room.
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Dar es Salaam**

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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- Service -mindedness.
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Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency technical director Deusedith Magoma (in glasses) briefs Water ministry permanent secretary Anthony Sanga (L) on implementation of Nyamtukuzwa water project in Nyang'hwale District, Geita Region, at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Neema Emmanuel

By Guardian Correspondent, Tabora

## RAS calls on livestock officers to focus on improving herders' lives

OFFICIALS supervising the livestock sector in Tabora Region are required to direct their expertise by helping livestock keepers improve their animal husbandry to improve better cattle production and increase their incomes.

The call was made at the weekend in Uyui District in the region by the Regional Administrative Secretary, Msalika Makungu at the launching of the Mobilisation Camp.

Makungu said the responsibility of livestock officers was to ensure livestock keepers abandon the concept of prestige for owning large herds of

livestock that are of little benefits for them.

He said livestock keepers should be educated in the benefits of having small number of livestock that are of great benefit to them as well as their being environmental friendly.

"He said normally livestock keepers migrate with their herds, many running away from various operations by authorities who are bent in collecting

finer from various offenses committed knowingly or unknowingly instead of educating them on how best to keep their animals," he said and added that Tabora Region will make sure it manages well the animal husbandry campaign for their cattle.

Makungu also said livestock officers will undergo assessment based on how they assist livestock keepers in the campaign, by each one of them

showing he has assisted how many livestock keepers.

The Director of Production and Marketing in the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, Dr Felix Nandone called on local council officials in Tabora Region who will be entrusted with equipment for animal husbandry to ensure they continue with the exercise aimed at improving the lives of the herders.

## Adhere to laws, TMDA urges medicines, medical devices and reagents' promoters

By Correspondent Devota Mwachang'a

ADVERTISERS and promoters of medicines, medical devices and reagents have been urged to adhere to laws and regulations governing the Tanzania Medicine and Medical Devices Authority (TMDA) by taking products to the authority for approval.

TMDA Acting Director General Adam Fimbo made the call in Morogoro when speaking at a one-day training, which involved journalists from different media outlets. The training was meant to provide understanding on what TMDA is doing, its laws and obligations in controlling safety of medicines, medical devices and reagents.

He said that there is a growing tendency whereby some advertisers and promoters take the adverts without being approved by the authority. "This is illegal as it is against the law," he said.

He urged media practitioners to control and reject adverts of medicines, medical devices and reagents which have not been approved by TMDA to protect consumers' health.

According to Fimbo, media has the role to voluntarily comply with TMDA's requirements that compels advertisers to get approval from the authority before advertising and promoting medicines, devices and reagents.

Morogoro Regional Assistant Administrative Secretary Anza-Amen Ndossa said the issue of advertising control is legal and in ensuring its implementation there are regulations for the regulation of the advertising of medicines, medical devices and reagents prepared under the Medicines and Medical Equipment Act chapter 219 which came into force in 2010 where it is approximately 10 years ago.

"One of the major challenges the authority has faced since its inception is to witness advertisements of controlling products through various media including social media regardless of TMDA approval contrary to legal requirements and the principle to contribute to misleading society," added Ndossa.

TMDA's Acting Eastern Zone Manager Gloria Matemu said all other sales promotion in whatever form, such as participation in exhibitions, use of media (Radio and TV stations, magazines), websites and social networks should be controlled to ensure that only reliable information is available and disseminated in order to support and encourage rational use of products.

"The adverts should not state or imply that a product is safe (100% safe), has no side effect, or their use will not cause harm, or the product is better than another, this might discourage the public from seeking the advice from health providers," said Matemu.

TMDA Manager for Communication and Public Education, Gaudensia Simwanza urged: "Let us help one another, the adverts which mislead the public should not be aired or published because will affect consumers in one way or another. The public health will be protected only if there is good cooperation between the media and us."

Iskari Fute, TMDA's Manager for Legal Services stated: "We'll ensure all cyber offenses relating with medicines, medical devices and reagents have its specific law; the process of amending the laws is underway, to be submitted on the coming Bunge session."

According to Fute, the basis of TMDA law is the Constitution of the United Republic. Chapter 2 Article 63 (c) and 64. Where such Articles place the power of Parliament to enact all laws.

The resolutions of the task force was for TMDA to continue providing education to the media on conveying the right information about the regulated products and educate the public accordingly, as well as issuing promotions and adverts guidelines.

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## TARI unveils measures to enhance crop production

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu, Bariadi

THE Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) has put in place units for trainings and technology dissemination to the farmers throughout the year across the country.

Director General for TARI, Dr Geoffrey Mkamilo said this here over the weekend when speaking at the official opening of this year's Nanenane exhibitions held at national level at Nyakabindi grounds, Bariadi in Simiyu Region. The event was officially inaugurated by Vice President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

"TARI is committed to ensure it play its decisive role of research, and dissemination of technologies on time. We are not doing this during Nanenane exhibitions alone but every time and throughout the country," Dr Mkamilo said.

According to him, TARI wants to contribute to increased agricultural productivity through development and deployment of improved agricultural knowledge and technologies by adopting innovation systems approach in the country.

Agriculture minister, Japhet Hasunga said that his ministry has continued implementing important projects to effectively and efficiently increase agricultural production. Such areas include strengthening availability and accessibility of agriculture inputs, control of pests, increase use of better and improved agricultural equipments, improving extension services and agricultural infrastructures.

"We are also conducting agricultural research on improved crop varieties production of technologies for the farmers on strategic crop varieties such as maize, cassava, wheat, oil palm, sesame, sunflower, cotton and rice. Other plans are to ensure availability of agricultural inputs," he said.

He said in recent years, the ministry has been reviewing agricultural policy, establishment of crop insurance, strengthening reliable markets, and improving accessibility of agricultural inputs so that farmers can get them on

time.

In her speech, VP Samia called on Tanzanians to elect committed, determined and good leaders who have national interest at heart during the coming general elections. The general election is scheduled to take place on 28 October 2020.

She urged Tanzanians to turn out in big number during political party's campaign meetings to listen very carefully to every candidate, analyse their policies so that they can make informed decisions.

The VP warned Tanzanians that if they need development, they should not elect leaders who want to feed their own stomach.

She said that she was not doing campaigns but good and hard work has already been done by 5th phase government which has implemented successfully CCM elections manifesto made five years ago. "Through ASDP II, We have implemented promises made to the farmers, we have actually made agriculture contribute significantly to the nation's economy and development in areas of food security, employment, availability of raw materials for our industries, alleviation of poverty and increase farmers income," she said.

She further said some of the areas that have been successfully implemented by the 5th phase government are to ensure availability of improved seeds, to ensure food security and nutrition, increased production of main cash crops, and agricultural inputs.

However, she said agriculture still face several challenges such as shortage of reliable markets, climate change and irresponsible cooperatives leaders adding that the government is working around the clock to address them.

She commended good work done by agricultural researchers for research and dissemination of improved seed varieties which are tolerant to moderate drought and climate change.

"I urge you researchers to provide your research results to agro-extension officers and other stakeholders so that our farmers can learn and benefit from your work," she said.



People expected to stand as returning officers in Shinyanga and Simiyu regions during late October's General Election take an oath after undergoing training at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Marco Maduhu

## NBS to carry out agriculture, livestock census countrywide

By Guardian Correspondent, Simiyu

THE National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) is set to carryout Agriculture and livestock census in all regions of Tanzania Mainland and the Isles aimed at having correct statistics.

Speaking at Nanenane Exhibition grounds in Nyakabindi area in Simiyu Region, NBS Senior Statistician Samuel Kawa said the main aim of the census is to have essential statistics in the agriculture, livestock and fisheries sectors that can be used in the planning,

assessment and implementation of various development plans for the sectors.

He said the Census, conducted after every 10 years, collects data on crops production, number of livestock and products thereof, fish farming, agricultural crops processing and storage.

Other data to be collected include those in regard to investment in agriculture, availability and utilization of loans for agricultural production.

He said the data will be collected

through samples in regard to small farmers but also big scale farmers will be through interviews.

He said in regard to livestock, essential data to be collected include the number of livestock, livestock products, animals' diseases, markets situation and the availability of veterinary services

He said in respect to the fisheries sector the data to be collected will include the kind of fish that are farmed, fishing farms' infrastructures and the market situation.

He said the data to be collected will assist the government to formulate policies, plans and various programmes for the country's economic growth and improve living standards of the people.

He said the data collected will also enable the government to identify areas affected by agricultural pests and plant diseases to enable it take appropriate steps thereon.

Census for agriculture, livestock and fisheries was last time conducted in 2007/08, and this year's census will be the fifth since independence.





Glory Joseph Kiroche (L) and Martha Samwel Machumu, both students of the Mwanza-based Nganza Girls Secondary School, have emerged overall winners of this year's Young Scientists Tanzania (YST) science competition. They were presented with awards at a ceremony held in Dar es Salaam at the weekend for their winning project: Analysis of hydroponic fodder for animal feeding and health. Photo courtesy of YST

# Nganza Secondary School girls scoop young scientists' award for this year

By Getrude Mbago

TWO students from Nganza Girls Secondary School in Mwanza Region have emerged overall winners of this year's Young Scientists Tanzania (YST) annual award for investigating and analyzing the uniqueness of the 'Hydroponic Fodder', in doubling production of fish.

The two students, Glory Kiroche and Martha Machumu were announced at the weekend during the virtual YST 2020 award ceremony.

They were awarded with trophies, medals, a cup and 1.35m/- cash. The winners will also be sponsored by the Karimjee Jivanjee Foundation (KJF) to undertake and complete their university studies after completing high school education.

Titled "Investigation and Analysis of Hydroponic Fodder as the Best Solution for Animal Feed and Health" the students spent time to research the organic fish and found that it's the best than any other feed as it has the capacity to double production of fish especially tilapia.

The findings and results from the experimental hydroponic fish feeding regime also confirmed that the fish fed with hydroponic fodder had higher weight gain, high rate of growth and proper reproductive performance than the fish fed with cassava flour and soya.

"This shows that the hydroponic fodder is better than other fodders in promoting sustainable animal farming like fish farming and other domestic animals like cattle to livestock keepers in Tanzania if it is effectively practiced in large scale since it involves the use of less grazing space to feed the stock thereby improving the economy of the land," said Glory Kiroche, the study's researcher.

In the event, Albert Abel Mhagama and Sarah Sweetbertus Kasala of Kisimiri Secondary School in Arusha Region invented the use of lemon grass as one of the ways to preserve fruits and vegetables. Others are Elvira Kalulu and Maria Richard Kapinye from Pandahill Secondary School Mbeya Mbeya who emerged the first winner in Biological Sciences category; Gracejacqueline Karatta and Regina Sawa of Kisimiri Secondary School (2nd) as well as Charles Bugesih and Mujuni Boniphace Mutasingwa of Ilboru High School-Arusha who emerged the third winner in the same category.

The first winner in the Social Sciences category is Marry Mshana and Herman Ngogo of Mawelewele Secondary School

in Iringa.

Abdul-majid Salum Moh'd and Mathna Khamis Abdul-rahman of Lumumba Secondary School in Unga emerged the first winner in the Physical, Chemical & Mathematical Sciences category.

Zainab Omar Hussein and Swabra Zahor Vuai of Benbella Secondary School in Unga become the first winner in the Climate Change and Environmental Sciences category.

Speaking during the event, YST board chairman Prof Yunus Mgyaya said that the 2020 YST exhibition attracted over 6000 projects from various areas of science such as chemical, physical and mathematical science, biological and ecological, behavioral and social sciences as well as technology.

"The YST exhibition and awards aim at encouraging and producing more competent and innovative graduates who will be able to transform their communities through innovation," he said. He added that; "We strongly believe that investment in education will not only help improve the teaching methodology and research in the field of science but also, help to encourage more students to join the science platforms at their schools and nourish their scientific talent."

During his opening remarks, the YST executive director and co-founder Dr Gosbert Kamugisha said that: "Right from the start in 2011, YST embraced mobile and digital technology and through our extensive mobile network logistics we managed to reach schools in all regions and developed a grass-root driven science for development movement."

He said this year on the 10th Anniversary, YST faced many challenges posed by the global COVID-19 pandemic. Many innovative strategies were applied to restructure and deliver YST2020 to mitigate these challenges. He said that the YST Digital Mentoring and Judging Framework was developed which allowed research to continue and remote judging of the projects.

Dr Kamugisha commended the main sponsors including the Karimjee Jivanjee Foundation (KJF) for their continued generous support.

"We were immensely grateful for the incredible support of companies and organisations across the private, government and development sectors," he added.

Young Scientists Tanzania is a unique event in Africa, providing a platform for young people from across Tanzania to demonstrate their innovation and showcase their scientific talents.

By Guardian Correspondent, Simiyu

## Land under irrigation increased by 50 percent in five years, says NIRC

IN the past five years the government has improved the country's irrigation infrastructures, increasing areas of land under irrigation from 461,000 hectares 2015 to 694,715 hectares in 2020.

Speaking to reporters during the Nane Nane National Agricultural Exhibition in Simiyu Region, Acting Director General of the National Irrigation Commission (NIRC) Daudi Kaali said the 50.7 percent increase of the areas under irrigation was due to the improvement of irrigation infrastructures at the country's various irrigation schemes.

Kaali said in the last five years NIRC has revamped 179 irrigation schemes, most of which were for rice

cultivation, and added that according to the National Irrigation Master Plan Tanzania has 29.4 million hectares fit for irrigation farming.

He said out of that area 2.3 million hectares have a high chance for irrigation, 4.8 million hectares have the possibility for irrigation and 22.3 million hectares have a low chance to be put under irrigation. He said up to 2015 before the advent of NIRC a total of 461,000 hectares of land were already developed for irrigation farming, and

added that NIRC's aim is to develop irrigation farming by adhering to better use of resources for sustainable crops production.

Maize production has increased from 1.5 to 3.7-5 tons per acre, onions from 13 to 26 tons per hectare and tomatoes from 5 to 18 tons per hectare.

Earlier, speaking on the contribution of irrigation farming to the national economy in the 2015-2020 period, Eng Daniel Manase NIRC's Inspection and Quality Control Unit on irrigation

projects said irrigation farming has contributed 24 percent in the production of food crops in the country.

In addition, Manase said irrigation farming has also provided employment to the people.

The Acting Director of NIRC's Research and Innovation, Eng Gregory Chigwiye said in the next five years NIRC has mobilized itself to build and refurbish irrigation infrastructures so as to have one million hectares under irrigation.

By Correspondent Crispin

## Youth drilled on business, ICT skills

Gerald

SOME 50 youth from across the country are being equipped with skills on entrepreneurship, information and communication technology (ICT) as well as business and innovation.

Speaking to reporters over the weekend in Dar es Salaam director of the Tanzania Youth Coalition (TYC) Lenin Kazoba said that the five day camp aimed at helping recipients fight poverty takes place from yesterday to August 7 in Kilimanjaro region.

"The camp comprises of groups of youth who are already in business, ICT, agriculture and those who are leaders in their work places," he added.

Director explained that the camp is designed to shape and impart some experience and guidance to youth who are looking to establish their business in order to have the basic knowledge," he said.

Themed: 'youth empowerment and investment for sustainable development' the theme will provide the centerpiece of the discussions expected to take place during the camp.

He said the camp is part of the effort to prepare and empower youth to be able to deliver their valuable contributions in various levels including politics, education, health and economy. This align with the theme of the International Youth Day dubbed: Youth engagement for Global Action".

According to him, the camp is also an important platform to youth who are in business to share the challenges and strength they face in the field and how to deal with.

Kazoba explained that the permanent secretary in the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children Dr John Jingu is expected to be the guest of honor, while the executive secretary for the National Economic Empowerment Council (NEEC) Bengi Issa is expected to close the camp on August 7th, 2020.

For his part coordinator of the Coalition Erick Crispin "we are expecting to link youth with experts from financial institutions, Small Industrial Development Organization (SIDO), National Economic Empowerment Council (NEEC) and other responsible organs for business, ICT and innovation in order to share the ground

knowledge on how to go about. "This is the third camp to organize, after the first camp which took place in 2018 and the second one was held in 2019," he explained.

He added that after the camp

the Coalition works to monitor their development in order to see how far they have gone after the camp.

TYC is a non-government organization focused on making the voices of the youth heard

on all policy platforms. We work with individuals aged 15 to 35 years old. We facilitate information dissemination, sharing and exchange, policy analysis, lobbying, and advocacy to carry on our mission.



### NOTICE OF THE 4th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- Notice is hereby given that the 4th Annual General meeting of the Company will be held at **ISIKE MWANAKIYUNGI Hall -TABORA** on **THURSDAY, the 13th August 2020** at 11:00 am to dispatch the agenda mentioned below together with the Annual Financial Statements and the Reports of both the Auditors and Directors thereon.
  - Opening of the Meeting
  - Adoption of the Agenda
  - Confirmation of the minutes of the Third Annual General Meeting 2019
  - To discuss Matters Arising from the Third Annual General Meeting 2019
  - Chairman's Report
  - Adoption of Directors Report and Audited Financial statements for the year 2019
  - Dividend declaration
  - Bank's Capital Restoration
  - Appointment of the Independent Directors
  - Director's remuneration
  - Appointment of External Auditors
  - Amendment of the Articles of Association of the Bank
  - Any other business
  - To set the place and date of the next meeting

2.15 Closing of the Meeting

- Any Member who wants to include his proposal into item 2.13 above must inform the Secretary in writing three (3) days before the Annual General meeting.
- A member entitled to attend, and vote is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of himself/herself and proxy need not to be a member. For a proxy to be effective their particulars must be lodged at the registered office of the bank at least forty –eight (48) hours before the time of the meeting.
- All members are requested and encouraged to come with their share certificates and identification and identification Cards on the date of the meeting.
- Papers for the meeting may be collected at our Branches Samora Avenue and Mlimani Towers Dar es Salaam, and our regional offices in Mwanza, Morogoro and Mbeya. Otherwise the papers will be obtained at the venue of the meeting.
- Cost for transportation and accommodation will be borne by shareholders themselves.

Mwalimu Commercial Bank Plc

### NOTICE OF SHAREHOLDERS SEMINAR

Notice is hereby given that there will be a shareholders seminar on "Shares", "Financial Literacy and Mwalimu Commercial Bank's Products". The seminar will be on Thursday, 13th August, 2020 starting at 9.00 a.m. at **ISIKE MWANAKIYUNGI Hall -TABORA**.

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CIVIL/CRIMINAL/APPEAL/APPLICATION NO: 129/02 OF 2017  
CASE OF NO. \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE RIGHT COURT OF TANZANIA AT ARUSHA.  
AMNUAI JINDASING MUANG.....APPELLANT  
VERSUS  
GELARD FABIAN OTIENO.....RESPONDENT

TAKE NOTICE that an appeal from the Decree/conviction and sentence/order of the Judge of the High Court of Tanzania at ARUSHA has been presented by the said Appellant and that the hearing of the said appeal/application will take place at ARUSHA on the day 11 day of AUGUST 2020 at 9:00 am O'clock in the forenoon or on any subsequent day which to this court may seem convenient.

If no appearance is made or no your behalf by using yourself, your pleaders or by someone by law authorized to act for you in this appeal/application it will be heard and decided (ex parte) in your absence.

Give under my hand and the seal of the Court this 20th day of July 2020.

TO GELARD FABIAN OTIENO  
C/O MAU SELINA JOHN BANDIE  
LAW ACCESS  
ARUSHA

Signature of Judge  
Court of Appeal of Tanzania



## TBS encourages traders to register products, premises

By Correspondent Felix Andrew

A TOTAL of 513 premises and 596 food and cosmetics products have been registered between January and March this year since the roles were assumed to the Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS).

TBS Director General, Dr Yusuf Ngenya made the call over the weekend in Dar es Salaam during a ceremony to grant licence, tested products, and licence extension of 141 manufacturers including 58 SMEs.

Dr Ngenya said registration of premises and food and cosmetics products started last year since the bureau assumed the roles from the former TFDA.

"We are now dealing with food and cosmetics, it is illegal for a trader to import unregistered food or cosmetics or even their premises should be registered," he said.

Dr Ngenya said registration also involves cafes, food vans, food stores and cosmetics.

He urged traders who want to continue or engage in the business to contact the bureau before embarking on it.

Dr Ngenya also said TBS has been granting licence to manufacturers who have met required procedures every three months.

The government provides free certification services for three years for the Small and Medium Entrepreneurs (SMEs) who have been granted a mark of quality license under a special programme.

Dr Ngenya said the decision was taken to support SMEs so that they become big business men who can help in the industrialisation drive initiated by the government a few years ago.

"I thank President John Magufuli for giving this opportunity of supporting SMEs free of charge when seeking for certification of their products at TBS," he said.

All SMEs who have got their licences, and others through a programme established by Small Industries Development Organisation (SIDO) received free certification services for three years, he said.

He said the organization certifies the quality of their products for three

years without any payment to enable them access local and foreign markets.

He noted the government has established the programme to enable SMEs to produce quality goods and expand the market of their products.

He urged SMEs and other interested persons to make use of the opportunity especially during this time when the government has been insisting on an industrial economy.

"TBS as facilitating institution it helps SMEs to certify their goods free of charge, it is better they do that in order to avoid unnecessary block to access local and international markets," said Dr Ngenya.

He said once they certify their goods it would help to produce sustainable products which would be sold anywhere including Zonal markets such as SADC.

Dr Ngenya explained that TBS aimed at supporting traders to conduct their activities for the benefit of Tanzania, without interfering with legal affairs.

Speaking Abraham Rajakili, whose company Inhemeter was granted with a certificate thanked the TBS for their cooperation. He said the certificate would increase trust to their clients and enable them to conduct business with required standards.

He urged the bureau to conduct extensive education on its functions.

The government embarked on harmonization of the roles played by regulatory bodies aimed at addressing the challenges impeding business in the country.

Tanzania's parliament has approved the Finance Bill of 2019 which saw harmonization of regulatory bodies' roles which were overlapping or more less the same.

To that effect, TFDA has been renamed as Tanzania Drug and Medicinal Authority (TMDA) and is responsible for controlling medicines, medical supplies and reagents in the country.

TBS, whose mandate is to undertake measures for quality control of products and promotion of standardization will now oversee registration and certification of locally produced and imported food and cosmetics products, as well as registration of their production premises.



Lena Mfalila (R), a reproductive health consultant with a Jhpiego project known as TupangePamoja Challenge Initiative, makes a presentation at a meeting for health stakeholders in Dodoma at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Kagera residents urged to invest in the fishing sector

By Guardian Correspondent, Bukoba

RESIDENTS of Kagera Region and beyond have been urged to invest in fish farming in dams and ponds to increase fish supply aimed at reducing illegal fishing activities.

Kagera Regional Fisheries Officer Ephraz Mukama said in the Fiscal Year 2019/20 that ended last June, the region had 647 fish ponds and mobilisation was still continuing for people to invest in the sector.

"Local councils have already allocated areas to enable people to invest in the fishing sector, we appeal to those who are ready to do so to come forward because the abundance of fish reduces illegal fishing activities," he said in an interview.

He said the government has also reduced bureaucracy and red tape in obtaining permits for the digging of ponds, as for now applicants have to wait for only one month to get them.

He said the government has registered fishermen and fishing boats in order to get statistics and to identify the fishing gear used as the law forbids any person going out to fish without first being registered and pay taxes thereof.

"There are 4,018 registered boats out of those 2,137 use outboard motors and 1,490 use oars, and the district leading in the number of boats is Muleba with 1,952," Mukama said.

Fishermen who spoke on the

issue, including Thadeo Tegamaisho fro, Nyamkazi area in Bukoba Municipality appealed to the government to provide education on fish farming in ponds, after which they should be provided with loans to enable them invest in the sector.

The fishing sector in Kagera Region employs 25,847 people including 22,463 fishing in Lake Victoria and other smaller lakes scattered in various areas of the region.



Dorothy Mwaluko (R), Permanent Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Coordination and Investment), presents to Geita Gold Mine Ltd vice president Simon Shayo yesterday copies of an agreement on a programme to be implemented in collaboration with the National Economic Empowerment Council. The programme is meant to empower members of the Geita business community. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

## 33 villages in Monduli District gain from modern beekeeping projects

A TOTAL of 26 groups of men and women from 33 villages in Monduli District, Arusha Region have benefited from joint modern beekeeping projects.

Speaking to reporters when visiting the project, the project's coordinator from World Vision, Deogratius Martin said to a large extent, the project has economically benefitted the groups' members.

He said from the project, members have benefited from training that changed their beekeeping method -

from traditional to modern beekeeping.

He said before the project, residents in the districts used to make honey harvests once a year, but now they do so five times in a year.

On production, Martin said before the coming of the project, beekeepers used to get 2.5 kg of honey from one beehive, but now a beehive can yield

from eight to 10 kgs of honey.

On markets situation, Martin said markets for beekeeping products was certain as the demand is higher than supply.

In addition, World Vision, through the "Pamoja" project, provided training to group members for better beekeeping methods as well as providing them

with various beekeeping equipment including honey processing machines, special outfits for honey harvesting, modern beehives and honey strainers.

Lengishon Mbaanga, one of the group members from Mswakini village in Monduli District said from the project they have managed to increase his income.

## 'Late Mkapa left behind an important legacy for the cooperative sector'

By Guardian Correspondent, Babati

MEMBERS of cooperatives societies in Manyara Region have said they will not easily forget the late former President Benjamin Mkapa for his decision to form three important commissions that virtually ended conflicts in the cooperatives that had been going on for several decades.

Speaking to this paper at the weekend, the Registrar of Cooperatives for Manyara Region Venance Msafiri said:

"He has gone but has left with us a legacy in the cooperative movement. He was the one who formed three commissions that helped to know problems in the cooperatives and ultimately solved them. No member of the cooperatives who will not remember him for that, many benefited after the probe commissions came up with their findings that enabled the government work on them," Msafiri said.

He said after he came to power in 1995, the late Mkapa convened various meetings with government, in particular in Dar es Salaam and Mwanza to seek solutions on problems in the cooperatives.

Among issues discussed include several plans that would spur revolution in the agricultural and livestock sectors through the ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives at that time.

He said meetings convened by Mkapa in 2000 showed his true intention on the importance in the revival and strengthen cooperatives as a priority to enable the people fight poverty.

He said from that Mkapa appointed three probe committees tasked to revive the cooperative sector

Msafiri said the first panel was tasked to advise Mkapa on the revival of cooperatives and their strengthening while the second was tasked to make follow up on various cases for and against cooperatives.

He said the third probe panel was tasked to see how the main cooperative unions in Kagera Region could extricate themselves from the possibility of bankruptcy by commercial banks.

He said the first probe commission was led by the then Minister for Agriculture and Cooperatives, the late George Kahama and came up with 10 findings, including cooperatives which did not satisfy members aspirations, lack of capital, poor leadership, embezzlement of cooperatives' funds and poor operation system.

Others were poor education of cooperatives officials, deficiencies in the implementation of the policy in regard to free market economy and lack of priority in government plans.



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## Africa's CDC receives COVID-19 test kits donation from Germany

By Special Correspondent, Addis Ababa

THE German Epidemic Preparedness Team, on behalf of the Government of Germany, has donated SARS-CoV-2 extraction and test kits, capable of conducting 1.3 million tests, to the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC). A first batch of the test kits was handed over today to the Africa CDC by Heiko Nitzschke, Chargé d'Affaires a.i., at Bole International Airport in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

The donation is to support implementation of the Africa Joint Continental Strategy for COVID-19, which aims to prevent severe illness and death from COVID-19 infection in African Union Member States and to minimize social disruption and the economic consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic. It is part of a €10 million worth of non-monetary support by the German Government for COVID-19 pandemic response by the African Union.

"The donation of COVID-19 test kits is a concrete example of Germany's close partnership with the African Union and its solidarity with the African continent. As the current Presidency of the Council of the European Union, Germany is happy to complement the efforts of #TeamEurope in supporting partner countries in tackling this pandemic," said Heiko Nitzschke.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, African Union Member States have been providing testing services to individuals suspected to be infected with the disease. However, there is an urgent need to rapidly scale-up testing at the community level. Through the Partnership to Accelerate COVID-19 Testing (PACT): Test, Trace, Treat, Africa CDC seeks to build partnerships to increase access to testing across the continent.

The kits are being delivered in three instalments and contribute directly to the implementation of PACT by providing essential diagnostics needed to scale-up testing services.

"Testing is the cornerstone of response to any pandemic, and providing test kits is one way African Union Member States can quickly scale-up testing. As a continental body we are working with several partners to unlock the testing space and ensure that countries have predictable access to test kits. The donation by Germany is very critical in achieving the goals of PACT," said Dr Ahmed Ogwel Ouma, Deputy Director of Africa CDC.

In addition to the donation, Africa CDC and the German Epidemic Preparedness Team will jointly conduct an external quality assessment at selected reference laboratories in Africa, using the test kits for benchmarking and accreditation of quality and effectiveness of testing.

The African Union and Germany have maintained long-term partnerships in addressing global public health, climate change, peace and security, and economic challenges affecting Africa. This donation reiterates the commitment of the Federal Republic of Germany in supporting implementation and achieving the goals of PACT and the Africa Joint Continental Strategy for COVID-19.

"There is an urgent need for Member States to do more testing, to trace, and to identify and isolate infected persons so they can control the virus and limit transmission. But they cannot do this if they don't have the capacity to test. This in-kind support will go a long way to boost testing capacity in Africa," said H.E. Amira Elfadil Mohammed, Commissioner for Social Affairs, African Union Commission.

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HAK Humanitarian Aid Organisation representative Samih Cavus (R) hands over meat to a resident of Rufiji District in Coast Region on Friday for use during Eid el Haji. The agency extended the gesture to disadvantaged persons in the region. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Special Correspondent

ACROSS the world, but especially in Africa, the rangers who protect the game reserves, wildlife and nature in them - battling poachers and trafficking on a daily basis - are being celebrated, recognised and thanked today, World Ranger Day.

In the last year, at least 137 rangers have died in the course of their duties. At the same time a new fund has been announced to raise \$10 million to help at least 5,000 rangers, who have had their livelihoods devastated by Covid-19.

"On World Ranger Day we commemorate Wildlife Rangers globally who have lost their lives in the course of their duties and those who risk their safety daily," said the conservation group Tusk.

"Today's World Ranger Day, we honor the brave rangers working

## New fund to raise \$10 million to assist Africa's game rangers hit by COVID-19

tirelessly to halt poaching and other threats to wildlife, risking their lives on a daily basis. Please support their work and help them protect the ecosystems we all depend on," said the African Conservation Foundation.

The Game Rangers Association of Africa has recorded 59 ranger deaths in Africa in the past year, meaning that at least 384 African rangers have been killed in action since 2012.

"It must be remembered that these figures only reflect those deaths reported and actual estimates are thought to be significantly higher," the GRAA said in a statement.

Rangers face tremendous odds whilst undertaking their work protecting

Africa's remaining wild places. A recent survey of rangers conducted by the WWF showed that almost 80 percent of the 1742 respondents had faced a life-threatening encounter during their work.

"On World Ranger Day we acknowledge our ranger colleagues who have fallen in the line of duty over the year. It is our duty to ensure the sacrifices made by rangers and their families do not go unnoticed and for us to continue to support Africa's rangers," said CEO Andrew Campbell.

In a new initiative various organisations like GRAA, ForRangers, Global Wildlife Conservation, Tusk Trust and others have launched the

Wildlife Ranger Challenge to help keep rangers. The Scheinberg Relief Fund, the Challenge's founding donor, has committed \$5 million of matching funds in support of rangers, with the goal of raising a total of \$10 million and getting thousands of rangers back to full capacity.

More than 50 ranger teams across Africa will participate in a multi-million-dollar fundraising initiative to support the men and women across Africa's protected areas who are enduring drastic cuts in salaries and resources due to the devastating economic impact of Covid-19 and yet are still working tirelessly to safeguard the continent's iconic wildlife.



Faki Shaweji (R), a legal officer with the Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children ministry, explains to people attending Nane Nane (Farmers' Day) exhibition in Simiyu yesterday how to register NGOs. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Kiran Pandey

## Yellow fever burden to shift to central and east Africa by 2050, report shows

THE burden and geography of yellow fever - an acute, viral haemorrhagic disease transmitted by infected mosquitoes - is projected to shift to central and East Africa from West Africa by 2050, according to a new study.

The numbers of deaths will likely increase by 25 per cent, with most of them occurring in Central and East Africa, said the July 28, 2020 modelling study by scientists at Imperial College, London and the World Health Organization (WHO). They are projected to further accelerate in the two regions after 2050.

West African countries currently have the largest yellow fever disease burden on the continent. The new findings, however, indicate a shift in this burden to regions outside West Africa.

The Central African Republic is most

likely to see an increase in transmission, according to projections estimated by the study. Yellow fever is currently responsible for causing 78,000 deaths in Africa every year.

The study said climate change-related factors, including temperature and rainfall, would lead to a change in the magnitude and geography of the disease. Changes in temperature and rainfall in African countries were observed under four scenarios. The force of infection was projected to increase for the majority of countries in each scenario, according to the study.

Deaths could increase around 11 per cent in the best-case scenario and up to 25 per cent in the worst-case scenario

by 2050. These figures were projected to be 10 per cent and 40 per cent respectively by 2070.

Yellow fever is endemic in 34 countries in the sub-Saharan African region, despite the existence of a vaccine for the disease. An endemic disease is one where infection is constantly maintained in a geographic area without any external inputs.

There are three transmission 'cycles' for the disease in Africa: Urban, zoonotic and intermediate. The study primarily considered the urban transmission cycle in its simulations.

The urban cycle - mediated by Aedes aegypti mosquitoes - is responsible for explosive outbreaks such as the one

in Angola in 2016. The urbanisation of African cities and the impact of climate change have put populations at an increasing risk of contracting this infection.

Vaccination is the most important and effective measure against yellow fever, said the study in its recommendations for the Africa. A strategic plan on vaccination to control diseases in the continent must consider the suggestions of the study.

WHO's Eliminate Yellow Fever Epidemics 2017-2026 strategy, for example, may consider this and focus on Central and East Africa, along with the West Africa region.

## Pan African Parliament assesses impact of coronavirus on rights

By Special Correspondent

THE Pan-African Parliament (PAP) has reiterated that respect for human rights across the spectrum including economic, social, civil and political rights, will be critical to a successful public health response to the Covid-19 pandemic in Africa.

The call was made at the occasion of a webinar on the impact of Covid-19 on upholding human rights in Africa, held on 28 July 2020.

The virtual engagement sought to contextualise the centrality of human rights in dealing with health disasters, and the role of an informed legislature in addressing the human rights challenges arising from such pandemics, especially in the context of Covid-19.

Moderated by Mephato Reatile, the webinar also aimed to identify the human rights violations that are likely to occur in Africa during COVID-19 and to promote parliamentary involvement in the upholding of human rights during pandemics.

Chief Fortune Charumbira, Vice President of the PAP, noted that that human rights transgressions have featured extensively in most African countries as part of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

He further called on African Parliamentarians to hold governments accountable to their commitments to continental and international human rights instruments.

As part of its mandate, the PAP is called upon to promote human and peoples' rights, consolidate democratic institutions and the democratic culture, good governance, transparency and the rule of law by all organs of the union, regional economic communities and member states. "Our obligation remains to ensure that our states protect and promote human rights for all groups especially the vulnerable. This is imperative at this time to assist societies to emerge more resilient from this pandemic," said Charumbira.

Amb. Salah Hammad, Head of the African Governance Architecture (AGA) Secretariat within the African Union Commission Department of Political Affairs, addressed the webinar on the African Union (AU) Human Rights

Mechanisms that protect citizens against abuse of power during health emergencies.

Amb. Hammad reminded participants that the COVID-19 pandemic has forced AU member states to use unusual methods of governance to address the health crisis.

Areas of human rights, justice and rule of law as well as democracy and constitutionalism have suffered setbacks as part of states of emergency declared to combat the COVID-19 pandemic in African countries.

In the light of this, AU mechanisms, organs and institutions are working closely to provide technical support to member states in the fight against COVID-19 through a human rights-based approach.

"The approach seeks to mainstream specific areas of focus including human rights, human security, gender equality, youth empowerment and women inclusion as well as protection and promotion of the rights of marginalized groups such as children, cultural minority and old persons among others," said Amb. Hammad.

It was recalled that in October 2019, the PAP Plenary adopted the Model Law on Policing in Africa, which establishes guidelines for law enforcement agencies engagement with state, community and oversight actors.

It envisages and prioritizes the protection of life, liberty, security, and upholding the rule of law and human rights.

The PAP has previously hailed the AU for endorsing a joint continental strategy to combat Covid-19, complementing efforts by member states and the regional economic communities by providing the public health platform.

Dr Raji Tajudeen, Africa CDC's Head for Public Health and Research told the meeting that the continental coordination of COVID-19 by the institution has focused on the socio-economic impact of the pandemic on vulnerable populations.

He also highlighted efforts made to address stigma and discrimination in access to healthcare and funds made available as part of the fight against pandemics in general.



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## Improved roads raise spectre of road accidents, so beware

WITH many vital inner city roads across the country being improved in various ways alongside major ones, dangers of increased motor vehicle accidents appear to be on the rise.

Once a road has been revamped to smooth tarmac level, motorcycles and larger vehicles will be speeding to their satisfaction, while current designs are rather stringy on bumps in residential areas.

One wonders whether contractors or construction firms ought to have more restrictive design for corrugated surfaces to compel motorists to slow down in densely populated areas to weed out the need for people gasp for breath whenever a motorcycle misses a child or some other pedestrian or road user.

If this road design challenge were to be subjected to debate, it would likely be said that motor vehicle interests won a long time ago, as the relevant authorities opted merely to emphasize on roadside signs, signals and fines even when traffic police actually witness a fault on the part of a driver.

Such a campaign is at present afoot with regard to people living with disabilities and how they can cope with challenges of being on the road, either walking alone or being assisted by someone else.

If a person with disability is to venture out on his or her own, chances of finding well wishers each stage of the way, from going to coming back, are severely limited. At times this is to climb or descend from a bus.

That is why a number of readers or civil society observers would have felt a sense of unease at the focus taken up by the National Committee for Persons with Disabilities on Road Safety (NCPDRS), which is reported to have embarked on a campaign aimed to educate persons with disabilities,

drivers and the public on road safety rules, regulations and traffic signs.

Any future revisiting of this topic is not without use as, tragically, the difference between error and the right gesture on the road can be life itself. While the campaign itself is important, the issue remains as to whether it suffices relative to the gravity of the given problem.

There are other elements in its outlook, or perhaps this is taken from the traffic police, that there is need to "reduce the incidence of unnecessary road accidents in the country," as if any accidents can ever be termed as necessary.

What the formulation really means to that we shall never be able to bring the number of accidents down to zero, however intensive or extensive our efforts are.

That said, we ought at least to agree that all accidents are unnecessary and therefore that all of them are by nature avoidable, in which case an accident occurs since someone on the road didn't do the right thing.

This is where the whole issue of design comes up, in the sense relating to when a person fails to do the right thing on the road, whether through to mechanical failure, environmental complication (narrow roads, slippery surfaces, poor visibility) or human error.

That is precisely why quality road design is important - that whenever and wherever humanly possible, we should not entirely leave it to drivers to choose their speeds, we should demand zero infringement of road signs, and we should educate drivers sufficiently on the need to understand, internalise and observe all road traffic regulations.

A minimum of impediment in speeding especially in residential areas is important, but some stakeholders detest this. This sets a precedent we all ought to disabuse ourselves of.

## Agro-sector lending important while market demands change

IMPROVEMENTS in agro-sector lending are in the offing, as reports emerge of plans to extend up to 1.2 million loans to agricultural entrepreneurs in the next two years, this through the Private Agricultural Sector Support (PASS) programme.

It is envisioned that many youths, especially those finishing schools and college, will opt to take up agriculture to earn a living - but they need access to start-up capital. This proposition has been in vogue for several years, and it appears that it now ought to be applied in earnest as job opportunities aren't expanding - or are actually shrinking.

The main part of the credit programme is to increase annual guarantee commitments from 126bn/- in 2018 to 184bn/- in 2022 as well as to digitalise PASS services and products.

It also seeks to promote leasing finance, build a strong green profile and reach 50 per cent of female clients in its loan accessibility arrangement.

The lending focuses on productivity gains in crop sub-sectors like coffee, tea, paddy, maize, sunflower, sugarcane, livestock, fishing, farm mechanisation, input trading and agro processing, on the basis of a recent update from the programme management. Many opportunities will likely be wide open here.

Plenty of this lending activity is already in place, as the past year saw PASS already extending loans in most of those areas, creating thousands of new jobs in the rural areas where farmers, agro-pastoralists, agribusiness start-ups, women engaged in agriculture, and youth farm groups were also in view.

The recent update says that from 2020 onwards disadvantaged groups like youth and women will be more especially targeted.

Looking at the programme outlay and its objectives, it appears that it is pegged

on the welfare aspect of the provision of more loans most particularly on the basis of guarantees for young farmers and women efforts.

There is also a sharp accent on the need to increase crop production, while the marketing aspect - and especially market needs for this or that produce - don't feature too strongly. This gap needs to be plugged in that laying emphasis on production without being sure of markets is easily one of our country's traditional weaknesses.

There is meanwhile a lingering syndrome of just working to put up agro-sector opportunities for what is basically an unemployed portion of urban dwellers and much less significantly people in the rural areas.

It is not easy to identify, on the basis of reported remarks from the programme's managers, in what manner farm products and output sizes are determined, how far they are aligned to current market demand, or how they relate to expectations of obtaining markets for farm produce.

There is for instance the AGOA market in the US where our market uptake is far lower than potential, but policy trade-offs do exist.

With Tanzania now treated as a lower middle income economy, plenty of open access to foreign markets with no reciprocity conditions attached will start to diminish, either with AGOA arrangements or with EBA in the European Union. It means that we also should think of expanding internal markets and stop expecting that millions of our people will live solely by exporting to developed country markets.

That calls for the easing of capital inflows into our country to purchase fixed property as well as entering into joint ventures in a mutually profitable way, not just dictated upon by state agencies as obtained in the past.

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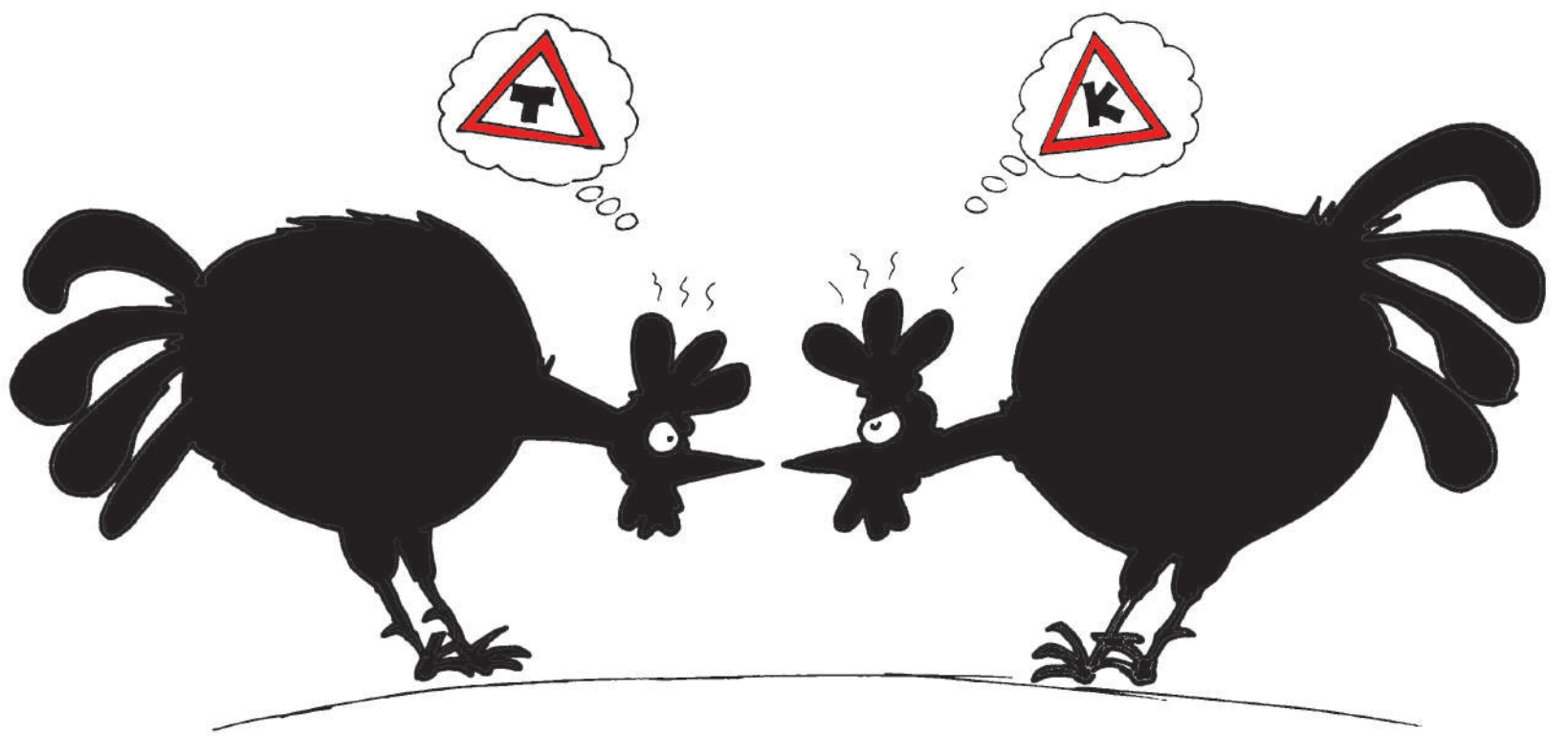
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## Siblings' rivalry



## Smarter response to Covid can help Africa on the economic and human rights records

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AS the number of Covid-19 cases continues to rise in Africa, countries are simultaneously dealing with the health and socio-economic impacts of the pandemic, and how and when to ease lockdowns and curfews imposed to stop the disease from spreading and get onto the path of recovery.

However, some government actions taken to restrict people's movements during this crisis, including enforcement measures and emergency laws and policies, could have long-term impacts and the potential to undermine social cohesion - the trust between governments and their citizens and the solidarity between citizens themselves.

With the health and wellness of millions of Africans at stake, governance measures taken to address Covid-19 must be appropriate, effective and sustainable. In some instances, responses to the pandemic so far have led to a rise in tensions and pushback against human rights.

Lessons from this pandemic should inform how governments, citizens and other partners can collaborate to strengthen governance and social cohesion during the response, and even beyond.

But the question is: What are the optimal measures and enabling environment required for response measures to succeed while protecting freedoms and minimising disruption to livelihoods?

Africa's governance context is complex. Although there has been significant progress in democracy, the majority of countries are in the lower half of the 2019 Human Freedom Index produced by the US-based Cato Institute.

Yet another study, the Fragile States Index by the Washington-based Fund for Peace, finds that in some of these countries, political fragility and low trust in government institutions still remain a challenge.

As Covid-19 spread in Africa, there were also concerns that planned elections this year in at least 22 countries, in the midst of a pandemic, could heighten tensions and fears of suppression.

It is in this context that governments should guard against measures that fan mistrust between them and their citizens and could lead to undermining democratic processes or intensifying fragility.

Emergency laws limit rights and disrupt services, supply chains and livelihoods. At the start of the pandemic



in Africa, at least 17 countries declared states of emergency, nine declared states of public health emergency and three declared states of national disaster.

These measures are important in safeguarding public health and wellness, but their impact varies according to how they are communicated and understood, how oversight mechanisms function and whether there is trust between the government and its citizens.

A state of emergency empowers governments to perform actions or impose policies that it would normally not be permitted to. These include making regulations without an act of parliament or taking actions without complying with statutory duties.

These emergency powers, although temporary in nature, could be used to introduce measures that may affect fundamental rights such as freedom of speech, freedom of movement or assembly, freedom of the media or freedom to work, among others.

On the other hand, a state of public emergency may help the government to take necessary measures to protect the public's health. These include closing of schools, restricting travel, isolating people exposed to the virus and prosecuting those who do not comply with quarantine orders.

In the case of a national state of disaster, limitations of rights should not extend beyond what is necessary and must be in line with the constitutional values of the society.

The application of these measures to deal with the pandemic has not been without challenges. Firstly, these executive declarations were made in a hurry and with less consultation and oversight. Secondly, citizens were caught unprepared and were not fully informed about the extent of limitations of their rights.

There were media reports of altercations between civilians and

police or military enforcing Covid-19 measures in some countries.

In others, citizens are increasingly voicing their discontent with the lack of food, services, water and sanitation, and concerns about the abuse of authority by security forces. This may risk the effectiveness of Covid-19 response and recovery measures in the long run.

As countries move towards easing lockdowns and opening up economies, there is still need for a supplementary mechanism to help identify, isolate and trace Covid-19 cases.

However, this raises new concerns over the use of surveillance technology to track the spread of the virus, infringement of data protection, and the right to privacy and non-discrimination.

Lessons from those early experiences can help guide governments on appropriate mechanisms to ensure that new measures to respond to Covid-19 do not threaten the fabric of society.

An effective and sustainable response must build on capable institutions that deliver essential services, community ownership and engagement, rights-based oversight control mechanisms and concrete partnership with other stakeholders, including the private sector.

Capable institutions at local and national level ensure the effective delivery of essential services including health, water and sanitation, all of which are at the heart of the response to Covid-19. For instance, South Africa and Zimbabwe are now delivering water to many underserved areas and communities.

Community and youth engagement also make a difference in the uptake of public health provisions and in reaching those most impacted by economic and social lockdowns.

Several countries such as Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa and Uganda have made provisions

for cash and food to vulnerable populations. Communities are best positioned to identify those most in need, thereby improving the likelihood of actually reaching them.

They are also able to disseminate accurate information. In South Sudan, a digital community of youth - #DefyHateNow - has helped to fight misinformation and raise awareness. In Benin, a young medical doctor has launched a mass media literacy programme in Francophone Africa called Arya, on Twitter.

Their hashtag #AgirContreCOVID19 has reached more than 90,000 people. They are now developing an application that can disseminate Covid-19 information in local languages. The provision of information as a 'right' to citizens and as a mechanism to build trust, promote adherence to measures and build social cohesion has become more important now than ever before.

Control and oversight mechanisms help to improve transparency and accountability. The examples of the national assembly in the Gambia and the high court in Malawi that challenged proposals to extend the states of public emergency in their countries illustrate the importance of capable oversight mechanisms.

Finally, for many cash-strapped countries, the government's Covid-19 response will benefit from close collaboration with the private sector, which in Africa is a hub of innovation.

From Cameroon to Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Morocco and others - businesses are transforming to produce necessary medical supplies and equipment and improve access to services through digital and mobile platforms.

As governments navigate these policy options it is clear that the most effective and sustainable responses to COVID-19 in Africa place people at the centre to preserve and strengthen social cohesion.



# Cattle vs bees: Vast decline in honey production making life more difficult

By Correspondent Beatrice Philemon

**H**ONEY production and beeswax collecting at Ipapa Forest Reserve in Namakambale village 63 kilometre from Tunduru town centre has declined because livestock keepers have invaded the village land forest reserve for grazing.

Right now the situation is not good for villagers engaged in a beekeeping project because forest cover, woodland forests and flowers that are vital for bees have been destroyed by livestock keepers using the zone for cattle ranching, causing deforestation in the village forest reserve.

Also streams and water sources that flow into Muhesi River have been badly damaged from livestock grazing and are drying up.

Tuchira river flows into Muhesi River, as well as Mwehuru, Kiwea and Majimeupe rivers that are the main water sources in the honey production environment, keeping the surrounding vegetation healthy. They have been extensively damaged by livestock keepers and are on the way to drying up, making it difficult for flowers to blossom so that the bees have the right environment for making honey.

Ipapa Forest Reserve is located in Makambale village with 4491 hectares of land.

The villagers raised these concerns in separate interviews when speaking to journalists from different media organizations in a meeting conducted by the Village Natural Resources Committee in Namakambale village.

Speaking on behalf of Namakambale residents, the Village Natural Resources Committee (VNRC) chairman, Yacob Elisha says, honey production has declined from 2000 litres to 40 litres per harvesting season and make their lives so hard, a situation that was happily absent in earlier days.

He says in 2018, as group they produced 80 litres of honey and selling for 7000/- per litre.

The money they get from selling honey is deposited in a bank while the remaining funds are used to purchase honey harvesting and handling equipment.



Village Natural Resources Committee (VNRC) chairman in Namakambale village, Yacob Elisha explains how stream and water sources have been badly damaged due to livestock grazing and are drying up.

In 2019 they obtained 40 litre of honey instead of 1000-2000 litres per harvesting season which is just too narrow as a productivity margin, the chief cause of the decline being overgrazing inside Ipapa Forest Reserve. Thus Kiwea, Mwehuru and Tuchira rivers dry up.

Incomes have declined dramatically and make their lives hard.

"As villagers we depend on the beekeeping project to generate income, pay school fees for our children, health services and other domestic needs but right now our lives have changed dramatically as the funds that we get from selling honey and beeswax are marginal," he says.

A 73-year-old farmer and beekeeper,

Elisha is among numerous villagers benefiting from the beekeeping project that provided room for villagers to generate income.

In a bid to benefit from what they do, so far villagers have formed a beekeepers group named 'Nyuki ni Mali C' that comprises 21 members. It is meant to generate income, conserve the forest reserve, with the members harvesting honey twice per year.

The group was established in 2013 and so far it has 20 modern beehives, received from former prime minister Mizengo Pinda as he was impressed with the high quality honey that they produce, with some of the equipment being supplied by the Tunduru District Beekeep-

ing Office.

"Among those, five modern beehives were offered by Mizengo Pinda and 15 were offered by the district office," he says.

Although there are 20 modern hives, they still need more beehives as some of beehives are at present dilapidated.

The group was registered in February 5th 2012 with support from Namakambale ward councillor, Mfaume Wadali.

"As villagers we express gratitude to him for what he did so that we can operate our activities in a formal sector setting," he says.

Although villagers have embarked on a beekeeping project, their economic fortunes are not good as honey production, beeswax and hence incomes have been fallen drastically.

Villagers are struggling to access funds to pay school fees for their children's secondary and vocational education.

Although the village has tried to allocate special grazing plots for livestock keepers to prevent conflicts between farm-

ers and these invaders, they don't want to use it and they attack those who try to fend off their grazing habits.

Once they kill people or destroy farms they run away knowing villagers will retaliate or the police arrest them, and they come back later when no one knows who actually conducted the killing, or was grazing at that place. The villagers are irate on this bad behavior as farmers have the right to live similar to the cattle grazing newcomers, he says.

Highlighting on what they need from the government, he says the government should value farmers as they have right to live and be treated equally by the law which now appears to favor livestock keepers. Village and district authorities are doing nothing about the decimation of the beekeeping sub-sector and deterioration of water sources in the villages.

"We need to be treated equally because when we call ward and district officials to see the challenges we are facing, and help to sort out the problem between villagers and livestock keepers they don't come," he says

District and ward officials are at times seen in the area if someone passes away or is killed.

Otherwise they don't make follow up on livestock keepers who cause conflicts, kill people and don't even appear to know where those invaders live.

"We are just wondering why they will follow up if a farmer breaks this or that rule, but they will do nothing about routine transgressions of livestock keepers," he says, underlining that this is the reason for the feeling that farmers need to be valued similar to livestock keepers "because we are all human beings."

He called on the Tunduru District Commissioner and District Executive Director (DED) to help them solve the challenges they have already submitted to them because they depend on beekeeping and farming activities for living acceptably, and both these avenues are under threat.

They similarly want the Tunduru district council to help them access 5m/- that in turn will help them to purchase modern beehives as some of the beehives are dilapidated.

For his part, Namakambale village chairman, Hassan Likambale noted: "We need support from the government in terms of DED, DC because we fear that as more people, especially, livestock keepers from different regions move into the district, the higher will be the risks of our forests to suffer generalised destruction," he said.

Livestock grazing has brought hugely negative effects in Namakambale village as right now Majimeupe and Mtipula water sources have been destroyed due to overgrazing and deforestation is apace at Ipapa forest reserve.

Mtipula water source is a vital source of water for people living in Nakapanya and Namakambale villages especially during the dry season as people depend on Mtipula water source for domestic use and watering plants.

The village has been trying to keep cattle out of the water sources but the livestock keepers don't obey regulations and as more livestock keepers continue to damage water sources, people will suffer even more trying to access water for their beekeeping project and domestic use.

## How serious investments in technology can beef up Africa's economy

KAMPALA

**T**HERE is no shortage of technological innovations designed to boost animal agriculture in Africa. These range from GPS tracking systems which identify and trace pastoralists' herds to livestock vaccine SMS services that alert farmers to disease outbreaks.

But to unlock the economic potential of the sector as demand for meat and milk swells threefold towards 2050, countries must invest in the critical areas that will improve quality across the whole value chain. That is increasing productivity and quality from the breeding of the animal

throughout the production process to the end product. This includes safe storage, handling and sale.

My native Uganda offers some useful lessons from its use of smart investments in technology and farmer organisation. These have made it the only East African country that is self-sufficient in milk.

In recent years, some private sector players in Uganda have invested in testing systems to detect aflatoxin in animal feeds. The goal is to prevent milk and meat contamination. Others have developed refrigeration units that are powered with biogas from manure. Both are among the innovations that improve the quality of the final product.

As highlighted by a new report from the Malabo Mont-

pellier Panel on which I sit, the same can be achieved elsewhere. It can also benefit other livestock commodities, to give Africa food sovereignty across animal-sourced foods and greater access to international markets.

The report makes 11 recommendations for Africa's livestock sector. These range from technological innovations and supportive policies to addressing trade barriers and challenges specific to each commodity.

African nations must be strategic in prioritising the infrastructure that will make the most difference to quality and productivity. The first priority is to increase consumer awareness around food safety, nutrition and sustainability to kickstart demand for better quality products.

Partly as a response to European consumer expectations around quality and safety, for example, Morocco developed a new system for animal identification and traceability in 2015.

Livestock can be identified using electronic tags that communicate with the national database via mobile phone networks. This increases transparency and traceability. It also promotes Moroccan animal products on international markets such as the European Union.

The second priority is then to direct technology towards opportunities to open up market access.

To unlock trade means investing in improved animal health, processing operations, storage and distribution. Meeting regional and international standards for food safety and quality is a vital goal. Africa currently contributes 2.8% of the global meat market, which translates to 14 million tons. The continent produces just over 10% of the world's milk.

There are a number of barriers to increasing this production and gaining greater market share. They include limited availability of quality animal feed, access to affordable energy needed in producing and processing livestock, and limited infrastructure, particularly in the last mile.

With meat and milk being perishable goods, innovation in the cold chain and sustainable energy supplies will help strengthen the sector.

For example, an East African initiative which centralised milk quality testing and storage in chillers prior to sale increased yields sixfold within five years.

The volume of milk supplied to the 30km catchment area rose to three million litres a month. This increased income per smallholder household by more than 160% in Uganda, 120% in Kenya, and almost 65% in Rwanda.

The success of such projects in turn drives demand for continued innovation, such as solar-powered cold chains or interventions that protect other resources like water and grasslands.

Finally, countries also need to prioritise policies that support new technologies across the livestock sector.

To transform its milk production sector, Uganda privatised the state-owned processing company Dairy Corporation as well as creating a Dairy Development Authority.

The Dairy Industry Act of 1998 empowered the authority to enforce milk hygiene standards and quality controls. As a result, traders were licensed to meet public health and milk quality standards. This encouraged the modernisation of the sector through the expansion of pasteurisation plants and processing infrastructure as well as processing of high value products.

Certainly, the gains have trickled down to the farmers in better farm gate prices.

As the Malabo Montpellier Panel points out, many of the tools needed to tap into the potential of Africa's livestock sector exist already. But with limited resources, they must be deployed smartly to improve the entire value chain.

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# The good, the bad and the ugly

MIAMI

**I**n the cinematic context of the death of the Italian and universal composer, Ennio Morricone, author of the background music of more than four hundred films, as an indirect tribute, Europe took a solid step.

The European Union's (EU) forceful ban on accepting travelers from the rest of the world has been decided simultaneously with a collective option: an internal opening that covers the entire territory of the Schengen Agreement, an enlarged EU that includes some special non-members (Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein and the microstates).

Furthermore, the EU seems to favor some countries that belong to its protection ring of its immediate neighborhood: Algeria, Georgia, Tunisia and Morocco. It also gives a vote of confidence to the candidates for the immediate enlargement: Serbia and Montenegro.

In Asia and Africa, Europe recognizes the goodness of Rwanda and Thailand. The EU is pleased, once again, to show a solid portrait.

The novelty of the ban is that the EU, replicating the title of a Sergio Leone film, among the most famous works with Morricone's musical dressing, sent an unwelcome message to the "ugly", some heavyweights (Russia, Brazil).

But the EU flatly pointed out to the "ugly" classic, the United States, that has earned that aesthetic distinction thanks to the showcase appearance of Donald Trump. As a further ignominy, Brussels admits important mutual allies and peers of the United States: Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Japan and South Korea.

In the Latin American subcontinent,



Europe reserved to award an impressive individual medal, as if it were a Nobel Prize, to the new "good": the small Uruguay.

Even protected in the hope of his hasty visit to Trump, Mexico's Andrés Manuel López Obrador (AMLO) could not escape being labeled "bad." Noticeable is the everlasting contrast with Canada: Mexico is still "so far from God and so close to the United States", just as Mexican dictator Porfirio Díaz cursed more than a century ago. Ottawa is just as close to Washington, but it's not affected by the neighborhood.

Observers from the Latin American

scene have been quick to give some explanation to this seemingly shocking global decision. The key for the contrastive assessment, on the one hand, recognition and reaction, on the other, is very simple and, at the same time, complex.

On the one hand, the internal framework of the EU itself must be considered. On this occasion, the EU leadership did not miss a golden opportunity to show a solid collective face, very often absent, becoming the object of internal criticism and external disdain. It is always very difficult to find where the "phone" for

Europe resides, as Henry Kissinger once claimed.

Therefore, Europe closes its doors to the most prominent competitors. But, hypocritically, gives a conditioned welcome to none other than China. There is no question of making the Asian giant uncomfortable, leaving the door ajar. Europe notes that Wuhan is the source of the virus (but not as blatantly as Trump repeats), but Brussels acknowledges Beijing's dictatorial power in controlling the effects.

The result of Washington's treatment will be that Brussels will become a new renewed object of irritation by Trump, if that tantrum is already something new. Meanwhile, the US Democrats led by Biden will certainly be happy to remind the President of his failed strategy against Covid-19. At the same time, the selection of little Uruguay, champion of the "good", can boast of the successful control of the pandemic.

In contrast, the awarding of diplomas will highlight the ridicule of ominous giant Brazil under Jair Bolsonaro, the tropical Trump. Even Chile, the country that, led by Sebastián Piñera, initially seemed to show a positive strategy, has remained in the "bad" group.

Without needing to say it explicitly, two "bad guys" are equally qualified by Europe and the United States: Cuba and Venezuela. They have no hope. President Nicolás Maduro of Venezuela is already controlled by Colombia. Cuba excludes itself for its insularity, geographical and political.

Despite all this panorama, the European Union, always so stingy and sinuous, has reserved a special "right of admission".

Fulfilling its privilege of being fundamentally intergovernmental in its external relations, while border control is a taboo subject, it will review every 14 days (as if it were a quarantine) the composition of the distribution of prizes and sticks. It would not be surprising if some "bad" ones reappear as "good". But the "ugly" par excellence should put on the mask.

It remains open, finally, to ask about the scenario of winners and losers due to the application of this measure, especially shocking in the American continent.

Firstly, Europe may be harmed by the closure to North American travelers, so much in need of tourism. Export businesses and airlines will take the hit, if the ban is upheld.

In Latin America the losers will be "the underdogs", to continue remembering the novel by Mariano Azuela. They will see their traditional escapes in emigration diminished and the consequent benefit of remittances.

Argentina, Brazil and Mexico will recall their weak position in a global network that only recognizes them as giants with feet of clay.

But the EU has self-imposed an expansion of the "bad" ones: the United Kingdom, France and Germany have restricted travel to Spain, causing the collapse of tourism. Agencies

## Six feet apart is the gold standard, but should it be?

By Markham Heid

**I**T may have been the most bizarre card game in history. Groups of men - some sick with the common cold, some healthy - sat around card tables for 12 hours, playing poker.

The healthy men wore specially designed arm braces or plastic "collars" that allowed them to handle the cards and chips but made it impossible for them to touch their faces.

The sick men were unencumbered and could freely touch the cards, the chips, or their own runny noses. The men were seated about 4.5 feet from one another.

The gonzo poker game was organised by researchers at the University of Wisconsin Medical School for a 1987 study that sought to measure how viral pathogens pass among people via different routes of transmission.

Since the healthy men couldn't touch their faces, the only way they could get sick was by breathing in airborne virus particles expelled by their unwell poker buddies.

Once this first part of experiment was over, the presumably cold virus-infested playing cards and chips that the sick men had handled were immediately transferred to a new lab room, where a fresh batch of healthy volunteers was waiting. These men played poker with the cards and chips for 12 hours and were directed to touch their faces every 15 minutes.

So who got sick? Among the healthy men in the first part of the experiment - the ones who couldn't touch their faces but were sitting close to ill people - more than half ended up coming down with the common cold. Among the men who had to play with the germ-ridden cards, none got sick.

"These results point to aerosol transmission as the most important mechanism of natural spread," the study authors wrote.

That study is one of several older research efforts that - coupled with more recent work - have helped the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) create guidelines designed to stop the spread of viruses and other pathogens.

Those guidelines form the foundation of the US government's current SARS-CoV-2 recommendations, including its advice to stay at least six feet away from other people.

"These studies looked at how likely it was that someone infected would communicate that infection to others in a shared environment, and then how far apart people were who became infected," says Julie Fischer, PhD, an adjunct professor of microbiology and immunology at the Georgetown University Center for Global Health Science and Security.

The results of these sorts of experiments are not always perfectly consistent, and most of the data are not specific to SARS-CoV-2. But Fischer says that the CDC's guidelines are based on the best evidence to date and are designed to afford the public the greatest level of protection.

However, guidelines are not laws. And some organisations planning to reopen this autumn - in particular, some schools - are discussing whether a full six feet of physical distance is necessary to keep people safe from Covid-19.

Some experts also say that the question of "what is a safe distance?" and "what distance is safest?" may have two different answers.

### Balancing risks and benefits

Back in June, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill announced that when classes resume this autumn, student desks and seating would be spaced a minimum of three feet apart - not the six feet recommended by the CDC.

The university said that its decision was based on input from infectious disease and public health experts. But the move triggered an immediate backlash among concerned students, their parents, and some faculty members. The school soon revised its policy to conform to the government's six-foot guideline.

While many observers may have wondered just what the uni-



versity's administrators were thinking, some who were close to the controversy say that the debate isn't as clear-cut as one might assume.

"The three-foot rule - that's classically what's considered the safe distance," says Efraín Rivera-Serrano, PhD, a molecular virologist at UNC-Chapel Hill.

He's referring to long-standing infectious disease guidelines, produced by the CDC, which say three feet is the "area of defined risk" for healthcare workers exposed to patients who may carry an infectious disease.

Rivera-Serrano says there's no question that maintaining at least six feet of physical distance is optimal. But he points out that the World Health Organisation, along with countries such as France and Denmark, have adhered to a one-meter (3.2 feet) physical distancing guideline throughout the pandemic. "Three feet should be enough, especially if everyone is wearing a mask," he says.

The question of "how much distance is enough?" is a challenging one for schools and other institutions or businesses that are attempting to balance public safety with reopening imperatives.

Everyone agrees that more distance is better when it comes to reducing exposure risks. But classrooms do not have unlimited space and, as the distance between two people increases, the amount of added risk reduction falls.

To illustrate this point, imagine that someone has tossed a water balloon up in the air. If the balloon lands and explodes within three feet of your legs, you'll prob-

ably get hit with some droplets.

The farther away you move, the lower your risk of being splashed falls. But at a certain point, the odds of any water hitting you become so small that putting more distance between yourself and the balloon doesn't do much to lower your risk.

The same basic rules apply to virus transmission. Rivera-Serrano says that when an infected person talks, sneezes, coughs, or even just breathes, that person expels droplets of saliva.

The closer people are to that person, the more likely they are to inhale one or more of those droplets. But if people are wearing masks, it's unclear whether there's a large amount of additional risk reduction when people move from three feet to six feet.

To his point, a July study published in the *Lancet* looked at data related to SARS, MERS, and Covid-19. It found that people's risk of infection dropped from 13 per cent to 3 per cent when they maintained at least three feet of physical distance.

"Protection was increased as distance was lengthened," the authors of that study concluded. But graphs included in the study suggest that the magnitude of the risk reduction beyond three feet may be quite small.

Rivera-Serrano says that whenever six feet or more of physical distancing is possible, people should follow that guideline. But he also notes that if people maintain at least three feet of distance and are also wearing masks, it's not yet clear whether the additional three feet of distance provides a significant added layer of protection - or, at least, one that is significant enough to keep a large percentage of US students out of the classroom this fall.

### The origins of the six-foot rule

As recently as the 1950s, health officials didn't have a solid understanding of the ways in which common respiratory illnesses spread from person to person. That changed during the 1960s and 1970s when some pioneering research at the Common Cold Unit - a former initiative of the British Medical Research Council - revealed that close proximity to infected individuals, more so than touching infected surfaces, seemed to carry the greatest transmission risk.

A later study of English school children, published in 1982, suggested that virus transmission was elevated when students sat three feet or less from one another.

"These studies formed the foundation of the standards developed by CDC and the National Institutes of Health and used in healthcare facilities, which are that anything closer than three feet carries the most risk," Georgetown's Fischer explains.

Before Covid-19, the three-foot guideline was still widely used in health care settings. So how did US health authorities come up with the current six-foot recommendation?

"During the SARS epidemic, epidemiologists realised that three feet might not be enough to prevent droplet transmission," Fisher says, adding: "There was evidence that health workers who had moved through spaces within about two meters, or six feet, of SARS patients had become infected."

SARS and Covid-19 are transmitted by related coronaviruses. Assuming that they are passed from person to person in similar ways, it follows that three feet might not be enough space to effectively lower the spread of SARS-CoV-2.

But if everyone's wearing masks, that could change the math. It's uncertain how much added Covid-19 protection a person enjoys if they're wearing a mask and they maintain six feet of distance from others, as opposed to three feet.

Experts say that the answer likely depends on dozens of different variables. "We understand that unique air patterns, like the way air-conditioning flows, can make a big difference in how far droplets can move," Fischer says.

At a restaurant in China, a person infected with Covid-19 sat close to an air-conditioning unit which was believed to have carried the virus to diners sitting "downstream" in the path of the unit's air flow.

Also, a person who is sneezing, as opposed to talking or breathing, may expel droplets much farther. Fischer says that when people are outdoors, several different factors - such as ultraviolet light or humidity - may cause virus droplets to degrade or fall to the ground more quickly than they would indoors, and so transmission may be less likely.

However, the risks associated with all these scenarios are "hard to quantify" and highly situation-dependent, she says.

To sum all this up, public health authorities are doing their best to provide people with easy-to-follow, evidence-supported guidelines that minimise the risk of virus spread.

The best evidence to date suggests that maintaining six feet of physical distance is likely to be a highly effective way to reduce the odds of SARS-CoV-2 transmission. But some open questions remain, and debate about what distance is appropriate - especially when coupled with masks and instituted among low-risk groups - is sure to continue.

"People love to think about things in absolutes, but in biology there are always exceptions," Rivera-Serrano says, adding: "With distance and risk, it's a continuum."

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# Mining firm and NEEC in new deal to empower more Tanzanian miners

By Guardian Reporter

GEITA Gold Mining Ltd (GGML) and the National Economic Empowerment Council (NEEC) have signed an agreement for the provision of consultancy and support services on the mining's local content implementation.

The agreement has been signed recently in Geita town, Geita Region at Geita gold market ground and shall continue for a period of 1 year and continue to be valid until June 30, 2021 unless terminated.

Speaking during the ceremony to sign that agreement, GGML vice president for sustainability, Simon Shayo said the agreement aims at jointly undertaking programs and initiatives aimed at improving participation of Tanzanians in investments, including giving Tanzanian citizens and companies meeting the necessary criteria preference in the supply of goods and services in the mining sector.

He said the agreement aims at ensuring that communities around Geita and Tanzania are better off through working together, and with the support of AngloGold Ashanti-Geita Gold Mining Limited. That also forms part of GGML's broader partnership with the local authorities and the host community.

"At AngloGold Ashanti-Geita Gold Mining Limited, we are committed to the sustainable development of the communi-



National Economic Empowerment Council (L) executive secretary Bengi Issa and GGML senior manager David Nzalongo signing the MOU agreement documents.

ties we operate in. We would like to leave a legacy, even when mining may have stopped. Our aim is to increase the participation of Tanzanians in the mine so that we can support the society that we work with.

"We have continuously demonstrated this at Geita by becoming active partners

with the Government in improving social services including education, health and agriculture," said Shayo.

Shayo explained: "GGML is proud to be the best and largest taxpayer in Tanzania where in 2019 alone, the total amount of taxes paid by GGML to the Tanzanian government was approximately 467 billion. GGML has also provided employment to more than 5000 Tanzanians including employees under various contractors."

Dorothy Mwaluko, the Permanent Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office responsible for Policy, Coordination and Investment said participation of Tanzanians in various investments is still low due to various reasons including low skills levels, inadequate access to investment capital and inadequate market information among producers.

Mwaluko added that the country also faces other investment challenges especially inadequate formalization of businesses among owners and fear to participate in local and international procurements due to lack of confidence among micro and small enterprises owners.

She further explained that in accordance with the Local Content Regulations, with that agreement now Geita Gold Mining Limited shall receive goods and services supplied by Tanzanian citizens and Companies in a technically proficient, business sensitive manner, at Competitive or reasonable cost and with a commitment to act with mutual co-operation based on trust, integrity and open-book dealings.

# 50 entrepreneurs stand out in Jack Ma Foundation's decade-old competition for African 'business heroes'

By Special Correspondent, Kigali

TOP 50 finalists have emerged in a Jack Ma Foundation competition that seeks to support African entrepreneurs.

This year's "Africa's Business Heroes" prize competition, organized by Jack Ma Foundation's flagship philanthropic program in Africa, Africa Netpreneur Prize Initiative, is the second edition after its 2019 debut.

The competition aims to identify,

support and inspire the next generation of African entrepreneurs who are making a difference in their local communities, working to solve the most pressing problems and building a more sustainable and inclusive economy for the future, according to organizers.

Over a 10-year period, the Africa Netpreneur Prize Initiative plans to recognize 100 African entrepreneurs and commit to allocating 100 million U.S. dollars in grant funding and training

programs for the broad African entrepreneurial ecosystem.

The top 10 finalists in the competition will share a prize pool of 1.5 million dollars this year and gain access to the initiative's community of business leaders to leverage its shared expertise, best practice, training and resources.

"With this prize competition, we are looking to inspire and reward African business heroes in all sectors and encourage any aspiring applicants to seize this opportunity to break through

barriers and create hope for the future," said Jason Pau, senior adviser for international programs at Jack Ma Foundation.

Over 22,000 registrations from 54 African countries were received since the launch of the competition on April 6 until the close of the application on June 22, according to the foundation. The applicants, from a wide range of sectors, are aged between 19 and 82, and the average age of the top 50 finalists is 37, it said.

The 50 entrepreneurs emerg-

ing in the first round represent 21 countries across Africa, such as Ghana, Morocco, Cote d'Ivoire, Nigeria, Egypt, South Africa and Kenya, and are from 18 sectors including agriculture, artificial intelligence (AI), big data, business services, construction, education, with female contestants making up the half, the foundation said.

The finalists have introduced "unique" projects in line with the situation of the continent. For example, Abid Khirani from

Morocco developed a road safety device attached to the helmet, which is able to notify motorcycle riders of road-related dangers, and trigger the emergency procedure and alert family members in case of an accident.

According to the schedule, the top 20 finalists, who will be determined by established business leaders through video-call interviews, will be announced in early August, followed by semi-final pitches in mid-August that will

determine the top 10 competitors. The top 10 are expected to be announced in September after they are selected through in-person pitches with a distinguished and experienced panel of investors, business leaders and professionals, the foundation said.

A final pitch competition show is scheduled to be held at the end of November, when the top 10 finalists will take the stage to pitch business legends, including Jack Ma, to win the share of the prize pool.

# Benjamin Mkapa, great ally of Sir Andy Chande

By Guardian Correspondent

THE Third Phase retired President Benjamin Mkapa who passed away on July 24, this year was a man who built the private sector, which he believed to be the engine of economic growth.

In this article the Author describes how Mkapa loved a well-known businessman whose reputation has spread nationally and internationally since the 1960's, due to his expertise in running his business and leadership, and this man is non-other than Sir Andy Chande.

Mkapa who was buried in his home village of Lupaso in Masasi district, Mtwara region last Wednesday, July 29 was close to this reputable man who created good business environment, believing that the industry was a key to economic development.

One of the business people that Mkapa liked and saw as the engine of economic growth was this man from Bukene district in Tabora region, Sir Andy Chande who was of Asian descent.

Chande, (now deceased), was a prominent businessman and a dedicated public servant in his home country of Tanzania and a tireless worker who supported charity groups in various countries around the world.

When he was the president of the United Republic of Tanzania, Mkapa during his lifetime in power worked closely with Sir Andy Chande, and it was president Mkapa who wrote an introduction in Sir

Chande's book about his life titled 'Hero in Africa, Journey from Bukene'.

In the introduction of this book, Mkapa describes Sir Andy Chande as a member of the Round table and Rotary club who was awarded a medal of bravery with the British government.

He recounted that his story with Chande tries to give a picture of a person's life as well as the sights of the time very eloquently.

In his introduction to the Chande's book, Mkapa says that at the beginning of the twentieth century the world witnessed the migration of East Africans to the Indians, some of whom helped to build East African railways and others built a business centres in the area.

Mkapa says one of them, Keshavji Chande, after embarking on a dangerous voyage in search of wealth, set up something that at the turn of the second quarter of the century saw a very large business entity, a company called 'Chande Industries Limited'.

He says his son Jayantilah Keshvji Chande popularly known as JK or Chande is the backbone of the family company even though for a short time he was caught in a wave of nationalization in the 1960s.

Mkapa says in the book, without hesitation, he continued to become a prominent figure in the operation of industrial and commercial companies which were no longer his but part of the commercial and industrial enterprises owned by the Tanzanian government.

"The information we see here about the pre-inde-



The late president Benjamin Mkapa and late Sir Andy Chande (R). File Photo

pendence period is full of surprises, tensions between the people and the prospect of economic prosperity. JK's parents were experts in accounting, estimating lucrative projects, making a sincere effort to build good relationships with farmers who sold their produce and bought processed or imported goods," Mkapa says in that introduction.

Mkapa says that although he did not like discriminatory education procedures, Chande made good use of the opportunity given to him by his beloved family, using his experience helping to ensure that the transition plan involved all people irrespective of their races.

He said six years after Tanganyika's independence came a wave of nationalization of important economic activities, all industrial and commercial activities of the Chande family and other people were nationalized by the government.

"It is the great patience and patriotism of the Chande family, not only that they acknowledged the step taken by the government but also unanimously agreed to manage the transition to own part of the country's economy.

With a good knowledge of Chande's business acumen, First phase President Julius Nyerere entrusted the chairmanship of the boards of many public corporations" says part of the Chande's book.

Also in the book, Mkapa said that Chande was a very talented man, the story of his life would not be complete without mentioning the things he loved and that many of those things and the power he had were truly

amazing.

Mkapa explained that he first knew Chande for his enthusiasm in education when he placed him on the board of Shaaban Robert School and later found out that he was a prominent person in the school for the deaf as he was a non-stop person in community service, not only for contributing, but also for motivating them whole heartedly.

Speaking about Chande's marriage to his wife Jayli, Mkapa said Chande loved his family and in 50 years of marriage their love started with fear but ended in the shackles of a relationship and great love.

"If you talk to one of them you will realize how much he loves his partner, as well as their love and their three sons," says part of Mkapa's text in the introduction to Chande's book written while both were still alive.

Mkapa said Chande was recognized and honored by national and international media, which Mkapa said the late Chande deserved and that he was happy to be associated with the recognition and recognition given to Chande as he was a prominent Tanzanian with international credentials.

Andy Chande was born in Mombasa Kenya in 1928 although his parents were living in Bukene Tabora and he died in 2017 at the age of 89.

In 1922 Chande's father, Keshavji Chande left India and came to Tanganyika at the time under British rule, and at a very young age, Chande managed his father's processing business from the very beginning to the very end, taking great responsibilities for family's life and future.

# PASS Trust wins govt's accolades for its hefty contribution to agricultural sector

By Guardian Correspondent, Simiyu

THE Private Agricultural Sector Support Trust (PASS) has been recognised for its immense contribution and support in the agricultural sector.

Opening this year's Nane Nane Agricultural fair over the weekend here, Vice President Samia Suluhu Hassan said PASS Trust was among few selected institutions that the government had recognized for their continued support in the growth of the agricultural sector in Tanzania.

PASS Trust whose objective is to facilitate access to finance and business development services for agribusiness entrepreneurs in Tanzania has been assisting clients in developing solid and bankable investment project write ups as well as facilitating access to finance through credit guarantee schemes with commercial banks covering the entire agribusiness value chain.

"I highly recognize the efforts of various private sector institutions among them PASS Trust for their contribution and support towards the agricultural sector in the country" Said the vice President.

Over the years, the number of PASS beneficiaries has been increasing with PASS supporting agribusiness entrepreneurs with up to 60% credit guarantee in PASS collaborating banks as well as up to 80% guarantee for women entrepreneurs.

"I am indeed delighted with the performance that PASS Credit guarantee scheme continues to register with time, contributing significantly to the growth of the country's agricultural sector," said Prof Anfwre Temu, PASS Board of Trustees Chairman in a statement delivered through the institutions' annual report.

Since it began its operations in the year 2000, an estimated 1.8million agricultural entrepreneur have benefited from PASS guaranteed loans, amounting to a total of 844.9bn/-with over 2.5 million jobs being created over the same period.

"This demonstrates and proves the catalyst role that PASS is playing in boosting the sector through credit guaranteeing," Prof Temu added.

PASS managing director Nicomed Bohay said that in line with the country's industrialization agenda, at least 15 sub sectors have been supported among them the agro processing sector which composed of the highest value of the total amount of loans approved in the year 2019 only.

"I am glad that PASS Trust has been able to carry out its mission and contribute towards poverty reduction in Tanzania. We are grateful to the governments of Tanzania, Denmark and Sweden for the support given to us," said Bohay in the report.



Agriculture deputy Minister Hussein Bashe (C) and Deputy Ministry of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Parliamentary Affairs, Labour, Employment, Youth and the Disabled), Antony Peter Mavunde get briefing from PASS Trust chief operation officer Anna Shanalingwiga on the trust's various activities at the ongoing Nane Nane Agricultural Exhibition in Simiyu Region. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.



# How a global pandemic could strengthen agribusiness in Africa

By Louis Van Ravesteyn

AS supply chains around the world are disrupted and the demand for certain types of food drops in the wake of the Covid-19 outbreak, questions have begun to emerge about Africa and its ability to ensure food security for its citizens.

While parts of the continent have faced recent food production challenges due to droughts, floods and swarms of locusts, Africa continues to have enough staple food to feed the majority of its citizens, thanks to local farming and imports from other parts of the world.

However, the outbreak of Covid-19 has highlighted the need for the continent to concentrate its efforts on becoming self-sufficient when it comes to the production of certain food like wheat, maize rice and proteins, as well as value-addition and processing of raw materials.

More formalised or efficient value chains in other parts of the world mean that countries in Africa will continue to import certain food but, thanks to the current global outlook, there is an opportunity for Africa to refocus and benefit from the competitive advantages that exist on the continent - arable land, affordable labour, good rainfall in parts and available fresh-water mass.

## Africa's agriculture potential

When it comes to the potential for driving growth in Africa, especially across sub-Saharan Africa, agriculture remains the sector with the most potential. The sector employs 70% of the continent's population and contributes about 23% to GDP.

Many would agree that Africa has not realised its full potential with regards to farming and that the advent of Covid-19 has emphasised the need

to explore ways to become self-sufficient in this area.

One of the ways of doing this is embracing intra-Africa trade in the agribusiness space. Covid-19 has already ignited conversations about deglobalisation as major trade routes were temporarily cut off because of lockdowns around the world, or bottlenecks which occurred in the value chain.

Agriculture and food production are essential services but have not escaped the consequences of shutting down economies and disruptions in global supply chains. These disruptions, when approached differently, present an opportune time to start discussions about regionalisation of agribusiness in Africa.

## Reducing import reliance

The current reality is that many countries in Africa are over-reliant on imports from the East or West to meet their food needs. Two-thirds of African countries are net importers of food. Intra-Africa trade provides the opportunity to reduce this reliance on food from outside the continent and ignite more employment opportunities across the food value chain.

If we can move crops efficiently between countries, build partnerships, and broker effective trade deals it would be a significant step on the road to self-reliance. Imagine being able to move crops between Nigeria, the biggest producer of yams and cassavas, and Kenya or between South Africa and Uganda, one of the biggest tea and coffee producers in the world, seamlessly.

This kind of approach, coupled with moves to develop infrastructure that facilitates cross-border trade under the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA), could create exponential growth in intra-Africa trade over the next few years.

It is important to remember that



global trade in the form of exports remains critical. Exports provide African countries with foreign exchange to invest in the infrastructure that will be needed to become self-sufficient; infrastructure that will help countries convert raw crops into final food products for consumption, as well as exports.

## Accelerating digital operations

One also cannot ignore the growing role of technology in Africa's agricultural sector.

According to the African Development Bank, there are currently more than 350 agritech companies operating on the continent and Covid-19 has accelerated digital adoption across sectors, not just farming. In Africa, 70-80% of produce is produced by smallholders - the majority of whom are

subsistence farmers.

All these farmers own a mobile phone and can potentially contribute to the agribusiness value chain by becoming out growers who sell into the milling and processing companies, and to exporters.

The new buzzword in digitisation is "platforms". By leveraging off the "network effect", the objective is to bring the whole food value chain together to ensure the easy flow of inputs and produce across the value chain while seamlessly enabling payments and collections, as well as access to knowledge and democratizing data.

Sub-Saharan Africa is the ideal playground for this technology based on the complexities around smallholder producers, the lack of infrastructure and markets. It is here, where Standard Bank's One-Farm proof of concept platform, could unlock the potential of the value chain from farm to fork. This platform aims to bring together a network of digitised solutions that could unlock the ability of all our clients - from input suppliers to offtakers and corporates who facilitate the trade - and ultimately improve the quality and quantity of agricultural output across the continent.

For agribusiness to grow farmers and everyone else in the value chain must embrace these technologies which improve crop yields, lower costs, create efficiencies and bring them closer to the end consumer.

## Reimagining Africa agribusiness opportunities

Governments and regulators are taking stock of global shifts that have been brought about by Covid-19. They are seeing a moderation from pure reliance on globalisation and a shift towards deglobalisation in respect of food security. Covid-19 has also cast a harsh light on many countries' over-reliance on food imports and the challenges during a pandemic.

All of these factors point to the need to examine how Africa reimagines agribusiness and the opportunities it presents.

As we continue to navigate the pandemic, Africa has been presented with an opportunity to strengthen regional relations in agribusiness and finally start down the road to self-sufficiency when it comes to food security.

# Woman wins billions after a decade of fighting pollution

NAIROBI

AFTER a decade of campaigning, Kenyan environmental activist Phyllis Omido won a court ruling that awarded \$12m (over 27bn/-) to a community poisoned by lead pollution from a nearby factory.

When, in 2009, Omido explained to her employer that their business of battery recycling could "end up killing" the people living near the plant, she was asked never to talk about it again.

This was the first of many times she was told to be quiet, but she did not do as she was told, the BBC reported.

At 31, the business management graduate had just joined Kenya Metal Refineries, a firm in the coastal city of Mombasa which was recycling car batteries to extract the lead.

## Toxic fumes

She had been asked to commission an environmental impact assessment,

but when she presented the expert's report the company directors did not act on its findings.

The battery melting process emitted both toxic fumes and a discharge that seeped into the neighbouring densely populated Owino Uhuru community. It affected both the air and the water, causing illnesses the residents could not understand.

It also had an impact on the employees.

But at that point in 2009, Omido did not know the extent of the problems - or the level of damage to the environment. From childhood, she had always loved nature and had wanted to study something to do with the environment at university.

But her guardians in Mombasa - where she had moved after the death of her mother 15 years earlier in western Kenya - urged her to take a course that would enable her to get an office job.

## A mystery illness

The problem was that the office job

she had taken was with a company that did not seem to care for what she loved.

Despite concerns, Omido continued working for the company and in 2010 her two-year-old son fell ill. He underwent treatments and tests, but he did not get better and the problem could not be identified.

Things got so bad that he was admitted to hospital and it was then that a friend suggested that the child should be tested for lead poisoning.

It turned out he had dangerously high levels of lead in his blood.

The discovery that her son had lead poisoning - perhaps ingested from breastmilk - shocked her.

Omido was angry. She quit her job, while pushing for the company to pay for her son's treatment.

She also had tests done on three other children from the community. Her fears were confirmed.

## 'You're making it up'

Armed with the test results, Omido



started writing to government agencies seeking action to stop the pollution.

They ignored her, she says.

The National Environmental Management Authority (Nema) "in fact wrote back to me and said what I was saying was fictitious and they were ready to defend it in a court of law", she told the BBC.

Nema had been partly responsible for licensing the factory in the first place.

She wanted to prove that it was no fiction so with funding from an environmental organisation, she organised for more lead poisoning tests to be done.

Omido then felt she had the evidence, but her determination to make her case led to frequent run-ins with the authorities.

"I just took it a day at a time. We were just depending on goodwill. When I was arrested for instance, I didn't even have money for bail. And I had 17 people to bail out."

She was detained for one night in 2012 and charged with inciting violence after organising a march in Mombasa.

Two legal charities, Front Line Defenders and the East African Law Society, helped with the money and defence. The campaigners were acquitted because of a lack of evidence.

## Beaten up

Omido considers the years before 2014 as "a very difficult time" when she almost gave up the fight.

She was often scared because of being harassed by the authorities. An attack by unidentified armed men just outside her home terrified her so much that she went into hiding for months.

"I only survived because my neighbour arrived at that time. His car lights shone on the place where I had been hit

and had fallen on the ground, and my son was screaming," she says.

At one point, members of Omido's family were also unhappy. They argued that she was not being fair to her son, who saw her being mistreated by the authorities.

But the campaigner says she felt indebted to the community because "there were so many people who believed in me and paid a very high price for that".

She remembers one "heart-breaking" incident in 2011 when the police arrived and fired tear gas after a community meeting.

"They then ransacked people's houses on the pretext of looking for illegal substances," she says.

"These are poor people who earn so little. I wish they would have arrested me instead."

Despite the setbacks, Omido fought for more than 10 years to get the case to court and get a decision to go the community's way.

The \$12m award is supposed to be paid jointly by the government agencies that were found to have been negligent as well as the directors of the company, which shut down in 2014.

The judge also ordered the government to clean Owino Uhuru within four months, saying failure to act would result in a fine.

Omido says that "money cannot even compensate" for what the 3,000-strong community has been through. Nevertheless, the funds can be used for treatment and medication. But this may not be the end of the journey as she does not believe the money will be immediately forthcoming as the government has a poor record of paying compensation ordered by the courts.

It has until the middle of September to pay up. If it fails, then Omido will not keep quiet.

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WORD-FIT

5 LETTERS: ART, APE, RID  
4 LETTERS: MOOT, DIET, SURE, OVEN, NETA, WAGE, PAID

5 LETTERS: AROMA, TEASE, DAILY, ASANA, EVADE  
6 LETTERS: ASMARA, ASCEND, KARATE, DENTAL, TYRIAN  
7 LETTERS: FARANGA,  
8 LETTERS: AGRARIAN  
10 LETTERS: MADAGASCAR

CROSSWORD

1 Selling of black Africans  
5 one of the two branches of Islam  
7 consumed  
8 a male honey-bee  
10 a pen for pigs  
11 Masai warrior  
13 greater, further  
15 total number of points made in a game  
17 slaughterhouse  
19 a way of acting  
20 citrus fruit

Down:  
1 neither very good nor very bad  
2 sharp-tasting or sour  
3 a thick cord made of twisted fibres  
4 to give as a gift to charity  
6 an expanse of land  
7 molluscs having wormlike bodies and spiral protective shell  
9 Chief city of Sri Lanka  
12 soft, delicate  
14 to go or come in  
16 to adhere, to be attached  
17 short for amplifier  
18 fuss or difficulty

SOLUTIONS

BOUNDARIES, SOUTHERNER, CAFE, AGAIN, CROW, PANDA, KABODET, KNEPALUK, AOBHSE, CANARK, PLUNGE, CHORE, LRE, S, C, H, O, R, E, A, M, W, S, O, O, N, E, L, E, C, T, S, N, A, P, A, G, R, E, E, W, D, A, A, G, E, R, A, L, E, S, E, G, G, E, S, T, U, R, E, S, I, D, E, M, S, E, U, S, E, R, B, E



## MOBILIZATION

# VP urges small farmers: Utilise 'FahariKilimo' credit facilities

By Guardian Reporter, Bariadi

SMALLHOLDER farmers in the country have been challenged to open and exploit 'FahariKilimo' Accounts with CRDB Bank Plc and utilise opportunities that come with it such as borrowing money to improve their farms.

Vice President Samia Suluhu Hassan said here over the weekend while officiating this year's 'Nane Nane' agriculture exhibitions being held at national level in Bariadi District of Simiyu Region that 'FahariKilimo' is tailor made to meet needs of farmers.

"I am happy to learn that over 146,000 farmers in the country have opened this account and have already been given loans worth over 650bn/- . I urge more farmers to open this account and get access to such benefits," VP Suluhu Hassan said when she visited CRDB's pavilion and was briefed about the account. She further noted that the bank also trains and sensitizes smallholder farmers on how best to manage their fi-

nances and benefit from the agriculture value chain prevalent in the country.

"Women who constitute a 65 percent of the workforce in the agriculture sector also need to benefit from this account," Suluhu Hassan noted while requesting financial institutions to streamline and relax stringent conditions for borrowers.

She commended CRDB's management for being in the frontline of lowering interest rates being charged on loans taken by 'Malkia' Account businesswomen holders from 24 to 14 percent saying such a big relief encourages women to borrow more.

The VP said the government is speeding up issuance of national identification cards by National Identification Authority so that farmers can easily access loans in addition to special identities for the group which falls in the informal sector category.

"But the government through Ministries of Agriculture and Lands has devised a strategy to undertake country-wide wide land surveying and official



Vice President Samia Suluhu Hassan (L) and Agriculture minister Japhet Hasunga (to her left) listen to CRDB Bank's Chief Finance Officer, Fredrick Nshakanabo (R), at the bank's pavilion at the ongoing 'Nane Nane' Agriculture show being held at national level in Bariadi District of Simiyu Region.

documentation to add value to farms," she stated.

Briefing the VP, CRDB's Chief Finance Officer, Fredrick Nshakanabo said 'FahariKilimo' Account is the bank's tailor made for farmers so that their financial needs are addressed adequately. "This account attracts to opening balance and has no maintenance fees because we want to encourage farmers' use formal banking in their business transactions," Nshakanabo said. He further noted that the bank which has

heavily invested in the agriculture sector targets to recruit more farmers hence the decision to feature flamboyantly at this year's show and is also the main sponsor with 60m/- pay-check.

"Once a farmer opens the account we incorporate them into our plan which includes training on better farming practices and how to grow their business through use of the bank's various products and services," he added while unveil-

ing that CRDB has 40 percent market share of agro-loans disbursed so far. Of the 650bn/- that the bank has given out so far, 97.3bn/- went to value chain in cotton farming, 167.3bn/- to sugar producers, 36.6bn/- to coffee production and 60bn/- to tea farming.

## SCRAMBLE

# Battle over access to Covid-19 vaccines ahead with rich nations are first in line

LONDON

WEALTHY countries have already locked up more than a billion doses of coronavirus vaccines, raising worries that the rest of the world will be at the back of the queue in the global effort to defeat the pathogen.

Moves by the US and UK to secure supplies from Sanofi and partner GlaxoSmithKline Plc, and another pact between Japan and Pfizer Inc., are the latest in a string of agreements. The European Union has also been aggressive in obtaining shots, well before anyone knows whether they will work.

Although international groups and a number of nations are promising to make vaccines affordable and accessible to all, doses will likely struggle to keep up with demand in a world of roughly 7.8 billion people. The possibility wealthier countries will monopolize supply, a scenario that played out in the 2009 swine flu pandemic, has fuelled concerns among poor nations and health advocates.

The US, Britain, European Union and Japan have so far secured about 1.3 billion doses of potential Covid-19

immunisations, according to London-based analytics firm Airfinity. Options to snap up additional supplies or pending deals would add more than 1.5 billion doses to that total, its figures show.

Even if you have an optimistic assessment of the scientific progress, there's still not enough vaccines for the world," according to Rasmus Bech Hansen, Airfinity's chief executive officer. What's also important to consider is that most of the vaccines may require two doses, he said.

A few front-runners, such as the University of Oxford and partner AstraZeneca Plc and a Pfizer-BioNTech SE collaboration, are already in final-stage studies, fuelling hopes that a weapon to fight Covid-19 will be available soon. But developers must still clear a number of hurdles: proving their shots are effective, gaining approval and ramping up manufacturing. Worldwide supply may not reach 1 billion doses until the first quarter of 2022, Airfinity forecasts.

Investing in production capacity all over the world is seen as one of the keys to solving the dilemma, and pharma companies are start-



Coronavirus vaccine research is currently the most needed drug in various countries.

ing to outline plans to deploy shots widely. Sanofi and Glaxo intend to provide a significant portion of worldwide capacity in 2021 and 2022 to a global initiative that's focused on accelerating development and production and distributing shots equitably.

The World Health Organisation, the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations, and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance are working together to bring

about equitable and broad access. They outlined an \$18 billion plan in June to roll out shots and secure 2 billion doses by the end of 2021.

The initiative, known as Covax, aims to give governments an opportunity to hedge the risk of backing unsuccessful candidates and give other nations with limited finances access to shots that would be otherwise unaffordable.

Tangle of deals

Countries would need to strike a series of different agreements with vaccine makers to raise their chances of getting supplies, as some shots won't succeed, a situation that could lead to bidding battles and inefficiencies. Seth Berkley, Gavi's CEO, said in an interview. "The thing we worry about most is getting a tangle of deals," he said. "Our hope is with a portfolio of vaccines we can get countries to come together."

Some 78 nations have expressed interest in joining Covax, he said. In addition, more than 90 low- and middle-income countries and economies will be able to access Covid-19 vaccines through a Gavi-led program, the group said Friday. There's still concern the rest of the world might fall behind. "That is exactly what we're trying to avoid," Berkley said.

Biggest investment

AstraZeneca in June became the first manufacturer to sign up to Gavi's program, committing 300 million doses, and Pfizer and BioNTech signalled interest in potentially supplying Covax. The Trump administration agreed to provide as much as \$2.1 billion to partners Sanofi and Glaxo, the biggest US investment yet for Operation Warp Speed, the nation's vaccine development and procurement program. The funding will support clinical trials and manufacturing while allowing the US to secure 100 million doses, if it's successful. The country has an option to receive an additional 500 million doses longer term.

## BOYCOTT

# Jambojet to delay Entebbe, Kigali flights over strict health

NAIROBI

BUDGET carrier Jambojet will delay flying to Entebbe and Kigali when international flights start August 1 because of stricter Covid-19 requirements in these countries that the airline says will lead to low demand.

Jambojet acting managing director Ndegwa Karanja said with the mandatory quarantine in Rwanda and Uganda, the demand for flying in the two countries could be quite low. Rwanda's Ministry of Infrastructure has announced that Passengers entering Rwanda will be required to take a second test upon arrival with the results expected within 24 hours. This will be in addition to the test that they would have taken in their home countries in the last 72 hours.

Kigali will require international passengers arriving in Rwanda to quarantine in selected hotel rooms that cost between \$40 and \$200 a day, implying that travellers will have to incur double cost to enter the country.

"We are reviewing (the routes) and we will get the most appropriate time to resume both Entebbe and Kigali routes. We are accessing the demand and return conditions. With mandatory quarantine in Rwanda and Uganda, the demand will be quite low," said Mr Ndegwa.

East African citizens will be required to pay \$50 for the Covid-19 test while foreigners coming outside of the region will have to part with \$100 for the procedure. Rwanda is opening its airspace for international travellers tomorrow after closing

it nearly four months ago to curb spread of Covid-19. The carrier suspended flight to Rwanda and Uganda in March citing low passenger numbers.

Last year the carrier announced that the Entebbe route has witnessed over 17 per cent growth since the first flight was launched February 15, 2018. The Covid-19 pandemic has disrupted the airline's plan to expand its international presence beside where it flies at the moment.

The Kenya Civil Aviation Authority had previously granted the low-cost airline a three-year licence to fly to Addis Ababa, Dar-es-Salaam, Zanzibar, Kilimanjaro, Mwanza, Kigali, Juba, Hargeisa, Mogadishu, Goma, Kisangani (DRC), Moroni (Comoros) and Lilongwe. Kenya Airways has announced it will fly to

Kigali daily from August 1 when it resumes international flights.



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Jambojet acting managing director, Ndegwa Karanja.



## INVESTMENT

# Tanzanian Gold secures 32.5bn/- financing to expand Buckreef plant

By Guardian Reporter

IN a major boost to increase gold production at Geita based Buckreef Mine, Tanzanian Gold Corporation has secured US\$14 million (over 32.5bn/-) flexible financing agreement from RiverFort Global Capital Limited and Yorkville Advisors.

In a statement, TGC's Executive Chairman, James Sinclair said the financing will be structured in two tranches of which US\$7 million will be advanced between close and the filing of a registration statement with the US Securities Exchange Commission while the remaining US\$7 million will be advanced over time upon reaching certain milestones.

"The past 18 months of work from a talented team at Buckreef and our entire organization represent an incredible period of progress and value creation for our company. We have dramatically grown our resource base at very low cost, increased the scale and scope of what we now feel will be the next world-class mine in Tanzania and have begun to unlock the tremendous blue-sky potential that exists with our continuing exploration and development programs," Sinclair said in the statement.

The proceeds of the financing will be utilized for a significant expansion of the Buckreef Project oxide mining and processing operation, general corporate purposes, the advancement of a feasibility study for the larger sulphide mining complex, and the continuation of multiple drilling programs, the statement noted.

"Critically, we have now become a gold producer. The financing announced today will ensure rapid expansion of oxide gold production, and by the end of the term of this agreement, we should reach our goal of becoming cash-flow positive," he added.

Tanzanian Gold has developed a scope of the project to expand the oxide processing plant to the range of 40 tons per hour as the basis for discussion with State Mining Company and regulatory approval. Details of the plant expansion will be announced in the immediate future, the company stated.

The first tranche is essentially a low-cost equity financing as the investors will seek to convert the debenture into common shares. In order to help maintain an orderly market for the company's shares, there are limitations on the number of



Tanzanian Gold Corporation's executive chairman, James Sinclair.

shares the investors can trade at any given moment.

The second tranche is essentially a low-cost unsecured debt financing as dilutive conversions of the debentures into common shares are at the dis-

cretion of the company. Investors can convert at any time at the fixed conversion price, the company's statement noted.

The company expects that the size of the first tranche will fund orders of long lead items

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## COVID-19

## SA's lockdown tax losses exceed value of two virus loans

JOHANNESBURG

SOUTH Africa lost more in tax revenue in the first three-and-a-half months of its fiscal year than it borrowed from the International Monetary Fund and the African Development Bank (AfDB) combined.

A lockdown that initially shuttered almost all economic activity led to an under-recovery of R82 billion for the fiscal year through July 15, South African Revenue Service Commissioner Edward Kieswetter said Friday in an interview.

Lockdown rules and allowances to cushion businesses against their impact contributed to the drop in income. Relief measures included a deferral of payroll taxes and excise and

fuel levies. Meanwhile, the sale of tobacco products has been prohibited for four months and the government reinstated a similar ban on alcohol sales from July 13.

In the three months through June, there was an under-recovery of about R47 billion, with excise-duty collections including levies on alcohol, tobacco products and fuel contracting 42% from a year earlier.

To help the battered economy and fight the pandemic, South Africa has borrowed US\$4.3 billion from the IMF, R5 billion from the AfDB and US\$1 billion from the New Development Bank.

In February, the government left taxes unchanged due to "weakness in the economy" and opted to broaden



SARS Commissioner Edward Kieswetter says there was a need to raise R40 billion more in the February budget but that gap has widened significantly owing to Covid-19.

the tax base, the Treasury said at the time. It has since said an additional R40 billion in taxes needs to be raised over the next four years.

### Significant need

"The reality is that there was a need in February to raise R40 billion more," said Kieswetter. "Right now, that need is significantly bigger than

R40 billion because of the coronavirus." While some restrictions have since been eased, many businesses have closed and the 30.1% unemployment rate is set to worsen, further weighing on tax collections. In a supplementary budget in June, the government cut its revenue projection for this fiscal year by more than R300 billion.

The revenue agency will work with the National Treasury and SA Reserve Bank on proposals for the main budget review to be presented by Finance Minister Tito Mboweni in February, Kieswetter said.

Mboweni told clients of two of the country's biggest banks in June that there are no plans to boost income, corporate or value-added taxes (VAT), but the Treasury is discussing a possible inheritance tax and a so-called solidarity tax to raise additional funds. Taxes on the wealthy are favored politically.

South Africa's top income-tax rate is 45%, corporate tax is 28% and VAT is 15%. It has little room to raise levies with the ratio of tax revenue to GDP at 26%, compared with a global average of 15%, according to World Bank data.

## BAD-NEWS

## Restricted Hajj hits Somalia's livestock economy

MOGADISHU

THE annual Muslim pilgrimage to Mecca is a time for celebration, not least among Somalia's livestock herders and traders who export millions of livestock to feed pilgrims.

But this year coronavirus restrictions mean the Hajj is a small, largely Saudi affair, and Somalia's economy is suffering. "Business is bad," said Yahye Hassan who works in the capital Mogadishu's largest livestock market where the pandemic has suppressed trade.

"The effect of coronavirus is apparent," said Hassan. "The Arab countries are not in need of animals from Somalia, and the nomadic people who would bring the livestock to town for trading are reluctant due to the fear of infection."

"There is a major decrease in demand," confirmed Nur Hassan, another Mogadishu-based livestock trader, who said the shortage of domestic and foreign buyers was catastrophic, while supply had also seen a dip as herders stay away.

Less Hajj, less livestock  
The Hajj, which began last week, is mandatory for all Muslims, who are physically and financially able, to undertake at least once in their lifetime

and involves pilgrimage to the holy city of Mecca and its Grand Mosque. But this year Saudi authorities have restricted the Hajj to those already inside the country - fewer than 10 000 domestic pilgrims are expected, compared with the two million mostly foreign visitors who attended last year - effectively cancelling the annual ceremony for most.

Saudi demand accounts for nearly two-thirds of Somalia's annual livestock exports, according to the World Bank, which reports that more than five million sheep, goats, camels and cattle were shipped northwards from Somali ports through the Gulf of Aden and the Red Sea to Saudi Arabia in 2015.

Exports are predicted to be sliced in half this year, primarily due to Covid-19 travel restrictions. "The Hajj cancellation has massive implications on the lives and livelihoods of the Somali population," said Ahmed Khalif, Somalia country director at the Action Against Hunger charity, adding that livestock accounts for around 60 percent of household income in the largely rural country.

"It is a blow to the Somali pastoralist households particularly, who heavily survive on livestock exports to Saudi." Up to three-quarters of So-



People buy sacrificial sheep and goats for the Muslim festival el-Hajj, the feast of the sacrifice, at El Hirka Dhare livestock market in Mogadishu.

malia's export earnings come from livestock, said Khalif, making the foreign sale of animals a crucial lifeline

for Somalia's economy. The annual Hajj is normally a reliable boom time for herders, but

not this year. "The livestock exports happen all through the year, but the majority - 70 percent of live animals - happen during this Hajj season," said Khalif.

### Lower prices, higher costs

The evaporation of exports has meant an oversupply in local markets where prices have dropped dramatically, with camels going for \$500, half their usual price, according to Khalif.

Good news for a relatively small number of well-off consumers, but a disaster for the majority of livestock-keepers who rely on sales to buy food, pay back debts and cover basics such as school fees.

Making matters even worse, keeping animals for longer than expected is a drain on limited resources, said Isse Muse Mohamed, a livestock trader in the port town of Eyl, who warned of "widespread effects" for the economy.

"Keeping hundreds of goats and sheep for an extra year will obviously incur costs, including the salary of the keepers," he said. "This is a real crisis." Falling incomes, increasing costs and the loss of the Hajj market are hitting owners such as Adow Ganey, in the southern town of Hudur.

## ENCOURAGING

## 'Green' power generation surges to record high in Germany in first half of year 2020

FRANKFURT

GREEN power generation in Germany surged to a record in the first half of the year, crowding out coal generation and shuffling off weak onshore wind growth in the energy mix.

Renewable sources have supplied half the electricity in Europe's biggest economy for the six months ending in June, the government reported this week. That increase of 7 percentage points compared with a year ago was buoyed by favourable weather and lower competitiveness of coal.

Germany added just 178 onshore turbines with a capacity of 591 megawatts in the first half, said the VDMA and BWE wind lobbies on Thursday. That's only a fraction of the pace at which Germany installed new windmills during its best year in 2017. Chancellor Angela Merkel's government decided that wind power needs to grow by as much as 17 gigawatts annually to help Germany reach the 65 per cent green power target by 2030.

Environmental-licensing problems have stymied project approvals and lowered the probability that Germany will achieve its 2030 green power target, the lobbies said. Green electricity's record output by June should encourage the government to seek fixes to snarled approvals, they said. Wind power growth globally has tapered this year due to supply-chain issues prompted by the coronavirus, though the Global Wind Energy Council expects those figures to rebound 2021.

Despite muted growth, wind remains the largest source of electricity in Germany, providing about 27 per cent of energy generated in the first half of 2020. That output benefited from strong winds especially in February. Coronavirus cramped power demand during the lockdowns and depressed power prices. Utilities are increasingly turning to natural gas and burning less coal to fill intermittent gaps in renewable power. The dirtiest energy source became less profitable because of fuel and emission costs.

Onshore wind's protracted problems prompted RWE chief executive Rolf Martin Schmitz to say in a June Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung interview that onshore wind power is "practically dead." The lobbies Thursday rejected Mr Schmitz' comments, saying a potential drive to re-equip turbines on sites set up as long as 20 years ago - a process known as repowering - could ramp up capacity while avoiding some of the environmental pitfalls of breaking new ground.

## TROUBLE

## Zim minister sees protracted mobile money wrangle

HARARE

ZIMBABWEAN finance minister Mthuli Ncube doesn't see a quick resolution to the country's battle with its most successful company.

Econet Wireless Zimbabwe has been the company hardest hit by a 27 June edict that banned most mobile money transactions in a country where 90% of exchanges take place on handsets because of chronic cash shortages.

The government has accused Econet, which dominates the industry, of money laundering and driving down the value of the Zimbabwe dollar, which trades substantially lower on the black market than the official rate of about 77 to the US currency. It was pegged at parity to the greenback as recently as February 2019. Econet has denied the allegations. The state now plans to force Ecocash, a unit of Econet, to funnel its transactions through a government platform.

"The issue is one of regulation, we are catching up with the innovation," Ncube said in an interview. "They did provide a solution in terms of cash shortages but then, alas, a lot more was going on." Ecocash is accused by the government of running a system where mobile money was created, used to buy foreign currency on the black market and then sent out the country.



RELIEF

# China's factories accelerate recovery in July as demand perks up

BEIJING

CHINA'S factories stepped up activity in July for a fifth straight month as improving prospects for electrical and pharmaceutical goods helped sustain a broader recovery from earlier coronavirus shutdowns.

The world's second-largest economy has largely shaken off the strict lockdowns that led to weeks of business paralysis earlier this year, although it is now battling the most aggressive return of the coronavirus in months, driven by infections in the country's west and north-east.

The government's manufacturing Purchasing Manager's Index, released on Friday, unexpectedly rose to 51.1 in July from June's 50.9. That was the highest reading since March and went against analysts' expectations for a fall to 50.7.

The PMI echoed upbeat readings from other major Asian export nations, with factory production in

South Korea jumping at the fastest rate in more than 11 years, and Japan's output snapping four months of decline. However, analysts said the recovery could stall amid the resurgence in global infections and as China's factories deal with disruptions from continuing floods.

"The current rapid pace of recovery is likely to slow in the coming months as the initial boost from reopening businesses fades," said Julian Evans-Pritchard of Capital Economics. "The prop to exports from shipments of goods linked to the pandemic [masks, medical products and work-from-home equipment] is also likely to diminish."

The PMI survey showed new export orders fell, indicating continued pressure on external demand, while companies continued to shed more employees than they hired. However, the pace of declines slowed from the previous month, suggesting a bottoming out in these

trends while production and total new orders both hit four-month highs.

Small companies continue to feel both supply and demand pressure, with a sub-index for them falling further into contraction, said Zhao Qinghe, an official at the National Bureau of Statistics, which publishes the PMI. In the services sector, activity also expanded for the fifth straight month, driven by strong construction as China ramps up infrastructure projects but also suggesting consumer confidence is recovering.

The fallout from the global pandemic, however, has left factories operating below strength amid slack demand. "We believe it's still too early for Beijing to roll back the easing and stimulus measures introduced in H1, but it may be reluctant to roll out fresh stimulus measures in H2," Nomura analysts wrote on Friday.



A container is loaded on to a ship at Qingdao's port in China. The country's debt is on track to hit 335 per cent of GDP, according to a new report.

PESSIMISM



A woman walks past empty stores and restaurants closed due to impact of the Covid-19 in Beverly Hills, California.

## Fitch sounds alarm on US debt, reviving outlook of world's largest economy

NEW YORK

FITCH ratings agency revised its outlook on the US' AAA rating to negative as the world's largest economy's national debt topped \$26.5 trillion in June and it continues to grapple with the coronavirus health crisis.

Though the country's AAA rating was not changed, the revision in outlook is a reflection of "the ongoing deterioration in the US public finances and the absence of a credible fiscal consolidation plan", the ratings agency said.

The outlook revision of the US is the first major action by an agency since Standard & Poor's downgrade of the country's sovereign rating to AA-plus from its triple A status during the global financial crisis in 2011.

Fitch's action comes as the US continues to battle the highest number of Covid-19 infections in the world and policymakers in Washington argue over the size of a second stimulus package that tops the fiscal stimulus and monetary measures rolled out already.

The number of people in the US infected with Covid-19 rose to more than 4.5 million, equivalent to more than a quarter of all cases globally. As of August 1, the country has more than 153,000 coronavirus-related deaths, according to Johns Hopkins University, which is tracking the pandemic.

Fitch expects the US' government debt - the highest of any AAA-rated sovereign - to exceed 130 per cent of gross domestic product by 2021. "Debt to GDP could stabilise temporarily from 2023 if fiscal balances return to pre-pandemic levels, but only assuming that interest rates stay very low," the agency said. Health and social security costs are expected to rise over the medium-term, Fitch said.

The US' rising debt-to-GDP levels follows massive amounts of stimulus injected into the economy. The total of what the US might

commit to fight off Covid-19 may exceed \$6tn as the government seeks to help businesses and individuals navigate the deepest recession in a century.

US Senate Republicans and Democrats are currently debating the volume of additional stimulus needed to revive the economy. On Thursday government data showed the US economy shrank 32.9 per cent in the second quarter, the worst contraction since the Second World War. Personal spending, which accounts for two-thirds of US GDP slumped an annualised 34.6 per cent in the second quarter, the highest on record.

Republicans, who control the Senate have presented a conservative \$1tn plan to boost unemployment benefits and shield businesses from lawsuits stemming from the distress caused by the coronavirus pandemic. Democrats have tabled a \$3.5tn plan, which they say is more adequate to cover the needs of American businesses and workers furloughed during the pandemic.

Republicans are opposed to increasing unemployment benefits to Americans laid off during the pandemic. A \$600 per week unemployment benefit initiated during the health crisis was allowed to expire Friday night as Republicans and Democrats failed to reach an agreement to extend the programme.

Fitch cautioned there is a "growing risk" that US policymakers will not be able to consolidate public finances sufficiently to stabilise public debt after the pandemic shock has passed.

US unemployment has ballooned during the pandemic, wiping out most of the jobs created since the 2008 financial crisis. The unemployment rate dropped to 11.1 per cent in June, from an all-time high of 14.7 per cent in April as lockdown measures were eased. However jobless claims are set to rise as states impose lockdowns again in the wake of a surge in infections.



# ISIDINGO MONDAY - FRIDAY STARTING 7:30 PM



ITV PGM SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 01 Aug

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 HABARI
- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:00 Habari
- 8:00 Al Jazeera
- 9:00 Watoto wetu
- 10:00 Shika Bamba 5
- 10:30 Mjue Zaidi rpt
- 11:15 Chetu ni chetu rpt
- 12:15 The Great Queen Seonduk
- 13:00 Korean drama rpt: Hwarang
- 13:45 Telenovela rpt: Elena's Ghost
- 16:00 Igizo rpt: Mizengwe
- 16:20 Igizo: Mtego
- 17:00 Shamsam za Pwani
- 18:00 Jiji Letu
- 18:15 Korean drama: Hwarang
- 19:00 Jungu Kuu
- 19:30 Shika Bamba
- 20:00 Habari
- 21:00 Art and lifestyle
- 21:30 ITV TOP 10
- 22:10 Hawavumii lakini wamo
- 22:45 Isidingo rpt
- 01:30 DWTV

SUNDAY 02 Aug

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 HABARI
- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:00 Habari
- 8:00 Al Jazeera
- 9:00 Watoto Wetu
- 10:00 Isidingo
- 11:40 Igizo: Mizengwe rpt
- 12:00 Bongo Movie rpt: Sijapoteza
- 14:00 Tamasha la Michezo
- 15:00 Mwangaza
- 16:00 The Great queen Seonduk
- 16:45 ITV Top 10
- 17:30 Kipindi cha kikristo
- 18:00 Jiji Letu
- 17:30 Kipindi cha kikristo
- 18:00 Jiji Letu
- 18:15 Mapishi
- 18:30 Matukio ya wiki
- 19:30 Igizo: Mtego
- 20:00 Habari
- 21:05 Mizengwe
- 21:20 Mjue Zaidi
- 22:05 Bongo Movie: Sijapoteza
- 00:05 Telenovela rpt: Elena's Ghost

MONDAY 03 Aug

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 HABARI
- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:30 HABARI
- 8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
- 8:55 Habari za saa
- 9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
- 9:30 Isidingo
- 09:55 Habari za saa
- 10:00 Watoto wetu
- 10:55 Habari za saa
- 11:00 ITV Top 10 rpt
- 11:55 Habari za saa
- 12:00 Al Jazeera News
- 12:30 Mtego rpt
- 12:55 Habari za saa
- 13:00 Mjue Zaidi
- 13:45 Art and Lifestyle rpt
- 13:55 Habari za saa
- 14:10 Telenovela rpt: Elena's Ghost
- 14:55 Habari za saa
- 15:00 Meza huru
- 16:30 Watoto Wetu
- 17:00 The Base
- 18:00 Jiji Letu
- 18:10 Aibu yako rpt
- 18:15 Mapishi
- 18:45 Kesho leo
- 19:00 Afya ya Jamii
- 19:30 Isidingo

TUESDAY 04 Aug

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 HABARI
- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:30 HABARI
- 8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
- 8:55 Habari za saa
- 9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
- 9:30 Isidingo
- 09:55 Habari za saa
- 10:00 Watoto wetu
- 10:30 Jungu Kuu rpt
- 10:55 Habari za saa
- 11:00 The Base rpt
- 11:55 Habari za saa
- 12:00 Al Jazeera
- 12:30 Afya ya jamii rpt
- 12:55 Habari za saa
- 13:00 Kipindi maalum: Shika Bamba rpt
- 13:30 Habari za saa
- 13:55 Telenovela rpt: Elena's Ghost
- 14:55 Habari za saa
- 15:00 Meza huru
- 16:30 Watoto wetu
- 17:00 The Base
- 18:00 Jiji Letu
- 18:10 Yu wapi
- 18:15 Mapishi rpt
- 18:30 Uchumi na biashara
- 19:00 Jarida la wanawake
- 19:30 Isidingo
- 20:00 Habari
- 21:00 Tanzania yetu
- 21:30 Chetu ni chetu
- 22:15 Telenovela: Elena's Ghost
- 23:00 Habari
- 23:30 The Base
- 00:30 DWTV

WEDNESDAY 05 Aug

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 HABARI
- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:30 HABARI
- 8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
- 8:55 Habari za saa
- 9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
- 9:30 Isidingo
- 09:55 Habari za saa
- 10:00 Watoto wetu
- 10:30 Uchumi na biashara
- 10:55 Habari za saa
- 11:00 The Base rpt
- 11:55 Habari za saa
- 12:00 Al Jazeera
- 12:30 Jarida la wanawake rpt
- 12:55 Habari za saa
- 13:00 Dakika 45
- 13:45 Kipindi Maalum rpt
- 13:55 Habari za saa
- 14:00 Telenovela rpt: Elena's Ghost
- 14:55 Habari za saa
- 15:00 Meza huru
- 16:30 Watoto Wetu
- 17:00 The Base
- 18:00 Jiji Letu
- 18:15 Korean drama rpt: The great queen Seonduk
- 19:00 Ijue Sheria
- 19:30 Chetu ni chetu rpt
- 20:00 Habari
- 21:00 Kipindi Maalum: Tanesco
- 21:30 Kipindi Maalum: Ripoti Maalum
- 22:15 Telenovela rpt: Elena's Ghost
- 23:00 Habari
- 23:30 The Base
- 00:30 Al Jazeera

THURSDAY 06 Aug

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 HABARI
- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:30 HABARI
- 8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
- 8:55 Habari za saa
- 9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
- 9:30 Isidingo
- 9:55 Habari za saa
- 10:00 Watoto
- 10:30 Shamba lulu rpt
- 10:55 Habari za saa
- 11:00 The Base rpt
- 11:55 Habari za saa
- 12:00 Al Jazeera
- 12:30 Ijue Sheria
- 12:55 Habari za saa
- 13:00 Ripoti Maalum rpt
- 13:30 Tanzania yetu
- 13:55 Habari za saa
- 14:00 Kipindi Maalum rpt
- 14:15 Telenovela rpt: Elena's Ghost
- 15:00 Meza huru
- 16:30 Watoto Wetu
- 17:00 The Base
- 17:30 Jiji Letu
- 18:15 Mapishi
- 18:30 Jagina
- 19:00 Usafiri wako
- 19:30 Isidingo
- 20:00 Habari
- 21:00 Malumbano ya hoja
- 23:00 Habari
- 23:30 The Base
- 00:30 DWTV

FRIDAY 07 Aug

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 HABARI
- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:30 HABARI
- 8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
- 8:55 Habari za saa
- 9:30 Isidingo
- 10:00 Watoto wetu
- 10:30 Usafiri wako rpt
- 11:00 The Base
- 12:00 Al Jazeera
- 12:30 Kipindi Maalum rpt: Tanesco
- 13:00 Jagina rpt
- 13:30 Chetu ni chetu rpt
- 14:15 Telenovela rpt: Elena's Ghost
- 15:00 Meza huru
- 16:30 Watoto Wetu
- 17:00 The Base
- 17:30 Ibadu ya kisilamu
- 18:00 Jiji Letu
- 18:15 Mizengwe rpt
- 18:30 Kipindi Maalum: Utalii
- 19:00 Shamba lulu
- 19:30 Isidingo
- 20:00 Habari
- 21:05 Kipima Joto
- 23:00 Habari
- 23:30 The Base
- 00:30 DWTV

SATURDAY 08 Aug

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 HABARI
- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:00 Habari
- 8:00 Al Jazeera
- 9:00 Watoto wetu
- 10:00 Shika Bamba 5
- 10:30 Mjue Zaidi rpt
- 11:15 Chetu ni chetu rpt
- 12:15 The Great Queen Seonduk
- 13:00 Korean drama rpt: Hwarang
- 13:45 Telenovela rpt: Elena's Ghost
- 16:00 Igizo rpt: Mizengwe
- 16:20 Igizo: Mtego
- 17:00 Shamsam za Pwani
- 18:00 Jiji Letu

SUNDAY 09 Aug

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 HABARI
- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:00 Habari
- 8:00 Al Jazeera
- 09:00 Watoto Wetu
- 10:00 Isidingo
- 11:40 Igizo: Mizengwe rpt
- 12:00 Bongo Movie rpt: Sijapoteza
- 14:00 Tamasha la Michezo
- 15:00 Mwangaza
- 16:00 The Great queen Seonduk
- 16:45 ITV Top 10
- 17:30 Kipindi cha kikristo
- 18:00 Jiji Letu
- 18:15 Mapishi
- 18:30 Matukio ya wiki
- 19:30 Igizo: Mtego
- 20:00 Habari
- 21:05 Mizengwe
- 21:20 Mjue Zaidi
- 22:05 Bongo Movie: The heart attack
- 00:05 Telenovela rpt: Elena's Ghost

MONDAY 03 Aug

- 06:00 Al Jazeera
- 07:00 Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)
- 09:00 Lete Raha (Via Capital Radio)
- 13:00 Telenovela rpt: (Destino) Destiny
- 14:00 Club 101 (via Capital Radio)
- 16:00 Series rpt: Grapes of justice
- 16:30 Tanzania Yetu rpt
- 17:00 Eco@Africa rpt
- 17:30 Meza huru
- 19:00 The Décor rpt
- 19:30 Shamba lulu
- 20:00 Series: Grapes of justice
- 20:45 The Monday Agenda
- 21:30 Capital Prime News
- 22:00 Kipima Joto
- 00:00 Al Jazeera

TUES 04 Aug

- 06:00 Al Jazeera
- 07:00 Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)
- 09:00 Lete Raha (Via Capital Radio)
- 13:00 Telenovela rpt: (Destino) Destiny
- 14:00 Club 101 (via Capital Radio)
- 16:00 Series rpt: Grapes of justice
- 16:30 Capchat rpt
- 17:30 Meza huru
- 19:00 Innovation
- 19:30 Jagina rpt
- 20:00 Series: Grapes of justice
- 20:45 Telenovela: (Destino) Destiny
- 21:30 Capital Prime
- 22:00 Turning the spotlight rpt
- 22:30 Eco@Africa
- 23:00 Al Jazeera

WED 05 Aug

- 06:00 Al Jazeera
- 07:00 Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)
- 09:00 Lete Raha (Via Capital Radio)
- 13:00 Telenovela rpt: (Destino) Destiny
- 14:00 Club 101 (via Capital Radio)
- 16:00 Series rpt: Grapes of justice
- 16:30 Innovation rpt
- 17:30 Meza Huru
- 19:00 Sports Gazette
- 19:30 Chetu ni chetu
- 20:00 Series: Grapes of justice
- 20:45 Telenovela: (Destino) Destiny
- 21:30 Capital Prime News
- 22:00 Dakika 45:
- 22:45 The Décor
- 23:15 Al Jazeera

THURS 06 Aug

- 06:00 Al Jazeera
- 07:00 Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)
- 09:00 Lete Raha (Via Capital Radio)
- 13:00 Telenovela rpt: (Destino) Destiny
- 14:00 Club 101 (via Capital Radio)
- 16:00 Series rpt: Grapes of justice
- 16:30 Business edition rpt
- 17:00 In good shape
- 17:30 Meza huru
- 19:00 Turning the spotlight
- 19:30 Tanzania yetu
- 20:00 Series: Grapes of justice
- 20:45 Telenovela: (Destino) Destiny
- 21:30 Capital Prime News
- 22:00 Capchat rpt
- 23:00 Al Jazeera

FRID 07 Aug

- 06:00 Al Jazeera
- 07:00 Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)
- 09:00 Lete Raha (Via Capital Radio)
- 13:00 Telenovela rpt: (Destino) Destiny
- 14:00 Club 101 (via Capital Radio)
- 16:00 Series rpt: Grapes of justice
- 16:30 Innovation rpt
- 17:30 Meza huru
- 19:00 Turning the Spotlight rpt
- 19:30 Cookery pgm: Culinary Delights
- 20:00 Korean Drama: Beating again
- 21:00 Shift
- 21:15 Capchat live
- 22:15 Telenovela rpt: (Destino) Destiny
- 00:00 Al Jazeera

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- 08:00 Aljazeera
- 09:00 In good shape
- 10:00 Capchat rpt
- 11:00 Sports Gazette rpt
- 11:30 Korean Drama rpt: Beating again
- 12:00 Jagina rpt
- 12:30 Bundesliga Kick Off rpt
- 13:00 In good shape rpt
- 13:30 Series rpt: Grapes of justice
- 15:15 Aibu yako
- 15:30 Rev rpt
- 16:00 Dakika 45 rpt
- 16:45 Mizengwe rpt
- 17:00 The Décor rpt
- 17:30 Meza huru
- 19:00 Turning the Spotlight rpt
- 19:30 Cookery pgm: Culinary Delights
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## When it comes to COVID shots, rich nations are first in line

By Bloomberg

WEALTHY countries have already locked up more than a billion doses of coronavirus vaccines, raising worries that the rest of the world will be at the back of the queue in the global effort to defeat the pathogen.

Moves by the US and the UK to secure supplies from Sanofi and partner GlaxoSmithKline Plc, and another pact between Japan and Pfizer Inc, are the latest in a string of agreements. The European Union has also been aggressive in obtaining shots, well before anyone knows whether they will work.

Although international options and a number of nations are promising to make vaccines affordable and accessible to all, doses will likely struggle to keep up with demand in a world of roughly 7.8 billion people.

The possibility wealthier countries will monopolize supply, a scenario that played out in the 2009 swine flu pandemic, has fueled concerns among poor nations and health advocates.

The US, Britain, European Union and Japan have so far secured about 1.3 billion doses of potential COVID immunizations, according to London-based analytics firm Airfinity. Options to snap up additional supplies or pending deals would add more than

1.5 billion doses to that total, its figures show.

Inoculation timeline

"Even if you have an optimistic assessment of the scientific progress, there's still not enough vaccines for the world," according to Rasmus Bech Hansen, Airfinity's chief executive officer. What's also important to consider is that most of the vaccines may require two doses, he said.

A few front-runners, such as the University of Oxford and partner AstraZeneca Plc and a Pfizer-BioNTech SE collaboration, are already in final-stage studies, fueling hopes that a weapon to fight COVID will be available soon.

But developers must still clear a number of hurdles: proving their shots are effective, gaining approval and ramping up manufacturing. Worldwide supply may not reach 1 billion doses until the first quarter of 2022, Airfinity forecasts.

Investing in production capacity all over the world is seen as one of the keys to solving the dilemma, and pharma companies are starting to outline plans to deploy shots widely.

Sanofi and Glaxo intend to provide a significant portion of worldwide capacity in 2021 and 2022 to a global initiative that's focused on accelerating



A lab technician fills a vial with a reagent while producing Corosure probe-free RT-PCR based COVID-19 Diagnostic kits in a laboratory at the Newtech Medical Devices facility in Faridabad, Haryana, India (File photo)

development and production and distributing shots equitably.

The World Health Organization, the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations, and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance are working together to bring about equitable and broad access. They outlined an US\$18 billion plan in June to roll out shots and secure 2 billion doses by the end of 2021.

The initiative, known as Covax, aims to give governments an opportunity to hedge the risk of backing unsuccessful candidates and give other nations with limited finances access to shots that would be otherwise unaffordable.

Tangle of deals

Countries would need to strike a series of different agreements with vaccine makers to raise their chances of getting supplies, as some shots won't succeed, a situation that could lead to bidding battles and inefficiencies, Seth Berkley, Gavi's CEO, said in an interview.

"The thing we worry about most is getting a

tangle of deals," he said. "Our hope is with a portfolio of vaccines we can get countries to come together."

Some 78 nations have expressed interest in joining Covax, he said. In addition, more than 90 low- and middle-income countries and economies will be able to access COVID vaccines through a Gavi-led program, the group said Friday. There's still concern the rest of the world might fall behind.

"That is exactly what we're trying to avoid," Berkley said.

Biggest investment

AstraZeneca in June became the first manufacturer to sign up to Gavi's program, committing 300 million doses, and Pfizer and BioNTech signaled interest in potentially supplying Covax.

The Trump administration agreed to provide as much as US\$2.1 billion to partners Sanofi and Glaxo, the biggest US investment yet for Operation Warp Speed, the nation's vaccine development and procurement programme.

## Germany likely to benefit from US troop withdrawal, says Russian envoy

MOSCOW

THE withdrawal of part of the US contingent from Germany won't impact security in this country and Berlin is likely to even benefit from this move, Russian Permanent Representative to International Organizations in Vienna Mikhail Ulyanov said.

"Some observers interpret withdrawal of 12,000 US troops from Germany as 'punishment' of Ber-

lin. Why? Germany isn't under threat. So, security will not be affected. Politically Germany is likely to benefit from that [the US troops' withdrawal]," the Russian diplomat wrote on his Twitter account.

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affect economically communities around US bases.

Ulyanov (pictured) noted that the US administration's decision on relocating part of its forces could impact only economic situation in the areas located near the US military bases.

US Secretary of Defense Mark Esper said on Wednesday that the US would bring about 6,400 forces home and relocate about 5,600 troops to Italy and Belgium.

US President Donald Trump announced on June 15 that Washington would reduce the number of US troops in Germany from 34,500 to 25,000 unless Berlin agreed to pay for their deployment and raise defense spending in accordance with NATO agreements. Trump has repeatedly demanded that all NATO countries spend at least two percent of their gross domestic products on defense.

Agencies

## Rwandan airports reopen to travellers after over 4-month suspension

KIGALI

RWANDAN airports on Saturday reopened to international travellers, more than four months after the central African nation suspended commercial passenger flights to mitigate the COVID-19 outbreak.

The suspension didn't affect cargo and emergency flights. Tourists travelling by charter flights had been allowed to enter the country that is famous for mountain gorilla tracking since June 17.

Rwandan national flag carrier RwandAir, which flew to 29 destinations across 24 countries throughout Africa, Europe, the Middle East and Asia before it suspended passenger flights on March 20, on Saturday resumed with a flight from Kigali International Airport to Dubai, while Kenyan and Ethiopian Airways made flights to Kigali, Rwandan Minister of Infrastructure Claver Gatete told Xinhua in a phone interview.

Gatete reiterated that to ensure the safety of passengers, all travellers

are required to adhere to the health guidelines issued by the ministry of health.

The fast-growing airline has been "greatly impacted" by the pandemic, which in April said it had resolved to reduce employees' salaries as part of measures to reduce expenditure.

It will restart services with selected African routes where travel restrictions have been eased and borders have reopened, and with one long-haul route to Dubai, while other routes will gradually resume.

The company's CEO Yvonne Makolo told reporters earlier on Friday that airline will ensure social distancing measures during boarding, deeply clean the planes after each flight, and enforce the policy that every passenger is only allowed to take one piece of cabin luggage on board to avoid congestion and too many physical contacts between passengers and luggage. Precautionary measures also have been implemented throughout the Kigali International Airport.

Rwanda's main airport, to main-



Rwandan Minister of Infrastructure Claver Gatete

tain the health and safety of customers and staff, according to Rwanda Airports Company, the airports' operator of Rwanda.

The measures include using protective plexiglass at check-in and immigration counters, thermal and temperature screening, social distancing markers and increased levels of sanitization in compliance with international standards set out by the relevant authorities, it said.

The government guidelines for arrivals require them to be tested

to Rwanda since airlines have resumed and countries have started opening up borders," Lise Tuyisenge, Managing Director of Phoenix Tour and Travel Agency, told Xinhua.

However, G-Step, a leading customized tours company in Rwanda, said its expectations are not high, although the resumption of flights is a very good sign for the improvement of business.

The situation of bookings remains dismal and tourists may still not come to the country immediately after airports open, G-Step owner Andrew Gatera told Xinhua in late July.

Tourism is one of Rwanda's economic pillars. Endangered mountain gorillas living in Volcanoes National Park contribute about 90 percent of tourism revenues from Rwanda national parks. Currently, land borders of Rwanda remain closed, except for goods and cargo, as well as returning Rwandan citizens and legal residents.

Xinhua

## Twitter hack 'mastermind' just out of high school

By Bloomberg

THE alleged mastermind behind the July 15 hack of Twitter accounts of business titans, celebrities and a former president didn't need sophisticated hacking tools to pierce the company's security system.

Rather, he convinced an information technology employee at Twitter that he was a colleague who needed login credentials to access the company's customer support platform, according to law enforcement officials.

It worked, in spectacular fashion.

Graham Ivan Clark, 17, allegedly hijacked 130 Twitter accounts as part of a cryptocurrency scam, according to a criminal affidavit filed in Tampa, Florida. The accounts that were hacked included those of former President Barack Obama, Amazon.com Inc Chief Executive Officer Jeff Bezos and Tesla Inc CEO Elon Musk.

Clark, who authorities said had just graduated from high school, now faces 30 felony charges for hacking those accounts, posting messages on their behalf and luring additional victims into sending him Bitcoin donations worth more than US\$100,000, according to law enforcement.

Two others were charged by federal authorities for allegedly aiding in the scheme by serving as brokers on the sale of compromised Twitter accounts: Mason Sheppard, 19, of the UK, and Nima Fazeli, 22, of Orlando.

Lawyers or family members for the defendants couldn't be located for comment. Clark's mother, Emiliya Clark, told NBC News that her son was innocent. "I believe he didn't do it. I've spoken to him every day," she said. "I'm devastated."

Twitter thanked law enforcement for swiftly making arrests. In its most recent update on the hack, on July 30, the company acknowledged that employees were duped into sharing sensitive information over the phone and that it has decided to temporarily limit access to its internal tools as it seeks to understand the scope of the breach, while improving its security protocols to "make them even more sophisticated."

Embarrassment

Of the 130 accounts that were targeted, 45 had Tweets sent from them, according to Twitter. Direct message inboxes were accessed in 36 of the accounts, and Twitter data was downloaded from seven of them, the company said.

Having suffered other embarrassing breaches in recent years, Twitter, the preferred social media platform for President Donald Trump, among other political and business leaders, must now reckon with the possibility that a teenager beat teams of engineers and layers of cybersecurity protections.

Former Twitter security employees have said too many people have access to user accounts, including employees and outside contractors, and that the company management has often dragged its heels on upgrades to information security. Twitter disputed the former employees' characterization of the company's oversight of accounts.

The defendants were allegedly part of an underground subculture of hackers - known as "OGUsers" - who are dedicated to stealing, buying and selling online accounts with desirable usernames.

In the OGUser world, a short username on Instagram or Twitter sells for tens of thousands of dollars in cryptocurrency. Winning ownership of usernames, like "@6" or "@dark," yield their own form of virtual bragging rights.

The hackers in this community are particularly skilled in social engineering, which relies on the art of impersonation and deception rather than traditional hacking, according to cybersecurity experts. Those tools have been successfully leveraged against individuals to steal their social media usernames or credit card details, but not typically in such a brazen fashion.

In one instance, according to the federal complaint, a user named Kirk#5270 said in an online forum, "I work for Twitter. I can claim any @ for you." Another user, Rolex#0373, who authorities said is an alias used by Fazeli, responded, "Prove



This photo collage shows reality TV show star Kim Kardashian, former US President Barack Obama, billionaire Elon Musk, and rapper Kanye West. Their Twitter accounts were hacked on July 15, 2020 and used to solicit digital currency. (AFP)

## Hong Kong opens first makeshift hospital as virus spread worsens

HONG KONG

A MAKESHIFT hospital at the AsiaWorld-Expo, a venue near the Hong Kong International Airport, began receiving COVID-19 patients with mild symptoms since Saturday afternoon, Hong Kong's Hospital Authority (HA) said.

The authority estimated that about 20 to 30 patients would be admitted on the first day. Henry Fan Hung-ling, chairman of HA, said earlier that 500 beds are available in the first phase, and another 1,500 will be available if needed.

The makeshift hospital mainly receives COVID-19 patients

with mild symptoms or those still waiting to be admitted to hospital. A patient will go through a physical examination in the makeshift hospital, and those with low blood oxygen, breathlessness or abnormal X-ray results will be sent to hospital immediately.

Experts said the makeshift hospital can help free more hospital beds so that patients with more severe symptoms can get necessary and timely treatment.

At the entrance of the makeshift hospital, three flat-TV screens broadcast each and every bed and each patient's conditions in a tabular form, and

another four screens played the live coverage of the surveillance cameras. Dozens of computers have been lined up for registration outside the entrance. Medics have to put on their isolation gown and other protective gear in specific cubicles before entering. Eight wheelchairs, three sliding hospital beds and 20 chairs facing a TV are available in the waiting area near the wards.

Inside each semi-isolated ward of about three meters long and three meters wide are a bed, a bedside table, a desk and a chair. Wi-Fi connections and common areas with TVs and sofas are also installed.

An on-site medical staffer told Xinhua that there are 31 toilets that circle around the wards. Besides, several clinical waste areas, hand washing basins and an X-ray room are ready for use. To reduce the contact between medical staff and patients, apart from ultraviolet disinfection rooms and changing rooms, there are also self-service facilities for patients to disinfect themselves and measure their blood pressure and oxygen content.

Wong Shuk-ching, senior nursing officer of Queen Mary Hospital, said besides 100 newly-purchased beds, the rest 400 beds were sent by

hospitals across Hong Kong. Set meals will be served three times a day for the patients, she said. Cheng Chi-chung, a doctor with Queen Mary Hospital, said a patient can be discharged after he or she shows negative results in two nucleic acid tests or shows positive in an antibody test.

Hong Kong is getting stressed out in the face of a resurgence of coronavirus infections since the beginning of July.

The total tally spiked from 1,268 on July 5 to 3,396 on Saturday, with most of the new patients getting infected locally.

New cases have remained above 100 for 11 consecutive

days. The rapid increase has put Hong Kong's hospital system under great strain as isolation wards and beds are being squeezed to the limit, with many new patients unable to be admitted to hospital for isolation treatment in time. "We are on the verge of a large-scale community outbreak, which may lead to a collapse of our hospital system and cost lives, especially of the elderly,"

Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Carrie Lam said earlier this week, noting that Hong Kong is facing the most severe epidemic situation since January.

Given the grave challenge, the central government has pledged all necessary support for Hong Kong. "Hong Kong has the strong backing of the great motherland to overcome the epidemic and all sorts of risks," the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council said Friday in a statement.

At the request of the HKSAR government, the central government has decided to send testing personnel to Hong Kong to help with large-scale nucleic acid tests and assist Hong Kong in building temporary quarantine and treatment centers, the office said.

Xinhua



# China's import and export volume exceeds 14 trillion yuan in H1

By Du Haitao, Luo Shanshan

CHINA'S foreign trade of goods went down 3.2 percent year on year in the first half of this year to 14.24 trillion yuan (about \$2 trillion), narrowing by 1.7 percentage points compared with the decrease for the first five months.

During the period, the country's exports dropped 3 percent to 7.71 trillion yuan and imports fell 3.3 percent to 6.53 trillion yuan, according to the General Administration of Customs (GAC).

The country registered better-than-expected foreign trade performance in the first half of the year, said Li Kuiwen, GAC spokesperson and director of the Department of Statistics and Analysis of the administration.

It is necessary to go all out to coordinate epidemic prevention and control at ports and promote stable growth of foreign trade, further optimize the business environment at ports, help enterprises explore international markets, strive to stabilize the fundamentals of foreign trade, and facilitate more stable and high-quality imports and exports, Li remarked.

Though total imports and exports inched down by 3.2 percent in the first six months, the drop has narrowed by 3.3 percentage points

from the first quarter. Meanwhile, China recorded positive growth in both imports and exports for the first time of the year in June.

Foreign trade was overall brought back to a stable level. In the second quarter, foreign trade reached 7.67 trillion yuan, a year-on-year decline narrowed to 0.2 percent and an increase of 16.7 percent from the first quarter.

Exports witnessed a year-on-year growth of 4.5 percent and a quarter-on-quarter growth of 31.3 percent while imports declined 5.7 percent year on year and rose 1.6 percent compared with the first quarter.

The country saw its foreign trade rise 5.1 percent year on year in June, with exports and imports up 4.3 percent and 6.2 percent respectively.

While exports have increased for three consecutive months since April, imports recorded positive growth for the first time in June, after double-digit decrease in April and May.

Since the beginning of this year, a series of policies and measures have taken effect, such as improving export tax rebate policies, increasing foreign trade credit input, enhancing export credit insurance support, establishing more cross-border e-commerce comprehensive pilot zones, and supporting



A worker packages breathing circuits to be exported at a medical apparatus company in Cixi, Ningbo, East China's Zhejiang Province on July 14. (Photo by Zhang Yongtao/People's Daily Online)

domestic sales of commodities originally produced for exports, which has helped foreign trade companies overcome difficulties and maintain market shares and orders, and effectively promoted exports, according to Li.

Due to the COVID-19 epidemic, exports of medical supplies grew rapidly, with sales of textile products (including face masks), pharmaceutical products and medical equipment expanding by 32.4 percent, 23.6 percent and 46.4 percent, respectively.

Driven by the stay-at-home economy which emerged during the outbreak, the exports of laptops and mobile phones went up by 9.1 percent and 0.2 percent, respectively.

China has speeded up the cultivation of new drivers of foreign trade. Li said imports and exports of private businesses, the largest business entity in foreign trade, have continued their strong growth against headwinds and played a major role in stabilizing the overall foreign trade.

The foreign trade volume of private enterprises rose 4.9 percent to 6.42 trillion yuan in H1, accounting for 45.1 percent of the total, and 3.5 percentage points higher than the same period last year.

Exports of private enterprises stood at 4.14 trillion yuan, an increase of 3.2 percent, accounting for 53.7 percent of China's total export value. Imports increased 8.1 percent to 2.28 trillion yuan, accounting for 34.9 percent of the country's total import volume. The fact that the market share

of private enterprises in foreign trade has significantly increased demonstrates their strong competitiveness and vitality under the complex external situation, said Zhang Yansheng, chief researcher of the China Center for International Economic Exchanges.

As a new form of trade, cross-border e-commerce, which boasts advantages like online transactions, contactless delivery, short transaction chains, has played an active role in cushioning the effects of the epidemic on foreign trade companies.

Data from the GAC suggested that imports and exports under the customs' cross-border e-commerce supervision platforms increased by 26.2 percent in the first half of 2020.

Exports increased by 28.7 percent, imports by 24.4 percent and market procurement trade exports by 33.4 percent.

In the first six months, China has continuously optimized its international layout for foreign trade, and emerging markets are taking an increasingly larger part in China's foreign trade.

During the January-June period, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) became China's largest trading partner with trade up 5.6 percent year-on-year to 2.09 trillion yuan, accounting for 14.7

percent of China's total foreign trade.

Exports to the ASEAN rose 3.4 percent to 1.15 trillion yuan and imports totaled 938.57 billion yuan, an increase of 8.5 percent.

China's trade volume with countries along the Belt and Road saw a slight decline of 0.9 percent year-on-year to 4.2 trillion yuan during the period, 2.3 percentage points lower than the country's overall decrease in foreign trade.

It accounted for 29.5 percent of China's total foreign trade in the first six months, up 0.7 percentage points from a year ago.

As the epidemic spreads around the world, the global economy has encountered the worst recession since the World War II.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) predicted a 4.9 percent decline in the global economy for 2020 and the World Bank forecasted that the global economy will shrink 5.2 percent this year.

Foreign trade enterprises have shown strong vitality in stabilizing orders and market shares, said Liang Ming, research fellow at the Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation with the Ministry of Commerce, adding that China still has its advantages in industrial chain and supply chain, which makes it highly competitive in the world.

## Laws of economics bring foreign capital closer to China

By Zhang Yansheng, chief researcher of China Center for International Economic Exchanges

THE combined risks of COVID-19, anti-globalization, trade friction, debt woes, global recession and geopolitics have no doubt amplified the uncertainties of the world.

However, newly released economic figures indicated that the Chinese GDP returned to positive growth in the second quarter, expanding 3.2 percent year-on-year. China also witnessed positive growth in both imports and exports in June and realized a 8.4-percent year-on-year growth in actual use of foreign investment in the second quarter, which signaled foreign investors' stable and growing expectations of and confidence in the Chinese market.

Foreign investment in China had gathered momentum month by month and seen promising prospects for long-term growth in the first half of this year.

Global foreign direct investment (FDI) would fall below \$1 trillion in 2020 for the first time since 2005 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, according to the World Investment Report 2020 released by United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) on June 16.

Meanwhile, in the first half of this year, the actually utilized FDI of China stood at 472.18 billion yuan (about \$67.93 billion, excluding foreign investment in banking, negotiable securities, and insurance sectors), dropping by 1.3 percent compared to that of the same period last year.

With COVID-19 being gradually brought under control in China, the actual use of FDI in the country has begun to recover since April, during when the country utilized a total of 70.36 billion yuan of foreign investment, up 11.8 percent from a year ago.

The figure was followed by continuous robust positive growth



An employee works on a newly built production line for high-end mobile x-ray machines in an image equipment manufacturing base of GE Healthcare in Beijing Economic-Technological Development Area, June 28. The area has taken multiple measures to stabilize foreign trade and investment during the COVID-19 pandemic, materializing a batch of key projects. (Photo by Zhang Tianyu/People's Daily Online)

and a marked upturn in the area.

China is seeing new trends in foreign investment activities, with FDI in China's high-tech service industry growing rather rapidly.

As China intensifies its efforts on high-quality economic development and the construction of a modern economic system, more than 70 percent of the inward FDI has been used in China's high-tech service industry, while the proportion used to go into the country's manufacturing sector.

High-tech service industry had witnessed a 19.2-percent year-on-year increase in actual use of FDI in the first six months of this year. In particular, the FDI in services of information, inspection and detection, and R&D and design, surged

by 20.9 percent, 8.7 percent and 35.7 percent, respectively.

China remains one of the most important destinations for global investors. The amounts of actual FDI flowed to China from China's Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Singapore, and the U.S. grew by 4.2 percent, 7.8 percent, and 6 percent respectively during the first half of this year, while countries along the routes of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) invested 2.9-percent more in China than they did in the same period last year.

As facts have shown, COVID-19 only had a short-term and controllable impact on certain areas of China's actual use of FDI. With China



An ocean transport vessel is being loaded with containers at a terminal of Lianyungang Port in east China's Jiangsu province, July 19. Jiangsu handled 1.39 billion tons of cargos during the first six months of this year, up 2.3 percent year on year. Particularly, the cargos of foreign trade stood at 260 million tons, representing a 4.9-percent year-on-year increase. (Photo by Wang Chun/People's Daily Online)

achieving positive progress in epidemic prevention and control, inward foreign investment in the country has started to pick up.

The actual use of FDI in Chinese provinces including Fujian, Shandong, Jiangsu, Zhejiang, Jiangxi, Heilongjiang, and Hainan maintained positive growth during the January-June period, and that in Jiangsu reached \$12.46 billion.

Improving investment and business environment is currently an important task for China.

The foreign investment law, which took effect in China more than half a year ago, has improved the level of foreign investment liberalization and facilitation through detailed provisions on such aspects as market access and transparency of foreign investment policies.

This June, China's National Development and Reform Commission and the Ministry of Commerce unveiled the 2020 edition of the Special Administrative Measures (Negative List) for Foreign Investment Access and the Special Administrative Measures (Negative List) for Foreign Investment Access in Pilot Free Trade Zones (2020 Edition), cutting the numbers of sectors in the country that are off-limits for foreign investors from 40 in 2019 to 33 and the prohibited industries in pilot free trade zones from 37 to 30.

## Third CIIE to create new opportunities for common development

By He Yin

ON July 27, China started the 100-day countdown to the 3rd China International Import Expo (CIIE).

As the COVID-19 pandemic is still raging across the globe and posing severe risk of an economic recession to the world, China aims to host a safe, high-level, and high-quality offline international import expo as scheduled, striving to make it even better from a year ago. By doing this, China is showing the world its sense of responsibility as a major country and its resolve to suit the action to the word and accelerate global economic recovery.

As a major move taken by the Chinese government to open its market wider to the world so as to promote trade liberalization and economic globalization, CIIE serves as an open cooperation platform that enables various countries in the world to demonstrate their national images and carry out international trade.

The first CIIE attracted 172 countries, regions and international organizations, more than 3,600 business exhibitors, and over 400,000 domestic and overseas buyers. Deals reached during the event for intended purchase of goods and services within a year totaled \$57.83 billion.

The 2nd CIIE, which was attended by 181 countries, regions, and international organizations, as well as more than 3,800 business exhibi-



A CIIE mascot stands outside the venue of the 3rd CIIE in Shanghai, July 25. (Photo by Yan Daming/People's Daily Online)

tors and over 500,000 professional buyers from home and abroad, facilitated deals for intended one-year purchases of goods and services worth a total of \$71.13 billion.

Delivering better and better performances in promoting cooperation, innovation, and shared benefits, CIIE conveys to the world a general trend towards openness, global cooperation, as well as mutual benefit and win-win results.

China is recognized as a country of opportunities by the world,

and many foreign enterprises have decided to grow together with the Chinese market. As global trade is confronted with huge challenges caused by the unexpected COVID-19 pandemic, and exhibitors from various countries are eager to gain positive energy from the upcoming CIIE, this year's import expo is bound to be an unusual event.

To ensure that the CIIE can play a greater role in speeding up global economic recovery, China has overcome various difficulties and

is making active efforts to prepare for a CIIE with a larger scale, better layout of exhibition zones, higher-quality exhibitors, and more policy support.

Besides, this year's event is expected to help attract investment with improved mechanisms, more practical and targeted measures, and better services for matchmaking between supply and demand.

In addition, a special zone for public health and epidemic prevention and control will be added to the 3rd



The venue of the 3rd CIIE is well decorated, July 25. (Photo by Yan Daming/People's Daily Online)

CIIE, intending to pool the strength of the whole industrial chain to promote optimization and innovation in the global public health field by offering a platform for pharmaceutical and medical apparatus and instruments enterprises that have made outstanding contributions to the global fight against the COVID-19.

More than 2,000 enterprises from the world registered for the event in the first half of this year, with the reserved exhibition area exceeding 90 percent of the planned area. Some exhibition zones have only few

booths left, while certain zones have been fully booked.

This year's CIIE will be one of the most powerful weapons for boosting global economy, said some companies, which are ready to take part in the 3rd CIIE and confident about the success of the event and the prospects of the Chinese market and economy.

"We must have a more open mindset and take more open steps, and work together to make the pie of the global market even bigger. We need to strengthen the mechanisms

for sharing benefits globally, and explore new ways of international cooperation. The goal is to give more impetus to economic globalization and remove impediments as much as we could." The remarks of Chinese President Xi Jinping made at the opening ceremony of the 2nd CIIE showed clearly China's aspirations to the world.





Toronto Raptors' Kyle Lowry (7) plays against the Los Angeles Lakers during the second half of an NBA basketball game Saturday, Aug. 1, 2020, in Lake Buena Vista, Fla. (AP Photo)

## Lowry scores 33 to lead Raptors to 11th straight over Lakers

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla.

KYLE Lowry had 33 points and a career-high 14 rebounds and the defending NBA champion Toronto Raptors restarted their season by beating the slow-starting Los Angeles Lakers for the 11th straight time, 107-92 on Saturday night.

OG Anunoby scored 23 points for the Raptors, the second-place team in the Eastern Conference. They haven't lost to Los Angeles since the 2014-2015 season.

Lowry had a strong second half to help turn back a surge by the Lakers, the Western Conference leaders who are 1-1 in the restart. The Lakers' magic number for clinching the top seed in the West remains at one.

Lowry's biggest shot was a 3-pointer from the right wing for a 97-86 lead with 3:01 to play.

"He was vintage Kyle tonight," coach Nick Nurse said. "He was scoring and flying around and taking charges and competing and getting us some critical buckets. He was great."

Lowry was all for a full-speed reentry.

"Nick says he's going to kind of ease us back in and use it as an exhibition," Lowry said. "We've got too many competitive guys that want to go out there and play and hoop and win games, especially against the guys like the Lakers and with the team that's No. 1 in the West. The competitive juices get going."

LeBron James had 20 points and 10 rebounds, and Anthony Davis had just 14 points after he scored 34 in a win against the Los Angeles Clippers in their first game back on Thursday night. Kyle Kuzma scored 16.

The Lakers shot a season-low 35.4% from the field.

"I don't think there's anything you can do better," James said. "You execute your offense to get the best shot and we did that tonight. We went 10 for 40 from the 3-point line. I believe a lot of those 40 3s are great looks after getting to the point, knowing what they're going to give up. We just have to step up and knock them down."

James hit consecutive 3-pointers for a 76-72 lead early in the fourth quarter.

Anunoby responded with consecutive 3s for a 78-76 lead. The Raptors continued to pull away and Anunoby made a layup for a 90-83 lead.

With James and Davis struggling, the Raptors jumped to a 13-0 lead behind Anunoby and Lowry before the Lakers got back into it behind their bench.

The Lakers' reserves outscored the Raptors 13-2 in the first quarter and 31-6 in the first half to help Los Angeles to a 44-41 halftime lead. Kuzma had nine points and Alex Caruso seven.

James had seven points and Davis just one in the first half.

The Raptors "did a great job of really making other people beat them," Kuzma said. "I think for most of the game they double-teamed Anthony and LeBron in the post and kind of

left a lot of guys open to make some shots. We just didn't hit shots tonight. We got what we wanted, great shots, open shots. It was tough for us to hit 'em."

Meanwhile, T.J. Warren scored a career-high 53 points, Victor Oladipo added 15 after reversing course on opting out of the NBA restart and the Indiana Pacers beat the Philadelphia 76ers 127-121 on Saturday night.

A sixth-year player acquired from Phoenix in an offseason trade, Warren was 20 of 29 from the field and 9 of 12 from 3-point range in his first game with at least 50 points. All four of those shooting numbers were career highs.

"I just wanted to be aggressive, do what I do best," Warren said. "My teammates did a great job of finding me, and just staying aggressive and locked in and engaged was really key for us."

The Pacers (40-26) took control of the fifth seed in the Eastern Conference by breaking a tie with the 76ers and winning the season series. Both teams have clinched playoff spots.

Joel Embiid had 41 points and 21 rebounds for the Sixers, who couldn't hang on after turning a 10-point deficit late in the first half into a 10-point lead early in the fourth quarter. Before the pandemic-forced shutdown, Philadelphia had lost 10 of its past 11 games away from home.

Tobias Harris scored 30 points for Philadelphia, and Ben Simmons had 19 points and 13 rebounds.

But the leading trio for the Sixers wasn't enough to overcome Warren, who matched a franchise record with 19 points in the first quarter.

"Give him credit; he was hot," Harris said. "But too many times, we guarded him like he wasn't on fire. We gave him too much space, just not enough credit for his ability to score. He punished us tonight from the beginning of the game on."

The Pacers got the restart-opening win without two starters. Domantas Sabonis left the bubble with a left foot injury a week ago and is out indefinitely. Malcolm Brogdon, who had recovered from a COVID-19 infection that was announced on June 24, missed the game with a neck injury sustained in final scrimmage game before the restart.

Myles Turner, who scored nine points before fouling out, made his only 3-point attempt to put Indiana up for good at 110-107 with 4:34 remaining.

Harris hit a 3 in the final minute before a long clinching 3 from Warren, the first Indiana player to score at least 50 points in a game in 15 years.

"A guy that hot, you try to get him the ball," coach Nate McMillan said. "T.J. was as hot as I've ever seen him, and I thought our guys did a good job of sacrificing and screening and giving him the ball."

## SBL support for Taifa Stars makes Tanzanians proud of squad

By Guardian Correspondent

TANZANIA'S return to African Cup of Nations finals last year, after 39 years, will remain one of great achievements that the country managed to attain in soccer in recent years.

The country's senior national football team, Taifa Stars, returned to Africa's biggest soccer tournaments after they had sealed qualification for the 2019 edition with a 3-0 win over Uganda before hundreds of Tanzanian soccer fans at Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

Another milestone in soccer that the country can count on is being able to qualify for African Nations Championship (CHAN) finals, set for next year.

All these successes clearly show that the country's soccer is now heading to the right direction after many years of stagnation.

However, without support from various stakeholders, this would not have been possible.

Serengeti Breweries Limited (SBL), for instance, has contributed a lot to success that the Taifa Stars are proud of today.

In May 2017, the company entered into a three-year agreement with Tanzania Football Federation (TFF), valued at 2.1 bn/-, that saw the brewers' flagship beer brand become the official sponsors of the national team.

Various soccer stakeholders have commended the step taken by SBL to support the senior national team saying although the team was not able to make it to the finals in the 2019 AFCON, the side's presence in the showpiece was an aye opener.

"Being in the AFCON finals is an eye-opener for us, a big experience and a big achievement. You can fall in football, but if you believe in it and you stick to it, you can bounce back again," Salvatory Singano, who is radio presenter and soccer analyst, said.

"We thank the sponsors for



Tanzania's senior national football squad 'Taifa Stars' players participate in training in Dar es Salaam recently to prepare for international assignments.

supporting our team because without their support we would hardly have reached where we are today," he noted.

The TFF president, Wallace Karia, said the Serengeti Premium Lager sponsorship has revitalized the team's performance, making it register enviable feats.

The feats, according to him, include qualifying for the prestigious AFCON finals last year after a 39-year hiatus.

Karia expressed his heartfelt gratitude to SBL, explaining that the beer makers' backing for the last three years had been a breath of fresh air that had relieved the federation of the previous financial burden.

He noted the financial crisis had dogged the federation, derailing its efforts to reclaim the senior national team's international soccer glory.

Karia said: "Before the SBL sponsorship we had serious financial constraints that stalled most of our strategic plans. But with the sponsorship, our team and management had less stress and

as a result the players and the technical bench were able to concentrate on their assignments.

"The backing has enabled us to achieve exemplary performance in most of our fixtures".

He added: "It was during this period that our senior national team managed to qualify for AFCON finals after two decades of being in the continental soccer 'wilderness'-as well as qualifying for CHAN finals."

Ally Mayay, alias 'Tembele', a former Taifa Stars midfielder and current soccer analyst, said the Serengeti Premium Lager sponsorship towards Taifa Stars is huge and commendable.

May pointed out that it had revolutionized the country's soccer at both national and international levels.

"The deal involves quite a lot of money and we have seen its immediate impact on our soccer as demonstrated by the senior national team's improved FIFA rankings," he disclosed.

"We need to appreciate this support

by SBL," Mayay, who also captained Taifa Stars between 1996 and 2004, disclosed.

Another former Taifa Stars player, Mohammed Hussein, alias 'Mmachinga', commended SBL's efforts saying the sponsorship enabled the senior national team register unprecedented successes in recent years.

He disclosed: "It is within this period that we have seen our senior national team take part in big tournaments like the AFCON finals."

"Similarly, it is during this sponsorship that we have witnessed Taifa Stars qualify for CHAN finals and reach the World Cup Qualifiers' group stage," Hussein enthused.

"I hope these streams of successes will inspire SBL to continue supporting the team."

## Review: Beyoncé's 'Black Is King' is supreme Black art

By MESFIN FEKADU

KING Beyoncé's new film takes you on a journey of Black art, music, history and fashion as the superstar transports you to Africa to tell the story of a young man in search of his crown, matched to epic songs she created while inspired by "The Lion King."

The voyage feels even more special during the current state of the world, as the Black experience has been looked at closely in the wake of the many deaths of Black people, and the Black Lives Matter movement that continues to protest racism and inequality. And for those of us who have been stuck in place for months because of the coronavirus pandemic, the voyage and escapism are welcomed.

In "Black Is King," which debuted Friday on Disney+, Beyoncé continues to dig deep into her roots and share her discovery with the world, like she did on the sweet masterpiece "Lemonade." Black pride is the center of the film, with African artists strongly represented, as Beyoncé shares her stage with Tiwa Savage, Wizkid, Mr Eazi, Busiswa, Salatiel, Yemi Alade, Moonchild Sanelly and more.

They add a great deal of energy and beauty to the film – through lyrical delivery, eye-popping and sharp choreography, and bright and elegant costumes – bringing the songs from "The Lion King: The Gift" to life.

That album was inspired by the time Beyoncé spent voicing the character of Nala in the latest version of "The Lion King." Audio from the animated film are included, but it's the newer passages that truly resonate.

"When it's all said and done, I don't even know my own native tongue. And if I can't speak myself, I can't think myself. And if I can't think myself, I can't be myself. And if I can't be myself, I will never know me," a man says. "So Uncle Sam, tell me this, if I will never know me, how can you?"

Powerful. Later in the film, Beyoncé says: "We have always been wonderful. I see us reflected in the world's most heavenly things. Black is king. We were beauty before they knew what beauty was."

That leads into "Brown Skin Girl," as Naomi Campbell, Lupita Nyong'o and Kelly Rowland – queens that Beyoncé name-drops on the song – make appearances alongside other black and brown women and girls in a deep celebration of melanin, diversity and



This image released by Disney Plus shows Beyoncé in a scene from her visual album "Black Is King," premiering Friday on Disney Plus. (AP)

sisterhood. Beyoncé singing "because you're beautiful," face-to-face with Rowland, could induce tears.

"Black Is King" also highlights music's royal family: The Carters. Jay-Z makes a stunning appearance on "Mood 4 Eva," while 8-year-old Blue Ivy steals the spotlight every time she appears on screen. Tina Knowles as well as Sir

and Rumi Carter – who the film is dedicated to – are also present.

It's a family affair, with musical cousins – both familiar and on the verge – part of the safari ride. "Black Parade" plays as the credits scroll at the end of "Black Is King," and the song title could be the best way to describe the film: a procession into Beyoncé's black liberation.

OK, now let's get in formation. "Black Is King," a Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures release, is rated TV-14 by the Motion Picture Association of America. Running time: 85 minutes. Four stars out of four.



## Arteta hopes FA Cup win just the start for Aubameyang at Arsenal

LONDON

MIKEL Arteta hopes Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang will stay at Arsenal to lead the Gunners to more success after scoring twice to beat Chelsea 2-1 in the FA Cup final on Saturday.

Arsenal captain Aubameyang dropped the trophy before lifting his first piece of silverware since moving to English football from Borussia Dortmund two and a half years ago.

Victory secured Arsenal's place in the Europa League next season as they risked missing out on European football for the first time in 25 years after finishing eighth in the Premier League.

But with Aubameyang facing another season without Champions League football and just one year left on his contract at the Emirates, the Gabon international has been linked with a move away this summer.

"He needs more experience with trophies. We can get him used to that," joked Arteta at Aubameyang's mishap with the trophy lift.

"He knows what I think about him, I want to build a squad around him."

"I think he wants to stay, it is about getting the deal done."

"I think moments like that will help to realise and give him belief that we are in the right path and he is a big part of it."

Arteta also played his part to win a trophy in his first season in a senior managerial role after Chelsea made a blistering start in the eerie surroundings of an empty Wembley.

The Blues had already achieved their primary goal from Frank Lampard's first season in charge by securing a place in next season's Champions League last weekend and started confidently as Christian Pulisic's composed finish opened the scoring just five minutes in.

"We started well for 10-15 minutes and we can only blame ourselves from that point," said Lampard. "We got complacent, we took time on the ball like it was a stroll and we allowed them into the game."

- Injuries hurt Chelsea -  
Arteta managed to reorganise the Gunners during the first-half drinks break to change the momentum of

the game.

A minute after play resumed, Nicolas Pepe thought he had curled home a brilliant equaliser from the edge of the box, only to be denied by Ainsley Maitland-Niles being flagged for offside in the build-up.

Just like in the semi-final win over Manchester City, Aubameyang proved to be Arsenal's match winner as he raced onto Kieran Tierney's hopeful ball over the top and outpaced Cesar Azpilicueta before being brought down by the Chelsea captain just inside the area.

Azpilicueta escaped the double punishment of a red card, but VAR confirmed the spot-kick and Aubameyang coolly slotted home.

Chelsea were further hit by two big injury blows either side of half-time as Azpilicueta and Pulisic pulled up with hamstring injuries that will almost certainly rule them out of the Champions League last 16, second leg against Bayern Munich next weekend.

Despite Chelsea's major spending spree on Timo Werner and Hakim Ziyech to reinforce their attack for next season, it is at the back where they have been found wanting all season and they were caught out too easily for the winner.

Hector Bellerin burst through the weak challenge of Jorginho before the ball was played into the path of Aubameyang, who skipped past Kurt Zouma and nonchalantly lifted the finish over Willy Caballero for his 29th goal of the season.

Worse was to come for Lampard's men when Mateo Kovacic was inexplicably sent off for the slightest touch on Granit Xhaka, but Anthony Taylor's decision could not be reviewed by VAR as it was a second bookable offence.

And a miserable day was rounded off deep into stoppage time when Pedro Rodriguez's Chelsea career ended in the Spaniard also being carried off with a dislocated shoulder ahead of his move to Roma.

"It all came together for us today, two hamstrings, a dislocated shoulder," added Lampard. "It's the end of a long season and it was the tipping point for us."

AFP

## We were complacent': Lampard fumes after Chelsea's FA Cup loss

LONDON

FRANK Lampard accused his Chelsea flops of complacency after they blew the lead in Saturday's FA Cup final defeat against Arsenal.

Lampard's side made the perfect start at Wembley as Christian Pulisic fired them ahead.

But Arsenal captain Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang equalised from the penalty spot before half-time and made it 2-1 with a fine finish after the interval.

"We started well for 10 or 15 minutes, scored a goal and had other chances. From that point, we can only blame ourselves in football terms," Chelsea boss Lampard told the BBC.

"We decided to take control as in being complacent, let's try and play short passes like it is a bit of a stroll. A final can never be a stroll and we

allowed them back into the game."

Lampard had tried to get his players to refocus, but he conceded Chelsea have been hampered by a lack of cutting edge and defensive mistakes all season.

They weren't helped by the extremely harsh second half dismissal of midfielder Mateo Kovacic and injuries to Pulisic and Cesar Azpilicueta.

Denied his first trophy as Chelsea boss, Lampard couldn't hide his frustration.

"All I can do from the sidelines is shout. There are elements in our game that we have worked hard on all year, but that is in you as a group," he said.

"We were slow, we played back on ourselves, invited pressure, then didn't really know where to go from that. We didn't play well enough to win a final."

## 'Infantino should remain president during probe'

LONDON

GIANNI Infantino can remain FIFA president and should not be forced from power while under criminal investigation, world football's governing body told The Associated Press on Saturday.

A Swiss special prosecutor opened a criminal case into Infantino's conduct on Thursday over his meetings with the country's attorney general who has been leading a sprawling investigation into football corruption.

"There is nothing preventing the president from performing his duties," FIFA said in a statement to the AP. "He will continue to fully assume his functions within FIFA."

The FIFA ethics committee faced calls to suspend Infantino from his predecessor, Sepp Blatter, who was toppled in disgrace in 2015 and banned from world football until 2021.

"The FIFA president is subject to a criminal investigation by the Swiss judicial authorities," FIFA said, "but he has not been charged nor is he guilty of anything. ... FIFA and its president will continue to cooperate fully with the judicial authorities in Switzerland until these investigations are concluded."

Swiss attorney general Michael Lauber has offered to resign over the case that centers on three meetings he had with Infantino in recent years - including one that he hadn't disclosed and claimed no memory of.

"FIFA is convinced that at the end of the current investigations it will be confirmed that the FIFA president didn't do anything wrong by performing his fiduciary duties and meeting the attorney general of Switzerland," FIFA said.

Infantino was elected president in the fallout from the investigations that erupted around FIFA in 2015.

# Aubameyang won the FA Cup. Now Arsenal must pay him

By James Olley, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

THERE was sadly no crowd to witness Arsenal's 14th FA Cup final success - a come-from-behind 2-1 victory over Chelsea - but it doesn't take much to imagine what the Gunners contingent would have sung about Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang: Sign him up.

The 31-year-old made the difference against Chelsea, just as he did in the semifinal against Manchester City, just as he has done time and again during a turbulent campaign that ends on this most improbable high here at Wembley.

Chelsea led 1-0 through Christian Pulisic's early strike and threatened to run away with proceedings before Mikel Arteta injected some life into Arsenal in an animated drinks break and Aubameyang sprang to life. He won and converted the 28th-minute penalty after getting goal side of Cesar Azpilicueta before being hauled to the ground.

Aubameyang certainly savoured the moment. After dropping the trophy as he carried it over for the lift with his teammates - the only mistake he made all afternoon - he was the last to leave the field, still clutching the trophy with a broad smile on his face.

The Gunners had shirts made up with "14 Always Forward" on the back to mark the extension of their proud record in this competition. It is also, coincidentally, Aubameyang's shirt number. Given his influence on proceedings, it felt an even more prescient choice.

He is an extremely popular figure with the players, a point that Arsenal should consider if history has taught them to be wary.

The reminder of how big contracts can go wrong was sat in Turkey as Mesut Ozil, the club's highest earner on £250,000 a week, was granted leave earlier in the week having not made the bench or been one of the 10 non-playing members each club was allowed into the stadium for this showpiece occasion. Arsenal's desire to sell Ozil could not be clearer, but where his wage was once a signal of the club's determination to return to the summit of English football, it is now a financial weight holding up an overhaul this squad badly needs.

His winning goal benefitted from some equally errant defending as Kurt Zouma was beaten easily, but the skill Aubameyang produced in that moment, feigning to shoot before shifting the ball onto his left foot and dinking a sublime finish over Willy Caballero, was a match-winning moment so few strikers are capable of producing. It was his 29th and final goal of a remarkable season.

Where would Arsenal be without him? Surely they don't want to find out.

ESPN revealed last month that Aubameyang has



Match winner: Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang scored twice to win his first trophy as Arsenal captain (AFP Photo)

requested a three-year deal worth £250,000 a week. The Gabon international has indicated he is willing to stay and Arsenal want to keep him, but their precise summer budget has been indeterminable for weeks with European qualification uncertain. That ends now. Aubameyang might have just secured his pay rise in the most literal way possible by scoring the goals that increase the resources from which the club can boost his salary.

He gave nothing away in the immediate aftermath when asked by BT Sport about his future.

"I'm really not thinking about this," he said. "I just want to enjoy with the guys and take the trophy now."

Aubameyang is of the same central importance as Ozil and Alexis Sanchez were then. But unlike Ozil, there are no doubts

about Aubameyang's ability to influence big games, no private concerns about whether he is a divisive figure behind the scenes.

He is a Champions League-quality striker playing for a Europa League-level club. Replacing him will be harder than keeping him.

"He knows what I think about him. I want to build the squad around him. I think he wants to stay and it is just about getting the deal done," Arteta told the BBC. "But I think these moments will help him to realise and believe that we are in the right path and he is a big part of that. He is loved by everybody at the club. Hopefully he can continue with us."

And the belief that Arteta can instigate a revival is now backed up by his first trophy as a manager. He is the first to win the FA Cup as a captain and a manager for Arsenal.

Just like in 2017, Arsenal beat Manchester City and Chelsea in the last four to win the competition. This was no fluke, and new signings now have clear, on-field evidence of a new Arsenal team being formed.

They rode their luck at times, of course. Referee Anthony Taylor, the first man to officiate two FA Cup finals in 119 years, did not have one of his finest afternoons, most notably issuing a harsh second yellow card to Mateo Kovacic when it appeared Granit Xhaka stood on his foot.

Chelsea were then at a numerical disadvantage compounded by injuries to Azpilicueta, Pulisic and, right at the end, Pedro, in his final appearance for the Blues. But they did not create enough when enjoying the better of this final, and Aubameyang made them pay. Now Arsenal should too.

## PSG look forward to Champions League challenge after cup final wins

PARIS

PARIS Saint-Germain midfielder Ander Herrera is confident the French side will be in prime condition for their Champions League quarter-final against Atalanta despite Friday's League Cup final win against Lyon being just their second competitive outing in almost five months.

PSG beat Lyon 6-5 on penalties after an interminable final ended 0-0 after extra time at the Stade de France, where 3,500 spectators were allowed in as part of the loosening of the country's coronavirus restrictions.

Their victory, in what was the last ever final of an unloved competition that has now been scrapped, came a week after Thomas Tuchel's team defeated Saint-Etienne 1-0 to win the French Cup.

They had previously been awarded the Ligue 1 title by virtue of being top when the season was ended in April with 10 rounds of matches unplayed because of the health crisis.

"It has been a fantastic week for us, winning two trophies. It is not easy to do and we are very pleased," said former Manchester United midfielder Herrera.

"Lots of players have played their part in this success and we feel we are ready for the Champions League after the work we have done in the last four weeks."

However, having just those two cup finals as competitive outings since early March is hardly the best way to ready themselves for their first Champions League quarter-final in four years.

That match will be played on August 12 as a one-off tie behind closed doors in Lisbon.

PSG have also had a handful of friendly matches, but Atalanta may be in better shape having resumed their Serie A campaign in June. They only finish the season this weekend.

Herrera's team, meanwhile, looked sluggish for much of Friday's final, although the suffocating heat was partly responsible.

- 'Optimistic' for Mbappe -

They missed Kylian Mbappe, who was clobbered in the French Cup final a week earlier, suffering an ankle injury that could rule him out against Atalanta.

In his absence, Mauro Icardi was poor through the middle of the Paris attack and they only claimed victory thanks to Pablo Sarabia's sudden-death penalty in the shoot-out.

"We are optimistic for Kylian. We saw that he can walk now, he is young and he is a real professional," said Herrera.

"He really wants to play (against Atalanta) and is working every day, morning and night."



Neymar and the injured Kylian Mbappe celebrate PSG's win over Lyon (AFP Photo)

"Of course his presence is important and we hope he will play."

Mbappe is not the only worry - defensive duo Marquinhos and Thiago Silva came off with cramp, while full-back Layvin Kurzawa hobbled off in the second half.

In any case, PSG claimed their fourth domestic treble in six years, underlining the extent of their domination of French football under Qatari ownership.

Lyon used to be top dogs but this defeat saw their silverware drought go on. They have not won a trophy since the French Cup in 2012, a year after the Qataris arrived and changed the footballing landscape in the country.

Rudi Garcia's team, who had Brazilian defender Rafael sent off late in extra time, were a disappointing seventh when the league season was curtailed and will miss out on European football next season for the first time in 24 years.

Unless, that is, they can go on and win the Champions League in Lisbon on August 23.

OL visit Juventus next Friday in their long-delayed last 16 second leg, defending a

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## SKLPSC cricketers clobber Aces B in 2020 Nasser Memorial League

# SPORT

Aubameyang won the FA Cup.  
Now Arsenal must pay him

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### 2020 National Open Boxing Championships starts today

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THIS year's Open Boxing Championships get underway at Tanganyika Parkers ground in Dar es Salaam today.

Open Boxing Federation of Tanzania (OBFT) president, Muta Rwakatare, on Saturday said the one-week show-down, which has attracted boxers from across the country, is aimed at promoting and developing the sport in the country.

He said the boxers will today morning undergo medical examination and the championships will begin in the afternoon.

Rwakatare said the championships will involve all categories, namely Flyweight, Bantamweight, Featherweight, Welterweight, Lightweight, Middleweight, Super Middleweight, Heavyweight and Super Heavyweight.

"All preparations for the Open Boxing Championships are over, the championships get underway on Monday, boxers from Iringa, Ruvuma, Mwanza, Singida, Ruvuma, Morogoro and boxers from many other clubs have started reporting for the one-week event," he disclosed.

"We are asking all boxing loving Tanzanians to come and cheer their boxers," he said.

The OBFT president said the Open Boxing Championships is a self-sponsored and, knowing that many regions are not financially stable, he has provided hotels for up-country boxers.

He appealed to organizations, companies and individuals to come forward with their material and financial support. Rwakatare said after the Open Boxing Championships, there will be Boxing Club Championships in Manyara in October.

The Manyara championships will be held alongside the judges and coaches course.

He said the two championships will be used to select boxers who will represent the country at next year's local and international events.

"The two events will be used to select boxers who will represent the country at local and international events, we have Tokyo Olympics next year, World Boxing Championships in Belgrade, Serbia in March and there will be a boxing event in France in May and other local events," he said.

He also clarified that professional boxers are allowed to attend the event if they follow the procedures which include seeking permission from OBFT through writing.

By Guardian Reporter

SHREE Kutchi Leva Patel Sports Club (SKLPSC) cricketers have kept on pushing for the top spot in Group B of the 2020 Kazim Nasser Memorial League (KNML) Division A1, after they had clobbered Aces B squad by eight wickets in a clash, which took place in Dar es Salaam yesterday.

The Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC)-organized league is held annually in memory of Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA) Event and Tournament Manager, Kazim Nasser, who passed away in the city in 2015.

It is as well one of efforts by the DC, in cooperation with the national cricket

governing body, to raise the standard of the sport domestically.

Aces B cricketers chose to start batting once they won the toss, they were then skittled for 102 runs in 24.1 overs of the 30-over match.

They had low order batsman, Waheed Mushtaq, and middle order batsmen, Kibwana Salum, skipper Shailesh Tripathi and Jaffary Kanyita, to thank for the squad's ability to record the respectable score.

Mushtaq was ultimately the top run getter in the innings, notching 20 runs which included a six, Salum recorded 18 runs which included a four, Tripathi posted 15 runs which included three fours.

Youthful Kanyita, who is also a regular in Aces Club's first team in regional tournaments, ended with 14 runs for Aces B.

Experienced all rounder, Azim Thakur, exhibited patience at crease for a few overs to record 10 runs after early exits of opening batsmen, Ejaz Aziz and Raza Imaam, cracking a four along the way.

Imaam was three runs short of double digit score and

his stint at the crease was ended by SKLPSC's skipper, Naran Vekariya, who caught the former from Vipul Pindoria's delivery.

Vipul Pindoria led SKLPSC's bowling onslaught as he took three wickets and leaked 10 runs in 4.1 overs, finishing with an economy rate of 2.40.

Vinesh Gorasiya, veteran Jayantilal Pindoria and Hassan Rahim made matters worse for Aces B, ending with two wickets each.

With a modest target of 103 runs in their sight, the SKLPSC did not waste time, making successful chase for two wickets with 60 ball to spare.

After an impressive start by opening batsman, skipper Vekariya that posted 15 runs which included two fours, they experienced a slight wobble after Manoj Gondaliya, who opened the innings with the had faced early dismissal with eight runs his name.

Vinesh Gorasiya stepped at the crease to forge solid partnership with Vipul

and confidently catapult SKLPSC to the victory. Gorasiya notched 32 runs not out, which included

four fours, whereas Vipul posted 30 runs not out which included three fours.

Imaam and youngster Emmanuel Peter were Aces B's bowlers that made their presence felt given they took a wicket apiece.

Dar Cricket Club (DCC) had, prior to yesterday clash pitting SKLPSC against Aces B, held the Group B's top spot after posting four points from victory in two matches.

The DCC had recorded net run rate of 0.7000 after notching 274 runs and leaking 232 runs.

The SKLPSC were holding the second spot in Group B with two points from two games, coming out victorious in one match and succumbing to a loss in the other.

The side had posted a net run rate of 0.2500 as they recorded 235 runs and leaked 267 runs.

Aces B still cling on to third spot with victory in one game and defeat in the other, posting net run rate of -0.3531. They have amassed 259 runs and leaked 256 runs.

The GP Pak Stars B, positioned at the bottom of Group B, have yet to come out victorious having featured in two duels.

Group A of the KNML's second tier is made up of Annadil Burhani B, Union SC, Aga Khan SC and Gymkhana B.



Shree Kutchi Leva Patel Sports Club (SKLPSC) cricketers in a group photo after taking part in one of the previous season's GP Gymkhana Shield competition clashes, held in Dar es Salaam. PHOTO: COURTESY OF NIKHIL PUJARA

### Ihefu FC to maintain squad for 2020/21 Premier League



Ihefu Football Club

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

HEAD coach of the newly promoted Premier League outfit, Ihefu FC, Maka Malwisi, has promised to maintain the squad which won the team promotion to the next season's top flight.

The Mbeya club, which had participated in the 2019/20 First Division League (FDL), won promotion to the top flight after seeing off Premier League squad, Mwanza's Mbao FC, in play offs.

Speaking in an interview yesterday, Malwisi said he is confident with his squad's competence, insisting he sees no reason for adding many new players in his team.

He noted the current squad fits his playing philosophy and ambitions.

He hailed his players for helping the team earn promotion to the Premier League.

"Firstly, I must thank my players, man-

agement of the club and supporters of our club for the job well done, let me tell you that the squad I have is the best and the one which suits my needs, my ambitions and my playing philosophy," he disclosed.

"We have been together for a long time and they are the players who understand well what the club wants," he said.

He said Ihefu FC has players who are ready to withstand the heat in the Mainland Premier League as they will build a strong team capable of avoiding relegation. The coach, however, said if need arises he will recruit players who meet his needs.

"If there will be a need, I will recruit players who can meet my needs, I'm not a person who will go for either veterans or experienced players, but I will go for a player who suits my playing needs as

the aim is to build a strong squad which plays what Ihefu FC wants," he said.

To qualify for the Mainland Premier League, Ihefu FC edged Mbao FC on away goal rule.

Ihefu FC thrashed the Mwanza side 2-0 in the first leg of the play offs in Mbeya on Wednesday, and in the second leg, the former succumbed to 4-2 loss to the latter at CCM Kirumba Stadium in Mwanza on Saturday.

Mbao FC scored through Waziri Junior, who netted a brace, an own goal by Ihefu FC's Michael Masinda and midfielder Datus Peter while Ihefu FC goals were netted by Joseph Kinyozi and William Mgaya.

In the first leg of the play offs which was played at Highland Estate venue in Mbeya, Ihefu won 2-0 through goals netted by Steven Mwajala and Mlindi Tangai.

### Arusha reggae troupe invites Jamaican artiste Judah for weekly festivals

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

JAMAICAN reggae artiste, Pampi Judah, is among the top artistes who are expected to set Arusha night ablaze during the music genre's inaugural festivals, dubbed 'Reggae Night'.

The festivals will set the ball rolling for forthcoming weekly events that are set to feature Caribbean music here. Arusha residents will, therefore, be enjoying weekly reggae nights from now onwards.

The Warriors from the East, an Arusha-based reggae troupe, has initiated the weekly festivals featuring mostly Reggae beats, events that will be staged in different parts of the city every Friday and Saturday.

The band is an acoustic reggae and Afro fusion group from and based in Arusha, whose members have decided to revive this type of music in the northern part of Tanzania.

The band started the mission with the maiden festival held at Vijiji Center, in Tengeru section of Meru District, last weekend.

Ras Lwanda Magere, the 'captain' behind the orchestra, said after successfully remaining in music business for nearly 20 years as a group, they have decided to hatch weekly festivals involving reggae and dance acts in Tanzania.

"These are sustainable events, to be held every week rotating from one venue to another, covering all parts of Arusha City and beyond," he noted.

"We are targeting to revive reggae music appeal and the band's fan base around Northern Tanzania," Magere said.

"Unlike other types of music, reggae usually features educational lyrics in addition to entertaining, this is the form of music that infuses peace and unity among listeners," Magere maintained.

The Warriors from the East has some musical accolades in their studio shelves, having been awarded twice for the best song of the year in 2012 and 2013 at the Kilimanjaro Music Awards.

Other local artistes who participated in the maiden festival is Stephen William, nicknamed 'Steve R'N'B'.

He is a Bongo Flava artiste known for his 'Jambo Jambo' hit and who recently also collaborated with the Warriors from the East to produce six songs, intending to release an album with reggae flavour.

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