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IDA loan finances vehicles for south tourism circuit

By Francis Kajubi

WITH the target of making the southern regions a new destination for tourist arrivals, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism has secured 12 tour guide vehicles as part of the resilient natural resource management for tourism and growth project, dubbed 'Regrow'.

The vehicles will be used to strengthen national parks management by combating poaching in the southern circuit of national parks and game reserves.

Handing over the vehicles for the Nyerere National Park tour guide team of the Tanzanian National Parks Authority (TANAPA) priced at 1.2bn/-, Permanent Secretary Dr Allan Kijazi (pictured) said the government expects a rise in tourist arrivals via the project.

A total of 35 vehicles are being procured for the Nyerere, Ruaha, Udzungwa and Mikumi national parks traversing Morogoro, Lindi, Ruvuma and Coast regions, where 14 vehicles were procured at 1.6bn/- in the first phase of the plan, nine vehicles in the second part worth 1bn/-, thus using up 3.8bn/-, with the project expected to be extended to Njombe and Mtwara regions, he said.

"The vehicles will contribute in strengthening management of the

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PCCB admits: 147 cases are framed



Former President Jakaya Kikwete opens a three-day international conference on quality education in Dar es Salaam yesterday. It is organised by Tanzania Education Network as a forum bringing together education stakeholders from across the globe to discuss issues relating to efforts to improve education in Tanzania. Story on page 2. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

By Henry Mwangonde

THE Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB) has dropped 147 cases chiefly made up of trumped up charges against various individuals, President Samia Suluhu Hassan has declared.

The president made this observation yesterday at the official launch of a police uniforms factory in Dar es Salaam, built through force accounts to the tune of 680m/-.

She directed the police to analyze, evaluate and drop charges against various individuals placed in custody when there is no evidence against them.

"I have spoken to PCCB and they have dropped 147 cases which they have trumped up against various individuals. You should also carry self-evaluation and drop the charges if you have no evidence so that we minimize congestion in our prisons," she told the gathered officers.

The president directed the police department to rearrange itself in combating crime, especially armed robbery, noting that she will use someone's ability to control armed robbery to appoint and suspend senior police officers.

President Samia also directed the police to take a look at the law which requires that a victim of an accident or crime gets a PF3 form before such person can be attended by

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MPs talk of 'favouritism' in road building projects

By Songa wa Songa, Dodoma

THERE are no clear criteria for fairly deciding which regional roads to be built; leaving the room for lobbying and thus favouritism in allocation and disbursement of funds, a section of lawmakers say.

Debating estimates of the Ministry of Works and Transport for the next financial year yesterday, the MPs, including those whose constituencies don't have a single kilometer of tarmac road, cited broken promises running back to the second phase government of President Ali Hassan Mwinyi as illustrating that there is no clear guideline on making decisions on road construction.

Some constituencies and regions have hundreds of kilometers of tarmac roads with more being built alongside regular maintenance, insisted the lawmakers, asserting that "the rumoured favouritism in road construction is not far from the truth."

Godwin Kunambi (Mlimba) said criteria used by the ministry to allocate and disburse funds for roads construction are not known, leaving more questions than answers on the decision-making process.

"What criteria do you use?" he demanded.

The lawmaker was compelled by the Deputy Speaker, Dr Tulia Ackson to withdraw his statement which alleged tribalism and regionalism.

"The tarring of Singida-Hydrom-Ilongero road was first promised by President Ali Hassan Mwinyi when I was in standard three. President Benjamin Mkapa came and went; his successor Jakaya Kikwete came and went and finally John Magufuli," said Abeid Ighondo (Singida North).

"The government keeps making promises every financial year but nothing comes out of these pledges."

Kunti Majala (Special Seats) said that the construction of the 461 kilometre Kilindi-Kiteto-Chemba-Singida road was promised by President Mkapa and later President Kikwete as well as the late Dr Magufuli but no work has as yet begun.

"The road has been on the CCM manifesto for decades but nothing has happened so far. There isn't one kilometer of tarmac in Chemba constituency," she said, insisting that "there is favouritism."

Dunstan Kitandula (Mkinga) said his constituency has less than 25 km of paved road heading to Horohoro border, and the rest is gravel or dirt roads. However, despite promises by successive government to improve infrastructure in the constituency, there is no good news as in other constituencies. "There is this talk of favouritism and it cannot be ignored," he declared.

Innocent Bilakwate (Kyerwa) said that despite being one of the main producers of banana and coffee, the state of roads in the constituency is worse compared to many

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Govt endorses expansion drive by Kilombero Sugar

By Guardian Correspondent

KILOMBERO Sugar Company (KSC), in which Illovo Sugar Africa holds 75 per cent and the Government of Tanzania 25 per cent of the shareholding, has announced the government's approval of a 571.6 billion/- (US\$238.5 million)

sugarcane plantation expansion project.

In line with the country's strategy towards achieving self-sufficiency in sugar supply by 2025, the development will increase the firm's sugar production by 144,000 tonnes - from the current level of around 127,000 tonnes per year to 271,000 tonnes.

Gavin Dagleish of Illovo Sugar Africa has accepted the plan as well as the Treasury Registrar, Athumani Mbutuka who oversees government shares in the firm, the company said in a media statement yesterday.

This accord was reached at a shareholders meeting held in the city last Friday, with details on the government's position expected later this week, it said.

Expanding sugar manufacturing will require almost a three-fold increase in

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NMB Bank Plc CEO Ruth Zaipuna (3rd-R) exchanges greetings with the acting regional commissioner for Mwanza, Salum Kalli, shortly after the launch of the bank's 'Mastaboda Loan' scheme for bodaboda and Bajaj taxi operators in Mwanza city yesterday. The event attracted some 300 motorbike riders as well as, among others, NMB Lake Victoria zone manager Baraka Ladislaus (R), chief of retail banking Filbert Mponzi (L), and head of human resources Emmanuel Akoonay. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



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sugarcane supply from Kilombero's small-scale growers, that is, from the current 600,000 tonnes to 1.7m tonnes.

Noticeably, the firm's proposed new sugar factory has been sized so that all of the available cane will be crushed by the end of December each year, the idea being to minimise disruptions and losses often caused by the onset of the rainy season.

The expansion project has been under discussion and planning by the KSC board of directors for several years, the statement noted, underlining that this project takes into account the need for more than doubling sugar production in order to meet increasing customer demand.

Implementing the project will further involve the construction of additional sugar storage and packaging facilities, to reduce costs and increase the company's branded pre-packaged capability, it said.

Also envisaged is the co-generation of electricity for the KSC manufacturing complex and a surplus for feeding into the national power grid, it further noted.

There will be a 4,000-kilolitre increase in the production of ethanol at the adjacent ethanol distillery, bringing the total annual production to 16,000 kilolitres - thus meeting growing local and East African export demand for potable alcohol, it stated.

"The announcement demonstrates the continued support of Associated British Foods, Illovo Sugar Africa's owner, and their confidence in the continued growth of Illovo in the African sugar market," the company affirmed.

KSC board chairman Ami Mpungwe said that President Samia Suluhu Hassan's profound commitment to the creation of a conducive environment for accelerated private sector growth had encouraged the adoption of the plan.

"Underpinned by firm protective measures for Tanzania's sugar industry, it has been decisive in securing the approval of the shareholders for this transformational project in the country."

Sugarcane growers in Kilombero District, Morogoro Region, will be major beneficiaries as a significant increase in cane supply is required to drive the sugar manufacturing expansion.

Within five years of the commissioning of the new KSC factory, sugar cane volumes supplied by Kilombero growers will triple and thus amounts of money paid to them are slated to reach around 270bn/- by 2028, he said.

The number of small-scale farmers supplying cane to the expanded company sugar factories will rise from 7,500 to anywhere from 14,000 to 16,000 and hence indirectly benefiting an additional 50,000 people in the Kilombero valley covered by sugar sector operations.

There will be an increase in direct employment of over 2,000 jobs at the company and through an expanded grower cane supply line.

The current total taxes of 66.8bn/- paid by the company are estimated to increase three-fold as a result of expansion and improved business performance by 2028.

KSC's annual contribution to the national economy will more than double - from the current 340bn/- to an estimated 750bn/-.

Speaking at the shareholders' meeting, Illovo Sugar Africa shareholding executive Dalgleish said that investing in the expansion project was far the firm's biggest in Africa.

"We are tremendously proud to be partnering with the Tanzanian people in what is a landmark investment aimed at reducing the amount of sugar which has to be imported into the country every year, to meet consumption demand," he said.

"By effectively reducing sugar imports by 144,000 tonnes, our estimates are that Tanzania will be saving \$71m in foreign exchange annually."

The project construction phase is expected to take 25 months, with completion expected in July 2023.

The KSC board and management have commended the project's co-investors and Kilombero sugarcane growers for their involvement in the project.

Studies on the feasibility of more than doubling Kilombero's sugar production began late 2017 and were in tune with the government's national development agenda, the company executive intoned.

More recently, the critical need to further promote foreign direct investment has been reinforced by President Samia's assurances on a conducive environment for large taxpayers and foreign investors generally, he stated.

KSC, which was privatised in 1998, has made significant investments in the business, totalling more than \$166m, for slightly over 20 years.

This has involved various cane and sugar production expansions and the commissioning of a state-of-the-art distillery currently supplying 12 million litres of high-quality alcohol to the local beverages industry.

KSC, one of four major local sugar producers, sources half of its sugarcane supply from around 7,500 small-scale farmers in the vicinity of its installations.

The volume of cane bought from local farmers has grown from 140,000 tonnes in 1999 to over 620,000 tonnes at present, with the price paid to farmers put at three times higher than growing rice as a cash crop.

"The price is determined by a revenue sharing arrangement based on total revenue earned by KSC from selling its sugar and molasses, a sugar production by-product," officials noted.

The government has over the years taken a series of actions towards supporting the local sugar industry, particularly since 2017, with controls on imports the key lever.

KSC's current direct contribution to government revenues comes to about 66.8bn/- (\$29m) in taxes (including VAT, corporate tax, duties, PAYE and the skills development levy) annually.

The firm has also been supporting local schools and hospitals and has facilitated, through its charitable trust and donor funding, the construction of 150kms of roads to help sugarcane farmers transport their cane to KSC factories.



President Samia Suluhu Hassana unveils plaque alongside Home Affairs deputy minister Khamis Hamza Khamis to launch a Police tailoring mart at Kurasini in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Left is Investment Minister Geoffrey Mwambe. Photo: State House

Kikwete calls on Africa to invest heavily in information, communication technologies

By Getrude Mbago

FORMER President Jakaya Kikwete has urged the government and stakeholders to invest heavily in Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) which include connecting schools to the internet so as to facilitate provision of quality education.

According to him, the move also will also facilitate smooth teaching and learning and thus produce well equipped and competent graduates to serve in various fields.

In his remarks to officiate the three-day International Quality Education Conference (IQEC) in Dar es Salaam Dr Kikwete acknowledged that the education sector is still facing various challenges which also need collective efforts to address.

Organised by the Tanzania Education Network (TENMET), the forum brought over 200 participants including key leaders and officials from public, private sector, and Civil Society

Organisations from inside and outside the country.

He said that if the nation is to achieve its development goals, then investing in quality education is a matter of paramount.

"We should ensure that majority of people at least have secondary education, we should not only base in primary education forgetting the upper education which produces the national workforce," Dr Kikwete said adding; "We don't have any other option, but to strive to improve our education system."

He wanted colleges to invest in technology and skills development so as to produce competent human resources.

The former president acknowledged that most of the developing countries are still lagging far behind developed countries in terms of quality education, something which needs serious efforts to improve. Dr Kikwete said that despite strides made to improve the education sector, there is still a good number of children who

are not in school due to various reasons.

He noted that reports show that globally, 264 million children who were supposed to be in schools are out of school whereby 100 million are from Africa.

"Let us put our efforts together to ensure that our children receive quality education with essential skills to enable them participate well in the country's development once they graduate," he added. He furthermore urged the government to also consider coming up with ICT solutions to enable sustainable learning of children even during disasters.

"For example when the Covid-19 pandemic erupted, in the developing world, schools were completely closed, but in developed countries, children continued learning smoothly from home, this is because they have invested much in technological systems which enable provision of education even during hard times and disasters," he said.



The European Union's Ambassador to Tanzania, Manfredo Fanti, speaks on projects funded by the EU in the country. This was at the opening of a Resilience to Climate Change exhibition held at the National Museum in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Guardian Photographer

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Nyerere National Park in terms of security, plying of tourists and supervision of road construction projects in the park," he said, elaborating that commercial poaching of wildlife will be further tamed.

By such facilitation the ministry intends to increase the number of tourist arrivals in the southern circuit, as the bulk of current tourist arrivals peaking at 1.5m in 2019 are have the northern circuit as the key destination.

By 2025 tourist arrivals will have crossed the two million mark, with a significant portion of arrivals directed to the southern circuit. It wasn't clear how much the southern circuit could contribute in the project to boost collections from \$2.4bn in 2019 to way over three billion dollars in 2025.

The International Development Association (IDA), the soft loan window of the World Bank, issued a \$150m loan to finance the project endorsed by the government in June 2018, implemented for a period of six

years.

The Regrow project seeks to strengthen the management of national parks and game reserves, promote nature-based tourism in the southern circuit and contribute to the diversification of livelihoods in selected communities. It also highlights tourism related infrastructure.

"It is the government's expectation that the project will open a new chapter for tourism in the southern highlands," Dr Kijazi intoned, expressing the belief that the project shall widen tourism scope now centered in the northern circuit. "Areas with tourist attractions must be developed and placed in the spotlight," he specified.

William Mwakalema, Deputy Commissioner for conservation and business development for TANAPA, said that the project is being implemented with the Tanzania Tourist Board (TTB), the Tanzania Forest Agency (TFS), the National Irrigation Commission (NIC), the board of the Rufiji Basin Development Authority (RUBADA) and THE

Tanzania Wildlife Research Institute (TAWIRI).

the project covers Ruaha, Udzungwa, Mikumi and Nyerere, with the three parks already provided with vehicles and other requirements, he said.

The TTB board chairman Judge (ret) Thomas Mihayo urged TANAPA to make good use of the vehicles so that expected results are met, uplifting the Julius Nyerere brand name.

The Nyerere National Park formerly known as Selous Game Reserve is the largest on the African continent, covering an area of 54,600 square kilometers comprising a vast wilderness with forests, grassy plains, mountains and open woodlands.

It was established in 1922 and in 1982 it was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site thanks to its rich diversity of wildlife and uninterrupted nature. The Tanzanian National Park Authority (TANAPA) in 2019 was authorised to change its identity such that it is today known as the Nyerere National Park.

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others.

"Our roads connect to a neighbouring country. The other side looks like Europe but ours is like a dingy street. (The late) President Magufuli pledged that the Omurushaka-Murongo road will be paved and I have seen 3bn/- in the budget; the question is: will it be built?" he asked.

"Some say there is favouritism and there is no reason to believe otherwise," he similarly asserted.

Salma Kikwete (Mchinga) said her constituency is one of those without a single kilometer of tarmac road despite being key producer of cashew nuts and sesame.

"There is only a small section which is privately owned," she told MPs.

The former first lady also raised the issue of Kilwa-Kibiti-Mtwara road which she said lacks maintenance despite being vital to trade in the southern corridor as well as linking up with neighbouring countries.

"I have not seen any allocation for the maintenance of this road. This is not fair," she said.

Timotheo Mnzava (Korogwe) said that despite the construction of Kibena-Mdete to tarmac level and leaders who followed made the same promise but nothing has happened, said Edwin Swale (Lupembe) The other issue that featured in the debate is the damage of key roads in cities during rainy seasons.

"In his budget speech the minister didn't say anything concrete about this road," he said.

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The other issue that featured in the debate is the damage of key roads in cities during rainy seasons.

Mariam Kishangi (Special Seats) raised the issue of Bagamoyo Road which she said is well-built but turns into a river when it rains heavily, leaving a trail of damage that requires costly maintenance.

"Was a feasibility study properly conducted prior to the construction of the road," she queried, similarly

raising the issue of headquarters of Ubungo and Kigamboni districts in Dar es Salaam which she said are new and not easily accessible due to bad roads.

Mrisho Gambo (Arusha Urban) said the constituency has high-quality roads of Arusha bypass and Sakina-Tengeru but the problem is that whenever it rains, these roads turn into rivers and are easily eroded.

"We appeal to TanRoads to divert waterways that discharge water on these roads to save costly infrastructure," he urged.

Vedastus Mathayo (Musoma Urban) raised the issue of expansion of Musoma Airport to which 4.2bn/- was released last year to compensate those being evicted but the money remained idle in a bank account. The residents remain in limbo, not knowing whether to continue with economic activities or they are being evicted at any moment, the MP observed.

"The law says that after six months a new valuation must take place. The current minister was the permanent secretary who released the money that is lying idle in a bank account in Musoma," he added.

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medical personnel, noting that people lose their lives due to this requirement.

A few weeks ago the president directed PCCB to drop baseless corruption cases as well as those where the evidence was being cooked up.

She also asked the police force to set up a traffic violation identification system wherever a vehicle is passing so that such drivers can be apprehended at their next stop or meeting a police checkpoint and be subjected to appropriate penalties, including revocation of licenses.

She however said that completion of the factory honours the late Dr. John Magufuli, urging other sections of the armed forces to make their uniforms at the factory and cut costs of importing such garments.

Earlier, Inspector General of Police (IGP) Simon Sirro said the construction of the factory has expanded capacity from 70 sewing machines to 130 and increased the sewing to 125,000 uniforms annually.

The police department intends to establish the Tanzania Police Corporation as an income generating unit for the department, he stated.

The IGP assured the president that the country was safe but said however that there are small incidents of crime which are socially based. The police are currently working more closely with police agencies in eastern and southern Africa to control cross border crimes, including drug trafficking and terrorism, he emphasised.

He said crime has decreased from 13.5percent in January to April this year compared to the same period last year and accidents also decreased by 29.1percent.

Funds to construct the factory were generated by internal revenues from security services the police offer to banks and other institutions, he stated.

The factory has the ability to take 250 staff, with 200 sewing machines in readiness, as a basic investment of the Tanzania Police Force Corporation.

Khamis Chilo, the deputy minister for Home Affairs said the country was safe and that Tanzanians continue with economic activities.

"We insist that our people follow what the law says so that we maintain the prevailing peace," he added.

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

WWF issues seven motorcycles to WMA and Lake Natron ecosystem

WORLD Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) has donated seven motorcycles to the Ednuimet Wildlife Management Area (WMA) and Lake Natron ecosystem to heighten conservation efforts.

The motorcycles are to be used by wildlife rangers at the village level on the patrol to deal with poachers and illegal loggers.

Provision of motorcycles is an implementation of the WWF climate change project aimed at building the capacity of wildlife communities and the people living within the reserves to meet the challenges posed by the effects of climate change including drought and floods.

The Honda motorcycles model were handed over to Longodo District Commissioner Frank Mwaisumbe whereby three motorcycles are for the Ednuimet WMA and four for the Lake Natron

Ecosystem.

Handing over the motorcycles, WWF officer Novat Kessi said the organization provided the motorcycles in the belief that they would help in ending poaching in protected areas, but also dealing with illegal loggers and charcoal makers.

"These protected areas are large and have wildlife and forest resources that require village-level wildlife officers to walk long distances in difficult conditions to track down poachers, so we are confident that the motorcycles will facilitate their movements and

keep the areas safe," he said.

DC Mwaisumbe said the time has come for the district to face many incidents of environmental degradation while the district is receiving a small amount of rain which is a sign of the coming drought, urging those entrusted with such equipment to make sure they use them for their intended purpose.

He stressed the need for the district to have a land-use plan as one way to address recurring conflicts between humans and wildlife and promised to work with stakeholders including the WWF

to start early implementation of the plan.

"In her inaugural address, President Samia Suluhu Hassan stressed the issue of environmental protection, and we (Longido District) are practicing it to protect existing resources, including Lake Natron, which is

internationally renowned," said DC Mwaisumbe.

For his part, Ednuimet WMA manager Peter Milanga lauded WWF for the support which he described as a catalyst for tackling poachers who have grown up, hence using motorcycles will help in curtailing poaching.

Apart from the motorcycle support, WWF is also assisting with various capacity-building projects, including the construction of livestock watering dams and the use of innovative stoves to reduce the use of firewood and deforestation, and modern beekeeping.



Akash Shah (3rd-L), Rotary E-Club of Masaki service project director, presents a 3m/- vacuum extractor donation to Mbagala Rangi Tatu Hospital medical officer in-charge Dr Mussa Makori in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Ngorongoro headquarters moved from inside park, moved out to Karatu Town

By Marc Nkwame - Karatu

In what seems to be a historical move in 60 years, the management of Ngorongoro has shifted all its operations from its former premises located inside the Conservation Area, moving out to the nearby Karatu Township.

The Commissioner of Conservation for the Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority (NCAA), Dr Freddy Manongi stated that the move will affect all the 800 employees of the conservation entity, which is currently the leading tourist destination in the country.

"We are vacating from the office block which is situated inside the conservation area, as well as moving all members of staff that used to be housed in quarters located in the park," explained Dr Manongi, adding that the decision is among the NCAA strategies to save the delicate environment.

Ngorongoro Conservation is working to reduce human activities in the World Heritage Site which consists of among other features, the legendary wildlife filled Crater, Olduvai Gorge and Laetoli Hominid Footprints site.

Attracting an average of 500,000 visitors per annum, Ngorongoro Conservation is the leading Tourist

Destination in Tanzania, which means protecting the goose which lays golden eggs shouldn't be an option, as far as conservators are concerned.

The new NCAA headquarters are now found at Kamlin estate, located in Karatu township, where already there are several housing flats built earlier to accommodate Ngorongoro staff.

Many of the NCAA workers are already living outside the conservation area, some in Karatu, Mto-wa-Mbu and as far as Kigongoni areas of Monduli.

The NCAA management is of the view that when a special census was conducted by the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) it came to light that the human population in the area reached more than 90,000 residents.

Apparently, when Ngorongoro

Conservation was established in 1959, the area had only 12,000 residents.

Now the nearly 100,000 people coupled with over 150,000 livestock in their menagerie was found to be staggering for the ecosystem therefore the decision to prune aliens

from the conservation area started.

Therefore the NCAA is setting an example for being the first to move from the Conservation Area, with the number of other nomadic pastoralists previously allowed to roam the landscape also to be soon reduced.

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With deep sadness the management and staff of NCBA Bank Tanzania Limited informs you of the passing of their fellow colleague Erick Elias - Bank Teller, Amani Place Branch Dar es salaam on Sunday May 9, at 4:30 am in Muhimbili Hospital after a short illness.

He was buried at his home village Shari, Machame in Kilimanjaro Region on Thursday, May 13, 2021.

Our deepest and sincere condolences to his family and friends. May God give them and his fellow staff comfort and peace during this difficult time.

"The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD"

On behalf of The Management
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LING WEL.....PLAINTIFF
VERSUS
SILK ROAD TANZANIA COMPANY LTD.....DEFENDANT

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Services of the summons on you has been ordered by means of this publication. You are directed to collect copies of the summons and plaint from the court's Registry.

You are hereby summoned to appear in this court in person or by an Advocate or an agent duly authorized on 26/05/2021 at 8:30 a.m when this suit will be mentioned.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that should you default to enter appearance in court on the day time mentioned above, the suit will proceed and judgment may be given in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court this 12 day of May 2021.

RESIDENT MAGISTRATE

President Samia swears in Court of Appeal and High Court judges



The newly installed judges follow President Samia Suluhu Hassan's address.



President Samia Suluhu Hassan addresses newly installed Court of Appeal and High Court judges shortly after swearing them in at State House in Dar es Salaam on Monday.



Former Director of Public Prosecutions Biswalo Mganga (R) takes the oath alongside other newly installed Court of Appeal and High Court judges. All photos: State House



The newly named judges take oath before President Samia Suluhu Hassan.



President Samia Suluhu Hassan swears in Patricia Salehe Fikirini as Court of Appeal judge.



It's Zahra Abdallah Maruma's turn to take the oath as High Court judge.



President Samia Suluhu Hassan swears in Katarina Tengia Revocati as High Court judge.



Mwanabarakha Saleh Mnyukwa takes the oath as High Court judge.



Brigheter Chialo (in white), a nurse with Dar es Salaam's Chanika Mother and Child Hospital, checks the weight of an infant as Weights and Measures Agency (WMA) officials made a World Metrology Day inspection tour of the facility yesterday. Right is one of the visitors, Gaspar Matiku. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

Minister warns corrupt officials

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Investment), Geoffrey Mwambe has threatened to immediately sack any official from his ministry who will request corruption from investors.

He also warned some of the staff who gives penalties to investors before even having a discussion with them to know their difficulties after misconduct.

Mwambe made these remarks yesterday in Dar es Salaam when speaking to the management and staff of Tanzania Investment Center (TIC).

The minister said government's services are provided for free and where payment is required should of course be done according to the regulations.

On the other hand, he also warned some of the investors who try to bribe TIC staffs so as to get special treatment regarding investment procedures.

"When I was the Director of TIC some investors tried to corrupt my officers here but they were trustful they came and inform me so I took the money and dealt with them accordingly, it was a big lesson for them not to practice that again," he said.

"I urge you to continue with that hardworking and faithful spirit because this has been our way of doing things for a very long time," he intoned.

Mwambe said even though TIC has limited staff, they must continue to work hard to fulfill the dreams of President Samia Suluhu Hassan by attracting more investment in the country and nourishing the private sector.

Mwambe encouraged TIC

management to collaborate with Tanzania National Business Council (TNBC), to conduct regular dialogue with investors and the business community so that they can find their obstacles.

He said one of the tasks they were given by president Samia is to build trust with investors and the business community so that the government policy on investment could be predictable.

"If you think there is a problem somewhere it is better you call the investor and discuss what went wrong instead of penalizing them without any discussion, we must work hard to ease the way of doing business in our country because otherwise, investors will move elsewhere," he said.

The minister also directed TIC management to make sure they reopen all regional offices by June this year so that it can be easy for the upcountry business community to access TIC services easily.

He said there is a need to promote TIC services by producing public awareness programmes in different media channels.

Deputy Minister William Ole Nasha said their tour at TIC was intended to look at how they can ease the way of doing business in the country.

"For several times our president has been insisting on us to attract more investors and create a good environment that will strengthen the private sector in the country and eventually increase employment opportunities," he said.

"I urge you to continue with that hardworking and faithful spirit because this has been our way of doing things for a very long time"

By Correspondent James Kandoya

Government directs Costech to promote innovation ecosystem

THE government has directed the Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH) to establish the national innovation framework to promote innovation ecosystem in the country.

The Deputy Minister for Education, Science and Technology Omari Kipanga made the directives on Monday this week in Dar es Salaam that the move aims to further promote innovation ecosystem in the country.

He also directed the COSTECH to create innovation village in Bagamoyo District, Coast region that can combine all innovations in one centre to enable more innovators to participate.

"As the government is preparing to start a process of reviewing its education policy 2014, COSTECH must establish the framework," he said.

"Innovation village idea is very important to combine together

all innovators across the country in one place to enable other new innovators to learn calling COSTECH to start the process in the allocated plot," he said.

He said over the past seven years, Tanzania innovation ranks grew from 123th in 2014 to 88th position in global index signaling potential for adopting innovation technology and associated growth opportunities.

"The country target is to be in top 50th by 2025, we are still having a long way to go but we are definitely on the way," he said.

According to the deputy minister, the government had made progress in terms of growth of innovation local ecosystem.

He said the report shows that the number of innovation spaces

increased from 3 in 2013 to over 100 at this moment, noting that it was a good sign that the country was moving in right directions.

The COSTECH Director General Dr Amos Nungu, said innovation week 2021 covers 7 regions on the mainland- Dar es Salaam, Tanga, Mwanza, Ifakara, Arusha, Mbeya, Iringa and Zanzibar, and Dodoma where the innovation exhibitions marked the climax of the flagship National Competition for Science, Technology and Innovation (MAKISATU).

For his part, HDIF Country Director Joseph Manirakiza, said that the Innovation Week Tanzania as a platform has steadily grown from the modest start in 2015 with around 500 attendees to 2020 with over 7,000

and a more national outlook.

The event provides a platform to many innovators to be seen, stakeholders to forge meaningful partnerships, knowledge to be shared, and numerous innovative initiatives to be showcased and key policy related issues to be discussed. In short, it has been a powerful and very popular event in the Tanzanian Innovation Ecosystem.

In addition to UKAid through the HDIF Program, UNDP and COSTECH, other stakeholders who are supporting IWTz2021 as sponsors include Vodacom Tanzania, NMB Bank, CRDB Bank, UN WOMEN, UNCDF, UNICEF, Segal Family Foundation, The Embassy of the Netherlands, the Swiss Embassy and TIGO.

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Young entrepreneurs in Arusha 'drilled' on online marketing skills

By Alima Nkwong, HMC

TWENTY-five young entrepreneurs in the Arusha region have benefited from training on digital trade organized by the Ubuntu Hub in collaboration with its partners Smart Core Enterprises, Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI), and United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

The one-month training was aimed at equipping young entrepreneurs with online marketing skills—an accelerator that aims to help entrepreneurs from all sectors including agribusiness, retail, juice production to use digital technology to grow their businesses.

Co-founder of the Ubuntu Hub, Collins Kimaro told this paper that Tanzania is gifted with young entrepreneurs who are gifted with good ideas and full of passion but lack sustainable support to help them grow.

"Digital technology is the key to unlocking the doors of many opportunities," he said. Because once trained, they can continue learning on their own," he said.

He also said that digi trade is very important because it serves as a catalyst for economic development. Also because the world is already in the 4th industrial revolution and if we do not develop our capacity we will be behind.

"Especially with the Covid-19 pandemic and its numerous barriers, this calls for a need for people with lesser or no knowledge about the digi trade to be more empowered so as

to effectively do business," he said.

Collins said that digi trade is essential because it will help these young local entrepreneurs to operate efficiently at the low cost because instead of spending huge sums of money to engage in marketing traditional marketing, these entrepreneurs can easily advertise their products online which as a consequence can attract international markets.

He added that their expectations from the trainees are very high as they are hoping that after the training they should be able to grow market and revenue-wise that could lead to job creation and improved service and product delivery.

"Also we are hoping to have a good community of young local Tanzanians who are using digital to be role models for other entrepreneurs in the country," he said.

Kimaro also calls for a consultative approach from the government so that they can work together to provide a conducive environment for young entrepreneurs. "It takes an ecosystem to raise an entrepreneur," he added.

He encouraged women entrepreneurs to multiply efforts in attending activities organised to help entrepreneurs despite their enormous responsibility in society.

It should be noted that this training which was officially launched last year is organized every month by Ubuntu Hub. Apart from the digi trade training the hub also offers an online sensitization campaigns and markets for database designers and developers.



A mixed-goods open market in Rungwe District operating in conditions neither hygienic nor safe enough, courtesy of days of pounding rain and the absence of shelter. Correspondent Nebart Msokwa captured the scene yesterday.

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

VILLAGERS in Musoma District in Mara Region have joined forces to construct dispensaries and health centres to improve health care delivery.

District Commissioner, Dr Vincent Anney told this paper that there are currently 15 new dispensaries, which are under construction, with three health facilities in operation.

The district commissioner identified one of the dispensaries as Nyabaengere Village located in Musanja Ward as people participated in fetching water, stones, sand, and pebbles.

"Musoma District has 68 villages and has 23 dispensaries working and four are privately owned, our goal is to ensure each village has its own dispensary to bring health

Musoma villagers team up in effort to better health sector

services closer to the people," said Dr. Anney.

The district commissioner clarified that the government has also continued to contribute to the construction, while citing the upgrading of Masinono Village dispensary into a health center, adding that the government has pumped in 400m/-.

"The district council and the Constituency Fund have been contracted for that construction, and we're confident that the goal of every village having a dispensary and also every ward having a health center will be met," he said.

Dr Anney explained that the

district has 21 wards and two government health centers in Murangi and Mugango wards, which provide services, with some being built in Bungwema and Nyambono wards.

Explaining further on the construction of the Nyabaengere Village dispensary, Musanja Ward Councillor Ernest Mwira said it would have 14 rooms providing maternity and family planning services.

"Other includes Maternal and Child Health services (MCH), and our target is that the facility will be completed within one year," said Mwira.

He said, apart from the

workforce, every citizen with the ability to work, contributes 24,000/- as well as income from the sale of their resources including sand, stones, and rubble.

"In the construction, I will donate 20 bags of cement and I have already donated five, while MP Prof Sospeter Muhongo has also started by donating 50 bags, and we ask other stakeholders to support us," he said.

He asked the people of Nyabaengere Village living in various regions in the country and even other stakeholders to join hands and contribute to the development endeavors.

ICT Commission: Tanzania has technological infrastructure to put in place modern economy

By Guardian Reporter

THE Information and Communications Technology Commission said here yesterday that Tanzania has a strong technological base to build a modern economy along other nations of the world.

The acting ICT Commission Director, Engineer Samson Mwela, told journalists that Tanzania has already built a strong technological base that allows the country to build a technology-led economy and uplift the wellbeing of Tanzanians. His assurance comes a few days after a conference of technology experts in Dar es Salaam. The experts called for increased efforts in building a technology-backed economy and support to start-ups by innovators.

Engineer Mwela said world economies have undergone great technological revolutions, adding that the commission will ensure Tanzania's economy, too, is run and sustained by latest technologies available in the world because, he said, Tanzania is not an island isolated from the rest of the world economies.

Engineer Mwela said the government has played its part by building the basic technological infrastructure, explaining that it is because of the existing technological base the nation is confidently building the JKN hydropower project in Rufiji District and the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR).

The strategy of the commission, he explained, is to ensure technology is used in all branches of the national economy, adding that one of the commission's strategic priorities is to launch technological reforms in Tanzania's farming. To start with, he revealed, the commission will launch a pilot self-regulating irrigation project whereby only wanted water will automatically flow into farms and at the right time.

He said the commission will cooperate with stakeholders to train as many experts in emerging technologies as possible and build an attractive environment for Tanzanians to use technology in their everyday lives. "Despite the available technological infrastructure use of technology by Tanzanians in their day to day lives remains a big challenge," he said, adding that the aim of the commission is to change the current situation.



Arusha district commissioner Kenani Kihongosi (R) pictured at the weekend distributing brooms for use in cleaning water sources at Oleresho, Naura, Themi and Suye. Photo: Correspondent Cynthia Mwilolezi

Fire and Rescue Force all for installation of hydrants countrywide to curb crises

By Correspondent Michael Sikapundwa,

Morogoro

THE Tanzania Fire and Rescue Force (TFRF) yesterday called on local government authorities (LGAs) to install fire hydrants to enable the fire fighters complete their allotted task, hence residents have better protection for their homes in case of fire.

Acting TFRF's commissioner general, Mbaraka Semwanza, made a call in Morogoro municipality during kick off of the National Fire Service Week—sponsored by National Microfinance Bank (NMB).

Semwanza said government has officiated Morogoro Region to run national fire event as to remember over hundred people who died at fuel tanker explosion in 2019 and secondary schools' hostel affected with same disasters across the country.

"So it's high time for LGAs across the country to install fire hydrants to simplify rescuing process," he said, noting that in Tanzania fire hydrants are available in old cities like Dar es Salaam.

"So the new and emerging cities and town need to install such gadgets which become useful in time of disasters," he stressed.

He said due to shortage

of rescuing vehicles, it takes hours to fetch water a situation that created confusion and misunderstanding between fire brigade and community.

Acting Regional Administrative Secretary (RAS) Helman Tesha pledged sustainable cooperation with regional fire brigade unit in Morogoro, inspecting fire alerts devices before schools' building construction as to save the lives of students and properties in case of fire explosion.

Tesha thanked the government through the fire and rescue force for running the national event in Morogoro Region, saying: "This will help us to be good ambassadors, since we are among the victims of fire accidents, the 2019 Morogoro tanker explosion claimed 89 lives injuring 55 others. This was one of the largest disasters of its kind here."

TFRF's trainer, Loyce Kibuta has pledged sustainable cooperation over fire explosion skills not only for staff, but the majority where her office will educate residents on how to use portable fire extinguishers to overcome explosions at early stages.

There are useful portable fire extinguishers which can overcome fire at early stage, it's better for every citizen to have one.

Pemba to have two ice making plants for preserving fish catches

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR'S Minister for the Blue Economy and Fishing, Abdalla Hussein Kombo, has said the Zanzibar government plans to strengthen the existing fish markets in Pemba Island and to enable fishermen to conduct their activities at all times including the installation of ice making plants.

The minister made the remarks in the House of Representatives when responding to a question posed by Kojani Representative Hassan Hamad Omar who wanted to know when would the fishermen will have ice making plants that would enable them preserve their fish catches for longer periods of times.

Minister Kombo said two ice making plants had already arrived in Pemba,

one of which will be installed at the Tumbe Modern Fish Market in Pemba North Region.

He explained that the second plant will be installed in Pemba Mkoani region for preservation of fish catches in the area.

He added that in regard to the Tumbe plant work in electricity installation was still continuing, including the fitting of a new transformer.

He added that the ice making plant at Tumbe Modern Fish Market will benefit fishermen in Pemba North Region whereby a total of ten containers for ice storage have been dispatched to simplify the distribution of ice.

The Minister further said these efforts were going simultaneously with strategies to make Zanzibar attain the Blue Economy status.



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Youths from Maendeleo Talk Forum exchange ideas on mental health during an open session at the University of Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent

Majaliwa to fast-track completion of Vingunguti modern slaughterhouse

By Guardian Reporter

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has directed the Dar es Salaam city council and the National Housing Corporation (NHC) to work hard and fast-track the completion of the construction of the modern slaughterhouse in Vingunguti, Ilala District.

The project has now reached 95 percent of construction and had remained with some final touches before commencing operation.

He made the directives yesterday when he visited the

project in the area wanting leaders to take serious measures and fast-track the completion of the slaughterhouse.

“Mayor of city and the director should work hard to ensure that this project is completed to commence operations, you (leaders) should also sit down and discuss with livestock traders on how to commence the operations,” he said.

The PM said: “Almost everything has been completed, there are some few remaining things that need to be fixed, all key plants, equipment and infrastructures

including the slaughtering plants, waste water management areas, cold room for storing meat, have been constructed.”

The Prime Minister also directed the city leadership to ensure that all waste water canals connected in the slaughterhouse are well controlled and barred from entering in people’s settlements.

He also advised the slaughterhouse management to commence trial of the abattoir by allowing some traders to start using it.

The Premier further directed

the city’s director to finalize procedures for the construction of a piece of a railway line entering the slaughterhouse so as to facilitate easy ferrying of cattle.

Jumanne Shauri, Dar es Salaam City director said the construction of the slaughterhouse has reached 95 percent where upon completion, it will cost 12.49bn/-.

“This modern abattoir will, among other things, help to increase the value of livestock and meat thus making it easier to penetrate the foreign markets,” he said.

Tanzania launches strategy to meet demand of China’s lucrative soya beans market

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo,

Dodoma

THE government has embarked on a special strategy to push for mass cultivation of soya beans in all regions where the economic cash crop flourishes in a move aimed to enable the country to meet the crops’ vast market demand in China.

Tanzania has entered into a contract to annually export a total of 400,000 tonnes of soybeans to China but the country’s production of the legume crop remains low, only at 14,000 tonnes in a year, the lackluster production which cannot enable the country to service the China contract.

To that end, the government has tasked the Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) to coordinate a special strategy which will see mass production of soya beans within the country.

Giving an exclusive interview to The Guardian, National Coordinator of Grain Legume Research at TARI, Meshack Makege, said the on-going strategy incorporates production and multiplication of enough varieties of soya beans as well as training the farmers on recommended agronomic practices.

He informed that the state-owned institute was currently working round the clock to ensure for mass production of soya beans seeds varieties at it different centers, added: “The focus is to produce pre-basic seeds and distribute them to the Agricultural Seed Agency (ASA) and other seed companies for the seed’s multiplication at the level of certified seeds and basic certified seeds.”

Moreover, he stated that the

move will also see the farmers imparted with key knowledge on how to produce quality declared seeds in order to curtail the shortage of soya beans seeds at different areas.

He said presently, TARI has already inverted and produced at least four varieties of soya beans, namely Uyole Soya 1, Uyole Soya 2, Uyole Soya 3 and Uyole Soya 4, however added that other seed producing companies in the private sector have also produced other varieties of the economic cash crops.

“Production of soya beans in Tanzania is currently standing between 2.5 to 3 tonnes per hectare through the use of improved seeds, whereby local varieties are usually producing between 0.3 to 0.5 tonnes in a hectare,” he unveiled.



According to him, the regions with friendly weather and soil to support cultivation of soya beans in Tanzania include Mbeya, Iringa, Songea, Ruvuma, Manyara, Arusha and Morogoro.

“Soya beans flourishes well in areas of sandy loam soil which receives rainfall of at least 400 to 800 millimeter,” he observed.

Tanzania is the third country in the world for the production of legume (pulses) after India and Myanmar.

According to Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Hussein Bashe, in March this year Tanzania exported the first consignment of 140 tonnes of soybeans to China. China annually spends more than USD40m/- to import soybeans and Tanzania is among the 12 countries so far greenlighted to export the crop to China.

“Soya beans flourishes well in areas of sandy loam soil which receives rainfall of at least 400 to 800 millimeter”

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Experts' recommendations valid, but vaccines issue not that easy

ALLOWING importation of coronavirus vaccines has now been properly recommended by a panel of experts essentially based at the Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS), which has a well established department of epidemiology and infectious diseases as a whole. There is also no doubt as to where international opinion and expectations stand at the moment, given fairly strict terms of travel from one country to another, and especially in intercontinental travel, where 'vaccine passports' are coming into daily use. Older testing, quarantining is relatively out of fashion save for neighbouring states.

What remains is a situation where people will be making individual decisions regarding being vaccinated or not taking the jab, with wider logistics likely to determine which job or more will be available at the local level, their pricing and all. It doesn't seem that pricing will be quite at issue, as global efforts are very much underway to make plenty of vaccines available for African countries, and some are already some steps ahead in accessing jabs. We have a wider choice here as coronavirus isn't quite visible in most neighbourhoods, at any rate compared with some of the horror stories that we watch on foreign channels.

The mainstay of the report that the team of experts handed to President Samia Suluhu Hassan at a State House function early in the week had to do with more practical issues of updating coronavirus data and being open about the issue. The way we handled the issue more or less corresponded with overall caution with what the media can report online on their own without

having the matter or data verified by top level authorities, which stifled any meaningful follow up on those issues. But as they say, actions speak louder than words, thus if there was a widespread pandemic no one could hide it, and the fear would be visible.

What is unsettling about the situation at the moment as compared to elsewhere in the world is that we are relatively safe but we dare not proclaim ourselves that way, as more robust variants of the Covid-19 original virus are being hatched on a day to day basis. What is worse; experts say that vaccinated people are safe only in regard to the original virus against whose 'spike protein' the vaccine was made, and that exposed to other variants, their safety level can be compromised. It is also due to this reason that earlier formulas that it is those above 65 who were more in danger is rapidly being scaled back, to wider caution.

That is why it is hard to think of a vaccination effort that anywhere compares with what is happening in the major Western countries where the pandemic has perhaps been more intense, apart from India and Brazil for that matter. In the United States it has now been decided that children above 12 years of age can also be vaccinated, and there are open - and often hidden - reports of complications arising from vaccination for all sorts of groups or individuals. The blood clotting phenomenon has received plenty of attention but there are other drawbacks, like significant impairing of neuro-physiological inputs among those exposed to the vaccines. No one knows which type is more virulent for what sorts of drawbacks and for what sorts of ages or blood groups, as all these vaccines are mostly experimental, used as an emergency.

Cashing in on cashews: Africa ought to add value to its nuts

AFRICA grows most of the world's raw cashews, but only processes a fraction of them, missing out on opportunities offered by rising global demand, according to a report by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. In Tanzania, the cashew crop is usually cultivated in the southern coastal regions of the country, near the towns of Mtwara, Kilwa and Dar es Salaam. The sale and marketing of the product is run by the Cashewnut Board of Tanzania, through various farmer co-operatives.

The global market for cashews is booming, but the African countries growing more than half the world's supply aren't cashing in due to their lack of processing industries, the UNCTAD report titled Commodities at a Glance: Special issue on cashew nuts said.

Cashew nuts have been grown in Tanzania on a commercial scale since the 1950s. Due to developing infrastructure and lack of jobs in the southern region, cashew cultivation was highly favoured. The zone was also previously used as part of the failed Tanganyika Groundnut scheme. The industry's production peaked in 1973, when the total output exceeded to a record breaking 145,000 tonnes.

Tanzania is one of the largest cashew producers in Africa, with exports providing 10-15 per cent of the country's foreign exchange. The country is the eighth-largest grower of cashew nut in the world and ranks fourth in Africa. The country provides 20 per cent of Africa's cashew nut and only trails in production of Nigeria, Cote D'Ivoire, and Guinea-Bissau, according to figures released in 2012 by United

Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO).

The country has been engaged in the production of the cash crop since before independence in the years 1960s however, poor regulation and lack of reliable payments to farmers have posed significant challenges to the cashew nut farming industry in Tanzania. Guinea-Bissau, a country a tenth of the area of Tanzania's, has a significantly greater yield.

The cash crop is usually cultivated in the southern coastal regions of the country, near the towns of Mtwara, Kilwa and Dar es Salaam. The sale and marketing of the product is run by the Cashewnut Board of Tanzania, through various farmer co-operatives. More than ninety per cent of the exports are destined for India and almost entirely in raw form. The lack of domestic processing firms costs the country vital foreign revenues and thousands of jobs. The Tanzanian government has been facing challenges for finding potential investors in order to revive the cashew processing industry in Tanzania.

About 20 million jobs are at risk in Africa as the continent's economies were projected to shrink in 2020 due to the impact of the coronavirus pandemic, according an African Union study. Up to 15 per cent of foreign direct investment could disappear, the study found.

Between 2000 and 2018, world trade in raw cashew nuts more than doubled to 2.1 billion kilogrammes, and African producers - led by Côte d'Ivoire - accounted for almost two-thirds of the growth. But the continent's farmers and exporters receive only a fraction of the final retail price, the report said.

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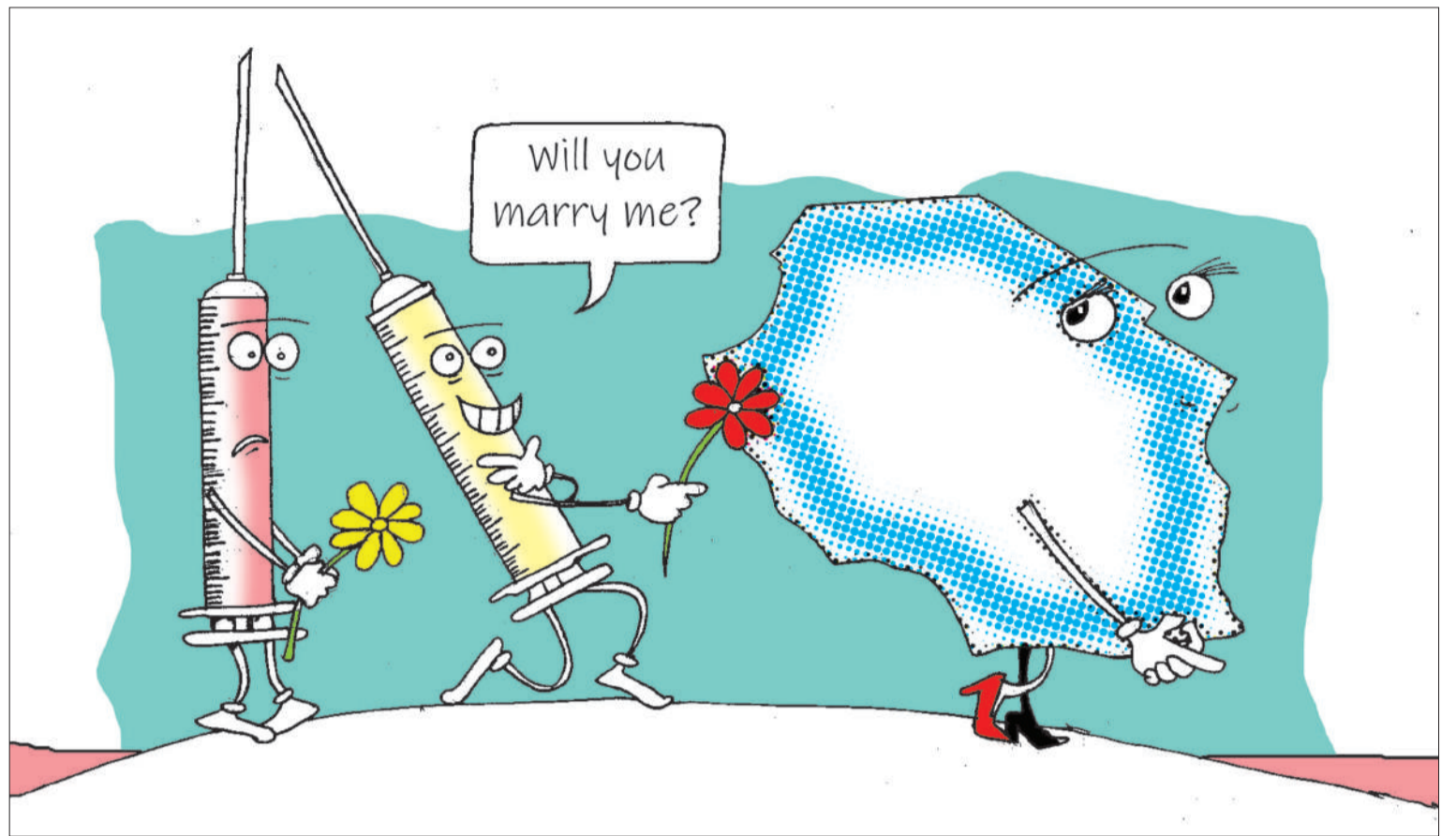
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By D.M. Badjie

AFRICA has seen many leadership styles over the course of history. The season of darkness in African leadership can be attributed to the period of the kingdoms to dictatorships to democrats and to self-perpetuating rule in this era. An assessment of the impact of such leaderships on the continent and on the livelihoods of the people is imperative for our understanding of the African society and political systems. To make the story short, however, this piece will focus on overstay in power by the bornagain kings of Africa, also known as presidents, and the negative implications of their leaderships in the political socioeconomic development of the African region.

Most of them have no independence conscience in defending the sovereignty of their respective countries or protecting the freedoms, liberties and social development of their peoples due to neocolonialism, political greed and corruption. This has been the character of some African leaderships in recent history. In African political systems, the tendency for power to consume leaders is very much real. We have been aware of all the African leaders who are overstay in power. We have heard of African leaders who decided on serving for three terms in their Presidency. We know of leaders who are currently contemplating on second and third term presidency. We know that there is no upper age limit in African politics, and as such, politicians who have been in politics for decades are still refusing to give way to a younger generation. We can see therefore that political greed, power and money are the enemies of African political systems.

The danger, often, is that when the leadership takes the presidency as personal to holder, dictatorship tendencies come into play and democratic decency fades away in the political process. We know as well that leaders alone cannot hold onto such a status quo without the support of enablers in the security system, service sector, and political sell-outs. These altogether makes the African political environment unstable and aggravates internal tensions that often threaten the peace and security of the country.

It could be concluded therefore that self-perpetuating rule has become the political order of the day in many African countries. This is by all accounts an aggression on democracy and a fatal blow on the rule of law. How can Africa's development partners be mute over such failures in good governance? It has been observed

Failures of African leadership



The Mandela rule - a proud legacy to true

African leaders

that as long as Africa's mineral wealth flees to world powers to secure their economic interests, Africa's colonial masters and development partners will care the least about corruption and overstay in power by African leaders. This is the real truth.

There is no known international instrument to sanction African countries and African leaders for bad governance and corruption. The world powers are fond of addressing the effects of corruption, human rights violations, and addressing bad governance in Africa after those African leaders leave office, instead of dealing with these issues while they happen in the system of government. The African continent is not poor; it is the looting and mismanagement of the resources that keeps Africa poor and the people become victims of poverty and malnutrition.

The principal culprits of such a sad situation are most of the African leaders. We see African leaders running reckless governments, living flamboyant lifestyles, abusing power, buying mansions overseas, opening offshore accounts, sending their children to expensive schools overseas, building mansions at hometowns, and more. The tragedy with Africa is that politics is seen as the fastest means of getting rich. The dreams of most of the political leaders for the advancement of their countries soon become expired when power and money gets in the way.

The politics of greed has rendered the economies of many African countries hanging in the balance between poverty and underdevelopment. One wonders how romantic economists determine that African economies are growing at higher rates when the realities on the ground speak volumes of misery and social backwardness.

In my opinion, looking at the ECOWAS and its performance in regional integration, it is an

rule of power-hungry incumbents in the community.

For ECOWAS to be more credible and impactful, it must be seen to address not only the political aspects mainly of its vision but to brace up to the economic and social challenges facing the region. Lack of proper regional infrastructure, lack of proper communication and transportation networks, lack of food security, lack of free trade agreements, lack of a common language, lack of a common currency and more should attract the attention of the leadership of ECOWAS.

The regional leadership should wake up to these challenges and ensure that the citizens of the community live in economic prosperity and social development. ECOWAS is seen to be spending too much money on institution building and office creations than the development of the region. Perhaps the political leaders of the organization should consider the reversal of this situation. The maintenance of a regional environment for accelerated socioeconomic growth and development is a governance imperative and principal responsibility of the ECOWAS leadership.

A country like Dubai with less mineral resource endowment and with a small population has become the envy of the world for her rapid pace of development in all aspects of life. Most African countries have enormous mineral wealth and are larger in size than Dubai. The question, therefore, is how come Dubai is ahead of most African countries? The principal answer is good leadership and containment of corruption. If we look deeply into African public service, some heads of major public institutions are equally guilty of perpetuating corrupt practices. We see the looting of the wealth of the nation on their foreheads and lifestyles.

As enablers of the system of exploitation by the political leadership, these top officials help themselves in the process of corruption. In such a situation, the President in such a country will find it difficult to take decisive actions on corruption because birds of the same feather fly together and eat together.

Leadership in Africa is mostly poor, and there is no real answer to ending poverty in Africa. The ruling class continues to hijack the collective interest and well-being of the people and the nation states for their self-interest and hunger for wealth. The revenge of the poor will always come to them either through the ballot box or through rude awakening.



How long will a healthy older person live? A substance in blood could provide a clue

By Bruce Goldman

Levels of a substance in the blood of nonagenarians (aged between 90 and 99) and centenarians (aged at least 100) accurately predict how much longer they're going to live. The substance comes from the brain.

The findings, in a study published in *Nature Aging*, could prove useful in developing life-extending drugs. They also raise questions about the brain's role in aging and longevity.

The study, conducted by Stanford investigators including neuroscientist Tony Wyss-Coray in collaboration with researchers in Denmark and Germany, zeroed in on a substance whose technical name is neurofilament light chain (abbreviated as NFL).

A structural protein produced in the brain, NFL is found in trace amounts in cerebrospinal fluids and blood, where it's an indicator of damage to long extensions of nerve cells called axons.

Axons convey signals from one nerve cell to the next and are critical to all brain function. You'd rather they remain intact.

High NFL levels in the blood have previously been associated with Alzheimer's disease, multiple sclerosis, Huntington's disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease) and other neurological disorders. But the people monitored in the new study were generally pretty healthy for their age.

The researchers first looked at 122 people whose ages ranged from 21 to 107, and found increasing blood levels of NFL - as well as increasing variation among individuals - with increasing age.

Next, the scientists followed the fates of 135 people aged 100 or over for a four-year period. Most of those centenarians were in good shape to begin with, as shown by their performance on standard tests of mental ability and by a measure of their capacity to meet the routine demands of daily living.

Not unexpectedly, those whose mental tests indicated impairment had more NFL in their blood than did those with the sharpest minds. And those with low levels were substantially more likely to live longer than those with high levels.

A look at people in their 90s confirmed the findings in the over-100 group. Blood NFL levels among 180 people aged 93 not only predicted the duration of these folks' survival but also did so better than did mental or daily-coping test scores.

The investigators showed that blood NFL levels in mice too increase with age. But cutting their caloric intake, beginning in young adulthood - already known to prolong the lives of mice and numerous other species - chopped the little creatures' blood levels of this substance in half in old age. However, this new finding doesn't prove that lowering NFL blood levels causes increased longevity, but it's consistent with it.

At a minimum, NFL appears to accurately flag the approach of mortality. That means that it might be possible to monitor it as a surrogate marker for remaining life expectancy, much as blood cholesterol levels are used as proxies for cardiovascular health. If so, it could someday help drug developers assess life-extending interventions' efficacy.

Clinical trials of interventions believed to enhance longevity have been impractical, because it would almost certainly take so long to get a statistically significant result that such trials would be hugely expensive - a major hang-up for pharmaceutical firms considering investment in longevity drugs.

But monitoring a proxy such as NFL could cut years off the duration of such trials, perhaps encouraging drug developers to dive into the clinical arena with life-prolonging pharmacological candidates.

Possibly most intriguing of all: The new findings hint that maintaining a healthy brain in old age is the best route to a long life.

"It will be interesting to see how and why the brain might be so important in counting down our final years and months," Wyss-Coray said.

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HJFMRI-T provides care and treatment to people affected by HIV/AIDS and has been actively involved in HIV and AIDS programming, providing resources, personnel, and services to the Southern Highlands Zone. The Program has expanded from supporting the Mbeya Zonal Referral Hospital to becoming a hub for antiretroviral treatment in the zone; to community support through decentralized services, with the overall objective of implementing research, clinical HIV, prevention, care, and treatment services. HJFMRI-T currently focuses specifically on four regions in the Southern Highlands zone, namely Mbeya, Rukwa, Katavi Songwe. The Program also supports TPDF to implement a comprehensive HIV prevention care and treatment program in 21 sites throughout the country.

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Reports to : Executive Director
Location : Dar es Salaam

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Main Roles and Responsibilities

- 1) Direct the development and implementation of key financial models and strategy, departmental annual operational plans, organizational budgets as well as development and / or review of systems and internal controls and ensuring that they are operating effectively;
- 2) Provide effective oversight of all HJFMRI Tanzania financial planning, accounting and reporting activities as well as policies and processes;
- 3) Oversee the development and / or review, implementation and monitoring of financial risk management plans;
- 4) Direct the design, implementation and maintenance of a functional financial-control environment plan and provide effective oversight in developing and / or reviewing HJFMRI Tanzania financial systems, policies, guidelines, procedures, and tools, as appropriate or needed;
- 5) Ensure that all HJFMRI Tanzania financial and accounting practices are in line with HJFMRI policies, procedures, Tanzanian laws and regulations as well as donor regulations;
- 6) Oversee all HJFMRI Tanzania financial activities including the preparation of budgets and forecasts, short and long term financial plans including annual departmental operational plan;
- 7) Act as a trusted advisor to HJFMRI Tanzania executive leadership team and MHRP; work as a sounding board when key financial decisions are being made;
- 8) Correlate operational and financial data prepared by the Controller to assist HJFMRI Tanzania executive leadership in understanding the financial impact of decisions in real time;
- 9) Provide HJFMRI Tanzania executive leadership with key business and financial insights needed to control and shape the direction of the Program, the WRP (Tanzania);
- 10) Provide HJFMRI Tanzania with strategic leadership in financial

management and reporting;

- 11) Direct the provision of support supervision to the finance and accounting staff;
- 12) Direct all financial planning and strategy activities;
- 13) Evaluate and explain the causes of any negative changes that might come up in HJFMRI Tanzania financial indicators, including recommending the corrective actions needed to improve the performance;
- 14) Provide financial direction to meet deliverables during various financial cycles including monthly close, quarterly reviews, forecast cycles and other ad hoc requests;
- 15) In conjunction with other members of HJFMRI, MHRP, HJF HQ ensure that the financial impacts of various business decisions are understood, aligned and communicated;
- 16) Direct the provision of timely, consolidated, accurate, and reliable financial information to enable HJFMRI Tanzania and MHRP leaders to incorporate cost considerations in their decision making;
- 17) Provide effective oversight in conducting financial analysis, preparing reports, metrics and analysis to extract meaningful and strategically important information from financial data including but not limited to project level expense-to-budget reports; carry-forward analysis by department and stakeholder; and reporting including key monthly/quarterly financial information;
- 18) Oversee the monitoring of accounting data accuracy to ensure accurate monthly reporting and proper cost allocation per project and funder;
- 19) Oversee the provision of guidance, capacity building, technical assistance and mentorship to finance and accounting staff in accounting, budget, financial planning and reporting;
- 20) Oversee HJFMRI Tanzania financial and accounting practices to ensure compliance with Tanzania statutory requirements, HJF/MRI policies, guidelines, procedures and donor rules and regulations;
- 21) Demonstrate continuous effort to improve operations, decrease turnaround times, streamline work processes, and work cooperatively to provide the highest quality customer service;
- 22) Oversee the undertaking of all audits, including tax audits and checks;
- 23) Oversee the formulation, submission, and defense of the budget to MHRP / HJF HQ and other various funding agencies;
- 24) Oversee the execution of other finance and accounting related roles as directed by the supervisor.

Minimum Qualifications

- 1) Degree in finance or accounting; Masters in finance or MBA a plus;
- 2) Must be a Certified Public Accountant (CPA-T) or possess an equivalent certification recognized by NBAA;
- 3) At least ten (10) years' relevant experience in financial management and reporting, five (5) years of supervisory experience a must;
- 4) Prior PEPFAR experience required; prior DOD, USAID, CDC or other large donor experience a plus;
- 5) Knowledgeable in International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS);
- 6) Must possess project and business management skills;
- 7) Demonstrate high integrity and strong values, including confidentiality;
- 8) Thorough knowledge and understanding of the Tanzanian regulatory and business environment;
- 9) Knowledge of HJFMRI's strategic goals and objectives as well as corporate strategy;
- 10) Analytical, problem solving and exceptional organizational skills;
- 11) Ability to meet and communicate schedules and deadlines;
- 12) Proficiency in MS Office applications and accounting software;
- 13) Demonstrate exceptional professional judgment;
- 14) Excellent communication, relationship and interpersonal skills;
- 15) Able to build and maintain sound relationships with internal and external stakeholders;
- 16) Ability to handle multiple tasks, work under pressure and minimum supervision;
- 17) Proven experience in developing and implementing systems and internal controls.

Cover letters and resumes should be sent by post/EMS/DHL/ or any reliable Courier to the Sr. Manager, Human Resources, P.O. Box 6396, Mbeya, or via e-mail: recruitment@wrp.or.tz.

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The other brain you didn't know you had...

By Gabriel A. Silva

Imagine, if you will, a recipe you know well. Something delicious you've never made yourself but have seen your mother or some other person make many times.

Let's assume it's pumpkin pie. The recipe calls for canned pumpkins, heavy cream, eggs, cornstarch, sugar and, maybe, even a touch of nutmeg.

You've seen that person make it more times than you can count. Geez, you could practically make it yourself from memory.

But what if in reality, as it turns out, that the person's pumpkin pie also requires sardines. Almost as much of sardines as pumpkin. And, to your dismay, the pie just won't work, it just won't taste like pumpkin pie, without it.

In a way, that's kind of the situation with the brain. Most people know that the brain consists of a huge interconnected network of neurons.

More often than not neurons are equated with the term 'brain cell', and used interchangeably. But this is not just misleading, it's completely wrong.

Neurons are, of course, the critical players that determine how the brain learns and processes information. But they are by all means not the only type of cell in the brain.

There are roughly 85 billion neurons in a typical adult brain. But there are also another 86 billion cells in the brain that are not neurons.

The main non-neuronal cell type are glial cells. They are the unexpected sardines in our pumpkin pie.

There are three major classes of glial cells. Oligodendrocytes speed up electrical signalling in some neurons. Microglia act as the immune cells of the brain and spinal cord, because the normal immune cells and antibodies in your blood don't have access to the isolated chemical environment of the central nervous system. Astrocytes are the third important class of glial cell.

Roughly speaking, there are about as many glial cells in your brain as there are neurons. And roundabout 20 to 40 per cent of glial cells are astrocytes.

It's the astrocytes I want to focus on here. Without them, neurons would not be able to function properly. But more than that, astrocytes contain the molecular machinery capable of listening in on neuronal signalling, and modulating it.

They form a very large network onto themselves, capable of communicating with each other at the same time that they cross-talk with the neuronal network.

We literally have a second net-



work in our brains that plays a critical role in maintaining brain health but which also affects learning and information processing in ways we do not yet understand.

If you haven't heard of astrocytes, or only have in passing, you're in good company. This is because the truth is that even though we know quite a bit about their molecular biology, biophysics and chemical makeup, neuroscientists still have no real idea how they interact and influence neuronal signalling and information processing.

There are a number of ideas and hypotheses, as well as accumulating data, but we lack anything close to a coherent mechanistic understanding of their computational role in the brain. This is one of the most exciting areas of neuroscience at the very boundary of our knowledge about the brain.

German pathologist Rudolf Virchow first described neuroglia in 1858 as a "substance... which lies between the proper nervous parts, holds them together and

gives the whole its form in a greater or lesser degree".

The term 'glia' meanwhile has the same origin as the word 'glue', since it was initially thought that neuroglia were just there to bind neurons together.

Of course, glial cells do much more than that. In particular, the classical role of astrocytes is providing homeostatic support for neurons. These cells support and maintain a chemical environment around neurons that allows them to function properly.

Because neurons are electrically excitable cells - they communicate between each other by passing signals and messages encoded as fluctuating changes of electric potential across the cell membrane - they are susceptible to becoming overly excited and activated, leading to an inability to function properly.

For example, lingering amounts of neurotransmitters, the signalling chemicals that pass messages between neurons, or excess amounts of sodium and

potassium ions, the carriers of electric charge in neurons, run the risk of confusing how neurons interpret messages, and can also over-excite them to the point that the cells can die.

Astrocytes form a network onto themselves, separate from the neuronal network. In order to maintain a homeostatic environment for neurons, astrocytes 'mop up' these excess chemicals and shuttle them internally through their network to blood vessels.

The cells that make up the last layer of the astrocyte network send out processes called endfeet that come into close contact with blood vessels. These 'waste' chemicals are effectively dumped into the blood stream and whisked away.

In the reverse direction, astrocytes shuttle glucose and related energy byproducts from the blood stream to areas of high neuronal activity, where neurons hard at work need energy the most.

But the functional role of astrocytes extends beyond homeostasis. In the early 1990s neuroscientists recognized that the neurotransmitter glutamate, one of the most important and ubiquitous excitatory neurotransmitters released by neurons, was capable of activating astrocytes and inducing long-range

signalling within astrocyte networks.

In other words, it turns out that astrocytes have the ability to eavesdrop and listen in as neurons talk to each other. However, while neurons communicate with each other via electrical excitation, astrocytes communicate via waves of calcium activity.

What's arguably even more amazing is that astrocytes don't just detect neurotransmitter signalling between neurons but they also have the capability to release neurotransmitters that reciprocally affect how neurons respond.

In effect, astrocytes have the ability to modulate and shape information processing in the brain. When neurotransmitters are released by astrocytes, they are referred to as gliotransmitters in order to differentiate them from the neurotransmitters secreted by neurons. But they are chemically the exact same thing.

The intimate association between neurons and astrocytes is mediated by a concept referred to as the tripartite synapse, or three-part synapse. A synapse is the connection point where two neurons meet and pass signals between each another.

When a neuron becomes electrically excited, a wave of electrical

activity propagates down its axon until it reaches the synapse, which in turn triggers the release of neurotransmitters that act as a chemical message.

In a tripartite synapse, a part of the astrocyte wraps around the neuronal synapse in order to listen in and participate in the signalling process.

And as if this weren't enough, a single astrocyte can extend multiple tentacle-like arms to different synapses, so it can participate in many tripartite synapses.

One implication of this fact is that an astrocyte may have the potential to functionally connect pairs of neurons that normally would not be connected.

It's possible that synaptic signalling at one tripartite synapse that has an effect on the astrocyte leads to its modulating a different synapse the astrocyte it is connected to, even though the pair of neurons in the second synapse isn't actually connected to the first pair. In effect, an astrocyte can 'short circuit' the neuronal network.

Admittedly, though (again), to what degree astrocytes modulate neuronal signalling and what ultimate affect they have on how the brain processes information - how it learns, or how it influences your decision making - is subject to speculation at this stage.

We just don't understand this aspect of the brain well enough yet. By extension, we have even less understanding of what roles astrocytes might play in complex neurodevelopmental and neuropsychiatric disorders such as autism or schizophrenia.

Astrocytes can even modify synaptic plasticity - the 'strength' of the connections between neurons.

Beyond neuroscience and the biological brain, incorporating astrocyte-like elements into artificial neural networks might have implications for future instantiations of machine learning and artificial intelligence.

In fact, there are some early indications in attempts at building neuronal-astrocyte-like artificial neural networks that suggest an improved performance on classification tasks. Machine learning and artificial intelligence in general have much to learn from the biological brain.

The brain has a long history of challenging neuroscientists in their attempts at figuring out how it works, and how it fails in diseases. Nowhere is this more true than in our attempts at understanding what the humble and quiet astrocyte is actually doing.

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Ending violence and harassment against domestic workers crucial

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

CONSERVATION, Hotel, Domestic and Allied workers Union (CHODAWU) has called on the government to put in place mechanisms that will regulate and provide legal protection for domestic workers.

The Union said because they are poor, many domestic workers don't know their rights, as such they are constantly being harassed and their rights violated without legal aid or protection.

CHODAWU coordinator for Zanzibar Francisca Cammillius said recently during a meeting in Dar es Salaam that the government should also regulate young girls working as domestic workers to protect them from regular violence and harassment.

She said there are a number of young girls and even boys who are forced to move from rural areas to urban in search for domestic work where they experience harassments and torture but end up helpless and in abject poverty.

She said some girls are trafficked to go and work abroad especially Arab countries where they are abused and their rights violated. Some are picked up from rural areas to go and work in urban areas without knowing their rights hence end up being exploited. "Many times you will hear people saying I want you to bring me a house girl who is still young. I don't want old woman. I want young girl who don't know anything so that I can manage her. This means that these helpless

children end up being exploited continuously," she said.

"Besides violence and harassments, many teenagers are not paid, and live desperate life and even when they want to go back home, they are never helped anyhow," he said.

Normally domestic workers suffer from poor working conditions and that their isolation makes it difficult for the government and other stakeholders from making intervention.

"We need to improve working conditions of domestic workers. They have their rights like any other human being. They need to have contracts so that they can be legally protected," she said.

In a separate interview, Fatuma Mohamed, a woman from Ilongelo village, Singida region said a couple of years ago, she came to Dar es Salaam to work as a house girl. She experienced violence and harassment. She was regularly beaten until she developed hearing-impairment. She was then fired from work without payment. She went back to the village with the help of other people and since then, she has never got legal aid to claim her rights.

"My parents divorced, I lived a very difficult life, I decided to sell firewood to raise some money and came to Dar es Salaam. I ended up being a house girl. But the children and relatives of my boss especially boys were bullying, abusing and beating me and even after being fired, I did not get paid," she narrated.



Commenting on violence and harassments, Advocate Annery Nahum said there is a need to raise awareness and to educate the general public on their right as advocated in different international conventions.

He said there is also a need to ensure the international convention on violence and harassment is respected. According to him, the ILO C. 190 seeks to ensure rights of the people and that justice is done at work places. The leaders, employers and the employees must all together and individually prevent, refrain from, and address violence and harassment at work places.

"The convention points out that people need to promote an environment of zero tolerance to violence and harassment at work places," he stressed.

Women and local rights

programmes oversight Manager at Actionaid, Amne Manangwa said the convention on violence and harassment is so important for the general public to understand because it touches social welfare and the life of communities regardless of their status or nature of their work.

"It focuses on raising and providing protection to all employees regardless of their employment arrangements whether formal or informal to ensure that working environment does not attract any form of violence and harassments," she said.

Goal 5 of the 2030 Agenda includes as targets: ending all forms of discrimination against all women and girls everywhere, eliminating all forms of violence against all women and girls in the public and private spheres.

Improving students' relationships with teachers will provide essential support

By Correspondent James Kandoya

IMPROVING students' relationships with teachers has important, positive and long-lasting implications for both students' academic and social development. Solely improving students' relationships with their teachers will not produce gains in achievement. However, those students who have close, positive and supportive relationships with their teachers will attain higher levels of achievement than those students with more conflict in their relationships.

New graduate teachers have been advised to shun from bad behaviours that contribute to moral decadence to build trust to their students and the entire communities.

Education director at Waliul Asr Education Centre - in Kibaha District, Coast region Shabir Khalafan said at a graduation ceremony to confer diplomas and certificates. The event was held over the weekend at the education centre.

He said moral decay was a growing problem in the country and concerted efforts were needed to eliminate the problem adding that education institutions must work harder on that to shape their behaviours.

"Here at our education centre, we have taken note of that and we have already started shaping our teachers to get quality teachers," he said.

According to him, teachers must highly observe morals and ethics when implementing their duties because they are the primary source of knowledge of education to students.

For his part, the center owner, Haji Saheeb said that by shunning corruption they would lay a good foundation in their work performance to the public.

According to her, teachers need to work diligently and be honest to avoid tainting their reputation and hence be able to deliver excel-

lent services. "I call on all of you to work harder to teach students adding that by doing so, they will be serving the entire nation," he said.

Rashid Hayeshi a graduate diploma in education said that the knowledge he had acquired will enable him to teach quality education.

He said part from that, it will help him to shun from bad behaviours reported in most parts of the country associating students.

Zaina Shabani a Form Six student said that the knowledge will be a tool to encourage her to marvelous skills while harboring selfishness.

Waliul Asr Education Centre - Kibaha Tanzania is an Islamic Seminary, run by education board of the WIPAHS - a humanitarian organisation.

WIPAHS is an organisation based in Dar es Salaam. It is a non-governmental organisation (NGO) which started its activities in early 1985/86.

For the past 23 years, WIPAHS has improved the living conditions of the indigenous community of Tanzania, which has been suffering from poverty, disease and illiteracy.

WIPAHS' impact can be seen by its vast amount of projects which promote rural development through education, the access of water, economic sustainability and the enhancement of religious learning.

The vision of WIPAHS is to transform individuals into an egalitarian and literate society through supporting and promoting community education to people irrespective of their ethnic linguistic, provincial or religious background.

The organisation provides humanitarian support across the country including drilling of water boreholes, services to orphanage centres and owning primary and secondary schools that are fully supported.



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Do the police make South Africa safe?

BY ANINE KRIEGLER AND ANDREW FAULL

There is almost no research evidence that policing in South Africa reduces crime or improves feelings of safety. Does this mean that police have no positive impact? Not at all. Rather, the link between their activities and goals has not been competently shown. But working together, South Africa's police and research community can change this.

In the 2019/20 financial year, the South African Police Service's (SAPS) 187 000 employees spent roughly 365 million hours and R96 billion trying to achieve their goals. Among their many reported activities, they stopped and searched 6 289 939 vehicles and 3 802 393 individuals.

Police carried out 5 736 264 visits to shopping complexes, 4 519 733 visits to spaza shops, and 5 736 246 visits to ATMs. They convened 32 769 roadblocks, and arrested 1 133 891 people for 'serious crimes'. Did these activities make South Africa safer? Possibly, but nobody really knows.

Researchers and police tend to interpret their observations in a way that supports their preconceptions.

For the past three years, the Institute for Security Studies (ISS) has been encouraging the generation of research evidence related to police work in South Africa, or evidence-based policing, including through three new reports. Unlike in a criminal investigation, 'evidence' in this case means knowledge gained through critical thinking and observation. It requires curiosity and scepticism from police, collaboration with researchers, and a willingness to be proven wrong.

For example, if a commander has the sense that vehicle theft declines when patrol officers keep their blue lights on, this should be tested. When careful observation and evaluation suggests a relationship between visible police lights and vehicle theft, these tactics should



Why we don't know the answer and how the police and research community can change that. File photo

be encouraged. When research and assessments don't support intuition, practices must be rethought, retested or abandoned.

South Africa is not short on crime and policing research. However, almost none of this work demonstrates a link between police activities and four areas of change that are key to measuring impact: levels of crime, fear of crime, feelings of safety or trust in police. We know plenty about things that aren't working well in South African policing, but neither law enforcement officials nor researchers have rigorously shown what works to achieve specific goals.

Police experience and intuition aren't enough for deciding how to spend a R100 billion budget

To change this, police and researchers must find a common language for collaboration. They must craft questions that seek to demonstrate the relationship between different police activities and their intended impact and partner to explore them. Results should be written up and disseminated in ways that make them useful and accessible to police.

Such research needs to be more intentional and methodologically rigorous than much of what has come before. This is because all of us - researchers and police included - have a strong tendency to interpret our observations in a way that supports our preconceptions.

For example, if a police commander sees a drop in crime after a

change in deployment strategy, they will probably assume the difference is a result of their actions. However, a critical review of the data and context may reveal the cause to be something else - perhaps officers chose not to record all reported crime, or weather conditions meant fewer people on the street, or the closure of a local liquor shop.

This is not to say that police experience and intuition aren't crucial - they are. But when deciding how to spend over R100 billion, manage almost 190 000 employees, and fill nearly 400 000 000 hours of occupational time, the focus must be on effectively and efficiently improving public safety while causing as little harm as possible. This objective is even more important given the budget cuts facing the SAPS in the current financial year.

South Africa needs to promote a police culture based on evidence and critical thought

For this, we need evidence generated through intentional, careful observation and research. Only studies that explore a causal relationship between a particular police activity or strategy and a dependent variable (e.g. crime levels, safety perceptions, fear of crime and/or satisfaction with police) can determine what works in policing and what doesn't. This is the approach that South Africa's police and researchers should pursue.

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DECLARATION OF DIVIDEND FOR THE YEAR 2020

The Board of Directors of CRDB Bank Plc recommends a dividend of TZS 22 per issued and fully paid up share in line with the Bank's Dividend Policy subject to obtaining approval from the Annual General Meeting of shareholders to be held on 22nd May 2021.

Pursuant to approval of the Dividend recommendation, the timetable for dividend payment will be as follows:

Announcing Dividend payment:	18th May, 2021
Trading of Shares Cum Dividend:	18th May, 2021 to 4th June, 2021
Trading of Shares Ex-Dividend:	7th June, 2021 onwards
Closure of the Members Register:	9th June, 2021
Re - Opening of the Register:	10th June, 2021
Dividend Payment on / or about:	11th June, 2021

Dividend will be paid directly to shareholder's bank accounts, M-Pesa, Airtel Money and TigoPesa for those who have issued instructions.

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By Order of the Board



J. B. Rugambo
Company Secretary

17th May, 2021

BUSINESS



A client buys maize flour at a supermarket in Nairobi.

PROTECTIONISM

Flour price goes up Sh9 driven by expensive maize

NAIROBI

The price of flour has increased by up to Sh9 for a two kilogramme packet on high cost of maize, a move likely to spark a rise in inflation.

Millers are not getting sufficient grain at the market as farmers hoard their produce in anticipation of high prices in future, pushing a two kilogramme packet of Jogoo brand to Sh109 from Sh102 last month, while Soko is retailing at Sh110 from Sh105 in April with Ajab going for Sh114 from Sh107 previously.

A 90kg bag of maize has now hit Sh3,000 from Sh2,500 a month ago as millers grapple for limited stocks in the market. "Farmers are not releasing maize to the market after the restrictions were imposed on Uganda and Tanzanian maize, pushing up the cost of the raw material," said Ken Nyagah, chairperson of the United Grain Millers Association.

Producers are anticipating that the price of maize will go up in the coming days following a low flow of imports from Uganda and Tanzania with Kenya having received a relatively good harvest last year. Data from the Ministry of Agriculture indicated that growers

have been holding 16.7 million bags of maize as at the end of April out of 17.7 million bags that was in the country.

High cost of food is set to put pressure on inflation, which dropped marginally to 5.76 percent last month from 5.98 percent a month earlier, in what the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics attributed to a decline in food prices. In consumer basket, food and non-alcoholic beverage forms the bulk at 32.91 percent. This means a person with Sh100 will spend Sh33 on food.

Other key drivers of inflation include fuel and electricity. Last month the government froze an increase of fuel prices following an outcry from the public. However, the price of petrol was increased in the latest review with a litre of petrol going up to Sh126 from Sh123 previously.

The supply of the produce in the country was disrupted in March when the government banned imports of maize from Uganda and Tanzania, citing high levels of aflatoxin. However, the government reversed the directive two weeks ago and allowed the Tanzanian grain to the country following a bilateral meeting between President Uhuru Kenyatta and his Tanzanian counterpart Suluhu Hassan.

HISTORIC

26th CRDB's annual general meeting to be held both physically and online

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

FOR the first time ever in the country's banking industry, thousands of CRDB Bank Plc's shareholders will hold their 26th annual general meeting both physically and online thanks to a decision they made last year.

The bank's CEO and Managing Director, Abdulmajid Nsekela told journalists here yesterday that, prior to the AGM, representatives of the shareholders will attend a seminar of basic financial training to be held at Arusha International Conference Centre on Friday. Finance and Planning Minister, Dr Mwigulu Nchemba is expected to grace the seminar.

"During the seminar, shareholders will get knowledge on basics of financial management and investment at the stock market to be presented by experts in the field," Nsekela noted while urging all shareholders who cannot travel to Arusha to participate online.

"Bearing in mind the experience we gained during the 25th AGM which was held online, shareholders approved a decision for the 26th annual meeting to be held both virtually and physically," Nsekela said adding that as per Companies Act of 2002 Cap 212, the annual shareholders meeting is a mandatory vehicle where the



CRDB Bank Plc's CEO and managing director, Abdulmajid Nsekela, addresses journalists in Arusha yesterday announcing that the bank's 26th shareholders annual general meeting will be held on Saturday. He is accompanied by the bank's corporate affairs director, Tully Mwambapa (R) and company secretary, John Rugambo. Photo courtesy of CRDB

bank's owners scrutinise and endorse its activities for the next 12 months.

Nsekela pointed out that the AGM will be held on Saturday at the same venue and among other things, the shareholders will endorse dividend to be paid per share and approve amendments to the memorandum of understanding and articles of association

He said due to the coronavirus

outbreak, over 1,400 shareholders participated in last year's AGM, the highest number ever achieved by the bank in its over 20 years history. "I take this opportunity to invite all shareholders to participate at this historic annual general meeting and contribute towards the bank's success," the CRDB chief stated.

The shareholders who last year endorsed a 10/- share dividend after the bank post 175bn/- in gross

profits, will this time around have to endorse a much better amount as gross profit has increased by 15 percent to 236bn/-.

The market's largest bank by net assets value, has Treasury and Danish International Development Agency (Danida) as majority shareholders with thousands of individuals as shareholders after the bank was listed at Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange.

EMPOWERMENT

IMED Foundation extends to graduates of Veta solar equipment worth 21.6m/-

By Beatrice Philemon



National Economic Empowerment Council executive secretary Beng'i Issa speaks at a past event.

TWELVE graduates of vocational training colleges from Dar es Salaam, Dodoma, Iringa, Mbeya and Ruvuma Regions have been given solar equipment worth 21.6m/- to enable them forge a career in servicing and maintenance of solar systems in their areas.

IMED Foundation's CEO, Khalid Swabiri said in Dar es Salaam yesterday that the solar tool kits were given to the graduates to help them establish businesses that will address clients needs in their areas as solar energy is increasingly becoming popular in the market.

Swabiri said during a handover ceremony which was presided over by Executive Secretary of the National Economic Empowerment Council, Beng'i Issa, that IMED is backing youth led startups which are facing numerous challenges, succeed as a way of creating jobs but also help spread renewable energy in the

country.

Those who emerged successful in solar energy startups competition were Gabriel Changwa of Iringa (G.Electrical Works and Services), William Kaduma of Iringa (Sunrise Energy Solutions), Herman Mmanda and Joseph Mmanda of Dar Es Salaam (Trinity Solar Energy), Karim Yusuph of Dodoma (Solar for Everyone), Jafari Jaffari of Dodoma (Netlist Energy Electronics), Japhaet Johnbosco of Dodoma (JJ Electronics), Patrick Makoye of Dodoma (Dom Energy Solutions and Designing) and Simon Mwakasasa of Dodoma (Mwakasasa Electric Solution)

On his part, IMED Foundation Program Manager, Junior Ndesanjo said the not for profit organization which was registered in 2010 as Institute of Management and Entrepreneurship Development, focuses on building capacity of organizations, communities and individuals to realize their full economic potentials.

Ndesanjo said IMED Foundation works with partners in ensuring that community challenges are solved by innovation adopted or developed by youth within them hence solar power, being widely acceptable in the market, is one such solutions. "We also work with microfinance institutions to enable these youth startups get access to capital to invest in their solar businesses," he noted.

Speaking after the presentation ceremony, NEEC's Issa commended IMED Foundation for helping to build capacity of both youth and women through vocation education and solar power toolkits financing for them to start serving the market.

"This kind of initiative aligns with the government's efforts to help build capacity of women and youths so that they play a big role in economic development of our country," Issa said while thanking US based Charles. S. Mott Foundation for funding the project.

ECO-FRIENDLY

African rainforests slow climate change despite record heat, drought

LONDON

Africa's tropical forests appear more resilient as carbon sinks than Amazonian rainforests - mopping up planet-warming carbon dioxide even when sizzling El Nino heat halted absorption in other parts of the world, researchers said on Monday.

They studied the impact of the worst El Nino weather event on record - in 2015-16 - on intact rainforests in six

African nations: Democratic Republic of the Congo, Gabon, Cameroon, Ghana, Liberia and Congo Republic.

El Nino is a warming of ocean surface temperatures in the Pacific that occurs every few years. It affects wind patterns and can trigger both floods and drought across the world. The new study found that trees in the African forests continued to remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, despite experiencing drought

and a warming of 0.92 degrees Celsius above the 1980-2010 average temperature.

"We saw no sharp slowdown of tree growth, nor a big rise in tree deaths, as a result of the extreme climatic conditions," said Amy Bennett, lead author of the study and a professor at Britain's University of Leeds, in a statement. "Overall, the uptake of carbon dioxide by these intact rainforests reduced by 36%, but they continued to function as a

carbon sink, slowing the rate of climate change."

According to the research, the forests across Africa still removed 1.1 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide annually during the 2015/16 El Nino period - equivalent to three times Britain's CO2 emissions in 2019. Researchers said their findings were surprising because similar conditions in rainforests in the Amazon and Southeast Asia had led to a temporary halting or reversal

of carbon dioxide absorption.

"This is the first on-the-ground evidence of what happens when you heat and drought an intact African rainforest," said Simon Lewis, the study's senior author and also a professor at the University of Leeds. "What we found surprised me. African rainforests appear more resistant to some additional warming and drought compared to rainforests in Amazonia and Borneo."

It was difficult to determine the temperature that the forests would completely stop absorbing CO2, said researchers, but a previous study showed they started to lose carbon at around 32.2C (90 degrees Fahrenheit). The study's findings highlight the important role that African rainforests play in combating climate change, but also the need to ensure they are protected, said the reports' authors.

"The resistance of intact African tropical forests to a bit more heat and drought than they have experienced in the past is welcome news," said co-author Bonaventure Sonke, who is a professor at University of Yaounde I in Cameroon. "But we still need to cut carbon dioxide emissions fast, as our forests will probably only resist limited further rises in air temperature."

TECH SAVVY

NMB Bank pledges commitment to invest in innovative technologies

By Guardian Reporter

INNOVATORS in science and technology have been assured of support from NMB Bank Plc because the lender understands the importance of such entrepreneurs in the market.

NMB's Head of Innovation Josina Njambi said in Dar es Salaam on Monday evening at the beginning of an innovation week in the country that the bank's leadership understands that innovative technology is a vital tool for growth including in the banking industry.

"Our participation at this symposium cum exhibition is also aimed to be closer with technology innovators who are important to the country because they simplify products and service delivery," Njambi said noting that NMB therefore decided to be one of the major sponsors of the weeklong event.

She said the bank which is the most profitable in the market and largest in terms of physical branch network countrywide, leverages technology use to deliver its services and products efficiently to customers.

"We have managed to dramatically reduce the number of clients visiting our physical branches by investing in inno-



Some of the innovative young people listening to NMB's head of innovation, Josina Njambi, on the first day of the commemoration of innovation Week in Dar es Salaam this week. Photo courtesy of NMB.

vide technologies such as use of NMB Mkononi through mobile phones," Njambi said adding that innovation remains one of the main areas of focus for the bank.

She said through its ATM network and NMB Wakalas (agents) who are found anywhere in the country, NMB has been one of the most successful banks to

provide its services and products digitally.

The NMB Head of Innovation further noted that the bank has a dedicated innovation team that spends days trying to come up with technological solutions that address market challenges to ease transactions.

"Innovation also creates em-

ployment mainly for youths hence our decision to also announce a competition for those who will come with unique ideas on how to improve NMB Application, so far 15 young innovators have been shortlisted," she added saying the winner will take home 1m/- cash prize.

Speaking during the official

commencement of the innovation week, Commission for Science and Technology Director General, Dr Amos Ningu said the idea was first confined to Costech although stakeholders suggested that it should cover the whole nation so that all young people should benefit.

"The government's role is to put in place a conducive environment which allows other stakeholders including the private sector exploit opportunities being provided to invest in innovation," he said.

In a presentation made during the first day of the event, Director of Southern African Innovation Support Programme, Dr Florah Tibarazwa said innovation is one of important vehicles to address unemployment challenge in Africa.

"Economies grow rapidly through innovation in science and technology but also unemployment finds a solution in innovation especially among youths while investors have a broader market to exploit," Dr Tibarazwa said. The theme for this year's innovation week is 'Innovation for a Resilient and Inclusive Digital Economy.'

ACQUISITION

Heineken makes move on Distell, owner of Hunter's, Savanna

JOHANNESBURG

Heineken, the world's second-largest brewer, has approached South African wine and spirits maker Distell Group. In a statement, the local company said Heineken wants to buy the "majority of Distell's business."

Distell owns brands like Savanna, Hunter's and Klipdrift. "Shareholders are advised that Heineken NV has approached Distell regarding the potential acquisition of the majority of Distell's business. Bearing in mind that there can be no certainty that an agreement will be reached, shareholders are advised to exercise caution when dealing in their Distell securities until a further announcement is made," Distell said in a statement.

Distell has a market value of about R31.8 billion. A takeover would be Heineken's most significant transaction since 2018, when it agreed a partnership with China Resources Beer Holdings, maker of the country's best-selling beer. A transaction would add to \$7.4 billion of deals announced in the global beverage industry this year, according to data compiled by Bloomberg. That's about 15% less than at this point in 2020, the data show.

Heineken is emerging from one of the beer sector's toughest crises. Despite gains in Vietnam and Mexico, the brewer is still facing setbacks in key markets such as Brazil and the UK where restrictions on movement and sales have hurt demand. Earlier this year, the company laid off 8,000 employees. Still, it surprised analysts in April with stable first-quarter sales, as emerging markets made up for declines in Europe.

South Africa was one of Heineken's best-performing markets, which is surprising given the country's recurring ban on alcohol. Another driver was China, where bars and restaurants have reopened than elsewhere in the world.

Any deal for Distell would see Heineken Chief Executive Officer Dolf van den Brink, who took charge last June, accelerate the decades-long strategy of his predecessor Jean-Francois van Boxmeer. During his tenure, van Boxmeer sought to tap growth opportunities in Africa, investing hundreds of millions of euros in promising markets such as Cote d'Ivoire, Nigeria and South Africa.

Covid-19 shock, especially in EM Asia and Latin America, and trade balances will revert to pre-pandemic levels in 2021," the report said. As tourism revenues are still on the mend, external pressure on these economies is likely to rise, according to the IIF.

The travel and tourism sector's contribution to GDP nearly halved last year, according to a report by the World Travel & Tourism Council in March. It fell to 49.1 per cent in 2020 to \$4.7 trillion (5.5 per cent of the global economy) from nearly \$9.2tn during 2019 (10.4 per cent of the global economy). More than 62 million tourism jobs were lost last year, representing a drop of 18.5 per cent, leaving 272 million employed across the industry globally.

PESSIMISM

Tourism revenues to remain subdued in 2021, IIF says

BEIJING

Tourism revenues will remain subdued in 2021 even in the most optimistic scenario, resulting in a slower growth in tourism-dependent economies, according to the Institute of International Finance (IIF).

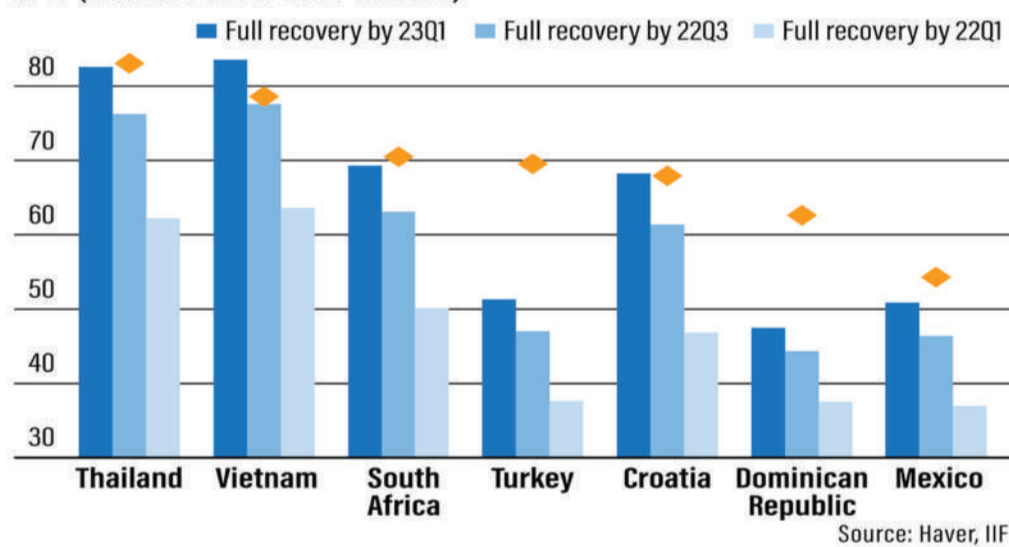
The economic recovery in countries dependent on the industry will be slower as external pressures are set to rise on weaker domestic revenues but rebounding imports as economies emerge from pandemic-induced lockdowns.

"While the situation remains difficult for the tourism industry at this point, there appears to be some hope of recovery due to vaccination efforts gaining momentum and fewer (travel) restrictions being discussed for vaccinated individuals," the report said. "However, we find that even a relatively fast rebound of tourism would leave many countries in a precarious position in 2021, both with respect to economic growth as well as external vulnerabilities."

Global aviation and

TOURISM RECOVERY PROSPECTS IN 3 SCENARIOS

Decline in tourist arrivals 2021 vs 2019 under different recovery scenarios, in % (markers show 2020 outturn)



tourism were among the sectors hardest hit by the Covid-19 pandemic, which led to stringent movement restrictions and border closures that paralysed ground and air travel. International air travel is expected to remain weak in the first half of 2021,

with 1.6 billion passengers - just 4 per cent of 2019 levels - projected to travel by the end of this year, according to an estimate by Airports Council International. "It is important to recognise that even a relatively fast recovery of international travel in the

coming months would leave many tourism destinations in a precarious position," the IIF said.

The agency analysed three scenarios of the state of the travel industry, depending on when pre-pandemic levels are reached - by the beginning of

2022, the second half of 2022 or early in 2023. Even in the most optimistic scenario, visitor numbers this year would be significantly below 2019 levels, the IIF said.

Tourism numbers would rebound to just 60 per cent of 2019 levels in Thailand and Vietnam, 50 per cent in Croatia and South Africa, and 40 per cent in the Dominican Republic, Mexico and Turkey if pre-pandemic travel levels were reached this year.

Under a more realistic scenario of travel recovering later next year or earlier in 2023, tourism numbers are likely to remain 70-80 per cent below pre-pandemic levels in many countries this year, the report said.

The slow recovery of the sector will also have a major impact on tourism-dependent countries. Although many emerging markets have witnessed an improvement in current account balances because imports fell alongside exports, the collapse in tourism revenues in countries such as Thailand, was much greater than the fall in imports than in many of its peers.

"These current account improvement[s] reduced external financing needs in a time of risk-off sentiment in global financial markets. However, import volumes are increasingly recovering from the

FINANCING

France to lend Sudan \$1.5bn to clear IMF debt

KHARTOUM

France will lend Sudan \$1.5 billion to help it clear its debt to the International Monetary Fund, the French government said.

On Monday, Paris hosted a conference to support Sudan's transition to democracy after decades of authoritarian rule under dictator Omar Al Bashir, who was ousted in 2019. Khartoum hopes the talks in Paris will help it clear some of its foreign debt, estimated to be at least \$60bn, after decades of isolation.

Sudan's Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok listed a series of significant economic challenges his transitional government inherited, including a collapsed economy, empty treasury, and severe shortages of basic commodities such as fuel, bread and medicine.

He also mentioned the challenges

faced by rampant inflation - currently above 300 per cent - and a weak exchange rate, problems exacerbated by Covid-19 and devastating country-wide floods last autumn. His government has put in place a series of economic policies in recent months, including a managed floatation of the Sudanese pound - a key demand of the IMF.

About 38 per cent of Sudan's debt is owed to the Paris Club, a body made up of major creditor countries. "It's important that the direction of courageous economic reforms you have started implementing continues to guide the transition," French President Emmanuel Macron said.

"The reduction of the Sudanese debt that we'll start soon is a first result of these reforms and the return of Sudan in the international community must be strengthened at the economic and political level," Mr Hamdok said sus-

taining peace in Sudan required "a functioning if not strong economy".

"Therefore addressing the economic crisis has become our top priority," Mr Hamdok said. He pledged a "clean break" with the past in an effort to achieve long-term development and peace, and said the removal of Sudan from the US list of state sponsors of terrorism was a "game changer."

But Mr Hamdok lamented the vast number of Sudanese people who have attempted to cross the Mediterranean Sea in search of a better life in Europe. "I can't stress enough the need to build a productive economy ... creating jobs for our young people is one of the most important priorities.

"We would like to create those opportunities for our young talent to stay in the country and build it with us, rather than taking this extremely difficult and dangerous journey across the

Mediterranean. General Abdel Fattah Burhan, the head of the ruling sovereign council, praised a "historic opportunity" for Sudan and shared a "message of peace and of co-operation."

Mr Macron described Sudan's transition as "an inspiration". The international community, he said, had a collective responsibility to help the country achieve its ambitions. "Despite the difficulties, considerable progress has been made since the fall of the old regime," Mr Macron said.

French Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire expressed similar sentiments. "Rebuilding an attractive and resilient market takes time but today I hope we will convince private investors that the fundamentals for business are fully there," he said. Speaking before the conference, Mr Hamdok said he was seeking investment to help rebuild Sudan's devastated economy.



Sudan's Prime Minister, Abdalla Hamdok.

WORLD

Israel-Gaza violence shows signs of slowing as global diplomacy ramps up

GAZA/TEL AVIV

MORE than a week of fighting between Israel and Hamas showed few signs of abating yesterday despite intense U.S. and global diplomacy to stop the region's fiercest hostilities in years.

The Israeli military said late on Monday that Hamas and other Palestinian groups had fired about 3,350 rockets from Gaza - 200 of them on Monday alone - and that Israeli air and artillery strikes had killed at least 130 militants. Gaza health officials put the Palestinian death toll at 212, including 61 children and 36 women, since hostilities began last week. Ten people have been killed in Israel, including two children.

Amid seemingly fruitless diplomatic efforts to stop the violence, the top U.S. military officer, Army General Mark Milley, warned that the violence could spread.

"My assessment is that you risk broader destabilization and you risk a whole series of negative consequences if the fighting continues," Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told reporters before landing in Brussels on Monday for talks with NATO allies. "It's in no one's interest to continue fighting."

Israeli air strikes on the Palestinian enclave continued overnight. Soon after dawn, missiles struck two buildings in Gaza City, sending plumes of thick smoke into the air.

Militants in the Strip fired rockets early yesterday that set off sirens in southern Israeli cities, sending thousands running for bomb shelters.

There were no immediate reports of injuries on either side.

The overnight rocket fire from Gaza appeared to be less than in previous nights. There was a six-hour lull in rocket fire overnight before they again began being launched at dawn, according to rocket siren information from the Israeli military.

A Reuters correspondent also reported a lull in overnight rocket fire from Gaza, an enclave home to two million Palestinians.

Diplomatic efforts

US President Joe Biden expressed his support for a ceasefire during a call with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Monday, the White House said in a statement.

But Netanyahu told Israelis earlier that strikes against militant sites and



leaders in Gaza would carry on.

"The directive is to continue to strike at terror targets," he said in a televised speech, after meeting with military and intelligence chiefs. "We will continue to act as necessary to restore peace and security to all residents of Israel."

The armed wing of Hamas promised more rockets in return: "The criminal Zionist enemy intensified its bombing of homes and residential apartments in the recent hours, and therefore, we warn the enemy that if it did not stop that immediately, we would resume rocketing Tel Aviv," said spokesman Abu Ubaida.

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken urged all sides to protect civilians.

Although stressing that Israel had the right to defend itself, Blinken said he had not seen any evidence from Israel about its suggestion that Hamas was operating out of a building housing media outlets - including the U.S.-based Associated Press - which was destroyed in an Israeli missile strike at the weekend.

Hamas denied having offices in the building. "These are false allegations and an attempt to justify the crime of targeting a civilian tower," said Hamas spokesman Fawzi Barhoum.

Egypt and U.N. mediators also stepped up diplomatic efforts, while the U.N. General Assembly will meet to discuss the violence on Thursday.

The Biden administration approved the potential sale of \$735 million in precision-guided weapons to Israel, and congressional sources said on Monday that U.S. lawmakers were not expected to object to the deal.

Communal violence

Hamas began its rocket assault last Monday after weeks of tensions over a court case to evict several Palestinian families in East Jerusalem, and in retaliation for Israeli police clashes with Palestinians near the city's al-Aqsa Mosque, Islam's third-holiest site, during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

The hostilities between Israel and Hamas-controlled Gaza have been accompanied by an uptick of violence in the West Bank, where the Palestinians have limited self-rule.

There have also been clashes between Israel's Jewish and Arab communities in mixed areas.

Israel's president has warned that tension between Jewish and Arab Israelis could devolve into "civil war".

General strikes are planned for Tuesday in Arab towns within Israel and Palestinian towns in the West Bank, with posts on social media urging solidarity "from the sea to the river."

Chinese people more confident, outgoing, says Sri Lanka's party leader

BEIJING

CHINA has embraced continuous socio-economic development, and the Chinese people have been increasingly confident and outgoing, said a Sri Lankan party leader.

"Each time I come (to China), there is some new development, there is something new going on," Mayantha Dissanayake (pictured), chairman of the Samagi Tharuna Balawegaya (STB), youth wing of Sri Lankan political alliance the Samagi Jana Balawegaya, told Xinhua in a recent video interview.

Dissanayake, who has been

to China six times, said each time he visited Chinese cities or rural areas, he could see "a difference, economically, socially."

"I have seen infrastructure development happening. I have seen farming developed. There are many aspects of development that I have seen," he said, adding he was very surprised at China's poverty alleviation and "the confidence of the people."

The party leader said he has also seen cultural changes in major Chinese cities. "People are in a sense more outgoing."

China's new policy framework, well reflected in Xi Jin-



ping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era, is "something revolutionary," because it is taking China from the old age to a modern developed China that can have global friends and partners, Dissanayake

said.

He said Sri Lanka and China enjoy "a very close brotherly relationship."

Whatever some Western countries and media outlets may say or write to attack Sri Lanka-China cooperation, "I must go on record and say that China has always been there for Sri Lanka. And as Sri Lanka goes, we cherish the relationships that we have with China," he said.

"We are always grateful that China and the leadership of China have been there for Sri Lanka," he added.

Noting that the STB is a young party that is just one

year old, Dissanayake said, "There are a lot of things we can learn from the Chinese experience, the Communist Party of China (CPC)'s experience."

"We have been looking forward to meeting with the youth leaders of the CPC, and establishing a strengthened and strong relationship with the CPC's youth wing as well," he said.

"In the post-COVID scenario, we can look at exchange programs ... and learn from each other's cultures," he added.

Xinhua

Spain deploys army to Ceuta after Morocco migrants break in

MADRID

SPAIN has deployed troops to Ceuta to patrol the border with Morocco after thousands of migrants swam into the northern African enclave amid heightened diplomatic tensions, Interior Minister Fernando Grande-Marlaska said yesterday.

Footage from local Faro TV channel showed soldiers in armoured vehicles guarding the enclave's beach as dozens of migrants emerged from the water while hundreds of po-

tential migrants stood on the Moroccan side of the fence between the enclave and Morocco.

Soldiers started patrolling the border along with Spanish police, Grande-Marlaska told state broadcaster TVE. As many as 6,000 Moroccans, including about 1,500 minors, swam into Ceuta on Monday and Tuesday, he said.

A spokesman for Ceuta's government delegation said soldiers will also work with police in sensitive locations within the enclave to maintain

order on the streets. One person died in Monday's crossing, the spokesman said.

The adult arrivals are being transferred to a local football stadium to be deported back to Morocco. About 1,500 have already been handed back, Grande-Marlaska said.

Minors are being sent to an industrial building. Ceuta, with a population of 80,000, is an enclave located on the northern tip of Morocco across from Gibraltar.

The Spanish enclaves of Ceuta and nearby Melilla on

Morocco's northern coast have long been a magnet for African migrants trying to reach Europe in search of a better life.

TV channel 24h reported on Tuesday morning that as many as 85 migrants climbed the border fence to break into Melilla, which is located about 300km east of Ceuta.

The arrival of the migrants took place at a time of increased tension between Spain and Morocco over the fate of Brahim Ghali, the leader of the Western Sahara's Polisario Front, who is in hospital in

Spain.

Morocco's Foreign Ministry issued a strongly worded statement last month deploring what it said was Spain's decision to admit Ghali under a false identity without informing Morocco, adding that the situation would have repercussions for bilateral relations between the countries.

The United States in December recognised Moroccan sovereignty over the Western Sahara territory, which is also claimed as an independent state by the Polisario Front.

Young entrepreneurs from Hong Kong, Macao flock to S China's Guangdong to start up businesses

YOUNG entrepreneurs from China's Hong Kong and Macao Special Administrative Regions are flooding into entrepreneur hubs in south China's Guangdong province as China speeds up the construction of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (Greater Bay Area).

With a series of favorable policies and supportive measures, they are going all out to pursue their dreams in this megalopolis that consists of nine cities in Guangdong province and the two special administrative regions in South China.

Three years ago, young entrepreneur Shay Liu from Hong Kong came to Guangdong with a new optical material her company had independently developed. Now, she has become a star entrepreneur at the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (Guangdong) Innovation and Entrepreneurship Incubation Base.

"The Greater Bay Area has created an extremely huge development platform for young people from Hong Kong and Macao. Young people like me should try our best to not fail the times," she said.

At the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Youth Innovation and Entrepreneurship Workshop, an entrepreneur base located in Futian district of Shenzhen, Guangdong province and covers an area of 3,500 square meters, every startup can enjoy individualized services that cover the whole industrial chain.

The young entrepreneur base, which is less than three years old, has attracted 21 business teams that have close connection with Hong Kong and Macao, in AI, Internet of Things (IoT), medical technology, and new materials industries. Six of them have generated over 10 million yuan (\$1.55 million) of output.

At the entrepreneur base, Ding Ke, a graduate of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, founded the Shenzhen HinYeun, Technology Co., Ltd., a firm that develops AI products.

The entrepreneur base enjoys a series of advantages, such as a solid industrial foundation, complete supply and industrial chains, rich sci-tech resources, and a sound environment of entrepreneurship. Ding told People's Daily. Xie Zhiheng from Hong Kong runs a company that has deployed business teams in Hong Kong, Shenzhen and Dongguan, Guangdong province.

According to him, the Hong Kong team, in cooperation with local universities, is responsible for algorithm researches, while the Shenzhen team focuses on software designing. The Dongguan team manages production and supplier relations. Now his products have been purchased by over 60 hospitals.

As a frequent traveler among the three cities, the man now calls the Greater Bay Area his home. "Sci-tech innovation is a synergetic process, and it's not very possible that a single city can meet all demands," he said.

After graduation, Zhang Siyuan from Macao joined the ZLF Law Office in Hengqin New Area, Zhuhai, Guangdong province as an apprentice lawyer.

The law firm is run under Chinese mainland-Hong Kong-Macao cooperation, and has three lawyers from the mainland, 11 from Macao and 16 from Hong Kong.

The abundant opportunities there are drawing many young people from Macao. Zhang pointed out, adding that he hopes it can be a place where his dreams come true. In recent years, a comprehensive transport network has been taking shape in the Greater Bay Area, enabling a "one-hour traffic circle" for major cities in the region, which has ushered in a new era for the integrated development of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao.

The Guangzhou-Shenzhen expressway, which was officially put into operation on July 1, 1997, the day that marked Hong Kong's return to the motherland, is the first expressway jointly invested in and constructed by Guangdong and Hong Kong.

Connecting Guangzhou and Shenzhen's Huanggang port with just a 1.5-hour drive, it not only bridges the two metropolitan areas of Guangzhou and Shenzhen, but also serves as a "gold channel" that facilitates the flow of innovation resources and production factors among Hong Kong, Macao, and the nine cities in Guangdong involved in the Greater Bay Area.

The busy expressway is of great significance for powering the economy in Guangdong province and Hong Kong, said Wang Wei, an executive with the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Zhuhai Expressway Co., Ltd., the operator of the expressway.

People's Daily



Young entrepreneurs from Hong Kong pose for a picture at the Shenzhen section of a Shenzhen-Hong Kong science and technology innovation cooperation zone, south China's Guangdong province.

UK jobless rate falls again, hiring up as lockdown eases

LONDON

BRITAIN'S unemployment rate fell again to 4.8% between January and March, when the country was under a tight lockdown, and hiring rose further in April, according to data that showed employers gearing up for the easing of curbs.

Some of the fall in the unemployment rate - the third in a row - was due to a rise in people not looking for work, with inactivity rate among men hitting a record high, echoing a pattern seen during Britain's first lockdown last year.

But analysts said the data showed

the labour market was preparing for the end of many of the curbs imposed by Prime Minister Boris Johnson in January, thanks to the country's swift COVID-19 vaccination programme.

"As the economy prepares to re-open fully and economic activity picks up, businesses have increased their hiring to meet the rise in demand," Yael Selfin, chief economist at KPMG UK, said.

The unemployment rate was likely to peak at 5.9% in the three months to December, after a jobs furlough programme ends in September, she said.

The number of people in employment in the first three months of 2021 jumped by 84,000, the first increase since the pandemic hit Britain and a bigger rise than the Reuters poll forecast of a 50,000. Those classed as unemployed fell by 121,000.

APRIL HIRING INCREASE

Separate data for April showed a further improvement in the labour market with people on company payrolls up 97,000 from March.

The rise was driven by hiring in the administration and support and the finance and insurance sec-

tors, although the fall in hospital-ty - which partially reopened for outdoor service in April - was the smallest during the pandemic.

That narrowed the drop in payrolls numbers from February 2020 to 772,000, the Office for National Statistics said.

The Resolution Foundation think tank said that gap, combined with an estimated drop of 270,000 self-employed workers and 3.1 million workers still on furlough, meant Britain still had a 4.2 million 'COVID employment gap' to fill.

The payrolls data chimed with other recent signs of a hiring pick-

up and there was a rise in job offers in hospitality and entertainment.

However, some employers are struggling to fill vacancies with many foreign workers no longer in the country after the on-off closing and reopening of many firms over the past year, and as a result of Brexit.

The Bank of England this month slashed its forecasts for unemployment to show a peak of 5.4% in the third quarter after finance minister Rishi Sunak extended his jobs protection programme - which has cost more than 60 billion pounds (\$85 billion) so far - until the end of

September.

Britain's budget forecasters projected unemployment of 10% made shortly after the epidemic began.

Britain's headline measure of pay growth, including bonuses, rose 4.0% in the three months to March, slowing from 4.5% in the three months to February due to lower bonuses than a year ago.

The ONS said total pay growth, adjusted for a drop in the number of lower-paid and part-time jobs which have been hit hard by the pandemic, stood at 2.5%.

(\$1 = 0.7047 pounds)

Russian, Chinese leaders to attend ceremony to build nuclear energy project

BEIJING

CHINESE President Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin will take part in the May 19 online ceremony to launch construction of the Russian-Chinese nuclear energy project, Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Hua Chunying said yesterday.

"President Xi Jinping and President Vladimir Putin will attend on May 19 the online ceremony of starting construction of a Chinese-Russian facility created under a programme for cooperation in nuclear energy," she said in a statement, giving no details on the construction and the name of

the project.

On March 7, 2019, the master contract for construction of power units No. 7 and 8 of the Tianwan NPP was signed in Beijing.

The contract stipulates that the Russian side will design the nuclear island of the power plant and deliver the key equipment of the nuclear island for both units.

In March this year, Director General of Russia's State Nuclear Energy Corporation Rosatom Alexei Likhachev said in an interview with Rossiya-24 that "the first concreting at unit No. 7 of the Tianwan NPP" was slated for May.

Agencies

Biden administration approves 735m USD arms sale to Israel - media

WASHINGTON

THE Biden administration green-lighted 735 million U.S. dollars sale of precision-guided weapons to Israel, U.S. media reported on Monday.

Citing sources familiar with the matter, the Washington Post reported that Congress was officially notified of the proposed sale on May 5, nearly a week before the conflict escalated between the Israeli forces and Palestinian militants in Gaza.

The proposed sale includes the joint direct attack munitions (JDAM) and GBU-39 small diameter bombs, according to the report.

The Hill noted in a piece that the window for Congress to block the sale is all but closed. "The notification earlier this month set off a 15-day clock for Congress to act. There are

four days left in that window, and it takes 10 days once a resolution of disapproval has been introduced before someone can force a vote to bring it to the floor.

"Some Democrats raised concerns about the sales as the Israeli military continued its airstrikes in Gaza, causing civilian casualties.

"While I have supported security assistance to Israel, including by funding the Iron Dome defense system, I have serious concerns about the timing of this weapons sale," House Democrat Joaquin Castro said in a statement.

The message it will send to Israel and the world about the urgency of a ceasefire, and the open questions about the legality of Israel's military strikes that have killed civilians in Gaza," he added. **Xinhua**

Russia decides not to block Twitter after company deleted over 91% of prohibited content

MOSCOW

THE Russian authorities decided not to block Twitter after the social network had removed over 90% of the illegal content, the Federal Service for Supervision of Communications, Information Technology, and Mass Media said on its website on Monday.

The watchdog decided to stop decelerating Twitter's loading speed for desktop traffic, but to keep the slowdown for mobile traffic.

"The check showed that Twitter moderators removed over 91% of the prohibited information. At the moment, 563 posts with child pornography, drugs and suicide related content, calls on minors to participate in unauthorized mass events and also extremist and other pieces of content prohibited on the territory of the Russian Federation remain undeleted," the regulator says.

The watchdog decided not to block the service, remove restrictions on access to it on desktop computers, while maintaining the slowdown of social network traffic on mobile devices.

The agency stressed that in order to completely remove the restrictions the social network should remove all identified prohibited materials, as well as respond to the department's requirements no later than 24 hours from the moment of their receipt.

The agency mentioned a letter it received from the company. In that letter Twitter administration confirmed that it shares attempts to combat prohibited content and will take all necessary measures to remove it. It emphasizes that the management of the social network is interested in building a constructive dialogue with the Russian regulator.

The agency praised the efforts Twitter had already made to comply with the requirements of Russian legislation.

The watchdog also said that measures to restrict traffic, similar to those used in relation to Twitter, can be extended to Facebook and YouTube. This will happen if the services do not remove illegal content.

On March 10, the media watchdog announced that it had begun to initially decelerate Twitter's loading speed in Russia because the service did not remove content prohibited in the country. The agency promised to take further measures to influence the social network even going as far as imposing a block.

On April 5, the watchdog decided to extend the slowdown measures until May 15. The decision was made after the social network had begun a dialogue and removed a significant part of the prohibited content.

By the time the agency took these initial measures of the beginning of the application of restrictive measures, the department demanded that the social network remove more than 4,100 prohibited pieces of content identified since 2017. In addition, since the start of the service traffic slowdown, about 1,800 new prohibited posts have been identified.

100 years on, memories for Chinese communist pioneers still cherished in Europe

PARIS/MONTARGIS/LYON

NEARLY a century after the founding of the Communist Party of China (CPC), some of the party's pioneers, who were then just young students studying abroad, were still remembered by many in Europe with fondness and respect.

As the CPC celebrates its centenary this year, Xinhua revisited some of those places with footprints of the party's founders and early leaders across the continent, to dig out stories about the early days of the world's largest political party.

PARIS

A small room on the ground floor of Hotel Neptune in downtown Paris witnessed the life of Zhou Enlai, the first premier of the People's Republic of China (PRC), in his youth.

Zhou, born in 1898, lived here from 1922 to 1924 when he was among the thousands of progressive young Chinese who went to Europe under the Diligent Work-Frugal Study Movement to search for the future of the then-improvised China.

In this small room which could barely accommodate a bed, a desk and a chair, Zhou studied and worked tirelessly, writing for a progressive newspaper based in north China's Tianjin to promote new ideas he learned in Europe, and organizing communist activities.

Nearly 100 years later, now the hotel is run by Chinese-French Li Jianle, who believed that it is his obligation to protect the historic building and present it to both Chinese and foreign guests when he bought the hotel in 2001.

Today, with a bronze statue of Zhou carved by noted French sculptor Paul Belmondo in 1979 on its wall facing the street, the about 160-year-old building on rue Godefroy, Paris remains intact, standing to tell the story of its former tenant.

MONTARGIS

It was also in France that late Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping, the architect of China's reform and opening-up, estab-

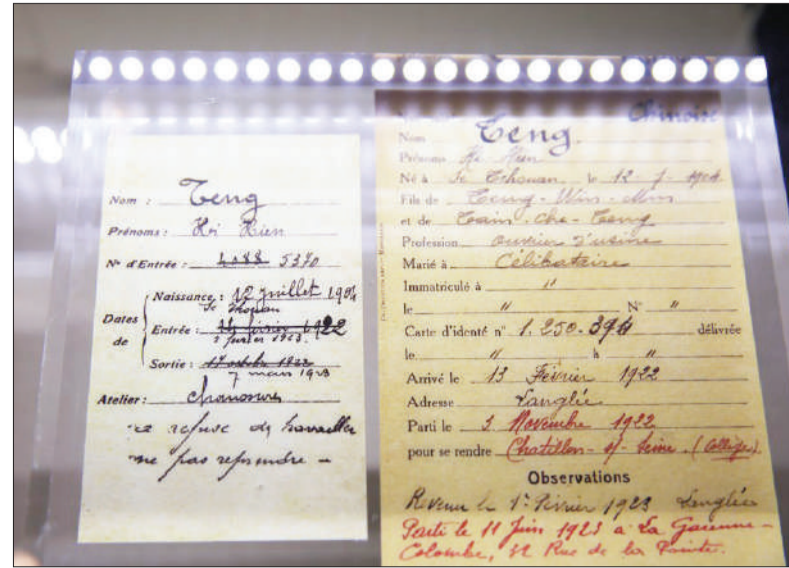


Photo taken on March 22, 2021 shows file documents of Deng Xiaoping displayed at the museum of Franco-Chinese Friendship in Montargis, France. (Xinhua)

lished a lifelong friendship with Zhou.

Deng, six years younger than Zhou, was among the more than 200 Chinese students who worked at Hutchins factory by then on the outskirts of Montargis, a small town about 100 km south of Paris, said Wang Peiwen, president of the China-France Friendship Association in Montargis.

"My grandfather used to work there, too," said Lea Pereira, a high school student at Lycee en Foret in Montargis.

In an interview with Xinhua, Pereira said her grandfather told her about Deng and other young Chinese communists. At 18, Deng lived in a wooden shed with his colleagues, worked 10 hours a day from Monday to Friday, and a half day on Saturday, for an hourly wage of one franc.

"I'm impressed by the horrible working conditions that Deng had to endure," said Pereira's classmate Flavien Gavaille. "I also admire him because he was never discouraged, and he successfully achieved his goals: by having completed his study in France and coming to know the communist ideology."

The two teenagers are among dozens of Chinese language learners at Lycee en Foret. Their Chinese teacher

has also briefed them on the history of the Chinese students who worked and studied in their hometown Montargis.

The small town with a population of 15,000 bears marks of that period of history: the square in front of the central railway station is named after Deng Xiaoping. A massive monument was erected there in 2019 to mark the 100th anniversary of the Diligent Work-Frugal Study Movement.

At Durzy Park, a black-and-white photo records a meeting held here in July 1920, when Chinese students in France gathered for five consecutive days discussing ways to save the Chinese nation. They proposed the founding of a Marxist party to lead the country.

At the end of the five days, Cai Hesen, a student leader, reported their ideas to his friend Mao Zedong, who readily accepted the proposal. A year later, the CPC was founded. Jean-Louis Rizzo, a retired history professor of Paris Institute of Political Studies (SciencesPo), compared the students' ideas in Montargis to "leaven" and an "embryo" of the CPC.

"It is a fantastic story: you initially have young people, little politicized,

who arrived in France where politics was gaining in importance, with port and mine workers going on strikes," said Rizzo. "The agitated social atmosphere in France had its impact on these young Chinese who were then working in French factories and enduring the same plight as the workers on strike."

As a result, the young Chinese became more politically sensitive and learned to analyse the political situations before they were drawn by Marxism, he said.

LYON

For Sonia Bressler, a French philosopher and essayist, the Chinese students' stay in France and their encounter with Western culture helped introduce new ideas to China. "This page of history also highlights the deep root of the friendship between the two countries," she said.

This period of history also left its traces in Lyon, the third largest city in France where some Chinese students once fought for their right to study in 1921, when they were rejected by the Franco-Chinese Institute, a school built with funds from China and exclusively for Chinese students.

"It was a fight for equality and justice, as the students were fighting for their own rights to study," said Alain Labat, head of the Federation of Franco-Chinese Associations and vice-president of the New Franco-Chinese Institute.

Xinhua

US to share COVID-19 vaccines with other countries under mounting pressure

WASHINGTON

THE United States will share 20 million more doses of its COVID-19 vaccines with the rest of the world by the end of June, said President Joe Biden on Monday.

The announcement came under mounting international pressure that Western wealthy nations which have stockpiled vaccines far more than they need should share more doses with countries struggling with the pandemic.

"We have the vaccine. We've secured enough supply to vaccinate all adults and children above the age of 12," Biden said during a White House address. "We know America will never be fully safe until the pandemic that's raging globally is under control," said Biden, whose administration had initially been reluctant to send any doses overseas.

World Health Organization (WHO) Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus on Monday repeated his calls for manufacturers and high-income countries to share their doses with COVAX. "There's a growing disconnect. Some countries with high vaccination rates appear to be in the mindset that the pandemic is over, while others are



experiencing huge waves of infection. The pandemic is a long way from over, & it won't be over anywhere until it's over everywhere," tweeted Tedros.

The vaccines Washington is to ship overseas will consist of leftover doses from either Moderna, Pfizer-BioNTech or Johnson & Johnson, which are authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to use in the country. Earlier, the Biden administration has made commitment to send 60 million AstraZeneca vaccine doses overseas. The As-

traZeneca's shot has not been cleared by FDA yet.

Biden said on Monday that the 80 million doses will represent 30 percent of the vaccines produced by the United States by the end of June.

As of Monday morning, the United States has administered more than 272 million COVID-19 vaccine doses and distributed more than 344 million, showed data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The Biden administration has

set a goal of getting 70 percent of the country's adult population to receive at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine by July 4. The FDA expanded its emergency use authorization for Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine to include people 12 to 15 years old last week.

The country's confirmed COVID-19 cases went further down over the weekend. The nationwide average is at about 33,200 new cases per day, the lowest level since late June, showed data compiled by Johns Hopkins University.

Global cooperation, instead of competition and confrontation, is the only choice to end the COVID-19 pandemic, Tedros said last week when addressing the disparity in access to vaccines worldwide.

"The shocking global disparity in access to vaccines remains one of the biggest risks to ending the pandemic," said Tedros. "We cannot defeat this pandemic through competition, we can't. If you compete for resources, or if you compete for geopolitical advantages, then the virus gets advantage," he said.

Xinhua

India's COVID tally passes 25m, cyclone complicates efforts in Modi's state

AHMEDABAD

INDIA total COVID-19 case-load surged past 25 million yesterday as a powerful cyclone complicated the health crisis in one of the states where the disease is spreading most quickly.

COVID-19 tests were administered to 200,000 people evacuated from coastal districts of the western state of Gujarat before the cyclone struck late on Monday and efforts were being made to try to limit any spread of infections.

"Masks have been arranged for people shifted to shelter homes," said Sandip Sagale, a top official in Ahmedabad, the main city in Gujarat. "Efforts are also made to

maintain social distancing."

India's total tally of coronavirus cases surged past the 25 million mark with 263,533 new infections over the past 24 hours, while deaths from COVID-19 rose by a record 4,329.

Only the United States has had more cases, or a worse single day death toll, when it lost 5,444 people on Feb. 12. But whereas the epidemic peaked months ago in the United States, there is no certainty that India's infections have.

Though the official count shows new infections subsiding, there are fears that the new, highly infectious B.1.617 variant, first found in India, is running out of control and many cases, particularly in

rural areas, are going unreported due to lack of testing.

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India's total caseload since the virus first struck over a year ago, stands at 25.23 million, while the death toll is at 278,719, according to health ministry data.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's home state of Gujarat had suffered a 30% increase in infections since May 2, while the total number of vaccinations administered in the state last week was just 1.1 million - half the total of a month earlier.

The storm complicated efforts to tackle the coronavirus in the state as vaccinations were suspended for two

days, while hospitals awaited back-up generators to keep power running and additional oxygen supplies.

Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani said oxygen manufacturing and distribution was not disrupted. Out of the more than 1,400 hospitals designated for treating COVID-19, power failures were reported in 16, and restored in 12, while the remaining four moved to back-up generators.

'STRUGGLING' VACCINATION DRIVE

In neighboring Maharashtra state, which was side-swiped by the cyclone on Monday, 1,000 coronavirus deaths were reported overnight - the worst toll nationwide. The infection rate in

Maharashtra has soared 15% in the last two weeks, government data showed.

The pace of vaccination in Maharashtra has fallen 30% since peaking in early April, according to data from the government's Co-WIN portal.

Since April 1, 269 doctors have died of COVID-19, 78 of them in the mostly rural state of Bihar, according to data released by the Indian Medical Association.

"The surge has been very devastating," Jayesh Lele, secretary general of the IMA, told Reuters.

In the northern state of Uttar Pradesh, home to more people than Brazil, rural areas have been severely hit, as healthcare systems have struggled to cope.

Incensed by scarce testing and tracing, a state court remarked on Monday the situation was turning to "God's mercy," and hurtling towards a "third wave."

"If this is the state of affairs of five districts, one can guess where we are leading people of this state to, i.e. (a) third wave of the pandemic," the state's Allahabad High Court said.

Chandrakant Lahariya, a public policy and health systems expert, said in the Hindustan Times newspaper that India's vaccine policy urgently needed a reset.

"For six weeks now, India's vaccination drive has been struggling. How long must one wait before acknowledging that what was planned is

not working?"

"Part of the problem seems to be the fact that there is political decision-making in the areas that are purely technical. The political leadership should give a free hand to technical experts to decide and implement new strategies."

U.S. President Joe Biden announced on Monday that his administration would send at least 20 million more COVID-19 vaccine doses abroad by the end of June. Biden has been under pressure to share vaccines to help contain worsening epidemics from India to Brazil, where new, more contagious coronavirus variants have become rampant

SPORT

Abdallah Shaibu
applauds forwards

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

YANGA's central defender, Abdallah Shaibu 'Ninja', has conceded three strikers, Yusuph Mhilu, Prince Dube, Meddie Kagere are the ones posing threat every time he meets them in the Vodacom Premier League (VPL).

According to Shaibu, the trio of Simba SC's Kagere, Prince Dube (Azam FC) and Yusuph Mhilu of Kagera Sugar that is lately dominating the top flight's race golden boot are the players that trouble him much.

Dube is the leading scorer with 13 goals, Kagere is in second place with 11 goals, he moreover holds the record for emerging top scorer twice in a row.

Mhilu is not far behind as despite his team's shakiness he has scored eight goals so far.

Shaibu said when it comes to taking on Yanga, the rest of the VPL squads

normally prepare well.

"When I meet them on the field there is competition and most of the time they are careful when they either have the ball or are not in possession," he said.

At the beginning of the season, Shaibu did not have a good time at Yanga, as he did not get a chance to play regularly.

Shaibu, though, has shown improvement under coaches, Juma Mwambusi, and Nasreddine Nabi, considering he is serving in the first team.

Mhilu said there are defenders he struggles to get the better of them, noting he is compelled to come up with different skills every time he meets them.

He pointed out: "There are defenders that I see there is work that I have to do when I meet them."



Abdallah Shaibu. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

ABU Super Welterweight
title bout to be beamed
live in 32 countries

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

THIRTY-two nations will witness the African Boxing Union (ABU) Super Welterweight title bout between Tanzania's Hassan Mwakinyo and Zimbabwe's Brendon Denes.

The 12-round fight will take place at the Next Door Arena, Dar es Salaam on May 28.

Jackson Group's CEO, Kelvin Twissa, said on Tuesday that the fight which is sponsored by KCB Bank for 94.4m/- will be witnessed by sports followers in 32 African countries.

He said the Mwakinyo versus Denes bout will be preceded by more than six bouts that will be shown live by Plus Television via DStv channel.

He said boxers from abroad will start arriving next week, adding they will stay at the Onomo Hotel.

He stated South African boxer Sibusiso Zingange is set to come up against Ibrahim Mgendera.

Nigerian, Olanrewaju Durodora will trade blows with Tanzanian Jonggo Jonggo for the ABU Cruiserweight title.

Other pugilists slated to showcase their virtuosity in the cards are Chris Thompson (South Africa), Ardi Ndembo (Congo Brazzaville), Joana Nwamerue, and Pencho Tsvetkov of Bul-

garia.

The boxers will confront Tanzanians, Imani Daudi, Hamis Palsungulu, Halima Bandola, and Daniel Matefu.

According to the official, preparations for all boxers are gaining momentum.

Twisa expressed appreciation to KCB Bank, who have facilitated what is termed as the second edition of 'Rumble in Dar' boxing bouts series.

He moreover congratulated other sponsors, DSTV Tanzania, Plus Television, Fight Vibe, Next Door Arena, Onomo Hotel, M-Bet, Tanzania Tourist Board (TTB) and all others.

Christine Manyenye KCB Marketing Manager, said they have ventured into sponsoring boxing due to the current enthusiasm.

"Initially we focused on football and athletics, but now we have expanded the scope and also entered boxing to provide opportunities for more young people to play boxing, self-employment, and showcase their talents," she said.

Mwakinyo will improve his rating, should he come out victorious.

He has fought 20 fights, winning 18, his opponent has an unbeaten record, having featured in eight bouts and posting the victory.

Aden confident Simba will progress
to CAF Champions League last four

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

FORMER Simba SC Chairman Ismail Aden Rage has said he hopes to see the club reach the semi-finals of the CAF Champions League, despite conceding four goals in a last-eight duel against Kaizer Chiefs of South Africa.

Simba SC lost to the South African outfit in the first leg at FNB Stadium on Saturday.

They are this weekend seeking to get a shot at sailing through to the next stage, as they face the Sout African team in Dar es Salaam on May 22.

Rage stated there is nothing wrong with football, reminding football enthusiasts Simba had done wonders in 1979 by beating Zambian team Mfulira Wanderers 5-0 after losing 4-0 at home to the Zambian team.

"Nothing is impossible in football, Simba once surprised Africa here in 1979, the main thing is that the players have to fight and get rid of the idea of conceding four goals in the first leg, if they do that we will succeed," he said.

He pointed out: "I have a lot of faith in my team because this season they have shown resistance in the showdown, so I do not doubt that the technical bench will devise new tactics that will make players realize their mistakes



Simba SC midfielder, Luis Miquissone (2nd R), dribbles past Kaizer Chiefs' midfielder when the clubs met in the first leg match of the CAF Champions League's last eight, which took place in South Africa last weekend. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

and fight alternately against Kaizer Chiefs."

Following a four-goal loss away from home, Simba SC will need to notch a 5-0 win to advance to the semi-finals of the showdown.

Meanwhile, Kaizer Chiefs have three stars who attracted recognition from the Confederation of African Football for their displays in their Champions League quarterfinal against Simba.

Chiefs romped to a 4-0 victory in their first leg knockout tie against the Tanzanian out-

fit, with Erick Mathoho, Samir Nurkovic, and Leonardo Castro all getting on the scoresheet.

The trio has now been included in the CAF Team of the Week for their impressive performances, and are the only South African representatives after Mamelodi Sundowns went down 2-0 to Al Ahly.

Mathoho netted his third goal of the competition, while Nurkovic opened his account with a brace and an assist in Saturday's encounter.

Castro, who won the tournament with Sundowns in 2016,

scored his second of the current campaign and took his continental goal tally to six-four of which were scored during his time with the Tshwane giants.

Joining them in the TOTW are three players from CR Belouizdad, two from Al Ahly, two from Wydad Athletic Club, and one from MC Alger.

Amakhosi are set to travel to Dar es Salaam on Thursday ahead of Saturday afternoon's return leg at Benjamin Mkapa National Stadium.

Coach Nabi worries by Yanga forwards' showing in VPL

By Guardian Reporter

USAMBARA Development cricket side cruised to a resounding seven-wicket win over Amboni Stars in a 2021 Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA) T20 Tanga League clash, held at Usambara ground in Tanga recently.

Amboni Stars elected to bat once they had won the toss, notching 80 runs for the loss of seven wickets in 20 overs.

The side's top order batsmen were so far the players that played a pivotal role in the acquisition of the total.

Unbeaten 31 runs posted by opener Hamza Ally happened to be the most significant contribution.

He cleared the boundary on two occasions on his way to ending as the top run getter in the innings.

Seif Athuman, who opened the innings with Ally, lasted a few overs and managed to register five runs.

Skipper Alhaj Sadick, deployed at number three, notched 15 runs which consisted of three fours.

Efforts by Sadick, who also regularly plays in Dar es Salaam club competitions, to see to it that Amboni Stars end their innings with an imposing score were foiled by Usambara Development's bowler Hemedi Abdallah that bowled the former.

Dismas Lazaro also had double-digit figures in the innings, his spell was then ended by Usambara Development's Omari Hilal.

The rest of Amboni Stars' batsmen were visibly below par, making their way back to the



Nasreddine Nabi. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

pavilion in quick succession.

Abdallah, Amiri Sadick, Hilal, Rajabu Juma and skipper, Riziki Kisetu, took one wicket each for Usambara Development side.

Needing 81 runs to post victory, Usambara Development squad hardly drained a sweat,

given they easily chased Amboni Stars' total for three wickets in 7.4 overs.

Skipper Kisetu, who opened the innings, led Usambara Development side's batting onslaught, registering 29 runs which consisted of four fours and a six.

Fellow opener, Hilal,

was equally impressive, scoring 26 runs which included two fours and a six.

Much as they were pegged back with an early dismissal of Abdallah, who was slotted in at number three, they gallantly got down to successful chase.

Abdallah could only

score six runs, which included a four, he was then caught by Amboni Stars' Ally from Seif Athuman's bowling.

Amiri stepped at the crease to forge an unbeaten partnership with Karim Kisetu and steered their squad to victory.

Amiri posted 10 runs not out, which included two fours, Kisetu chipped in with unbeaten two runs.

Amboni Stars' bowlers, Hussein Hemedi and Athuman, ended with a wicket apiece.

The four-team league which has teams locking horns in 20-over clashes has Tanga Women Combine, Macechu Stars, Amboni Stars, and Usambara Development.

Tanga Women Combine, the only women outfit taking part in the showdown, lead the rest of the pack with victory in two fixtures and loss in one.

The league leaders have 0.2184 in net run rate, notching 314 runs and giving away 280 runs.

Usambara Development squad, the league leaders' closest challengers, sits second after notching one win and loss.

The squad has 1.9422 in net run rate given it has notched 181 runs and gave away 184 runs.

Macechu Stars come third with victory in the only fixture they have participated in.

They have registered 1.2553 in net run rate, notching 84 runs and giving away 81 runs.

Bottom-placed Amboni Stars are winless in two clashes they have featured in.

They have -3.2238 in net run rate given they have recorded 179 runs and leaked 213 runs.

Keep it real: Six goalkeepers, six dramatic goals

LONDON

AFTER Alisson Becker headed in a 94th minute winner for Liverpool against West Brom on Sunday his manager Jurgen Klopp declared: "It's the best goal I've ever seen scored by a goalkeeper!"

Becker has some competition for that prize. Plenty of goalkeepers have scored with a spectacular punt from their own penalty area.

Some, like Brazilian Rogerio Ceni, who scored more than 130 goals in his career, or Jose Luis Chilavert and Rene Higuita, were dead ball specialists.

For most goalkeepers the chance only comes when the situation is dire and time running out and desperate coaches wave their goalies forward, as the Liverpool bench did on Sunday.

Alisson's deft header on could be worth millions to his club as it kept alive their late charge for a highly lucrative place in next season's Champions League.

Here, AFP Sport picks some of the most spectacular, and important, goals scored by the men whose job is usually to prevent them.

Higuita, for Atletico Nacional v River Plate, Copa Libertadores semi-final first leg, August 9, 1995

-- Higuita had a flair for the spectacular. Less than a month before his famous scorpion clearance as Colombia played a friendly against England at Wembley, he contributed a far more significant flourish in Medellin to propel his club towards the Copa Libertadores final.

He smashed in the only goal of the game with a 51st minute free kick that flew over the wall, crashed into the underside of the bar and flew down into the goal.

Higuita hit the net again in the second leg, converting his team's first kick in a penalty shootout which his team won 8-7.

Chilavert, for Paraguay against Argentina, World Cup qualifying, September 1, 1996

-- All eight of Chilavert's international goals came in competitive matches, two of them were against Argentina.

The rasping low drive with which earned Paraguay a draw in Buenos Aires helped propel them to a second-place finish in the South American World Cup qualifying group and a first qualification in 12 years.

Jimmy Glass, for Carlisle v Plymouth, English third division, May 8, 1999

-- On the last day of the season, Carlisle needed to win to stay in the Football League.

With the scores level and four minutes of added time nearly up, they won a corner.

Coach Nigel Pearson waved the on-loan goalkeeper forward. When the ball dropped to him in the six-yard box, Glass slammed it home on the volley.

It was the last of the three games he played for Carlisle.

Oscarine Masuluke, for Baroka v Orlando Pirates, South African Premier League, November 30, 2016

-- Masuluke's spectacular volleyed overhead kick from the corner of the penalty area saved a point for struggling Baroka, but ultimately they were relegated anyway.

It deserves a place on the list because it was a strike of such unlikely beauty that it finished second in FIFA's goal of the year vote, behind an Olivier Giroud scorpion kick.

AFP

Barca exploring Koeman replacements - sources

BARCELONA

BARCELONA are exploring replacements for Ronald Koeman, but president Joan Laporta doesn't want to sack the Dutch coach without having a successor in place, multiple sources have told ESPN.

Barca had the destiny of the La Liga title in their own hands before facing Granada on April 29, but one win in five games has seen them lose ground on Atletico Madrid and Real Madrid with one game to go.

Sunday's 2-1 defeat at Camp Nou against Celta Vigo officially ended the Catalan club's hopes of winning the league and increased the doubts surrounding Koeman's future.

However, Koeman, who led Barca to Copa del Rey success earlier this season, still has one year left on his contract. Sources at the club told ESPN he could still fulfil his deal if none of the alternatives convince.

The same sources told ESPN that Barca are keen to avoid a repeat of what happened after Ernesto Valverde was sacked in 2020 without a substitute lined up.

Quique Setien ended up replacing Valverde after the Blaugrana failed to persuade Koeman, Xavi Hernandez, Mauricio Pochettino or Erik ten Hag to take on the job.

Even prior to last week's draw with Levante, which preceded the Celta loss, ESPN revealed that there were increasing concerns among the board about Koeman's ability to lead the club in the long term.

In addition to wanting to find a replacement before acting, with the club's gross debt standing at almost €1.2 billion, Laporta must also consider the financial consequences of firing Koeman with time to run on his contract.

(Agencies)

Suarez puts Atletico on brink of thrilling La Liga title as Barca regret letting him go

By Graham Hunter, ESPN
Spain writer

WHAT? You think it's over?

You really think that because Atletico Madrid only need to beat bottom-three Real Valladolid to win their third La Liga title in 44 long years, and that because they Harry Houdini-ed their way out of frightful peril at the weekend, we've already had our last Glenn Close "She's not dead yet!" twist in the tale?

Where on earth have you been these past few years? Are you serious? This is Spain. Literally anything could happen on Saturday when the reigning champions, Zinedine Zidane's Real Madrid host the Yellow Submarine out of Villarreal and champions-elect Atleti drive 120 minutes northwest to creaking, crumbling Valladolid where a win would guarantee them being crowned champions -- where, in fact, any result that matches Madrid's will have the same effect.

The subplot to which I hope to be the first to lay claim is that Florentino Perez, Madrid's haughty billionaire president, calls the president of Valladolid, one Ronaldo Nazario de Lima, and tells him: "Ronnie, it's Atleti, and I need Valladolid to beat them. Get your boots out and pull those shorts on again!"

Ronaldo remains one of Perez's great deals. Straight off the "Galactico" conveyor belt, the Brazilian striker was a mesmerisingly brilliant footballer who used to cut corners in training and who put the "When can we have the next one?" in fiesta. He also remains someone for whom Madrid's president has massive affection. Little wonder.

I'm telling you right now, Ronaldo (once "O Fenomeno" but now "El Presidente" at the 92-year-old club he owns) was so talented that if he registered himself in time and donned one of the moderately more roomy first-team strips, he probably could nick a goal or two against Atleti next weekend despite being 44 and gently moving in body shape towards his permanently larger-than-life personality. This is Spain, don't rule it out.

And if you think that I'm being too fanciful, then let me just add fuel to your fire by saying it's only a little more ridiculous than the Luis Suarez scenario. I only hope that the halfwit who forced the Uruguay forward out of Camp Nou last August, former Barcelona president Josep Maria Bartomeu, was watching as the Blaugrana made a catastrophe out of losing at home to Celta Vigo while Suarez produced one of the great moments of recent Spanish football.

One of this sport's true beauties, one of the things that makes us so addicted, is that it creates theatrical drama



Mikel Arteta

that cinema and TV struggle to realistically emulate. And that's what happened on Sunday.

The morning dawned with headlines across Spain quoting Suarez complaining that during his last few months at Barcelona, he constantly had to listen to those who employed him telling him -- or, worse, making snide remarks behind his back -- that: "I wasn't able to compete for important trophies and that I was no longer fit for the top level."

Mingled in with Suarez's gleeful but-look-at-me-now! tone came the phrase from his present manager, Diego Simeone: "We are entering the Luis Suarez zone." Atleti's manager was underlining that his meaty, built-for-battle forward was precisely the sort of player upon whom you'd stake your life when the chips were down. The Argentinian coach would prove to be right, too.

During Osasuna's downright stubborn, unmannerly decision to try to ruin not only Atleti's weekend but their entire season, things got down and dirty. Early in the match, Suarez was merely moving through the gears to ramming speed, it would transpire, but he hit the keeper, hit the post and was caught offside in scoring positions which did Simeone's blood pressure no favours.

Up in Bilbao, Madrid were drawing. No goals had been exchanged and Athletic Bilbao were looking as if they would be just delighted to trip up Los Blancos again, having knocked Zidane's side out of the Spanish Supercopa semifinal in January.

Then, suddenly, a cascade of lava-like drama erupted and kept on sputtering out fiery goblets for the final 22 minutes of Sunday's football.

At San Mames, an overly elaborate corner routine eventually found young Rodrygo, who'd scored last week from a similar position, on the ball in Athletic's penalty area. Knowing his place in the hierarchy, he shunted the ball about three metres right to Casemiro instead of shooting. The Godfather of Madrid's Brazilian clan slashed a Hail Mary effort across the front of Unai Simon's goalmouth. Karim Benzema, hugely offside, was momentarily tempted by his predator instincts but, instead, let his brilliant analytical brain

dominate innate reactions. He stayed stock still and didn't touch the ball, thus keeping out of the action and rendering his offside immaterial, allowing Nacho to neatly knee the ball in.

There's a momentary hiatus while the VAR computers have another of football's "2001: A Space Odyssey" moments, but "Hal" says: "It's OK, Dave, the goal must stand." Once all that reviewing is done, there are fewer than 22 minutes left.

At that stage Madrid and Atleti are tied on 81 points, meaning Los Blancos are top and will win the title if it remains tied the following week because they have an aggregate 3-1 lead over Atleti in the two derbies they played this season. The baseline numbers, 37 weeks into the season, are just remarkable. With Madrid 1-0 up and Osasuna drawing 0-0 at Atleti, La Liga's top two sides have identical games won, drawn and lost while their goals-scored/conceded reads: Madrid 65/27, Atleti 63/23.

Then, suddenly, Ruben Garcia unleashes his left boot. He's terrifically gifted off that foot, but you might not actually consider his special one. And why not? On the outside of his right thigh he's got a stunning tattoo of Joaquin Phoenix as Arthur Fleck -- the Joker.

The Valencian identifies with Phoenix's version of Joker because, as he explained this season, "Arthur Fleck was a victim despised by society. The conclusion from that film is that we must support those who suffer from a mental illness or who are more vulnerable."

Garcia also happens to be one of the most strident and bravest football voices on the subject of empathy and tolerance: "I want all boys and girls to be treated with gender equality and not have to look at whether the

person they have fallen in love with is male or female. Perhaps no footballers have 'come out' because they are afraid of not being accepted. If a teammate told me that he was homosexual, I'd encourage him to speak out publicly and help normalise it."

Bravo, Ruben. This is an afternoon for special footballers.

His booming cross soars over Stefan Savic and Renan Lodi at the back post, where the "Swan of Zenica," Ante Budimir, is gliding in. The Croatia international signed on loan from Mallorca last summer, immediately contracted Covid, didn't play or train with his teammates until the end of October and, on debut, scored in a 3-1 defeat to Atleti. He then scored nine more times before Sunday, eight of them coming in victories, one in a draw, making him the principal reason Osasuna are comfortably staying up.

As I mentioned, this afternoon is for special players.

Budimir smashes a header in towards Jan Oblak's right-hand post and the guy who's faced the most shots yet conceded the fewest goals per minute this season is beaten. We require football's version of Hal the Computer to confirm it but VAR proves that the ball is clearly over the line before Oblak paws it away.

Madrid 1-0 up, Atleti 1-0 down. Suddenly it looks like utter disaster for Simeone, Suarez and Los Rojiblancos. Banana-skin match? An entire plantation.

Up in Bilbao, Madrid's subs, seated in the San Mames tribune above the dugout, celebrate and try to communicate to the rest of the squad. "Atleti are losing!" Back in his Barcelona penthouse overlooking the south of the city, ex-President Bartomeu is praying -- Atleti stumbling and Suarez not scoring

is partial redemption for him.

Sadly for Barto, Simeone has shrugged off his straitjacket of conservatism. For once, Atleti's manager makes not only shrewd but attacking substitutions. On come Joao Felix and Lodi, plus Hector Herrera and Moussa Dembele. Wit, width, wisdom and "watch out, here comes a big bear of a centre-forward."

With eight minutes left and the title slipping out of view, Atleti level it. Lodi rampages forward down the left wing and Joao Felix dinks a lovely little sand-wedge ball into his path. The Brazilian instinctively looks for Suarez but he's offside. Lodi pretends he's going to centre it but, instead, launches a shot high into the Osasuna net and it's 1-1. Mayhem erupts. Suarez doesn't waste time remonstrating with the teammate who hasn't passed to him (for once) and rushes to collect the ball nestling behind Sergio Herrera.

Simeone's subs have tipped the game, and the title chase, on its head. But, so far, we haven't been in the Suarez zone -- "El Pistolero" has hit the keeper, hit the post and picked the ball out of the opposition net to hurry things up.

Five minutes later, Lodi erupts forward again. Where has this been all season?

The ball flows from left to right on the pitch and, suddenly, Yannick Carrasco is in the penalty area -- threatening. They key here is that Dembele is in the centre-forward position, tying up two Osasuna defenders. Suarez, his lizard brain working without thought, pure instinct, has held back -- his position is perfect if the Belgium winger delivers a cut back... and he does.

Who among you is surprised that the man Barcelona pushed out, the man who Lionel Messi believes could

have helped the Blaugrana win this league, simply stepped onto the chance and buried it in the bottom corner? No one? Thought not.

Suddenly, everyone who's collecting a salary from Atleti is running and shouting and bumping into one another. Suarez is at the bottom of a dangerous-looking pile-on -- it's a heap of writhing limbs, a collision of five octopi would probably look like this. Someone suddenly assumes his "minimise risk" personality again. He's screaming at his assistant, Nelson Vivas, to get Geoffrey Kondogbia stripped and ready to come on in order to use up some time. Vivas, in the bedlam, is completely confused.

Madrid win, Atleti win and Osasuna stumble off looking bemused and unimpressed by destiny intervening. La Liga moves forward to its "And Then There Was One" weekend. And here's the thing about all great sporting drama: Like the tension in a Hitchcock movie, it's not best when it's unexpected; it's best when you want it to come, you see how it might come but it seems implausible -- perhaps even impossible.

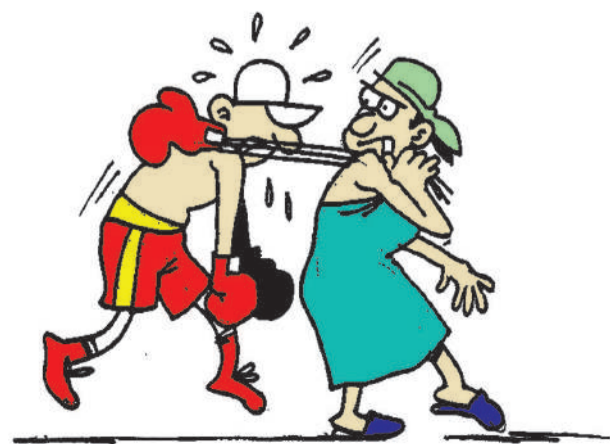
The thing about this particular drama is that everyone saw it coming -- Suarez, Simeone and me, to name but three. Everyone except Bartomeu.

Last summer he was picking senior players at the Camp Nou to tell: "You won't have to put up with Suarez anymore, I'm in charge and he's out." It was an act of ego, an act of football vandalism and it has played a huge part in costing Barcelona the title. The Uruguay international's 23 combined goals and assists across 2,400 La Liga minutes mean he's created or scored one every 105 minutes on average. That's a remarkable return for a guy who his former club treated like dirt and pushed out the door. More fool Bartomeu, more fuel for Atleti.

It's not done yet, but unless Valladolid have the surprise of all surprises in store for us on Saturday (with or without President Ronaldo up front), then there will be red-and-white ribbons on the trophy and it'll be Suarez 1-0 Bartomeu.

See you at the winner-takes-all weekend. It won't be for the faint of heart -- or friends of Barcelona's former president.

Gwiji by David Chikoko



SPORT

Suarez puts Atletico on brink of thrilling La Liga title as Barca regret letting him go

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Mtibwa Sugar. PHOTO: COURTESY OF MTIBWA SUGAR

Mtibwa Sugar new coach to oversee junior sides

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

VODACOM Premier League's Mtibwa Sugar says the outfit's newly recruited head coach Mohamed Badru will also be overseeing all of their junior teams.

Mtibwa Sugar recently signed the former Gwambina FC head coach in a contract whose period was not made public.

The Morogoro team's information officer, Thobias Kifaru, said due to the youth football experience which the new coach has, he has been tasked with grooming Mtibwa Sugar into the best team in the land.

They are gearing towards having the team produce players who could win selection for national teams.

Mtibwa Sugar focuses on producing players that are good enough to make the grade in both local and overseas leagues.

He said in the youth teams, Badru will be assisted by Awadh Issa, with Sudi Slim being assigned as goalkeepers' coach.

According to him, the coach will work closely with his assistants, with the view to building their capacity.

The Mtibwa Sugar official stated: "We have signed Badru as our head coach, he is one of the best coaches, we have tasked him with overseeing the youth teams, U-17 and U-20."

"Mtibwa Sugar ought to have well-organized youth teams and the good thing with Badru is that he has experience in that field, he was in Germany for more than 15 years working with youth teams," he disclosed.

Mtibwa Sugar, which is famed for producing many players who have won fame in various local and foreign clubs, is currently not doing well in the Vodacom Premier League.

The team is currently sitting 15th in the 18-team league (before playing yesterday's match against Mbeya City FC) with 31 points.

But Kifaru said he is confident that the arrival of Badru will see the team avoid relegation.

"We are confident that Mtibwa Sugar will avoid relegation in the league. I am saying that because morale in the team is very high, the players are ready to fight for the team," he said.

Simba SC head coach happy with players' attitude ahead of CAF Champions League clash



Simba SC players participate in training in South Africa to prepare for CAF Champions League's last eight's duel against Kaizer Chiefs, which took place at FNB Stadium last weekend. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

SIMBA SC head coach Didier Gomes says he is happy with his players' attitude ahead of the team's swim or sink CAF Champions League's quarterfinal's second leg match against South Africa's Kaizer Chiefs, set to take place at Dar es Salaam's Benjamin Mkapa Stadium on Saturday.

The local giants lost 4-0 to Kaizer Chiefs in the first leg of the quarterfinals, which took place at FNB Stadium last weekend.

Gomes, nevertheless, speaking at the club training base, stated he is confident that the team will do well on Saturday.

He noted: "It is a big match,

but we are looking forward to posting a win, from what I saw, all my players are ready for the encounter."

The French coach showed no sign of doubt and fear in his responses.

He said he is confident that by Saturday Simba SC will find its feet in the premier continental club football tournament to efficiently compete against

the best.

Simba SC's skipper John Bocco was reported in the media as saying soccer lovers should expect an entertaining match as both sides will play to win.

"It is going to be a very good game, but our goal is to get the victory at the sound of the final whistle and we are mentally and physically ready, the aim is

to reach the semi-finals, we urge all football lovers to play for us to do well in the game," he said.

Simba is not new in stunning opponents, especially at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium.

In the preliminary round of the competition, they lost 1-0 to FC Platinum of Zimbabwe in Harare, but the former won 4-0 at the

stadium.

In recent years, Simba has not lost any match at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium, turning the facility into their fortress.

The Msimbazi Street-based side also still holds a 1975 CAF record of overturning a 4-0 result at National Stadium (now Uhuru Stadium) and won 5-0 away against Mufu-lira Wanderers in Zambia.

Alaf Aces maintain winning ways in 2021 Kazim Nasser Memorial League's Division A

By Guardian Reporter

ALAF Aces outfit's cricketers have maintained winning ways in 2021 Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Kazim Nasser Memorial League (KNML) Division A, cruising to the 54-run drubbing of Pak Stars in a tie which took place on Sunday.

All-rounder Ally Mpeka's batting exploits were instrumental in Alaf Aces' acquisition of the victory in the Group A match played at Leaders Club venue.

Alaf Aces A won the toss, elected to bat, and scored 228 runs, courtesy of impressive batting by several key players, including opening batsman Ankit Baghel.

The opener registered 55 runs off 26 balls, which consisted of seven fours and three sixes.

The no-nonsense all-rounder's showing took a toll on Pak Stars' pace bowlers, Zamoyoni Ramadhani, inexperienced Abdulrahman Akida, and Pafrod Anacet.

Baghel confidently waded off the pace attack used by Pak Stars.

Alaf Aces had reached 93 runs in eight overs when Baghel was dismissed by Pak Stars' Nisar Ahmed.

Then came the partnership of the game between Mpeka and Salum Jumbe, which con-



Aces A side's all-rounder, Ally Mpeka (R), receives a man of the match prize from Aces Cricket Club's Chairperson, Rauhiya Thakur, shortly after this season's Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Kazim Nasser Memorial League (KNML) Division A clash pitting the team against Pak Stars, which took place on Sunday. Harab Motors sponsors the prize, while Shamsu Pharmacy is the showpiece's media sponsor. PHOTO: COURTESY OF DC

sisted of well-timed runs.

The two batsmen hit the balls well and they made good runs between the wickets, showcasing fitness. The two players set up a partnership of 90 runs in seven overs, the showing also set a good example of smart cricket.

With the Leaders Club's outfield being lush green and fast, it was

well utilized by the two batsmen.

Mpeka showed some temperament after Jumbe had been dismissed with 24 runs to his name, making his presence felt with skilful batting.

Mpeka, ultimately, ended as the top run-getter, notching 78 runs off 45 balls.

In the last four overs, experi-

enced all-rounder Waheed Mushtaq put his experience and consistency to show, hitting three sixes and two fours. The batsman posted 29 runs off nine balls. Akida notched two wickets for Pak Stars giving away 38 runs in four overs.

In response, Pak Stars survived a scare early on, given Alaf Aces' youthful player Acrey Paschal dropped Pak Stars' opening batsman, Ivan Ismail, off the bowling of medium pacer, Jumbe, in the first ball.

Jumbe and Mpeka were thereafter taken to cleaners, leaving 58 runs in 13 balls.

Alaf Aces' Mohammad Ali, later on, put Pak Stars' scoring rate in check with skilful bowling, he notched three wickets, leaving eight runs in four overs.

Ali's showing was, by far, quite impressive, given he excelled on a turf where all other bowlers were duly punished.

He proved he is one of the most consistent bowlers, when it comes to left-arm spinning, dismissing Pak Stars' key player, Ahmed, off the batsman's very first ball.

Ismail was Pak Stars' top run-getter, posting 37 runs off 18 balls, followed by Ramadhani with 35 runs off 22 balls.

Alaf Aces players' ability to run a lot of doubles, as well as showcase ground fielding back up and covering, turned out to be the difference between the two squads.

Alaf Aces was by far the better side in the tie. Much as Pak Stars, lately under new management, showed a lot of passion, they did not have the experience and composure.

The Pak Stars, though, are expected to improve. Alaf Aces have been playing flawless cricket under the captaincy of Bhavesh Govind and cricket followers now expect to see the side turn into strong favourites.

Alaf Aces are set to confront Strikers next week.

Should Alaf Aces emerge victoriously, the team will maintain its hold on Group A's top spot.

There can as well be a turnaround should third-placed Strikers post victory in their next two clashes against Alaf Aces and Upanga SC.

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