



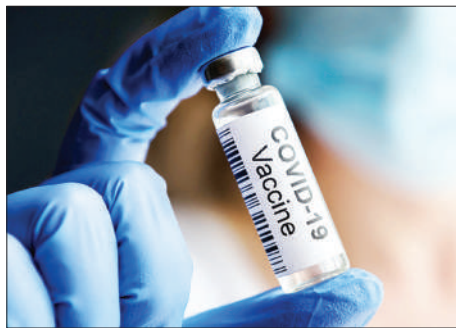
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Iringa District gets most of its villages into responding to vaccination drive

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya, Iringa

IRINGA District has reached all 134 villages with sensitization on the importance of receiving vaccine to prevent severe effect of COVID-19, leading to an increase in response to jab uptake.

District immunization services coordinator Sospeter Tiara said in an interview yesterday that people in all the villages have been motivated to the point where some clinics have run out of vaccines and are thus seeking help from other facilities.

"The district council received a total of 5,000 doses of Johnson & Johnson's Janssen jabs and around 3,000 have already been administered to the people," he said.

Jab delivery services attained that point given the preparations before the start of the exercise arising from the health sector accelerated plan for COVID 19 coordinated by the Ministry of Health and the President's Office - Regional Administration and Local Governments (PO-RALG), in which case as a district they were able to provide education in the villages on the vaccine.

"Initially, many people were afraid of the vaccine and many had questions about this vaccine and therefore did not readily respond, but since the start of this programme we have been able to provide education and reach the people where they are, including houses of worship and other places," he said.

On the women's side, the coordinator said that adequate education to the people worked, so women have been able to show up in large numbers. Earlier women believed the vaccine prevents

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Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa presses a knob to launch a database on the economic empowerment of citizens after opening a workshop in Dodoma city yesterday. He is with Geoffrey Mwambe (L), Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Investment), and National Economic Empowerment Council executive secretary Beng'i Issa. Photo: PMO

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has said that the government is prepared to implement inclusive economy measures with strategies designed to enable people of all walks of life fully participating in economic activities.

He made these remarks yesterday when officiating at the fifth people's economic empowerment workshop here, citing its priorities as including the strengthening of health services, community protection, water, electricity and implementation of free education.

"Healthy and educated people with enabling infrastructures are essential components of our country's economic growth," he said

Inclusive economic empowerment is a major requirement for sustainable growth, whereby the government has organised the 2025 Development Vision which among other aspects focuses at an enabling environment that will allow the country to benefit economically, socially, politically and culturally.

The 2025 development Vision also focuses at higher standards of living, peace, solidarity, good governance and a robust competitive economy, he remarked, underlining that the government has come up with various policies aiming at sustainable development and an inclusive economy.

Among these policies is the 2004 National Policy of People's Economic Empowerment, which he described as a pilot policy in economic issues, setting strategies to bring about full participation of the people in economic growth.

He declared that ministerial, regional authorities and public institutions involved in empowerment need to make sure that the good intention of President Samia Suluhu Hassan directed at enabling the country to attain an inclusive economy is realized.

"Establish people's empowerment centres that would provide loan services, training, and formalization of economic activities and seeking out markets as provided for in the

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Human-wildlife conflicts team embarks on tour of 10 regions

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

A high-powered team of eight cabinet ministers recently convened by President Samia Suluhu Hassan to address human-wildlife conflicts in ten regions comprising 920 villages near protected areas across the country began the task

yesterday.

The team, which involves eight ministers in sectors like Agriculture, Water, Defense, Environment, Housing and Settlements, Natural Resources and Tourism as well as Livestock and Fisheries, will tour all the ten regions.

William Lukuvi, the Minister for

Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development told journalists in the capital yesterday said the team will tour Dodoma, Singida, Manyara, Tabora, Mbeya, Morogoro, Dar es Salaam, Coast, Mara and Geita.

He said the task began yesterday and will run up to October 20 where the team will

NMB launches charter for excellent services

By A Special Correspondent

NMB Bank yesterday joined other client-centric organisations in the world to mark this year's Customer Service Week by launching a charter in which it promises to maintain high standards when serving its customers.

Through the NMB Customer Service Charter, the top lender commits to leave no stone unturned to deliver excellent customer services to maintain its position as the most preferred bank in the country.

The bank launched the week nationally in the capital where it donated various items,

including school furniture worth 40m/. Similar philanthropic gestures and events were overseen by top managers of the bank at the zonal level across the country, officials said.

In an event graced by Regional Commissioner Anthony Mtaka, CEO Ruth Zaipuna said that the promises in the charter principally set out standards which NMB expects to uphold whenever and wherever it deals with customers.

A number of legislators, district commissioners, customers and other public officials lauded the bank for its exemplary services and socio-economic investments.

The customer service charter is a tool that will help NMB to uplift customer experience to new heights for enhancing its lending activity, serving the country through innovative and transformative financial solutions, the CEO noted.

"Today, NMB is joining the rest of the world in commemorating the customer service week, marked annually during the first week of October," she stated as she unveiled the

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NMB Bank Plc CEO Ruth Zaipuna (2nd-L) pictured in Dodoma yesterday presenting a copy of the bank's Customer Service Charter to Dodoma regional commissioner Anthony Mtaka (to her left) moments after the launch of the commemoration of this year's edition of Customer Service Week. Looking on (from-L) are Dodoma Urban legislator Anthony Mavunde, Bahi legislator Kenneth Nollo, Bahi district commissioner Mwanahamisi Mukunda and NMB chief of retail banking Filbert Mponzi. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



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2020 CCM Manifesto," he explained. Authorities in the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology as well as Industry and Trade, along with institutions like the Small Industries Development Organisation (SIDO), the Vocational Education and Training Authority (VETA) and other educational institutions need to provide training suited to the needs of internal and external markets, so that beneficiaries are able to connect in

these areas of provision of goods and services, he stated.

Local councils must put in place an enabling environment and allocate areas for entrepreneurs and small traders, especially women, youth and people with disabilities to conduct gainful occupations.

He similarly unveiled the people's economic empowerment database under the National Economic Empowerment Council (NEEC), intended to connect service providers and investors to various empowerment institutions.

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"gentlemen's agreement between the bank and its customers."

Noting that the theme of the customer service week this year is "The Power of Service", the CEO indicated that message was in line with NMB's commitment to putting customer experience at the heart of all it does.

"In order to continue to be at the forefront of providing outstanding services to our customers, we are marking this year's customer service week by debuting customer service charter to practically demonstrate the power of service to our customers," she explained.

Customer service week is an international reminder of the importance of customer service and of the people who serve and support customers on a daily basis, whose support CEO Zaipuna said makes NMB the successful bank it is today.

The bank recognised the relevance of both its staff and customers for its unrivalled performance with certificates of appreciation. Through the charter, bank employees are enabled to know what is expected from them when serving customers and customers "accorded the right to know what to expect from the

bank."

The document comprises five commitments of the bank to its customers, namely accessibility and reliability, responsiveness, assurance, empathy and courtesy as well as information confidentiality and security, she elaborated.

RC Mtaka called on the bank to maintain its magnanimous spirit applauded by the country's leadership, affirming that it was making a huge difference on people's lives in the capital and across the country.

"Your innovative financial solutions and the huge social investments you continue to make is what makes NMB a big bank and market leader, setting NMB apart from the rest of the pack," the regional administrator intoned.

Donations that NMB Bank made yesterday include medical equipment for Bahi District Hospital and Chimedeli Dispensary as well as 50 desks for Chiguluka Primary School.

The lender also donated 200 chairs and 200 tables to Nondwa, Msisi Juu, Sechelela and Ibihwa secondary school plus corrugated iron sheets to Bahi Secondary School.



Jenista Mhagama (R), Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Parliamentary Affairs, Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disability), presents working documents to newly installed Workers Compensation Fund Board of Trustees member Abdulaziz Alladin Shambe at a ceremony held in Morogoro municipality yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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give a report to the president on the way forward. In Dodoma they will visit Chemba and Kondoa districts, tour Mkungunero area which has been earmarked for an illustrative case, he said.

Preliminary information shows that the 920 villages are close to protected areas and were being invaded by animals while the villagers invade protected areas. The government decided not to remove them from those areas, but a few of them will be removed following assessments showing the areas are dangerous for their safety, he stated.

"This is an opportunity for regional leaders to report if there is a major crisis in their areas. We are going to end the conflicts

reported in 920 villages whose residents will not leave those areas soon," he said.

Assessments of those conflicts would be conducted in high-risk areas in Morogoro and Mbeya regions, where the president has ordered that the areas be left for agricultural and livestock activities, he explained.

After the president's decision they will go to assess which areas remain and which settlements should be removed despite that many such settlements are expected to remain in place, he elaborated.

Regional administration ought to prevent invasions from taking place in protected areas, he stated, noting that this exercise will not be done regularly in which case residents must obey the law.

Commenting on the World

Habitat Day, the minister said rapid urbanization is a phenomenon that continues in Sub-Saharan Africa, including Tanzania.

Urban growth is a catalyst for economic, social, political and cultural growth but urban sprawl and population growth, if not managed properly, can be a source of environmental degradation.

This problem faces developing countries with a large proportions located in unplanned settlements without basic services like road infrastructure, clean water and sewage systems, or poor solid waste management, he declared.

It is estimated that 70 to 80 percent of urban dwellers in the country live in unplanned settlements where they face the risk of pollution due to poor sanitation, sewage and traffic congestion.

Extensive use of charcoal and wood as the main source of domestic energy exacerbates the problem, he pointed out.

Recognizing this relationship, the government is readying the houses and buildings census across the country, to be conducted in conjunction with the Population and Housing Census set for August next year, he emphasised.

"This census will help to determine the number and status of housing units, enabling the government and other stakeholders in housing development to take appropriate measures to improve housing in urban and rural areas," he said.

Housing stakeholders, especially urban dwellers, need to support these government efforts to reduce and ultimately eradicate air pollution by 2050, he added



Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation minister Liberata Mulamula (C), Nigeria's High Commissioner to Tanzania, Hamisu Umar Takalmawa (R), and the Comoros' Ambassador to Tanzania, Dr Ahamada El Badaoui Mohamed Fakhir, cut a cake in Dar es Salaam on Friday at a function to mark the 61st anniversary of Nigeria's Independence. Ambassador Fakhir is the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps in Tanzania. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

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reproduction, he stated.

Kimande Health Center medical officer in charge Salim Salim said that they have been able to work with the Itunundu village authorities in providing education in homes and even places of worship and thus increase the level of motivation among the people.

"We also thank Isimani MP William Lukuvi for coming to the ward and mobilizing Itunundu ward

residents, assuring them that the vaccine is safe.

Initially, maternal and child care coordinator Leonida Kalinga said that now mothers have begun to understand as previously they did not know what the vaccine was all about.

When they come to the mother and child clinic educational material was imparted and they were able to access the job service, putting aside the many questions they were asking earlier, she stated.

At the same time, the government in Iringa region has increased the provision of Covid-19 vaccines from 15 centers to 231 centers to move the service closer to the people and speed up the exercise.

Regional Commissioner Queen Sendiga made this observation when meeting primary health care committee bringing together various stakeholders to map out an education drive to get people turn out for the job.

Regional administrative secretary

Happiness Seneda said that since the start of education and promotion of COVID 19 vaccination, the number of those being vaccinated has increased.

Religious leaders and other stakeholders commended the government for implementation of the health sector accelerated plan for COVID 19, seeking to increase the number of vaccinated people.

Education should continue to be provided and reach more residents in the region, they added.

TAG head urges religious institutions to establish projects for income generation

By Guardian Correspondent, Songwe

RELIGIOUS institutions in the country have been advised to establish projects that will enable Tanzanians to obtain employment in order to raise their living standards and contribute to the country's peace and stability.

The advice was given here at the weekend by the Tanzania Assemblies of God (TAG) Bishop, Dr Barnabas Mtokambali at special prayers for laying the cornerstone for the construction of TAG's Bethlehem Revival Temple at Mlowo in Mbozi district. He said religious institutions have the ability to start big productive projects that would provide jobs to Tanzanians thereby increasing the country's economy.

"If we, as religious leaders decide to be creative, we can establish many development projects for

income generation and contribute revenues to the government via taxes, we cannot always continue asking for tax reliefs while we can decode to provide revenue to the government," he added.

He said TAG Bethlehem Revival Temple at Mlowo can be an example to be emulated by other churches because it has already started projects that generate income even though on a small scale.

The church's host priest Steven Damian said as for now the church has two projects that generates income for its operations.

He said the church has bought a one-acre farm on which they grow various crops that they sell and generate income.

He further said the church has also built business stalls around the church which have been rented and generate more than 2m/- per year.

'Despite COVID-19 third wave, Z'bar tourism sector thriving'

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

THE CHAIRMAN of the Zanzibar Hotel Investors Association, Paulo Roso, has said even though the world was grappling with the third Covid-19 wave, the Zanzibar tourism sector continues to thrive.

Roso said in making sure the sector continues to strengthen the association will continue working together with the government towards economic growth.

Roso made the remarks yesterday when addressing reporters at the baobab Nungwi hotel in Unguja North Region after workers of the hotel were vaccinated against.

He said as of now reports on visitors' arrivals in Zanzibar were encouraging following the government's decision to provide the vaccines to citizens and visitors.

He explained that many visitors in his hotel come from Italy as tourists.

He said still the public need to be sensitized on the protection against Covid-19 as the entire world has been affected by the pandemic.

For HIS PART, DR ABDULLAH KHATIBU FROM THE ZANZIBAR MINISTRY OF HEALTH SAID COVID-19 vaccines being administered were safe, hence the people should hesitate receiving the jabs.

He said it is essential for the people to protect themselves against the disease through vaccination.

For their part workers of the hotel who were vaccinated said the decision by the hotel management to have them vaccinated has provided them with protection against the disease due the intensity of the Covid-19 third wave.



Mwangaza Matotola (L), Tigo's head of customer care, joined by Tigo's Nyerere Square (Dodoma city) shop supervisor Sania Mwilima (C) and northern zone director Henry Kinabo in the national capital yesterday in cutting a cake when launching the firm's Customer Service Week celebrations. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

AU, UNESCO meet to strengthen cultural ties, peace and liberation

By Special Correspondent

THE African Union (AU) and the United Nations, Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) and Angola yesterday hosted the continent's progressive thinking four-day conference on how to advance cultural ties, free the continent from forced cultural and business practices while forging integration and anti-imperialism.

Building bridges between generations dedicated to a peaceful Africa has become the main issue in the continent as it continues to liberate itself from all cultural, political, social and economic ways otherwise imposed by Western Europe.

From October 4 to 8, 2021, UNESCO, the AU and the Government of Angola have co-organised the second edition of the Biennale of Luanda.

The Biennale of Luanda -- "Pan-African Forum for the Culture of Peace" -- is a joint initiative of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), the African Union (AU) and the Government of Angola that aims to promote the prevention of violence and the resolution of conflicts, by encouraging cultural exchanges in Africa and dialogue between generations, without the influence of the US and its Western allies.

As a space for reflection and dissemination of artistic works, ideas and best practices related to the culture of peace, it brings together representatives of governments, civil society, the artistic and scientific community and international organisations.

It participates in the implementation of the "Plan of Action for a Culture of Peace in Africa/Make Peace Happen" adopted in March 2013 in Luanda, Angola, during the Pan-African Forum "Sources and Resources for a Culture of Peace."

The 2021 edition will be held in a hybrid format!

This new edition of the Biennale of Luanda will be celebrated under the African Union's 2021 theme, "Arts, Culture and Heritage: Levers for Building the Africa We Want" in a hybrid format, mixing digital and presentational events.

This year's edition comes as Africa is feeling the heat from Western Europe who have tried to tell leaders of the continent and their governments, how to behave, how to run their economies and which countries to befriend.

The United States has been singled out as trying to use its economic might to gag African countries through sanctions for refusing and rejecting issues like homosexuality which is viewed as an attack on African culture, punishing countries that institute land reform and countries that do business with alternative countries such as eastern Europe and China.

In Luanda, Africa is expected to map a way forward on how to defend itself against being treated like young brothers by having Western European values imposed on Africans.

It also comes when Africa wants its diverse cultural norms not to be looked down upon as inferior to westerners.

The afternoon of the first day shall host the Intergenerational Dialogue of Leaders and Young People, whose central theme to be discussed will be? "Cultural and Heritage Diversity of Africa and its Diasporas: Fires of Conflict or Ground of Peace?"

Africa is experiencing higher economic growth levels and well-being over the years, but insecurity, growing inequalities in different aspects of life, natural and human-made disasters persist in many parts of the continent.

Africa wants to choose, who to do business with, without getting a backlash from US and its allies.

Charcoal stove kills 3 people in Busanda

By Guardian Reporter, Mwanza

INFERNO caused by a charcoal stove has killed three people at Busanda village in Geita Region.

Geita Regional Police Commander Henry Mwaibambe confirmed the incident saying it occurred in the wee hours of Sunday.

Mwaibambe named the victims as Unice Kulwa (25) and her two children saying they lost their lives due to suffocation after they entered the charcoal stove which they used to cook beans in their house.

His husband escaped death and has been hospitalised at Katoro health centre.

Earlier, the District Commissioner for Geita Wilson Shimo saying the

incident took place on October, 3 this year at Shilungile village, Busanda in Geita region.

During the incident two children namely Kamuli Kulwa (5) and Jenipha Kulwa (3) died.

It is said, the woman after having supper she started cooking beans in a charcoal stove which she later took into the house and slept.

Neighbours suspected something unusual in the house the following day and decided to throng the house to see what happened.

"They decided to break the door after sometime where they found in a critical condition and three were pronounced dead upon arrival at the hospital.

CCM's women wing in Isles holds sensitisation seminar on Covid-19

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

BRANCH chairpersons and secretaries of CCM's Women Wing (UWT) from South Unguja Region have been provided with education for the correct mobilization of the community on the importance of vaccination against covid-19.

The training seminar was conducted yesterday at Kizimkazi Village, Makunduchi as part of UWT week celebrations.

Speaking at the seminar, the party's special seats Member of Parliament (NGOs-Mainland), Neema Lugangira said the aim of the seminar is to educate CCM leaders on Covid-19 who in turn would transmit the knowledge to the members of the community.

Neema said they have decided to conduct the training seminar to

increase the understanding about Covid-19 by impressing upon the members of the community to see the importance of Covid-19 vaccination currently being administered in various areas of the Isles.

"We have decided to hold the training seminar because these leaders are more influential to the people as they live among them, and the fact that at the moment the entire concept of vaccination was being misled by a few, hence what is needed is the right education about the need for vaccination," Neema added.

She added that it was important for the members of the community to understand about the disease including the vaccines' safety, and added that the vaccines being administered are safe and are the right protection against the disease.

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CUSTOMER SERVICE WEEK:

NBC Bank launches 'Power of Service, Zege Halilali' crusade

By Guardian Reporter

THE National Bank of Commerce (NBC) has joined the rest of the world to celebrate the 2021 Customer Service Week by launching a special campaign known as 'power of service, zege halilali' that will act as a model and catalyst for fast and timely service delivery based on the bank's customer needs.

Customer Service Week is an international celebration that highlights the importance of customer service and staff who serve and support customers daily to deliver exceptional service to customers.

At the launch of the one-month campaign held in Dar es Salaam today, the bank's managing director Theobald Sabi in collaboration with senior officials from the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) and the Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA) launched a new wakala service to enable businessmen in the city to make payments of various taxes and levies to the authorities even during nights.

"Provision of professional and timely customer service is the key to success for us as a bank and for our customers. The main aim of the 'power of service, zege halilali' campaign is to reflect the fact considering that many of our customers especially businessmen have no time to waste. So we as a bank have to keep up the pace and that is why through the product they will be able to make their payments to TRA and TPA even at night through NBC bank," explained Sabi.

He said in fulfilling the concept 'powerful of service, zege halilali' the bank has continued to invest more in digital services to provide its services faster and timely while increasing the number of branches and agents of the bank in many parts of the country.

"This pace of service delivery is in line with the increase in number of our services designed to meet the needs of our customers such as NBC Shambani specifically for farmers as well as 'NBC Kua Nasi' specifically for SMEs," he added.

Commenting on the advent of the tax and toll agency service through NBC bank, TRA Deputy Commissioner - Customs and Excise Mr Godfrey Kitundu said the service was timely and would significantly help businessmen using the Dar es Salaam port when they need to make payments of various taxes and levies to TRA and TPA even at night hours.

"This move is well supported by all of us and the government as a whole as it will stimulate revenue

collection and economic growth... We commend NBC for this," he said. speaking at the event, the bank's customer service manager, Salama Musa the Customer Service Week has again provided a good opportunity for the bank to exhibit the importance of teamwork and leadership in customer care in the financial industry through well-coordinated and professional customer delivery.

"With our dynamic and vibrant customer services operations at NBC Bank, we remain committed to rendering the gold standard of services to our customers and stakeholders alike regardless of where they may be across the country," she said.

Commenting on the bank's services some customers said they were 'touched' by the bank not only in saving their money or loan issues but also the lender has been at the forefront in helping them solve various challenges they face in their daily activities

"Basically, I really enjoy NBC Bank's services. It has been a long time since I have been banking with NBC and I am actually more satisfied with their working culture and professional ethics which provide an opportunity for me to continue cooperating with them especially in achieving my business goals," said Anita Waitara, one of the bank's customers.

As part of the actions to extol the patronage and loyalty virtues of their esteemed customers, the bank's staff led by its managing director Sabi, lined up while applauding the customers of the bank who went to get services at the bank's Samora branch in Dar es Salaam, the customers also expressed satisfaction and received the honor



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NBC Bank managing director Theobald Sabi (3rd-R) cuts ribbon in Dar es Salaam yesterday to mark the launch of the bank's 'Wakala' service, which is meant to enable members of the business community to pay taxes and levies to various authorities including the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) and the Tanzania Ports Authority even at night. It was all part of the commemoration of Customer Service Week. Others include NBC head of agency banking Gaudence Shawa (L) and TRA deputy commissioner (Customs and Excise) Godfrey Kitundu (R). Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Correspondent Crispin Gerald

THE government has called on the public to end violence against older people including killing which denies their constitutional and human rights to participate in economic growth.

Deputy minister for the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children Mwanaidi Ali Khamis made the remarks over the weekend in Dodoma during the commemoration to mark the International Day of Older Persons.

"Older people have equal rights to live, to be respected and to be given support to participate in the growth of the economy," he intoned.

She said the community should cease negative belief over older people, and begin to value and appreciate their presence in the contribution for national development.

The minister highlighted that the government in collaboration with the Police Force has managed to reduce the killings of older people from 577 killings in 2014 to 54 in 2020.

"Our focus as the government is to end all killings of older people by educating the public to respect older people and to use them wisely," she

Govt calls upon public to end violence against older people

The United Nations General Assembly by resolution 45/106 designated 1st of every October as the International Day of Older Persons (UNIDOP) which seeks to promote an age inclusive agenda.

The day is basically marked to increase awareness to the public on various issues pertaining to elder people including opportunities and challenges facing the group.

This year's commemoration dubbed "Digital Equity for All Ages" is aimed at recognizing the need for access and meaningful participation of older people in the digital world.

"The theme reminds us that women and older people have been left aside in the digital world, they are not benefiting from the available opportunities in the digital world," she explained, adding that there is a need for setting up proper mechanisms for them to benefit from the digital world.

According to World Health Organisation (WHO) Regional

Director for Africa Dr Matshidiso Moeti, reverence for our elders is a core value across African societies and so this day is a reminder to appreciate the grandparents, parents, aunts and uncles who have guided, inspired and made sacrifices for their families and communities.

"Older people should be a key demographic group for the health sector, the technology industry and other sectors, but too often their interests, concerns and preferences are overlooked or assumed," she mentioned.

She insisted that investment is needed in quality community-based services designed around the preferences of older residents, including listening and sharing information in ways that build trust.

"More should be done to ensure that digital health strategies, approaches and devices reach older people in ways that they appreciate and value," she said.

Moeti cautioned responsible stakeholders to take appropriate action providing social and

economic support for older people and to leverage their wisdom, talents and skills in shaping healthy societies.

Chairman for older people in Dodoma region Petro Mpolo urged the government to assist them with better health services as they are now objected to paying for medical treatment.

"Older people are not involved in the local government decision making meetings thus denying their political rights," he said, adding that the government should work on the amendment for Ageing Policy 2003 to include the recommendations given to improve their rights.

Mpolo advised the government to prepare a modality for older people to be given health insurance coverage to help them access health service easily.

He applauded the government for formulation of councils for older people at streets, village and regional levels which helps them to get opportunities to engage in various social activities.

'Role of clerics in confronting COVID-19 crisis is essential'

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THE government has begun a procedure to educate the public on the importance of COVID-19 vaccination that would be given to worshippers in churches and mosques soon after prayers.

This was revealed here at the weekend by Prof Abel Makubi, Ministry of Health, Community development, Gender, Elderly and Children Permanent secretary when stressing on the importance of vaccination to workers and staff of the Ministry of Minerals.

Prof Makubi said due to the education given by his ministry on the importance of vaccination, there has been an increase in vaccination response from the people. "When the vaccination campaign was launched, the number of people receiving vaccination was 20,000 per day, but the number decreased to 1,000 due to negative campaign in the social networks, but as for now, after the ongoing pro vaccination education campaign the number of people being vaccinated per day has risen to 30,000," said Prof Makubi. He said currently, his Ministry has talked with Christian and Muslim leaders of in the country to start educating their flocks on the importance of vaccination in their areas after prayers.

He also said the aim of this education is to make sure the number of people receiving jobs voluntarily increases many fold compared with now, and called on Tanzanians to disregard who have been disparaging the vaccination campaign.

"I must assure all Tanzanians that our medical institutions made thorough verification of the vaccine and it was found to be totally safe, hence those deriding the campaign should be disregarded," he added.

He further assured all Tanzanians that the vaccine being vaccinated is safe even for people suffering from diabetes, cancer, kidney ailments, blood pressure and even pregnant women.

He also urged Tanzanians to grab the opportunity provided by the available vaccines before they all finish up before the coming of more vaccines.

For his part, the Minerals Permanent Secretary, Prof Simon Msanjila thanked the health ministry for providing education on vaccination to their staff.



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Article 23.3.8.1 of the Constitution of Tanzania Private Investors in Education (TAPIE) that the Annual General Meeting shall be held physically on **Saturday 27th day of October 2021** at **Blue Sapphire Hall, Jangwani Beach (Opposite Ramada Resort) - Mbezi Africana-DAR ES SALAAM** from **9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.** and that the business to be transacted shall be as set out below: -

Agenda

1. Reading of the Notice of convening the Meeting
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. To receive and consider for adoption the National Executive Committee Implementation Report for the year 2020/2021
4. Approval of Annual Budget,
5. Approval of five years' Strategic Plan
6. To receive and consider for adoption the Audited Accounts for the year 2020
7. Appointment of Auditor for the year 2021 financial Accounts,
8. Election of Central Committee and National Executive Committee Members
9. Any other business with the leave of the Chairperson
10. Date of the Next Annual General Meeting
11. Closing of the Meeting

All Members are invited to attend. Kindly register your interest to attend via: email: lyeluflorence35@gmail.com or mobile phone: **0754 659 027/0715 659 027** not later than 20th October, 2021.

DATED AND SIGNED AT DAR ES SALAAM THIS 4TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2021.
BY ORDER OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF TANZANIA PRIVATE INVESTORS IN EDUCATION.

DR. ALBERT EUSTADI KATAGIRA
GENERAL SECRETARY



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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Bus drivers unhappy on LATRA's new timetables

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbarali

BUS drivers making trips between Dar es Salaam, Mbeya and Songwe regions have complained on the new timetables provided by Land Transport Regulatory Authority (LATRA), claiming they do not go in tandem with the actual times of arrivals at their destinations.

Speaking to this paper at the Igawa Police Barrier in Mbeya Region, the drivers said after the shifting of the Dar es Salaam main bus terminal from Ubungo to Mbezi, the journey time has been reduced, as well as the congestion that used to take much of their journey time, but LATRA has issued a time table that has increased the time to arrive at

the destinations.

Timotheo Nyagile, one of the bus drivers said the decision by LATRA has been creating inconveniences to them as they are forced to stop in the forest along the way waiting for the time to arrive at inspecting centres.

Another driver, Juma Abdul said the new LATRA timetable also endangers the safety of themselves and passengers as they are forced to arrive at destinations deep in the night. He said quite often when night time falls many lorries enter the highways with some of drivers drunk hence becoming more prone to accidents.

On their part, some passengers said LATRA was not friendly to them

because sometimes they are forced to sleep along the way without any basic reasons.

Alex Muibrania, a bus passenger said for those passengers needing to connect to transport to their homes in rural areas, are forced to sleep at bus stations waiting for transport to their homes in the morning.

Denis Daud, LATRA Senior Officer for the Southern Highlands regions said the new timetable has been set taking into consideration of road safety.

He said the source of these complaints was high speed by bus drivers who find themselves ahead of the times set by the timetable, the situation that was hazardous to themselves and their passengers.



Shinyanga regional commissioner Dr Philemon Sengati (in glasses) pictured on Friday (Oct 1) presenting an improved Community Health Fund ID card to Helena Kilunga of Nyandekwa in Kahama District at the climax of International Day of Older Persons. Photo: Correspondent Marco Maduhu

Minister Mkenda praises TADB for strengthening coffee farming

By Guardian Correspondent, Moshi

MINISTER of Agriculture Prof Adolf Mkenda has commended the Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank (TADB) for its support on strategic crops including coffee, saying the task ahead was to increase the crop production.

"I have seen many things in this exhibition including, good seedlings, coffee packaging has grown very good, and I thank our banks especially our Agricultural Development Bank (TADB) for sponsoring and participating in this Festival and please continue to touch coffee growers directly," Prof Mkenda said.

Opening the Coffee Exhibition 2021 here, Prof Mkenda said TADB stood a better chance to spearhead

transformations in agriculture and also could contribute significantly to growth and development of the sector in the country.

TADB Bank has provided a total of 140.81bn/- coffee crops to farmers in the country, which includes pesticides, coffee machines, fertilizers, CPU stations, warehouse construction, and seedling cultivation in Ngara.

He said Tanzania was the only country in East Africa that produces instant coffee and that concerted efforts were needed to continue promoting Tanzanian coffee so as to open up more markets in Africa.

"I have talked to TADB and they have shown willingness to give money to farmers to change their productive seedlings so that they could increase coffee production in

the country," the minister explained.

Speaking for the TADB Managing Director, Frank Nyabundege, the bank's Senior Business Development Officer, Zakayo Mphuru said TADB was participating in this year's World Coffee Day exhibition knowing that TADB was a key player in the entire coffee value chain.

According to Mphuru, the bank has been directly involved in enabling the industry to grow by reaching more than 150,000 beneficiary in coffee.

"Our presence at this important exhibition meant for our bank to prove our long time commitment to the growth and development of coffee. I take this opportunity to call upon farmers to continue using TADB to improve and increase production," Mphuru said.

TMDA: It is vital for men to be at forefront in Covid-19 vaccination

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

MEN have been advised to be at the forefront to receive vaccination against Covid-19 due to the disease being associated with erectile dysfunction in case they contract the disease.

The advice was given here at the weekend by a senior Tanzania Medicines and Medical Devices Authority (TMDA), James Ndege at a training seminar to journalists based in Mbeya Region.

The training that aimed to empower journalists on the importance of Covid-19 vaccination was organised by ELIMISHA, a Non-Governmental Organisation and the Office of Mbeya Regional Commissioner.

Ndege said a person who gets infected with Corona virus blood circulation system may fail to reach some body parts including male's reproductive organs.

"Blood vessels are among areas carrying Corona viruses hence if infected, the man may experience the erectile dysfunction challenges as the blood may not reach his reproductive organs, and added that the only remedy is for him to be vaccinated.

For his part, Mbeya Region coordinator of Treatment, Control and Prevention Dr Shaban Hamada told seminar participants that Covid-19 vaccination was important for every Tanzanian.

He said the jab has 80 per cent protection on people and that even

if they get infected, they cannot fall seriously ill compared to those who did not get the jabs.

In addition, he said the vaccination has 90 per cent protection against death and called on Tanzanians to get the jabs at vaccination centres.

He appealed to journalists to assist in disseminating the education to make sure everyone participates in the war against the disease that has been threatening the world in the last two years.

Elimisha Director, Festo Sikagonamo said his NGO decided to organise the training seminar to journalists to enhance their knowledge on the disease, as some of them have been publishing reports without understanding some basic issues regarding the disease.

Be extra careful against dubious online business platforms, warns CMSA

By Correspondent James Kandoya

CAPITAL Market and Securities Authority (CMSA) has warned investors in the country to be careful of online business platforms that are not approved by authorities to avoid unnecessary loss.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam yesterday when launching the World Investor Week (WIW), the CMSA Executive Director Nicodemus Mkama said that the awareness programme will enable investors to make informed decisions.

He said recently, there has been an emerging tendency of some investors to join pyramid schemes without consulting responsible authority and as a result end up in complaints and loss.

"Some investors have lost their money after investing in the online pyramid schemes. It is our hope that the WIW will play a crucial role in raising awareness to the investors so that they can make right decisions," he said.

Mkama said the objective of the week is to increase public awareness on the opportunities and benefits of using capital markets in financing development projects.

Furthermore, promote effective implementation of the National Five-Year Development Plan (FYDP III) 2021/22-2025/26 which is premised on a theme of "Realizing Competitiveness and Industrialization for Human Development" aiming at building a competitive and industrial economy for human development.

He said the week will increase investors' participation in the capital markets thereby promoting implementation of the National Financial Inclusion Framework 2018 - 2022 and National Financial Sector Development Master Plan 2019/20 - 2029/30.

The executive director noted that in its endeavor to commemorate the WIW, CMSA will undertake various activities focusing on awareness, accessibility, usage and protection of investor's interests on the capital market from October 4th to 10th this year.

Mkama said the programme will enhance knowledge about capital markets to increase uptake and usage of capital market products and services and thus contribute to the national agenda of improved financial inclusion and economic development.

According to him, the amount of capital investment had increased by 11 percent and reached 31.37 trn/, where investment in shares reached 16.24 trn/-. government bonds 14.40 trn/- and collective investment schemes reached 730.89bn/- compared to 28.02 trn/ in the period ended September 30 in 2020.

For his part, the representative from the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) Ibrahim Shimbo said low awareness among Small and Medium Enterprise (SMEs) as a result fail to utilise available opportunities in the capital market.

"During the WIW, we have planned to conduct a programme to increase awareness to the public and SMEs to increase uptake and usage of capital market products and services," he said.

The UTT Asset Management and Investor Services (UTT AMIS) representative Pamela Nchimbi wishes to increase people's participation in the capital market investment.

She said UTT AMIS will open special classes including online classes through zoom adding that the week will give them time to evaluate on how to improve technology to offer better services.



Zacharia Mhina (C, foreground), Muheza District coordinator of the national TB and HIV/AIDS control programme, has a word at the weekend with some of the 300-plus people who turned up for screening at a mobile clinic. Fifty-three were found with TB symptoms and started treatment immediately. Photo: Correspondent Steven William

By Correspondent Amri Lugungulo,

Kisarawe

KISARAWE district commissioner, Nickson Simon has urged ward councillors to create favourable environment for learning in order to guarantee excellent academic performance especially for secondary school girls in the Form Four National examinations.

Addressing the stakeholders at a meeting held over the weekend to close the 2020/2021 financial year, he said the weak academic results mainly on part of girls has caused schools assigned for girls in the district to start admitting students from other regions, something that was not planned.

The DC cited the Kisarawe

Create friendly environment for school girls to excel in final exams, DC asks councillors

Girls Secondary School "Jokate Mwegelo Girls Secondary School" as an example, adding that he was surprised to hear that the school would admit students from Kisarawe by only 50 per cent and the rest 50 per cent would come from other districts.

He reminded that the school was introduced recently as a special school for Kisarawe girls and the district councillors had a hope that it would admit students from the district only but now it admits students from outside the district.

Simon insisted that students from the district should work hard to

compete with their fellows to join in higher education otherwise there would be no way to go for further studies.

"Study hard to be able to compete with other students outside the district so as to excel during the national examinations," he advised.

Meanwhile, Marumbo ward councillor, Msafiri Mpendu has requested government officials in the district to visit the area where the meteor is found to make a critical review to the object for tourism.

In another development, the Vice Chairman of Mzenga ward,

Mohamed Rubondo has urged the district council to provide loans to all ward women, youths and persons with disabilities and not only to a few wards in the district.

"Recently provided loans were issued only to two wards, Kiluyva and Kibuta though there were 57 groups in the district who demanded the loans," he mentioned.

Rubondo added that the district has 17 wards including Mzenga, Kurui, Mafizi, Vihingo, Marumbo, Maneromango, Msanga, Chole, Marui, Vikumburu, Masaki, Msimbu, Kiluyva Kibuta Kisarawe, Boga and Kazimzumbwi.

Stakeholders urge govt to increase public awareness on health insurance services

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

A CROSS section of health stakeholders have called upon the government to increase public awareness on health insurance services ahead of the universal health coverage.

They were of the opinion that many Tanzanians do not understand health insurance matters, leading to slow registration with the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) despite of availability of several affordable insurance packages.

Speaking during the event to mark 20th

anniversary of NHIF, some of them who had served at the fund at different times in the past explained that it was not easy as people were against the idea.

The then minister for health when the fund was established in 2001, Anna Abdallah said strong political will contributed to the establishment of the insurance fund.

He said the push should be adopted now as the country move to universal health coverage. "Despite success realised in the past 20 years, there is need to increase public education so that all people can understand health insurance system," she

said.

She said currently many people in the country would like to use health insurance, terming it a positive move towards the right direction but a lot more needs to be done.

Urambo MP, Magreth Sitta (CCM) who was at one-time member at NHIF board of directors and teachers' union leader noted that teachers were initially very skeptical about health insurance, especially due to contribution deductions on their meagre salaries.

She said it was through serious awareness campaign that they came to understand the importance of the fund. However, she said their inquisitively helped to improve a lot of services.

"It is high time the government increases public education on health insurance since majority of people rush for the service once they have patients or have fallen sick," said the MP.

She also expressed provision of health services to the elderly, saying some of them, especially those in the rural areas hardly have access to drugs, more so if they are not available in their nearest health facility.

Former NHIF board of directors' chairperson, Prof Lucian Msambichaka also noted that the main challenge the fund faced right from the beginning was poor understanding among people, mostly on contributions.

"Many people did not understand how health insurance works and when they were told of contributions, things even got worse but with constant education thing started changing and more people were being enrolled," he said, adding that without proper education, a lot of challenges will be realized in the universal health coverage.

Officiating the event, minister for Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, Dr Dorothy Gwajima noted that currently only 14 percent of Tanzania population have access to health insurance and only eight percent, equivalent to 4.5 million people are members of NHIF.

"There is still a great job to ensure that many people are registered for health insurance services and NHIF should be prepared to cope with the new changes," she said, adding that the fund should improve all areas of service provision.

Dr Gwajima challenged the fund to have in place strategies to reach rural-based population, most of whom do not understand health insurance services and others who just ignore because services are not closer to them.



Residents of Muheza town look on helplessly as fire rages in the backyard of a timber-processing factory at the weekend in circumstances that were not immediately established. Photo: Correspondent Steven William

Z'bar academicians and activists identify flaws in Kadhi Court Act

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR academicians and rights activists have said that the Kadhi Court Act of 2017 has many shortcomings that need to be addressed to ensure that a woman who has divorced gets her share in properties she earned during marriage.

Zanzibar University (ZU) lecturer Dr Yahya Khamis Hamad made the remarks yesterday when presenting findings of a study conducted on women's rights and the distribution of property to couples and child care at the time when a marriage falls apart.

For instance, he said the law does not examine the criteria for a person to be eligible as a mediator but also does not specify the actual payment of a divorce decree after the marriage is dissolved.

"There must be a decision on the payment of the farewell gift and the division of marital property," advised Dr Yahya at the session held at the Tanzania Media Women's Association (TAMWA) Zanzibar Offices in Tunguu.

Dr Hamad, who heads the law department at ZU, said forcing a woman to have a receipt to prove her contribution to the marital property is not fair and deprives women of their rights.

He said it was unacceptable for a married woman to be deprived of the marital property immediately after the marriage broke up.

Dr Sikujua Omar Hamdan, a lecturer from State University of Zanzibar (SUZA), said the Kadhi Court Act of 2017 is also silent on children's rights when parents are separated.

She said the Act did not address the issue of custody of a child with special needs if his or her parents are separated which results in difficult life and deprivation of their basic rights including access to education.

She proposed the enactment of a new law on Islamic family law to reduce the burden on the Kadhi Court and expedite the implementation of Kadhi Court rules. Women and children rights activists and religious leaders said the challenge was the result of the limited implementation of the Kadhi's court which resulted in women losing their marital rights after a marriage breakdown.

Tamwa-Zanzibar director, Dr Mzuri Issa said the report focused on Zanzibar to better understand the barriers that women face in claiming part of their properties.

Dr Mzuri said women continue to be deprived of property if their marriage breaks down while children suffer more and lose their basic rights.

It's estimated that 1,457 divorce cases were filed in the Kadhi Court in Zanzibar in 2020 compared to 2019 where the cases increased to 1,515, with 1,271 cases (87.2 percent) being ruled and 186 (12.8 percent) not yet been ruled.



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REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS (RFQ) FOR GOODS/SERVICES

Asasi ya Uwezeshaji Tanzania - ASUTA working in partnership with FHI 360 on Epidemic Control (EpiC) which is a global project funded by the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) which is dedicated to achieving and maintaining HIV epidemic control. It is led by FHI 360 as prime and has a five-year period of performance from April 15, 2019 to April 14, 2024.

ASUTA is looking for vendors who are capable of providing the following goods or services for its head office in Dar es Salaam.

1. Category 1: Office Stationeries
2. Category 2: Vehicle Hires

Deadline and Additional Information

A complete set of bidding documents in English may be purchased by interested eligible bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of TZS 50,000.00 (Fifty thousand Tanzania Shillings) for each category. The payments can be made by cash or through ASUTA bank account number: 009 001 8005 with EXIM Bank. Bidder can also pay through mobile payments using M-Pesa 0754 31 48 29 and Tigo Pesa 0714 880 997 both in the name of Jackson Gembe. The bidder must provide proof of deposit(s) to enable ASUTA to issue the detailed RFQs.

The interested bidder should pick the detailed RFQ at ASUTA offices for respective category or categories stated above from 11-15 October 2021 from 10:00 to 16:00 hrs. A prospective bidder having any questions regarding the detailed RFQs shall contact ASUTA at: asuta@asuta.or.tz three (3) days prior to the due date and time for submission of quotes. The deadline for submission of the proposal is 20th October 2021 by 15:00hrs (East Africa Time). Please quote respective RFQ category number on the envelop.

All responses should be submitted in hard copies, no electronic or email copies will be evaluated. Responses to our RFQ should be sent to the physical address below

Executive Director

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Tusumuke Youth Group chairman Christopher Dioniz (R) pictured in Dodoma yesterday briefing Jenista Mhagama (C, foreground), Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Parliament, Labour, Employment, Youth and People with Disabilities), on a poultry project established and implemented by the groups in the national capital. Photo: Correspondent Paul Mabeja

Farmers called on to promote coffee consumption to expand local market

By Correspondent James Lanka, Moshi

FARMERS have been urged to formulate strategies aimed at promoting domestic coffee consumption as a way of expanding the local market.

Speaking over the weekend during a three days coffee festival dubbed 'Kahawa festival 2021' Kilimanjaro regional commissioner, Stephen Kagaigai said by promoting local consumption of the crop farmers will increase their income by having well-established coffee markets within and outside the country.

Kahawa Festival event which started at Uhuru Park in Moshi Municipality went together with various coffee products exhibitions, seminars and workshops on high quality coffee productions, coffee research, cupping and barista completions, among many series of activities. "Local consumption of coffee in Tanzania is estimated to be 7-percent while in Ethiopia domestic consumption of coffee is more than 60 percent, so we have to promote it in our country to at least 15 percent," the RC said.

The RC further said more efforts are needed to promote the crop's local market instead of depending on foreign markets which most of

the time is unreliable.

For his part, chairperson for the Tanzania Coffee Association (TCA), Dennis Mahulu said the Tanzania Coffee Board (TCB) in collaboration with coffee stakeholders has formed a joint committee with a task of organizing the best way to celebrate the event.

He added that the Barista Competition has been organized specifically as a platform to advance the barista profession, recognize hundreds of baristas in the country and to encourage youth engagement in the Barista field.

"The competition will be conducted for three days during the festival and it will involve more than 40 contestants," he explained.

The TCA chairperson further explained that, apart from barista competitions indicated in the Kahawa Festival Programme, cupping competition will be one of the organized activities.

For his part, the acting Director General of TCB, Kamal Adam Katundu explained that, the board in collaboration with other coffee stakeholders is struggling to make sure that Tanzania is increasing its production by producing high quality coffee that is suitable for local and international markets.

By Guardian Reporter

Upcoming Africa-France summit to ensure young generations new framework for reflection, action

THE Africa-France Summit scheduled for this Friday in Montpellier, France, is expected to redefine the fundamentals of the relationship between France and Africa and provide a platform for young people to discuss issues in relation to their future.

Focusing on 'drivers of change' the summit will host hundreds of people from Africa including artists, human rights defenders, environmental activists, researchers, sports champions, young entrepreneurs, influencers and journalists.

French Ambassador, Nabil

Hajlaoui told journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday that Emmanuel Macron, President of the French Republic will have an open debate with 10 representatives of African young people whereas they are expected to discuss the renewal of the Africa France relationship in relation to selected themes.

The themes for the summit according to him include women empowerment, gender equality and climate change. He said it is

important to focus on climate change and gender equality in Africa and specifically Tanzania because President Samia Suluhu Hassan has also been advocating for gender equality. "The government of Tanzania has embarked on improving gender equality and climate; this aligns with our country whereby we highly consider gender equality in employment. The two are the major global challenges that affect the world but Africa will be

more affected," said the ambassador. Ambassador Hajlaoui noted that the Africa-France Summit will offer a hybrid format to enable the widest participation possible and to address structural themes for tomorrow.

According to him, participants from Tanzania will have a strong place in the summit because for the first time they have shown their brilliant ideas, commitments in gender, environment and other related issues.

He said that Montpellier was chosen because the city hosts a large number of students and it is the main center of research and universities dedicated to sciences to tackle climate change challenges as well as incubators and startups.

Tanzania will be presented by twenty participants, he added.

Rebeca Gyumi who is the founder and Executive Director at Msichana Initiative said the new summit is crucial for the country to achieve its

potential as the new ideas and skills to be learnt in France would help the organisation to continue elevating messages of gender equality.

"The summit will offer us an opportunity to look at how we can continue advocating for the rights of women," said Gyumi.

Another participant from Tanzania, Veronica Massawe from Swissaid Tanzania said since the organisation works to promote adaptation of agro-ecological cultivation methods to small scale farmers in southern Tanzania, the expertise to be accrued during the summit in France would further improve their activities.



VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Air Tanzania Company Limited (ATCL) is implementing its five years Corporate Strategic Plan (2017/2018-2020-2021) which includes the network expansion in local, regional and international destinations as well as improvement of its internal operations and human capital management. Therefore, applications are invited from qualified Tanzanians to fill the position of Aviation Security officer.

1. POSITION : AVIATION SECURITY OFFICER (2POSTS)

1.1 JOB SUMMARY:

To ensure Security and Safety of passengers and luggage from checking up to disembarking as well as maintaining security of equipment directly associated with ATCL operations.

1.2 QUALIFICATIONS:

- Minimum Advanced Certificate of Secondary Education
- Must have attended and passed TCAA approved screener course and relevant AVSEC training.
- Must be computer literate
- Certificate in Law or any post-secondary qualification will be an added advantage
- At least three (3) years working experience in Aviation Security
- Must be a Tanzanian

1.3 RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Responsible for the ATCL Security Operations.
- Proactively supervise and control security operations station to ensure security of departure and arrival of ATCL flights
- Implement security deployment plan to ensure secure coverage of all areas of operation.
- Ensure proper coordination with contracted aviation service security providers for the entire process of ATCL.
- Build good working relationships with security providing partners to facilitate for timely/immediate solution of any security issues affecting ATCL.
- Ensure contracted aviation security service providers consistently adopt procedures, processes and all other relevant amendments made to the ATCL aviation security program
- Ensure proper handling, carriage and disposal of fire arms and other prohibited items to comply with set standards.
- Undertake checks and vulnerability test for contracted aviation security services to ensure continued standards of work performance.
- Analyze theft, pilferage and loss of baggage trends and

develop security counter-measures to ensure security of company, customer and staff properties.

- Conduct preliminary investigation on all detected/reported cases within the scope of aviation security to ensure speedy conclusion.
- Ensure safe collection and forwarding of lost and found properties to the Aviation Security Officer – Standards, Training and Records for hand over to owner or disposal.
- Protect and ensure Company revenue integrity through collection of unpaid excess weight charges.

2. REMUNERATION:

Attractive remuneration and Fringe Benefits as per ATCL Scales and Incentive Scheme.

3. TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT

Fixed Term Contract of Five (5) years

4. MODE OF APPLICATION:

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

- A detailed curriculum vitae (CV);
- Certified copies of all certificates (including Secondary School and birth certificate), and other relevant certificates and licenses. (Tanzanian applicants who have studied outside Tanzania should have their certificates approved by relevant authorities i.e Tanzania Commission for Universities (TCU) or National Examination Council- NECTA))
- Two recent passport size photographs;
- Names and addresses of at least two reputable referees;
- Applicant's reliable contact address, email address and telephone numbers.
- The applicant must indicate willingness to work upcountry when need be.

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

5. CLOSING DATES:

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

**MANAGING DIRECTOR & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
AIR TANZANIA COMPANY LIMITED,
P.O. BOX 543, DAR ES SALAAM**

5th OCTOBER, 2021

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T-MARC TANZANIA

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OPEN POSITION

T-MARC Tanzania is a non-profit Tanzanian organization working to improve public health and promote social development. Our socially marketed products and behavior change communication initiatives address pertinent health issues in family planning and reproductive health, child survival, water and sanitation, nutrition and communicable/non-communicable infections like malaria, HIV/AIDS and cervical cancer.

T-MARC is seeking for a suitable qualified candidate to fill in the position of Social Enterprise Director for USAID Social Enterprise Support Activity (UESA). T-MARC through UESA grows the total market for priority health products by applying social enterprise responsibly: focusing on increasing users, reducing inequities, mitigating risks of crowding out the commercial sector, and sharing evidence and learning with all stakeholders.

Position : Social Enterprise Director
Reports to : Managing Director
Location : Dar es Salaam

Broad Function: The incumbent will be responsible for planning, developing, and implementing social enterprise strategies based on organization goals and objectives with a main goal of supporting organization sustainability. Social Enterprise Director will also be responsible on conducting periodic market research and analysis that will help to inform the development of business plans for commercial opportunities. He will oversee leadership of T-MARC Social Enterprise team on the products, sales and distribution.

Preferred Qualifications and Experience:

Master's Degree in Business administration or any business-related field, 12 years' work experience at directorate level in a highly commercial organization FMCG business /business management/entrepreneurship. A proven entrepreneurial skills and mindset, experience with sales automation (design and implementation) and people management skills are must. An advanced commercial professional certification is an added advantage.

**Managing Director
T-MARC Tanzania
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
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Deadline for submission is 24th October 2021 Only short-listed applicants will be contacted-T-MARC is proud to be an EEO/AA employer M/F/D/V.

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UDSM-Berlin museum research collaboration must be amplified

ANOTHER 100m years dinosaur find has been located by a team of archaeologists from the University of Dares Salaam working with German museum experts, the skeleton of a giant prehistoric creature at the Tendaguru Hill in Lindi Region. A presentation on the finding said that this is the same location from which remains of another dinosaur were discovered during the German colonial period, aptly also dated about 110 years ago. It is simply an illustration of the time gap between the exit of those who had some keen ideas about what to look for in the country, and reactivating those ideas four generations later.

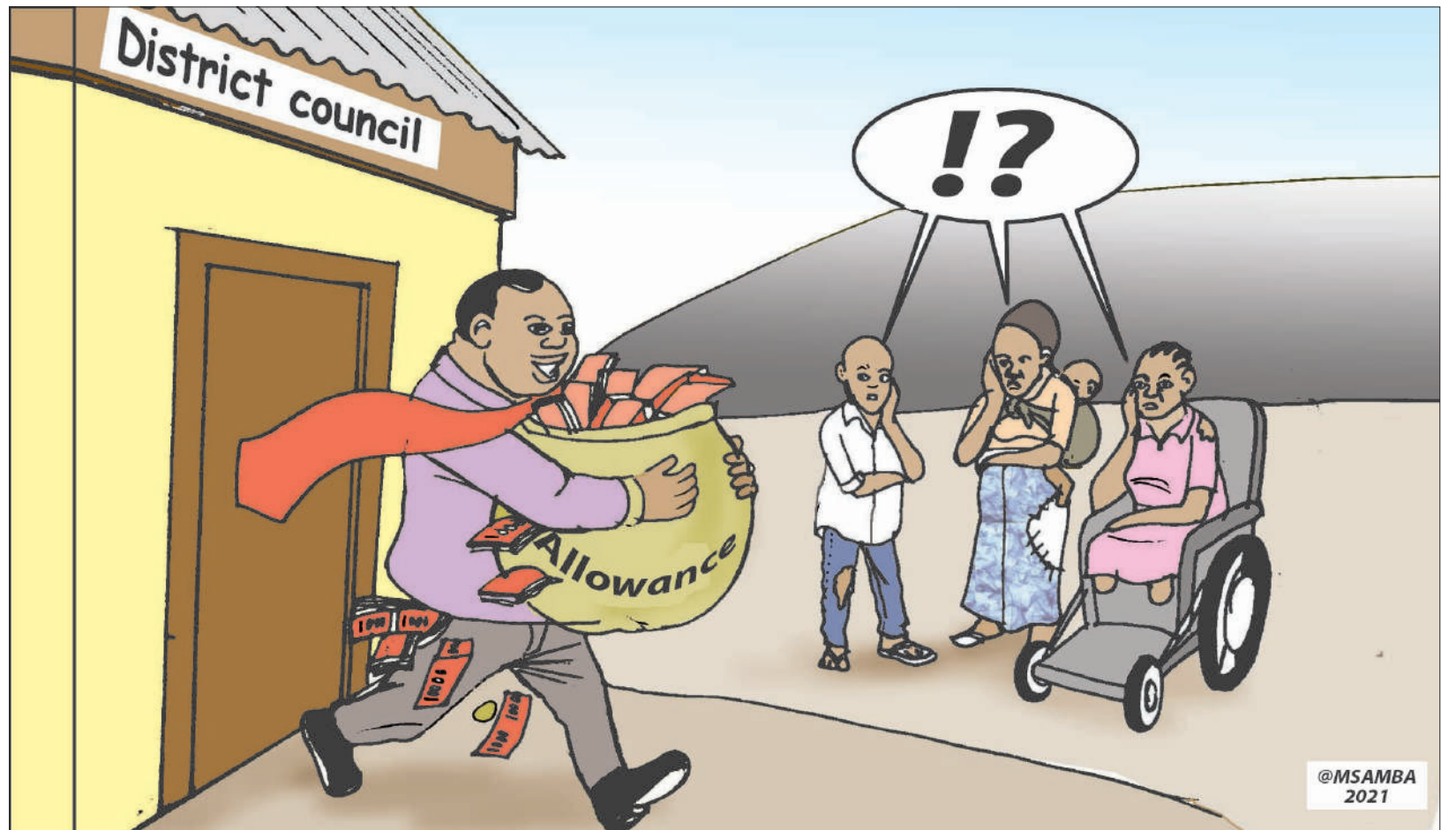
Bones of the 'Brachiosaurus Brancai' discovered a century ago were in due course transported to Germany, while experts believe this time Tanzania is likely to retain the newly discovered remains. Many African countries have been calling for the return of those remains, where in Tanzania the most famous such reclamation was the head of legendary chief Mukwava Mwinyigumba or simply Mkwawa, topping what can be said to be national heroes since independence. Prehistoric remains don't feature too high in those demands as they belong to a cobweb of scientific findings and partnerships, but things are changing.

With real time virtual connections viewers in Germany can closely examine fossils still with curators in Tanzania if such occasion arises, while cutting prices in airlines means that travelling for scientific purposes is no longer as painful as

it might have been in the past. The skeletal remains found, including rib-cage, spinal and lower limbs all weigh over 2 tons despite that they are seemingly from one animal. A scientist said that animal would have been the size of three elephants, quite a scenario to imagine. With our rising tourism and academic heritage put together, and easier communications, we can house it here.

There is also something quite interesting in its naming, by the German part of the research team in Lindi, that it will be known as the 'Dysalotosaurus lettow-vorbecki,' embedded in deposits of the 'middle dinosaur member' (MDM) of the Tendaguru fossiliferous formation, a place with rich heritage of prehistoric fossils in Lindi. The name is tied to the German World War I commander in the then German East Africa, Gen Paul von Lettow-Vorbeck, whom it is certain is scarcely being taught in our schools. The naming reminds chroniclers of a linguistic debate on such fossil finds earlier, where a translation like 'mnyamakale tendaguru' would scarcely live up to scientific classification whatever efforts are put into it. The prefix to the German commander is crucial to mapping out its type and fossil order, in the first place.

For once, we need a greater presence of German researchers and conservators in various parts of the country, due to unparalleled interest in the Serengeti and in fossils in Lindi. With greater institutional opening this could be arranged so that such organizations run institutions, not just arrange trips. It can be tried.



A dog bite tells us about balancing human and environmental health

By Alice Ruhweza

When a feral dog bites your child on the way to school, what does it tell us about the balance between human and natural health in Africa? As it happens, a great deal. We poison predators who harass our livestock. The loss of those scavengers leads to more feral dogs roaming our streets, creating the potential for rabies to pose a more significant threat to human health.

Rabies kills tens of thousands every year, mainly in Asia and Africa. Around 40% of people bitten by potentially rabid animals are children under 15, according to the World Health Organization (WHO). In up to 99% of cases, domestic dogs are responsible for rabies virus transmission to people. Rabies affects both domestic and wild animals. It not only kills. It is costly too.

Treating a rabies exposure, where the average cost of rabies post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) is around US\$40 in Africa and US\$49 in Asia, can be a catastrophic financial burden on affected families whose average daily income is around US\$ 1-2 per person. When more than 15 million people worldwide receive a post-bite vaccination, the costs add up.

Understanding complex connections between the environment, human and animal health is critical for safeguarding nature and protecting human and animal health in Africa in the era of the Covid-19 pandemic as attention to the threat posed by zoonotic diseases grows.

Understanding more about nature's role in supporting human health in Africa is at the heart of a new report, "Nature, the Environment & Health in Africa," by WWF and the Smithsonian's Global Health Program.

Boosting our understanding of the links between nature and human health is especially important in Africa, where nature brings economic prosperity and wellbeing to more than a billion people.

We know that animals and humans pay a high price for environmental degradation and biodiversity loss. Last year we not only had the outbreak of COVID-19 but two Ebola outbreaks in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Nigeria's most severe Lassa fever outbreak on record. Most of East Africa is predicted to see a 20% increase in the risk of



schistosomiasis - a water-borne disease - over the next 20 to 50 years due to climate change.

Our forthcoming report highlights five key priorities to pay attention to.

Firstly, we know too little about the dangers of environmental degradation to human health. We need to plug those gaps in our knowledge.

Secondly, nature's broader role in supporting health remains undervalued. We are paying a high price for the degradation of Africa's natural capital.

Thirdly, the health risks posed by environmental degradation cause disproportionate harm to Africa's poorest and most rural populations, who live in closest association with biodiversity and natural ecosystems.

Fourthly, we need to educate everyone better about the bond between human, animal, and environmental health.

Fifthly, the connections between nature and health are rarely factored into sustainable development policy or public health policy in Africa. Again, that comes at a high price.

We need to talk more. To research more. To measure more. We need greater awareness. We need more evidence. We need new partnerships. We need better policies.

From pollution, poverty, pathogens and pesticides to parasites and pandemics, the links between animal health, human health, and environmental health are evident everywhere.

Our analysis shows that the collapse of ecosystems and the services they provide that support health represent a much more pervasive threat to our well-

being than just emerging diseases such as COVID-19. This is because once degraded, ecosystems lose their ability to regulate burdens of infectious and non-infectious disease and their ability to remove pollutants, provide food and water security and convert more land to agriculture and human settlements, the rate at which people encounter new pathogens that may trigger the next crisis will continue to increase.

The close connection between human health, environmental health and animal health is encapsulated in the concept of One Health. Global organisations are moving in the right direction by creating the One Health High-Level Expert Council to "collect, distribute and publicize reliable scientific information on the links between human, animal and environmental health".

In this context, a high-level panel that included the President of the Republic of Costa Rica Alvarado Quesada and officials from the WWF, FAO and Global Environmental Facility at the International Union for Conservation (IUCN) World Conservation Congress in Marseilles discussed the link between conservation and agriculture and how land health can be achieved. Sustainable agriculture restores land health, conserves soil biodiversity and maintains ecosystems that provide many services to society, including climate regulation and water supply.

Prevention is better than cure. And less costly too. Harnessing the power of nature to protect health is not only smart. It is the path to sustainability.

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World Teachers' Day: Still big tasks remain in local teaching profession

WORLD Teachers' Day, also known as International Teachers Day, is an international memorial event observed annually on October 5, starting from 1994, where it was intended to commemorate the signing of the 1966 UNESCO/ILO recommendation concerning the status of teachers worldwide. It is a standard-setting instrument that addresses the status and situations of teachers globally, despite the vast differences that they experience in various countries, but with a standards-setting instrument. It outlines rules or objectives on education personnel policy, recruitment and initial training as well as continuing education of teachers. It similarly covers their employment and working conditions.

World Teachers' Day aims to focus on appreciating, assessing and improving the 'educators of the world' and to provide an opportunity to consider issues related to teachers and teaching. With teachers being the highest group of public employees in number, and having scores of their fellow ex-teachers in public office at all levels, they scarcely lack representations, though their demands aren't always met. Still they will have something to celebrate in this year's event on account of recent changes, reinstating thousands of them to finish their careers as they were able to do their jobs, despite queries.

To celebrate World Teachers' Day, the UNESCO and Education International (EI), a non-governmental organisation, mount a campaign each year to help give the world a better understanding of teachers and the role they play in the

development of young people and society. With private sector partners like the media, the campaign focus on different themes each year, where in 2017 it was "Empowering Teachers," where the discussion about teachers' conditions was now being leveraged on higher education, usually left out.

While the country marks this event, professionals will remember that there are many gaps in what can be said to be objectives of the various levels of education, and answers can hardly said to have been found. There is an ongoing initiative launched by the sixth phase government to revisit the whole educational structure to see if learning can be revamped, the stream of subjects diminished (as plenty is now available on the hand or television, newspapers etc) and the focus be directed at handy subjects where careers can be constituted. Practical orientation is going to be given higher presence, but there is an impression that liberal arts like performance arts of various sorts, games and sports are not being properly represented, and there is so much of electronics, business modules, etc.

Last but not least is the language debate, where for three decades experts have insisted that training is difficult because students meet with English in secondary schools instead of continuing with Kiswahili. They have never suggested that pupils start with English from primary one, and learn it efficiently thereafter. Virtually all parents want their kids learn in English, but policy makers look askance. Yet with greater integration in the EAC zone and with foreigners coming in, this liability is somewhat intolerable.

Strong vitality of BRI wins wide praise

By Mo Jingxi

ON Oct 3, 2013, President Xi Jinping proposed building the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road during a speech at the Indonesian parliament. A month earlier, he had put forward the strategic framework for building the Silk Road Economic Belt.

The Belt and Road Initiative, as the two together are known, has become the most well-received international public good and the largest platform for international cooperation over the past eight years. As of Aug 23, more than 200 cooperation agreements with 172 countries, regions and organizations have been signed under the BRI framework.

As the world faces the combined impacts of changes unseen in a century and the COVID-19 pandemic, the BRI has demonstrated strong vitality and creativity and will continue to provide impetus for the global economic recovery and contribute to global sustainable development, observers said.

Despite the pandemic, China's nonfinancial out Xie Fuzhan, president of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, said that Belt and Road construction, which aims for the common development and prosperity of all, has brought concrete benefits to countries and regions along the routes.

The outcomes in the past eight years have shown that the BRI conforms to the trend of the times, the law of development and the interests of all countries, thus enjoying broad prospects, Xie said at a seminar in September.

Statistics from the Ministry of Commerce show that from 2013 to 2020, the trade volume of goods between China and countries participating in the BRI surpassed \$9.2 trillion. China's direct foreign investment to participating countries reached \$136 billion, and 330,000 local jobs were created by BRI programs invested in by Chinese companies.

"Thanks to the BRI, East Africa now has its first motorway, the Maldives has built its first inter-island bridge, Kazakhstan is connected to the sea, Southeast Asia is constructing a high-speed railway, and the Eurasian (region) is benefiting from the longest-distance freight train service," Cong Peiwu, the Chinese ambassador to Canada, said in June.

The fruitful results reflect President Xi's comments at a welcoming banquet in honor of guests attending



A visitor walks past the logo of the fourth Belt and Road Summit at Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre in Wan Chai, Sept 11, 2019. File photo

the first Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation in 2017.

"The Belt and Road Initiative embodies our shared dream for a better life. The initiative weaves into a common vision the dreams of different countries and peoples. We will work to translate this vision into reality and deliver greater happiness and well-being to our people," Xi said.

bound direct investment in 58 countries participating in the BRI rose 18.3 percent to \$177.9 billion in 2020, and none of the key projects involved in the BRI have been suspended due to COVID-19, according to

Chinese authorities.

The Belt and Road is also being developed into a model of health for protecting people's safety and wellbeing, as BRI participant countries helped each other to effectively alleviate the shortage of medical supplies amid the pandemic.

As of May, China has offered anti-pandemic assistance to more than 120 BRI partners and provided vaccines to more than 90. The China-Europe freight train, an important part of the BRI, had transported a total of 11.05 million items of medical material as of the end of March,

according to the Foreign Ministry.

Xu Xiujun, a researcher at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences' Institute of World Economics and Politics, said that the principles for BRI cooperation openness, inclusiveness and transparency and of extensive consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits, have been highlighted amid the pandemic.

"Countries are increasingly aware that mankind is a community with a shared future, and the BRI is one of the important platforms to build this community," Xu said.

As President Xi has said on various occasions, the BRI is a public road open to all, and all interested countries are welcome to cooperate and share in its benefits.

Speaking via video link at the opening ceremony of the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference in April, Xi said that going forward, China will continue to work with other parties in high-quality Belt and Road cooperation.

"We will follow the principles of extensive consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits, and champion the philosophy of open, green and clean cooperation, in a bid to make Belt and Road cooperation high-standard, people-centered and sustainable," he said.

Luo Zhaohui, chairman of the China International Development Cooperation Agency, said that China's foreign aid will make new contributions to the joint construction of the Belt and Road.

China's international development cooperation will continue to give priority to the countries involved in the BRI and provide stronger impetus, greater space and better paths for Belt and Road construction so as to make it an important "propeller" for global sustainable development, Luo said at the Sustainable Development Forum 2021 on Sept 27.

Nadia Helmy, a political science professor at Egypt's Beni-Suef University and an expert on Chinese politics, told CRI Online that, through the BRI, China is providing a new way for realizing international business prosperity and deepening regional cooperation, thus making the process of globalization more inclusive.

The BRI is an epoch-making initiative and a path to win-win cooperation, she said.

Why alternative to mercury is urgently needed to save miners, communities

By Guardian Reporter

AS mercury remains the dominant 'technology' used in gold recovery by artisanal miners in the country, the government is racing against time to reduce and finally eliminate its use to minimize health, environmental and socio-economic risks amongst artisanal miners and communities around the mines.

An estimated 7.2 million people in Tanzania depend on small-scale mining activities directly and indirectly.

Tanzania introduced the five-year National Action Plan (NAP) for Artisanal and Small Scale Gold Mining (2020-2025) as part of efforts to reduce the use of mercury among small scale miners by 30 per cent, increase public awareness on the impact of mercury, promote adaptation of mercury control and capture technologies as well as introduce mining technologies that do not require mercury use.

The control and elimination measures that are being undertaken by the government are in line with the Minamata Convention on Mercury whereas as one of the signatories, Tanzania ratified the international treaty on October 5th 2020 with the intention of protecting human health and the environment.

It first signed the convention in October, 2013. A total of 134 countries have so far signed the protocol.

According to an Environmental Engineer in the Vice President's Office, Kamkuru Maganya, mercury is also used in production of medical equipment, researches, industries and laboratories. He was addressing participants of a two-day seminar on the Minamata Convention held in Dodoma Region recently. The meeting brought together environment stakeholders and journalists under the umbrella of the Journalists' Environmental Association of Tanzania (JET).

In regard to the Minamata Convention, Kamkuru said the government has established a number of policies including the Minerals Policy of Tanzania (2009), the National Environment Policy (1997) and the National Health Policy (2007). The government also come up with a number of laws on environment, minerals and chemicals.

He said the government has been conducting research to come up with an alternative gold processing technology for artisanal miners instead of mercury as well as ensuring that small scale miners applying mercury in gold processing use personal protective equipment (PPE). He said although the government has not banned the use of mercury, its importation is informal as there are no official records based on the information provided by the Government Chemist Laboratory Authority (GCLA).

Mercury use in the country stands at be-

tween 13.2 and 214.4 tonnes per year, used mostly by artisanal miners who number about 1.2 million people. Between 10 and 20 per cent of all the gold produced in Tanzania is from small scale miners of whom 30 per cent are women.

"Mercury is informally imported into the country through Sirari, Namanga, Dar es Salaam and Tunduma," said Kamkuru, adding that measures are taken to ensure construction of sluicing boxes at the mines. He said the move is likely to control water contamination as the amount used to wash gold concentrates is directed to designated streams.

Miners are mostly affected by mercury during gold capturing where the chemical is added to extract the gold by forming an amalgam, he added.

Benjamin Mchwampaka from the National Environment Management Council (NEMC) said it is high time for the country to come up with alternative gold processing technologies for artisanal miners because mercury use is expected to end in 2032.

"Mercury will not be produced anywhere in the world after 2032. We need an alternative to it to ensure continued gold production by artisanal miners because large companies are already using other technologies such as cyanide, shaking tables and concentrators," said Mchwampaka

He said researchers at the University of Dodoma are working on a new smelter which is likely to facilitate direct smelting. He said the government intends to come up with a technology that is environmentally friendly with its equipment available locally at affordable prices.

Mchwampaka added that the new technology known as borax, which is essentially smelting, is expected to replace mercury. He said the technology is now used by a small number of miners at isolated places.

Abel Madaha, an environmental expert from Tanzania Mining Commission (TMC) said some of the symptoms that people affected by mercury are likely to exhibit or feel include headache, weak body, shaking, memory loss and reduced thinking capacity. Between 25 to 33 per cent of small gold miners in the country have been affected by mercury, he said.

Inhaling mercury vapour is most dangerous, and those that manipulate the mercury directly in the process of gold extraction, especially by burning mercury, are therefore most at risk. Through the use of contaminated soil and water for livestock and crops, mercury can also enter the food chain. Communities near artisanal mining locations can therefore gradually accumulate mercury in their bodies, which is especially dangerous for pregnant women, children and the elderly.

Extended exposure to mercury can cause



Mariam Omary, a miner, washes gold-bearing sand at one of the four sluicing boxes at the Chikoa/Noli gold mine in Dodoma Urban District. Photo/ Guardian Reporter.

mercury poisoning, and can damage kidneys, impair hearing, vision, and balance. In extreme situations, it can cause people to become comatose or even claim lives. Often time those who are most vulnerable, young children and elderly, are those most prone to fall victim to the effects of mercury.

Madaha said the government through the State Mining Corporation (STAMICO) has established three centres of excellence (processing plants) at Itumbi area in Chunya District, Lwamgasa in Geita Region and Katente in Bukombe District in Shinyanga Region. The districts were chosen by considering the high number of miners involved in the sub-sector.

"Small scale miners are al-

lowed to process their gold at these established plants," he said.

Mariam Omary, one of the small scale miners at the Chikoa/Noli mine in Dodoma Urban District said: "Some of us cannot afford protective equipment; we use mercury to extract gold with our bare hands."

Omary who has been working at the mine for four months, said she is paid between 4,000/- and 5,000/- per day depending on availability of work. She said women are not involved during gold capturing as most of them are specifically employed to crush the gold-bearing gravel and wash the gold concentrate powder at sluicing boxes.

Another miner, Christina

Joseph said: "We are aware of the health and environmental risks posed by mercury and that's why we don't engage ourselves in gold capturing."

Zebedayo Machande, Manager at the Chikoa/Noli gold mine said the mine has operated for five months since its establishment and that most of the miners, especially those involved in gold capturing, are aware of the health and environment risks posed by mercury, and that they always wear protective gear during the process.

"We have four sluicing boxes here, water used to wash gold concentrates is properly managed and directed to designated streams. We do this to avoid contaminating water with mercury. Having

the sluicing boxes has really helped to protect us and the environment," he said, adding they have already drilled a well which is the main source of water for miners.

Geita Region leads in the use of mercury at 4,489 kilograms per year. It is followed by Mbeya (1,854kg), Katavi (1,234kg), Shinyanga (1,456kg), Tabora (1,112kg), Singida (1,048kg), Kwanza (1,696kg), Kagera (1,840kg), Mara (886kg), Iringa (870kg) and Kigoma (899kg).

Official statistics indicate that casual workers at mines earn between 80,000/- and 150,000/- per month per person depending on the availability of work. However, the monthly income can rise to over 2m/- per individual worker.

Lake Chad Basin security crisis heightened by rise in community violence

By Hoinathy Remadji and Celestin Delanga

THE Lake Chad Basin region is plagued by insecurity. In addition to the terror inflicted by Boko Haram, organised crime and kidnappings for ransom in the area, it's feared that Cameroon's community conflicts could spread, further destabilising the entire region.

Land and water are at the root of the inter-communal rivalries in Cameroon's Far North that have claimed the lives of 15 people and injured 50 since May. The availability of illegal homemade or manufactured weapons makes the clashes deadlier.

People in these areas make a living from livestock, agriculture and fishing. These livelihoods are concentrated around rivers and streams that offer grazing, water and arable land. Climate change increases the competition for scarce resources, which, fueled by identity-based politics, leads to bloody conflicts.

Many communities live in the large cross-border areas shared by the four Lake Chad Basin countries – Cameroon, Chad, Niger and Nigeria. For example, the Kanuri, Shuwa Arabs and Boudouma can be found in all four countries, while the Kotoko and Musgum reside in Chad and Cameroon. The borders are extremely porous, especially when located on rivers or the lake.

On 11 August, the Shuwa Arab and Musgum communities clashed over land in El Birké canton in the Logone-Birni district. Twelve people died and 48 were seriously injured. Since then, more than 11,000 people from Cameroon have crossed the Logone River to seek safety in Chad's Oudouma and Ngama Kotoko areas.

Conflict zones in Cameroon's Far North Region

The attacks occurred in the

middle of the rainy season when extensive flooding makes it difficult to get emergency aid to the refugees. This is on top of the growing humanitarian needs caused by the protracted Boko Haram crisis.

In June, bloody conflicts over land pitted the Shuwa Arab against the Kotoko community in the Aboudangala canton, also located in Logone-Birni. Two people were killed and four seriously injured. In May, a dispute over access to water led to battles between the Kanuri and Chuwa Araba in Waza. One person died and four were wounded.

These communal tensions are not new. Clashes between the Kotoko and Musgum in Zina in 2007 left eight people dead and 60 wounded. Similarly, violence between the Shuwa Arabs and Kotoko in Kousseri in 1992 left 68 people dead and 395 wounded.

Almost all those involved in these conflicts live in Cameroon and Chad, and along the border between the two countries. The Shuwa Arab also live in parts of Borno State in Nigeria, and in Niger. During the latest August conflict, Institute for Security Studies research revealed an influx of people from various Chadian communities into the Cameroon conflict zone to join forces with their families. Porous borders in the area, especially rivers, make this movement easier.

There's a strong likelihood that these problems could worsen regionally. Security issues in the Lake Chad Basin often become regional because of the anthropological, historical and economic proximity of the people living in the area.

The circulation of firearms in the hands of former rebels, national army members and smugglers is nothing new because of the long-standing armed conflicts in Chad, Sudan, Libya, Nigeria and the Central African Republic. But the increasing use

of guns in community clashes in this already volatile region requires urgent attention from Lake Chad Basin governments.

The Cameroonian authorities have already stepped up with the launch of a disarmament operation after the August violence in El Birké. This should be maintained and extended to the entire conflict zone and coordinated with other Lake Chad Basin countries to effectively 'silence the guns' in the region.

Finally, responses to the local rivalries should be reassessed. The reconciliation initiatives led by Cameroon's government, while attracting media attention, are unlikely to resolve the disputes. They consist of official meetings of community leaders under the aegis of higher authorities, and as such, remain merely protocol. A long-term approach is needed that addresses the nature of the conflicts and their historical and economic underpinnings.

Understanding the underlying causes of the clashes rather than their sporadic manifestations would help craft sustainable solutions. Transitional justice mechanisms are also worth exploring to address prosecutorial concerns, truth-seeking, reconciliation and healing of the affected communities. Investigating and prosecuting the alleged perpetrators of attacks and compensating the victims could help quell the thirst for intra- and inter-community reprisals.

The role of traditional authorities (village and community chiefs and religious leaders) and the means they use to manage resources and prevent and resolve conflict, must also be strengthened. Because of their social standing and their vital roles as guarantors of tradition, these leaders are best placed to organise reconciliation processes that their communities will trust and participate in. **DM**



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

Consultancy: o produce "Success stories and lessons learnt" Report for East Africa Sustainable Forest Programme in Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Madagascar and Mozambique

1. BACKGROUND

The Eastern Africa Sustainable Forest Programme (EASFP) is a four-year programme (2016-2020) Programme being implemented by WWF – with support of the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) of Finland – in Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Mozambique and Madagascar. The programme's overall goal is to build the capacity of Eastern Africa governments and local communities in priority landscapes in the region to take full responsibility and ownership over the sustainable management of their forest resources.

The initiative aims to protect forest reserves and buffer zones, prevent deforestation, and promote wildlife and sustainable agriculture land use. To do so, the programme has adopted the following strategic approaches;

- Strengthening forest governance, civil society and inter-governmental collaboration
- Improving transparency and sustainability of timber trade supply/value chains
- Promoting sustainable forest management approaches

The programme's priority landscapes include the Albertine Rift (led by WWF Uganda), the Ruvuma Landscape (led by WWF Tanzania), the forest corridor of Marojeje – Anjanaharibe Sud – Tsaratanana, known as COMATSA (led by WWF Madagascar) and Coastal Kenya (led by WWF Kenya). Some key issues addressed by the programme are the growing local and international demands for timber and other natural resources, the growing intra-regional and inter-regional illegal trade for timber and other forest products, inadequate capacity of forest-dependent communities and the centralization of natural resources ownership. The programme also aims to tackle unsustainable land-based investments, limited financial capacity and resources to unlock the potential from Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFPs), inadequate implementation of forest institutional reforms and poor governance and low accountability.

The WWF EASFP is therefore seeking Communications Consultants to undertake this assignment to produce a report, detailing the programme's Successes and Lessons Learnt. The assignment will include field travel in each of the programme's countries.

OBJECTIVES OF CONSULTANCY

The overall objective of the consultancy is to assist WWF Tanzania in producing a high-quality report ready for printing that will capture and share successes and lessons about forest management in the East African region.

Key responsibilities of the Communications Consultants:

- Develop and design the 4-year report for each programmatic country, including conducting interviews, reviewing literature, creative design/layout, editing and translating of the text to English

Application procedure & Submission of Applications

All interested applicants may get the detailed ToR on WWF websites at https://www.wwf.or.tz/jobs_and_opportunities/jobs/ and also, send your full proposal (technical & financial) through procurement email at procurement@wwftz.org only softcopy proposals are accepted addressed to;

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All applications should reach us by or before 10.00am Tanzania local time on **Friday, 15 October 2021**



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

Documentation of Stories of Impact on Forest Landscape Restoration in Lindi and Pwani Regions

1. Introduction

Forest land degradation and deforestation are environmental problems facing Tanzania leading to biodiversity loss and reduced ecosystem services to people. Faced by these challenges in the 1990s, Tanzania formulated policies and strategies with emphasis on the importance of land restoration in achieving economic growth. Landscape restoration is a key nature-based solution and an elementary activity for green recovery as it stimulates investments and creates jobs primarily in rural areas and helps to secure livelihoods of local communities while also contributing to reverse biodiversity loss and mitigating climate change.

For over 20 years WWF has been working in the Ruvuma Landscape to restore degraded village forests and put them under sustainable Community Based Forest Management. Other conservation initiatives have been formulation of Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs), introduction of conservation agriculture and tree planting.

Communicating best practices and initiatives hugely helps in the successful implementation of FLR strategies. It's in this vein that WWF seeks to document stories of impact in FLR in Ruvuma Lindi and Pwani regions.

2. Objective and Deliverables

The objective of this assignment is therefore to film and produce a documentary that effectively profiles key successes, impacts and lessons from Ruvuma Landscape and Pugu Kazimzumbwi Nature Reserve on Forest Landscape Restoration efforts and initiatives.

Deliverables

- 1x3 to 8 minutes video documentary
- 3 x 1 minute teasers
- 100 high quality photos
- An infographic representation for the collected information
- A picture book of not more than 16 pages

3. Application Procedure and submission

All interested applicants may get a detailed ToR on WWF Tanzania's website at www.wwf.or.tz/jobsandopportunities/jobs

Send your detailed proposal (technical and financial) including CVs and experience of the team to procurement@wwftz.org.

Please note that only softcopy proposals will be accepted

All applications should reach us by/or before 1700 East African Time on **Friday 15th October, 2021**

Insurance firm launches roadside assistance service for its customers

By Guardian Reporter

PHOENIX Assurance has launched its 'Utulivu' added benefits to all private motor comprehensive policies.

Utulivu is the 24/7 Roadside Assistance Service for private motor Comprehensive Policies within the Dar es Salaam at no additional cost. The 24/7 Roadside assistance service include, battery jump starting, flat tyre assistance, lost keys, fuel delivery, onsite minor repair and towing 24hrs.

"We saw a gap in the market for private car owners who often experience such inconveniences while on the road and struggle at time to find timely assistance without having to reach out to family or friends. We believe as a responsible insurer to offer such services to our customers will provide an even more assurance that

their insurer is a phone call way in the event they may find themselves in any of the mentioned challenges day or night," said Ashraf Musbally, Phoenix Assurance CEO.

He said: "Utulivu service is not an insurance cover, but an additional service at no extra costs to the clients. We take this opportunity to remind all our private motor comprehensive policy holders to use the Utulivu service.

Phoenix assurance, private motor comprehensive policy already covers for: Accidental/Fire Damage to your vehicle, Loss of vehicle or spare parts / accessories, protection and removal after accident, third party liabilities (damage to property, death or injury), riot and strike cover (non-political), medical expenses cover up to a stated limit and authority to repair damage to vehicles up to a stated limit.



Phoenix Assurance CEO Ashraf Musbally (L) speaks during the launch of Utulivu, an added benefits to all private motor comprehensive policies. To his left principal insurance supervisory analyst at the Tanzania Insurance Regulatory Authority Hillard Maskini. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

AU launches Africa climate mobility initiative

By Special Correspondent

THE African Union Commission in partnership with institutions like the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), World Bank, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and the International Or-

ganization for Migration (IOM) this week launched the Africa Climate Mobility Initiative (ACMI).

The Africa Climate Mobility Initiative (ACMI) aims to support the African continent to both connect the potential of mobility in the context of the climate crisis, as well as to address cli-

mate-forced displacement and migration.

Monique Nsanzabaganwa, the African Union Commission Deputy Chairperson who presided over the high-level launch said the launch of an Africa Climate Mobility Initiative has come at a very critical time where global solidarity and shared

responsibility is no longer a choice but a central philosophy for governance of global affairs.

"The Intergovernmental Panel for Climate Change, 6th Assessment Report (2021), revealed alarming facts and figures, that is why we are calling for transformative action to save lives and

livelihoods of the victims of climate forced displacements by integrating solutions into the national and international macroeconomic frameworks that pursue equitable development, interlinkages among conflict, natural disasters and population movement," she added.

Nsanzabaganwa added

that ACMI is geared towards shaping the future and called upon all partners to embrace the mechanism and provide collective efforts to shape the resilience of mobile populations against climatic conditions.

ACMI seeks to promote the African Union Climate Change Strategy that aims

at enhancing coherence in the continent's approach to addressing climate change, and the implementation of the Blue Economy Strategy which addresses in part issues of climate change and biodiversity conservation while boosting economic development of communities.

Adhere to professionalism, integrity, BoT governor Prof Luoga urges the bankers

By Guardian Reporter

BANKERS have been challenged to adhere to professionalism and integrity, which are the key pillars of a thriving banking sector.

Bank of Tanzania (BoT) governor Prof Florens Luoga threw the challenge when speaking to 140 graduands at the Tanzania Institute of Bankers (TIOB) 23rd graduation in Dar es Salaam over the weekend.

Prof Luoga said: "Professionalism means adherence to clearly defined ethical guidelines...you have learnt the ethics, which the profession demands; use your professional expertise with integrity."

In a speech read on his behalf by BoT's Director of Financial Sector Supervision Jerry Sabi, Governor Luoga challenged bank and financial institutions in the country to invest adequately in the training of their employees, saying the technological advancements and changing market demand have created the need for highly trained banking professionals.

He challenged the financial institutions to give moral and material support to their employees to acquire professional banking qualifications, which he described as "essential for handling the banking business in an efficient, secure and reliable manner."

The central bank's chief said the introduction of new financial products and services like automated teller machines, debit cards, internet banking, mobile banking, digital and electronic payments have increased demand for well-trained, reliable and ethical professionals.

Professor Luoga who doubles as Chairman of TIOB's Governing Council said the integrity of the banking industry relies on the ethical conduct of its professionals.

"The knowledge and skills you have acquired are your most important ingredients to strengthening your banking carrier and financial service industry," Professor Luoga said, imploring the graduands to continually learn to widen their understanding.

He assured of the collective efforts of the central bank, licensed banks and financial institutions in building the capacity of TIOB as its members and guarantors remain a key contributor to the growing numbers of skilled professional bankers in the country.



Graduands in group photo at TIOB's 23rd graduation ceremony in Dar es Salaam over the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

TIOB Executive Director Patrick Mususa said the institute will continue to improve the electronic learning as an alternative study option for candidates preparing for professional banking examinations, citing the introduction of electronic book-e-book-services to complement the traditional printed books.

"The institute has become more accessible through these online study platforms

and will continue improving with the ultimate goal of reducing classroom time for all of our programmes," said Mr Mususa.

He said the institute has been working closely with the East African Institutes of Bankers of Kenya and Uganda, the regional partnership that has facilitated knowledge and relevant experience sharing for the development of the banking profession in the region. TIOB has as well nurtured cor-

dial working relation with the 1997 formed Alliance of African Institutes of Bankers (AAIOB), with TIOB being the founding member and treasurer to Africa's professional body. The 13-member alliance has developed and adopted a common syllabus on which all members have based their professional examinations since May 2011.

"The alliance aims at promoting internationally acceptable standards of knowledge,

skills, competences and conduct in the banking industry across Africa," said the executive director.

He further said 137 candidates graduated with the highest qualification in the banking industry-Certified Professional Bankers (CPBs)-while eight others were awarded Banking Certificates. The new CPBs bring to over 1,000 the total number of fully qualified banking professionals.

Young African professionals reflect on being 'changemakers' for the future

By Special Correspondent

YOUNG professionals from across Africa gathered together in Nairobi, Kenya, for a meeting aimed at developing a common vision for a future where the dignity of all is recognized and no one is left behind, inspired by Pope Francis' invitation to give a new soul to the economy.

The three-day youth forum, organized by the Jesuit Ecology Network Africa (JENA) in conjunction with the Economy of Francesco organization and the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, saw the presence of

young economists and entrepreneurs from eight African countries.

The "Encounter in Nairobi" held from 27 - 29 September took place as part of efforts toward the 2021 Economy of Francesco Global Event in Assisi which took place on 2 October.

Drawing from the diversity of their cultures and experiences, the participants at the meeting committed themselves to becoming catalysts for change in the world, in spite of socio-economic and political challenges.

In a message from the Nairobi regional gathering to the

global Economy of Francesco, the participants pointed at the root causes of some of the challenges faced by the African continent, including the exclusionary effects of colonization, the destruction of ecosystems, corruption and a lack of investment in knowledge production that would be by and for Africans.

In the face of these difficult challenges, the young professionals called for solidarity and support for a renewed economy that gives life in order to promote integral human development that is worthy of the dignity that we all share.

Dominic Chai, SJ, a Jesuit economist working at the Vatican Covid-19 Commission and co-host of the gathering, explained that the vision of the Economy of Francesco is to "provide a space for young changemakers to gather in their local communities to share their hopes for the economy of tomorrow, one which according to Pope Francis should be one that fosters life and ensures that nobody is left behind."

Chai added that towards that end, the "Encounter in Nairobi" brought together young economists and entrepreneurs together, in a spirit

of synodality, to discern on what local communities can do to bring the Economy of Francesco vision to life."

Similarly, the Director of the Jesuit Justice and Ecology Network Africa (JENA) and co-host for the gathering in Nairobi, Fr. Charles Chilufya SJ, highlighted the importance of the encounter as an opportunity to "listen to one another in a spirit of charity."

The Jesuit priest also stressed that "Africa's young changemakers will only be able to bring their vision to life by working together and drawing on their diverse talents and experiences."

Speaking further on the importance of the Nairobi gathering, JENA's Policy and Advocacy Officer, Fernando Saldivar noted that the young professionals were "animated by the spirituality of Laudato si", and reflected individually upon the journey that brought them to the encounter and how best they could answer the common call to service that the group discerned together."

Sharing some of the ideas from their common reflection, Wendy Omanga, one of the participants from Kenya stressed the need for world and local leaders to "give opportunities for youth voices to

be heard in terms of the humanity of the world and the conservation of the environment we live in."

Emmy Otim from Uganda invited African youths to "leverage on technology to build synergies across the world in order to have more sustainable ways of dealing with our problems and to create solutions that work for everyone."

Another participant, Chalo Mwansa from Zambia, drew from the African philosophy of Ubuntu, the idea that "I am because we are", which he hopes will inspire us to build back better and move ahead as a community.

Eye on polls, Turkey's Erdogan may regret rate cut he pushed for

ANKARA

PRESIDENT Tayyip Erdogan's belief that a shock interest rate cut will stoke up Turkey's economy ahead of elections is instead likely to backfire as hot inflation and a lira selloff stall growth.

Sources close to the presidency told Reuters that Erdogan pushed the central bank for months - both publicly and privately - to deliver the monetary stimulus in order to boost lending, exports and jobs despite soaring inflation.

On Sept. 23, the bank delivered, unexpectedly lowering its policy rate by 100 basis points to 18% - sending the lira currency to all-time lows.

Investors dumped Turkish bonds and said the move marked the latest blow <https://www.reuters.com/business/turkish-central-bank-surprises-with-rate-cut-sought-by-erdogan-2021-09-23> to the central bank's tattered credibility, given inflation had jumped above 19% amid global price pressures that leave emerging markets like Turkey uniquely vulnerable.

Consumer prices were up 19.6% in September from the same month last year, the biggest rate of increase in 2-1/2 years, data showed on Monday.

In interviews, several Turkish economists said the rate cut was a grave error that would likely sink Turks deeper into economic distress ahead of elections that must be held by mid-2023.

"The sense of gloom, the exchange rate, is exposing that economic governance is in shambles," said Refet Gurkaynak, chair of Bilkent University's economics department, in Ankara.

Yet Erdogan - sliding in opinion polls - had grown impatient for a rate cut after installing a new central bank chief earlier this year, and he was surprised that inflation had marched higher, two Turkish officials said.

Still, one official close to the presidency said the rate cut was worth it despite the risks and inevitable criticism.

"This decision was necessary to increase exports, to generate employment and to open the way for new investments," the person said, requesting anonymity. "There may be negative effects, but it had to be taken ... to achieve these benefits."

The president's office did not immediately comment on whether it pushed for the rate cut and why. The central bank declined to comment on whether Erdogan applied pressure.

Erdogan, a self-described enemy of interest rates, said on Friday that inflation will drop to single digits, but he did not address the interest rate cut.

His government has blamed supermarkets for unfair practices, while on Sunday Erdogan promised to open 1,000 new markets across the country to provide "suitable" prices for goods.

'FALSE ASSUMPTIONS'



President Tayyip Erdogan

The central bank said easing was needed since inflation is temporary and a core measure had dipped, and also since lending suffered after six months of the policy rate being held at 19% - among the highest in the world.

But Turkey's relatively low foreign reserves, heavy imports and a "real" inflation-adjusted interest rate becoming more negative are all red flags for the currency. Adding to the risks, lira depreciation drives inflation higher.

All this, combined with companies' high foreign debt, means that exports benefit little from rate cuts, while private banks would rather shrink than expand credit again, said Gurkaynak, a former U.S. Federal Reserve

Board economist.

"If the policy change is based on the belief it will help economic activity, there are false assumptions," he said.

Selva Demiralp, director of the Koc University-TUSIAD Economic Research Forum, said Turkey's "trial and error" policy is reckless given the Fed and other major central banks are moving to tighten policy to head off inflation, including the recent energy-price shock.

"The rest of the world correctly analysed the Fed's guidance ... but this decision will cause large damage to Turkey's economy," she said.

Past Fed policy tightening cycles have pulled funds from Turkey and other emerging market economies.

Benchmark debt yields jumped after the rate cut, signalling little faith that the central bank can lower inflation. Nevertheless, money market prices show traders expect more cuts before the policy rate returns to 18%-18.5% in a year.

SLIDING POLLS

After a currency crisis in 2018 and smaller selloffs, the lira has shed two-thirds of its value in five years, eating into the earnings of Turks who have also faced double-digit inflation for most of that period.

This has alarmed Erdogan, whose conservative AK Party has ruled for 19 years on a reputation of strong economic growth and household wealth.

But that reputation has some-

what rusted <https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/when-erdogans-turkish-economic-miracle-began-failing-2021-07-15>.

Polls show the party has 31%-33% support, down from 42.6% in 2018 elections. Its nationalist ally the MHP has also slipped, suggesting Erdogan would lose control of parliament in a vote.

Erdogan looms large over the central bank after firing its last three governors over policy differences. He turned up the heat in June when he said he spoke to Sahap Kavcioglu, the current chief, about the need for a rate cut after August.

Even as inflation jumped to 19.25% in August, Kavcioglu began giving dovish signals on Sept. 1 in investor calls, Reuters reported, citing participants. He reinforced that in a speech on Sept. 8 that, according to a separate source, the bank hastily decided should be made public only the night before.

Another official with knowledge of the matter said Erdogan was told that a cut could come in July or August. When it didn't, "the president continued to have a serious expectation that rates should be lowered," the person said.

Erinc Yeldan, acting dean of Bilkent's economics faculty, said the AK Party is attempting to build a new economic growth story "whatever the cost" ahead of elections.

"It is clear that the result of these efforts will be even stronger instability and a deepening forex crisis," he said. **Agencies**

US urges for more vaccination against COVID-19, with help of mandates, guidelines

NEW YORK

THE United States is making progress against the current surge of the COVID-19 pandemic, but the country is not out of the woods yet, the medical advisor to the White House Anthony Fauci told ABC on Sunday, two days after the national death toll of the coronavirus surpassed the grim milestone of 700,000.

"We certainly are turning the corner on this particular surge," said the nation's top infectious disease expert. "But we have experienced over now close to 20 months surges that go up and then come down, and then go back up again."

The way to keep it down, to make that turnaround continue to go down, is to do what we mentioned: get people vaccinated. "When you have 70 million people in the country who are eligible to be vaccinated, who are not yet vaccinated, that's the danger zone right there," added Fauci.

"So it's within our capability to make sure that that turnaround that we're seeing, that very favorable and optimistic turnaround, continues to go down and doesn't do what we've seen multiple times before, where it goes down and then it comes back up."

The United States has seen its first notable decline in COVID-19 metrics in more than three months, with coronavirus-related hospital admissions and average daily new cases dropping by more than 30 percent over the last month, reported the television network.

According to The New York Times' update, the seven-day average of confirmed

cases of the pandemic stood at 108,009 nationwide on Saturday, with its 14-day change striking a 27-percent fall.

The COVID-19-related deaths were 1,882 on Saturday, with the 14-day change realizing a 6-percent decrease.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated on Sunday that 214,870,696 people have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine, making up 64.7 percent of the whole U.S. population; fully vaccinated people stood at 185,143,698, accounting for 55.8 percent of the total.

A total of 4,742,750 people, or 2.6 percent of fully vaccinated group, received booster shots.

MANDATES WORK

American Airlines, Alaska Airlines and JetBlue are joining United Airlines in requiring employees to be vaccinated against COVID-19, as the administration of U.S. President Joe Biden steps up pressure on major U.S. carriers to require the shots, reported CNBC on Saturday. The airlines provide special flights, cargo hauling and other services for the government.

The companies said that makes them government contractors who are covered by Biden's order directing contractors to require that employees be vaccinated.

On Friday, Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor denied a request from four New York City public school teachers to block Mayor Bill de Blasio's mandate requiring all Department of Education (DOE) staff to take COVID-19 vaccines. "Our vaccine requirement for NYC



school staff has now been reviewed in state courts, federal courts, and the Supreme Court and upheld," Dave Chokshi, the city health commissioner, tweeted in response to the news.

"Vaccination will keep students and staff safer." Except for school staff, health workers make up the front groups that need to be vaccinated. In New York State, as of Thursday, 92 percent of its more than 625,000 healthcare workers were inoculated, up from the 73 percent on Aug. 16 when the Sept. 27 deadline was set for vaccinations, according to Governor Kathy Hochul.

Since former Governor Andrew Cuomo announced a vaccine mandate for New York healthcare workers more than a month ago, hospital employees in the state have been getting vaccinated at more than twice the rate as all New York adults, according to data provided by the state health department and the CDC.

FAN AND MASK

The CDC released recommendations on Saturday for the upcoming holiday season, including the idea of using a window fan to keep air at an indoor party as fresh as possible.

The agency appears to be suggesting that circulating air indoors can ward off the airborne coronavirus, or at least reduce its chances of spreading during home gatherings.

"If celebrating indoors, bring in fresh air by opening windows and doors, if possible," said its holiday celebrations guidance. "You can use a window fan in one of the open windows to blow air out of the window. This will pull fresh air in through the other open windows."

Earlier this week, a CDC study found that schools without masking requirements are 3.5 times more likely to have a COVID-19 outbreak than those that required masking when the school year began.

After analyzing data from almost 1,000 K-12 public schools in Maricopa and Pima counties in Arizona, the researchers highlighted the importance and effectiveness of mask mandates in preventing COVID-19 infections in schools.

"Until all children are eligible to receive COVID vaccines, masking is the next best defense against contracting and spreading the SARS-CoV-2 virus," Yale Medicine pediatrician Leslie Sude was quoted by the health information portal Verywell as saying.



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'The Bank that listens' says over 650 customers' feedback messages received digitally

By Smart Money Reporter

A RECORD 669 feedback messages from clients both from abroad and locally have been received by CRDB Bank Plc through its QR Scanner QR Code systems since April this year.

CRDB Managing Director and CEO, Abdulmajid Nsekela said in Dar es Salaam this week when launching this year's customer service week that the bank introduced the digitized system of getting feedback from customers this year.

"As you all know, our bank is led by slogan which states, 'the bank that listens' hence value customer feedback regarding our products and services very much," Nsekela said adding that when customers give feedback which necessitates changes, his management effects such changes to improve efficiency.

He said the bank which is one of the largest in the market derives its success story from customer support hence every suggestion made by the group is carefully evaluated and decision made if such an opinion guarantees better services.

"With introduction of the digital platform to get customer feedback, we have seen an increase in the number of messages received," he added while promising CRDB customers that this week will be very special because his management team will interact with clients at branch level to serve them.

While commending his staff members for team spirit in serving clients, the CRDB chief further noted that the bank's success also has a bearing in the quality and dedication of its staff members. "The exercise of giving us feedback is a routine exercise so continue using our digital system to talk to us," he advised.

Earlier, Head of Customer Experience, Yolanda Uriyo said good customer service has been a culture of CRDB and not only limited to the customer service week. Uriyo said the bank's employees are always reminded to maintain professionalism and highest delivery standards to customers of all types.



CRDB Bank Plc's board chairman, Dr Ally Laay, cuts the ribbon to launch the bank's Customer Service Week in Dar es Salaam earlier this week. Right is the bank's managing director, Abdulmajid Nsekela.

"As has been the custom annually, during this customer service week we will be interacting with customers to thank them for the good support that they give us," she said adding that credit should also go to all staff members who strive to deliver quality

services. In remarks on behalf of customers, Ubungo District Commissioner, Heri James commended CRDB staff and management for offering quality products and services to the public. "Your digital platforms

such as SimBanking, Internet banking, CRDB Wakala have all eased the way that customers transact," James said while stating that digitization has also helped speed up financial inclusion.

Bank sets aside 240m/- to reward clients who deposit cash in accounts

By Smart Money Reporter

CUSTOMERS who deposit cash regularly and leave it in their NMB bank accounts stand a chance to win a Toyo rickshaw and 12m/- cash under the 'Bonge la mpango' phase 2 campaign which ends in December this year.

Speaking at the launch of the second phase campaign held in Dar es Salaam last week, NMB Bank Plc's Chief of Retail Banking, Filbert Mponzi said the campaign is a way of giving back to customers who continue to trust the bank by maintaining accounts with it.

Mponzi said for the next three months, the bank's clients will qualify to win many materials and cash prizes ranging from topping up of customers account balances and Toyo rickshaws. "We are com-

mitted to making available exciting opportunities to our customers while also encouraging them to adopt good financial habits especially when the holiday season is around the corner," Mponzi said.

He explained that the campaign also seeks to encourage the unbanked population of the country to come forward and open accounts so as to save their money with NMB. "NMB remains competitive in the market as well as cement its lead role as the safest financial solutions provider and a banking service delivery champion," Mponzi added.

The campaign will witness over four million NMB customers win 50 Toyo rickshaws valued at 4.4m/- each while another 120 will win cash prizes worth 12m/-.

Customers who open an account, deposit 100,000/- or transfer 100,000/- from any other channel to NMB account or set a standing order of 100,000 or more, stand a chance to win prizes on a weekly and monthly basis.

"While opening or depositing 10m/- in an NMB account and then saving it for a period of a month or more, increases one's chances of winning in the grand finale scheduled to be conducted at the end of December," the NMB CRB added.

Customers who deposit more than 100,000/- balance in their NMB accounts will be part of the monthly draw for three winners of mid-sized pick-ups while those maintaining a balance of 100,000/- or more for a week will emerge winners of the Toyo.



NMB Bank Plc's chief of retail banking, Filbert Mponzi, samples one of 50 Toyo rickshaws to be won by clients in a raffle. This was at the launch of Phase II of 'Bonge la mpango' campaign held in Dar es Salaam last week. Photo courtesy of NMB

Visa expands She's Next initiative in Africa

LAGOS

AS the rate of women entrepreneurs across sub-Saharan Africa continues to rise, Visa is expanding its global She's Next initiative to empower women entrepreneurs on the continent, bringing practical insights and valuable tools needed to grow and advance their businesses.

The initiative comprises a series of programs giving women entrepreneurs access to insights via research and engagement with small businesses, private and public sector communities, and educational resources.

She's Next, empowered by Visa, will also bring networking opportunities in partnership with She Leads Africa; a community of over 700,000 women entrepreneurs, and lastly financial support and solutions to enable digital capability.

To coincide with the launch, Visa has unveiled new research titled Understanding Women Owned SMEs, which explores the role of technologies including digital payments in enabling the business success of female entrepreneurs in South Africa,

Kenya, and Nigeria.

The research highlights the top business challenges experienced by women entrepreneurs in South Africa, Kenya and Nigeria, the impact of Covid-19 on these businesses and how digital payments have accelerated business growth in over 80% of the businesses surveyed.

"According to the Global Entrepreneurship Monitor, Sub-Saharan Africa has the highest percentage of women entrepreneurs in the world, with 26% starting and managing a business on the continent in the last year. We aim to encourage and enable even more participation of women in driving the economy, through our She's Next initiative," says Aida Diarra, senior vice president and head of sub-Saharan Africa at Visa.

"Our research shows that female-led businesses face unique challenges throughout their entrepreneurial journey, and we are committed to helping these business owners across Africa to identify opportunities for growth."

The World Bank sites Africa as home to 8 of the 10 fastest-growing economies in



Aida Diarra, senior vice president and head of sub-Saharan Africa at Visa.

the world, a market ripe with opportunity and enabled by woman-owned businesses. Key findings from the Visa survey include: Top business challenges: Lack of technological infrastructure, economic fluctuations and a regulatory environment were highlighted as the top business challenges for women entrepreneurs in South Africa, Nigeria, and Kenya.

Covid-19's impact on businesses: 7 out of 10 women-owned SMEs in SSA claim the pandemic has had a significant negative impact on their business revenue; Digital payments accelerate business growth: The impact of introducing digital payments for businesses is positive, but the study shows room for improvement in adoption.

Eighty-three percent (83%) of respondents that did adopt digital payments experienced improvement in revenue; and E-commerce: Over 50% of women owned SMEs in Nigeria and Kenya have an e-commerce presence with a high likelihood of offering customers an option to pay online.

At least 7 out of 10 women expect their customers use of e-commerce platforms to increase after the pandemic.

TPA designates port officers to address customer complaints, queries promptly

By Francis Kajubi

IN a bid to improve services to its clients Tanzania Ports Authority has designated officers who will directly receive and address enquiries and complaints on the spot an initiative meant to meet customer satisfaction.

Dar es Salaam Port Director, Elihuruma Lema said during a ceremony to introduce the initiative to some of its large customers this week that the designated officers will be reporting to him on a daily basis about issues raised by clients.

"As part of our celebrations to mark customer service week, we have decided to deploy special officers who will be dealing with issues related to our services and report on weaknesses raised by clients so that we fix them," Lema said.

He pointed out that every department will have the designated officer are expected to start their duties immediately. "These officers are employees of the port and have been picked up from respective departments for the special task," he added.

According to him, the service will bring the port even more closer to its clients by addressing challenges raised hence make the country's prime port more competitive in the region where competition is rife. "It



Dar es Salaam port director Elihuruma Lema speaks at a past event.

is our expectation that clients will offer cooperation to these officers hence make the purpose of their introduction fruitful," the Dar Port Director noted. In remarks during the meeting,

Director of Corporate Affairs at Bakheresa Group, Hussein Sufian commended TPA management for coming up with such a service saying he hopes that it will ease the process of handling shortcomings in

serving clients.

"We hope that these officers will be a linkage between us and the port management.

There is a time when one needs quick clarifications about a certain service which the ordinary procedure can't solve because of waiting time," Sufian said adding that the business community strongly believes that the officers will play a vital role to improve efficiency.



A man carries a gas cylinder for refill at Kawangware in Nairobi.

Kenya plans cooking gas price controls to ease consumer pain

NAIROBI

THE State will introduce price controls for cooking gas after completion of the Kipevu Oil Terminal that will have a common-user berth for handling the fuel.

The facility, to be completed in December, will have a common user berth for Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) and allow the State to issue open tender system (OTS) for gas imports, prompting the shift to control of cooking gas prices.

Petroleum and Gas Director at the Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority (Epra) Edward Kinyua told Parliament that the industry regulator will set tariffs for handling gas at the berth.

Under the OTS, the ministry will award one oil marketer the right to import gas in bulk every month

on behalf of the entire industry, enjoying huge discounts, like is the case with diesel, petrol and kerosene. Lack of a common-user State facility at Kipevu has locked out firms from handling cooking gas imports at the Port, with only one company handling over 90 percent of the LPG shipments.

"We are in the process of looking at how to introduce pricing controls for LPG. Regulation of the LPG prices needs common user facilities under the government and the good thing is the upcoming facility at the Port," Mr Kinyua told Parliament. Construction of the Kipevu Oil Terminal started in 2019 and the facility will upon completion have the capacity to handle four vessels of up to 100,000 metric tonnes and an LPG line.

The terminal will supplement the two aging facilities in Shimanzi and the old Kipevu terminal that are small to handle large quantities of imported oil and gas. Price controls for LPG will be similar to

the one that currently applies to petrol, diesel and kerosene. The shift to price control regime would ensure affordability of LPG and boost its consumption.

LPG prices hit a six-year high from July after the Treasury reintroduced a 16 percent value added tax (VAT) on the commodity.

The 13-kilogramme gas has averaged Sh2,400 while the six-kilogramme model is averaging Sh1,300 after Parliament re-introduced the tax amid opposition from lobbies who wanted it delayed in the wake of the coronavirus-induced economic meltdown.

LPG is the second most used cooking fuel in Kenya, with 23.9 percent of households behind firewood that is used by 55.1 percent. The price of the commodity is set to rise further next month on the back of a surge in global prices for butane and propane—the by-products of crude oil used in the manufacture of LPG.

Telco touts quality customer care in the midst of Covid-19

By Smart Money Reporter, Dodoma

TIGO Tanzania kick-started customer care week commemoration with strict observance of the coronavirus protocols as the country continues to fight the pandemic.

Speaking during the launch this week, Tigo's Head of Customer Service, Mwangaza Matotola said the week will be marked by showcasing the company's excellent customer services across its shops and offices in the country.

"This year we seek to embody the renowned Tigo Tanzania hospitality, and our focus on customer service this week comes in recognition of the fact that customer service agents are the face of our business," Matotola said.

She pointed out that the telco strives to give customer good services with raised queries being solved as quickly as possible. "Our customer service agents work hard to ensure everyone's needs are met with positivity and happiness," Matotola added.

"As per this year's theme, at Tigo, we focus on the power of service, how we adapted to change due to the Covid-19, and this is why we insist on giving

reliable and efficient services to our customers daily," she noted.

The customer care week was launched with pomp and fanfare at Tigo shop located near Nyerere square in the new capital. The week will also include activities in Dar es Salaam where senior Tigo management officials will man the customer care call centre for some time to attend to customer queries.

The week-long celebration's theme is, 'The power of service,' which brings to light how the customer care team managed to adapt from working in an office to working remotely during the pandemic. In addition to the participation of the senior executive team, all customer service agents across Tigo shops and call-centre will receive a cake of appreciation and other accolades for their hard work and continued service to customers across the country.

"Customer satisfaction and feedback is the bedrock of our operations. We believe that the day we cease to evaluate our business and how our service affects customers is the day we lose the essence of existence," Matotola summed up.



Tigo's head of customer service, Mwangaza Matotola.

Innovation Award for Sustainable Food Systems winners announced

ROME

THE winners of the 2021 edition of the annual International Innovation Award for Sustainable Food Systems have been announced. The awards, a joint initiative of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the Federal Government of Switzerland, were announced in a virtual ceremony with the participation of FAO director-general QU Dongyu and Christian Hofer, director-general of the Federal Office for Agriculture of Switzerland.

The main Digitalisation and Innovation for Sustainable Food Systems award is given for innovations that impact more than one level of the supply chain and strengthen the link between farmers and consumers. A second prize is also awarded for innovations that Empower Youth in Agriculture and Food Systems. The prize for each award is \$30,000, allowing winners to take their business to the next level.

This year's award for Digitalisation and Innovation for Sustainable Food Systems went to Ifarm360, a startup enabling investors to crowdfund smallholder farmers in Kenya. In addition to access to finance, Ifarm360 offers smallholder farmers crop advice and supervision, as well as farming inputs and equipment, such as solar irrigation kits. Ifarm360 connects smallholder farmers, the crowd investors and off-takers, creating a win-win business model.

Special mention was given to Enveritas for using digital technology and innovation to conduct sustainability verification of unorganised and underserved smallholder coffee farmers globally. The Innovations that Empower Youth in Agriculture and Food Systems award was split this year between two projects, both of which received equally high rankings from the Screening Committee.

Access Agriculture AISBL was recognised for enabling young people individually or as a team, to use solar-powered technology to show farmer-to-farmer training videos in local languages in remote villages with no electricity, no internet access and poor mobile signal. Access Agriculture is working with local communities across the Global South, while also improving the environment using agro-ecological principles.

Access Agriculture shared the prize with Bountifield International, which offers young people in rural areas new opportunities as postharvest technology entrepreneurs providing a fee-for-service to farmers to process, preserve and sell their crops. Bountifield's 'business in a box' model equips them with needed technology, access to financing and information they need to drive agribusiness value addition, to reduce food loss, and to increase growth across rural Africa.

QU Dongyu congratulated the winners, adding that the award "highlights the importance of innovation and youth as key drivers to transform agri-food systems. FAO is working to engaging and empowering youth to transform our agri-food systems."

"I wish to convey my appreciation to the Government of Switzerland for the effective partnership which has led to this successful outcome. It also affirms the value of our shared goal - to encourage game-changing solutions by innovative approaches and people," he said.

Christian Hofer, director-general of the Swiss Federal Office for Agriculture, said, "The Swiss-FAO International Innovation Award aims at honouring already existing projects that proved to be successful and have a potential to scale up or spill over to other parts of the food systems. This kind of support is important because there is a need for a larger number of well-functioning innovative projects to achieve food systems transformation." "I'm convinced that transformative change is only possible if it engages young people and if it exploits the potential of digitalisation in the agriculture and food sector," he said.

Taha, UNDP link smallholder ginger farmers from Same to Ukrainian supermarket chain

By Smart Money Reporter

SMALLHOLDER ginger farmers in Same district of Kilimanjaro region are making millions of shillings in windfall profits from exporting the commodity to a Ukrainian based company thanks to support from Taha Group and UNDP.

Through a local company called Akida Group Limited which is a subsidiary of Ukraine based ATB Market LLC, the farmers have recently sold 22 metric tons of ginger earning 18m/- in payment for their commodity which is then shipped to European supermarkets.

"We are making inroads in the ginger farming in Same district, where, to start with, we have purchased a total of 22 metric tons from Mamba Miamba village for export to Ukraine," said Akida Group's official, Dr Promise Isaac.

ATB Market LLC is one of the leading retail trading companies in Ukraine with over 1,500 supermarkets. Dr Isaac said currently, his company needs two fully loaded containers of ginger with an overall weight of 29 metric tons every week.

"This is a huge market opportunity for Tanzania's ginger farmers because this is not just a one-off purchase but a lifetime commitment," he explained while urging local farmers to invest seriously in the commodity to meet high quality demanded by consumers in the Eastern European nation.

Although it is newly registered company in the country, Akida Group intends to leverage on experiences from its existing business ties with Latin America, Western Europe and West Africa through its parent company. Ginger is used as a spice



Taha Group CEO Dr Jacqueline Mkindi (C) listens to Tengeru pack-house manager Joseph Mwita explaining how ginger is processed and packaged before shipment to Ukraine. Photo courtesy of Taha

and for medicinal purposes.

Official data from Same District indicates that the area produces 70 percent of all the country's ginger with an annual production of 14,500 tons. Other ginger-growing regions in Tanzania include Ruvuma, Kigoma, Tanga, Morogoro, Coast, and Mbeya.

For many years, ginger farmers have not had a reliable foreign market hence affecting production although they never abandoned the crop thanks to local consumption. One of the Same based farmers, Mkazeni Msherwa and his peers said the once downtrodden commodity has, since last week, found new lease of life.

"It's like a miracle for us to secure a reliable foreign buyer of ginger. We are so grateful to Taha Group for linking us with the Ukrainian niche market," Msherwa said while singing Taha Group's CEO, Dr Jacqueline Mkindi's praises.

Taha Group is also working in partnership with the Akida to use its ultra-modern packaging house at Tengeru in Arusha which was built with UNDP funding, to process the

ginger and other horticultural commodities before shipping abroad.

"I'm so delighted to be able to link up Akida with smallholder ginger farmers who now have a guaranteed lucrative market access," Dr Mkindi said adding that the modern pack-house enables the company to comply with global food safety standards.

She explained that as a result of the partnership, Taha Group, UNDP and Akiba Group have already created 250 direct jobs for the locals including 200 women who work at the Tengeru pack-house to clean, process, sort and pack the ginger ready for exporting.

"Our strategy is to unleash the full potential of horticulture in the country. It's our conviction that horticulture has the potential to turn around the country's economy and wean the majority of Tanzanians from abject poverty," the Taha Group CEO noted.

Commenting on the feat, Taha Pack-house Manager, Joseph Mwita said that Taha Fresh Handling Limited is expected to ship the first consignment of the ginger to Ukraine through Mombasa port in Kenya this week.

Cloud infrastructure spending drops for first time since Covid-19 began

NEW YORK
SPENDING on cloud infrastructure has declined in the second quarter of 2021, the first drop since the Covid-19 outbreak last year when companies scrambled to meet unprecedented demand for more cloud-based services amid a rise in remote working, the International Data Corporation said.

Spending on compute - a segment that refers to components required to run an operating system - and storage products for cloud infrastructure declined 2.4 per cent year-on-year in the April-to-June period to \$16.8 billion, the first drop after six quarters of expansion. Notably, it compares to the 39.1

per cent yearly growth the market witnessed in the year-ago period amid the Covid-19 outbreak.

But spending on cloud services is still on track for full-year growth in 2021, the consultancy's latest quarterly tracker shows. "Such discrepancy in growth rates attributable to exceptional events creates 'hard' comparisons that don't reflect long-term trends.

The IDC expects to see continuously strong demand for shared cloud infrastructure with shared cloud infrastructure spending surpassing non-cloud infrastructure spending by 2022," the market intelligence firm said in the report.

Companies began to invest massively in cloud services after

a pandemic-necessitated shift to remote working drove demand for such solutions last year. Although restrictions on movement have been relaxed, the hybrid nature of work being adopted by companies is fuelling investments in cloud services.

Cloud infrastructure spending is expected to expand 12 per cent to \$74.3bn for 2021, with non-cloud infrastructure expected to grow 2.7 per cent to \$58.9bn after two years of declines, the IDC projects. For the full year, shared cloud infrastructure would increase 11.1 per cent annually to \$51.4bn, while spending on dedicated cloud infrastructure is expected to grow 14.1 per cent to \$22.8bn.

On a yearly basis, investments

in non-cloud infrastructure increased 3.4 per cent in the second quarter to \$13.4bn, recovering from a 7.2 per cent decline. Spending on shared cloud infrastructure hit \$11.9bn, down 6.1 per cent, but was up 17 per cent from the first quarter of 2021.

The weakness in public cloud service provider demand comes after an exceptionally strong second quarter in 2020, where spending leapt 55.5 per cent, driven by heightened demand in the first months of the pandemic. Spending on dedicated cloud infrastructure rose 7.8 per cent year-on-year in the second quarter of 2021 to \$4.9bn, with 46.5 per cent of this deployed on customer premises.

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Headwinds mount for the global economy into year's final stretch

HONG KONG

THE global economy is entering the final quarter of 2021 with a mounting number of headwinds threatening to slow the recovery from the pandemic recession and prove policy makers' benign views on inflation wrong.

The spreading delta variant continues to disrupt schools and workplaces. US lawmakers are wrangling over the debt ceiling and spending plans. China is suffering an energy crunch and pursuing a regulatory crackdown, while markets remain on edge as China Evergrande Group struggles to survive. Fuel and food costs are soaring worldwide, combining with congested ports and strained supply chains to elevate price pressures. Labour shortages continue to plague some employers.

Although the expansion seems intact, such a backdrop is fanning fears of a mix of weaker growth and faster inflation to come, threatening to complicate nascent efforts by central banks to dial back stimulus without rattling markets.

"Expectations of a swift exit from the pandemic were always misplaced," said Frederic Neumann, co-head of Asian economic research at HSBC Holdings Plc in Hong Kong. "Full recovery will be measured in years, not quarters." Economists at Barclays Bank Plc warned of "gusts of headwinds that could eventually take their toll on activity."

Here's a breakdown of the major risks:

China crunched

China's energy travails have forced manufacturers to curb production and prompted economists to cut their growth forecasts. Bloomberg Economics expects the power shortages to have the biggest hit to expansion since a nationwide lockdown when the pandemic first erupted.

Regions impacted by the curbs represent about two-thirds of the economy and include the top five provinces in terms of gross domestic product - Guangdong, Jiangsu, Shandong, Zhejiang and Henan. In a sign of what's to come, factory activity contracted in September for the first time since the pandemic began.

That's compounding a drag from the crisis engulfing Evergrande, the world's most indebted developer, and a broader slowdown in the all-important housing sector. President Xi Jinping's push for tighter regulations of industries including technology is also unnerving investors.

Costlier food and energy

China's energy problems also risk triggering a renewed surge in world agriculture and food prices as it means the country is set for a difficult harvest season from corn to soy to peanuts and cotton. Over the past year, Beijing imported a record amount of agricultural products due to a domestic shortage, driving prices and global food costs to multiyear highs. A United Nations index is up 33% over the past 12 months. At the same time, some gas, coal, carbon and electricity benchmarks are hitting records.

The price of oil passed \$80 a barrel for the first time in three years and natural gas is the costliest in seven, helping to push the Bloomberg Commodity Spot Index to its highest level in a year. TotalEnergies SE Chief Executive Officer Patrick Pouyane said the gas crisis that's affecting Europe is likely to last all winter. It could get even worse. Bank of America analysts are telling clients there is a chance of oil reaching \$100, spurring an economic crisis.

Supply squeezed

With the northern hemisphere winter approaching, the delta variant remains another worry. That helps explain why congestion is building at key crossroads for international commerce, from ports in Shanghai and Los Angeles, to rail yards in Chicago and warehouses in the UK.

Retailers including Costco Wholesale Corp. in the US are ordering everything possible to ensure shelves are stocked, particularly for the late-year boost of holiday shopping. Manufacturers, meanwhile, are having trouble sourcing key parts such as semiconductors, chemicals and glass.

Dubai's DP World, one of the biggest global port operators, expects bottlenecks that have rattled global trade flows will

Private security firm commended for backing community policing

By Smart Money Reporter

SGA Tanzania Limited, which is one of the biggest and oldest private security companies in the country, has been commended for supporting state efforts to protect people and their property complementing Tanzania Police Force's role.

Speaking during ceremony to announce an official partnership between the Police and SGA Security held in Dar es Salaam last week, Kinondoni Officer Commanding District, SSP Ally Wendo said the forced appreciates the role being played by private security companies such as SGA hence called on other security companies to emulate such actions.

SSP Wendo said community policing is a concept of involving the communities in ensuring peace and security in their respective areas. "SGA has been a good partner to Tanzania Police Force, way before the concept of community policing was introduced," he said.

He noted that security companies play an important role in protecting people and their property because their officers live within the communities and thus are in the forefront in preventing crime. "We now want to empower private guards in various locations to participate in the reactive approach, in addition to the preventive role that they are playing," SSP Wendo added.

While conveying a message of condolence to SGA management for the loss of one

of their officers by a lone gunman called Hamza when he attacked security agents in Dar es Salaam, the Kinondoni OCD said the incident shows how both private security guards and police officers face risks when on duty.

He said the Police Force treated the SGA officer as one of their own alongside two policemen who were also killed by the lone gunman who was also shot dead. "The attack explains the importance of private security officers in enhancing security and safety in the community," he added.

In remarks at the ceremony, SGA Tanzania's Managing Director, Eric Sambu said the company is celebrating its 37th anniversary since starting operations in the country and has undergone tremendous growth, especially in the last 10 years.

Sambu said the company's rapid growth and strong business performance has also been possible because of having good partners with state institutions including the police force and private businesses.

In addition, the SGA Tanzania chief executive paid tribute to the company's employees who he termed as loyal, honest and diligent in performance their duties. "The recent incidents in the local business environment has provided us with a learning opportunity and a chance to empower all our employees at all levels and align our operations to focus on customer requirements, as dictated by the new status," he stated.

Sambu said SGA will continue investing



Kinondoni OCD, Ally Wendo (3rd R) listens to SGA Tanzania sales and marketing manager Faustina Shoo (L) during the launch of partnership with the Police Force held in Dar es Salaam last week. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

in technology and train the people to ensure that services given to customers are of the highest standards. As a result of its investment and professionalism, SGA won an award during last week's International Mining Exhibition held in Geita town.

Last year, the company was also voted as the most equipped and reliable security company by Consumer Choice Awards.

SGA employs over 6,000 people and has branches countrywide and provides a range

of services that include manned guarding, electronic security solutions, emergency response services, tracking solutions, courier and cash management solutions.

"With a fleet of 284 vehicles and 12 established regional bases with fully-fledged control rooms and competent personnel to man all these, we have the necessary infrastructure to support customers of any type located anywhere in the country," the SGA Tanzania MD

bragged.

The Dar es Salaam based security company is also internationally accredited with ISO certification on Quality Management System (ISO 9001:2015); Occupational Health and Safety (ISO 45001:2018); and Security Operations Management System (ISO 18788:2015). It started its operations in 1984, as Group Four Security Tanzania Limited.

WORLD

PANDORA PAPERS:

Leaked records reveal financial secrets of world leaders and politicians

THE secret deals and hidden assets of some of the world's richest and most powerful people have been revealed in the biggest trove of leaked offshore data in history.

Branded the Pandora papers, the cache includes 11.9m files from companies hired by wealthy clients to create offshore structures and trusts in tax havens such as Panama, Dubai, Monaco, Switzerland and the Cayman Islands.

They expose the secret offshore affairs of 35 world leaders, including current and former presidents, prime ministers and heads of state. They also shine a light on the secret finances of more than 300 other public officials such as government ministers, judges, mayors and military generals in more than 90 countries.

The files include disclosures about major donors to the Conservative party, raising difficult questions for Boris Johnson as his party meets for its annual conference.

More than 100 billionaires feature in the leaked data, as well as celebrities, rock stars and business leaders. Many use shell companies to hold luxury items such as property and yachts, as well as incognito bank accounts. There is even art ranging from looted Cambodian antiquities to paintings by Picasso and murals by Banksy.

The Pandora papers reveal the inner workings of what is a shadow financial world, providing a rare window into the hidden operations of a global offshore economy that enables some of the world's richest people to hide their wealth and in some cases pay little or no tax.

There are emails, memos, incorporation records, share certificates, compliance reports and complex diagrams showing labyrinthine corporate structures. Often, they allow the true owners of opaque shell companies to be identified for the first time.

The files were leaked to the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ) in Washington. It shared access to the leaked data with select media partners including the Guardian, BBC Panorama, Le Monde and the Washington Post. More than 600 journalists have sifted through the files as part of a massive global investigation.

The Pandora papers represent the latest - and largest in terms of data volume - in a series of major leaks of financial data that have convulsed the offshore world since 2013.

Setting up or benefiting from offshore entities is not itself illegal, and in some cases people may have legitimate reasons, such as security, for doing so. But the secrecy offered by tax havens has at times proven attractive to tax evaders, fraudsters and money launderers, some of whom are exposed in the files.

Other wealthy individuals and companies stash their assets offshore to avoid paying tax elsewhere, a legal activity estimated to cost governments billions in lost revenues.

After more than 18 months analysing the data in the public interest, the Guardian and other media outlets will publish their findings over the coming days, beginning with revelations about the offshore financial affairs of some of the most powerful

political leaders in the world.

They include the ruler of Jordan, King Abdullah II, who, leaked documents reveal, has amassed a secret \$100m property empire spanning Malibu, Washington and London. The king declined to answer specific questions but said there would be nothing improper about him owning properties via offshore companies. Jordan appeared to have blocked the ICIJ website on Sunday, hours before the Pandora papers launched.

The files also show that Azerbaijan's ruling Aliyev family has traded close to £400m of UK property in recent years. One of their properties was sold to the Queen's crown estate, which is now looking into how it came to pay £67m to a company that operated as a front for the family that runs a country routinely accused of corruption. The Aliyevs declined to comment.

The Pandora papers also threaten to cause political upsets for two European Union leaders. The prime minister of the Czech republic, Andrej Babiš, who is up for election this week, is facing questions over why he used an offshore investment company to acquire a \$22m chateau in the south of France. He too declined to comment.

And in Cyprus, itself a controversial offshore centre, the president, Nicos Anastasiades, may be asked to explain why a law firm he founded was accused of hiding the assets of a controversial Russian billionaire behind fake company owners. The firm denies any wrongdoing, while the Cypriot president says he ceased having an active role in its affairs after becoming leader of the opposition in 1997.

Not everyone named in the Pandora papers is accused of wrongdoing. The leaked files reveals that Tony and Cherie Blair saved £312,000 in property taxes when they purchased a London building partially owned by the family of a prominent Bahraini minister.

The former prime minister and his wife bought the £6.5m office in Marylebone by acquiring a British Virgin Islands (BVI) offshore company. While the move was not illegal, and there is no evidence the Blairs proactively sought to avoid property taxes, the deal highlights a loophole that has enabled wealthy property owners not to pay a tax that is commonplace for ordinary Britons.

The leaked records vividly illustrate the central coordinating role London plays in the murky offshore world. The UK capital is home to wealth managers, law firms, company formation agents and accountants. All exist to serve their ultra-rich clients. Many are foreign-born tycoons who enjoy "non-domicile" status, which means they pay no tax on their overseas assets.

Ukraine's president, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, who was elected in 2019 on a pledge to clean up his country's notoriously corrupt and oligarch-influenced economy, is also named in the leak. During the campaign, Zelenskyy transferred his 25% stake in an offshore company to a close friend who now works as the president's top adviser, the files suggest. Zelenskyy declined to comment and it is unclear if he remains a



Tony and Cherie Blair bought a £6.5m office in Marylebone by acquiring a British Virgin Islands offshore company. File photo

beneficiary.

The Russian president, Vladimir Putin, whom the US suspects of having a secret fortune, does not appear in the files by name. But numerous close associates do, including his best friend from childhood - the late Petr Kolbin - whom critics have called a "wallet" for Putin's own wealth, and a woman the Russian leader was allegedly once romantically involved with. None responded to invitations to comment.

The Pandora papers also place a revealing spotlight on the offshore system itself. In a development likely to prove embarrassing for the US president, Joe Biden, who has pledged to lead efforts internationally to bring transparency to the global financial system, the US emerges from the leak as a leading tax haven. The files suggest the state of South Dakota, in particular, is sheltering billions of dollars in wealth linked to individuals previously accused of serious financial crimes.

The offshore trail also stretches from Africa to Latin America to Asia, and is likely to pose difficult questions for politicians across the world. In Pakistan, Moonis Elahi, a prominent minister in prime minister Imran Khan's government, contacted an offshore provider in Singapore about investing \$33.7m.

In Kenya, the president, Uhuru Kenyatta, has portrayed himself as an enemy of corruption. In 2018, Kenyatta told the BBC: "Every public servant's assets must be declared publicly so that people can question and ask: what is legitimate?"

He will come under pressure to explain why he and his close relatives amassed more than \$30m of offshore wealth, including property in London. Kenyatta did not respond to enquiries about whether his family wealth was declared to relevant authorities in Kenya.

The Pandora papers also reveal some of the unseen repercussions of previous offshore leaks, which spurred modest reforms in some parts of the world, such as the BVI, which now keeps a record of the real owners of companies registered there. However, the newly leaked data shows money shifting around offshore destinations, as wealthy clients and their advisers adjust to new realities.

Some clients of Mossack Fonseca, the now defunct law firm at the heart of the 2016 Panama papers disclosures, simply transferred their companies to rival providers such as another global trust and corporate administrator with a major office in London, whose data is in the new trove of leaked files.

Asked why he was migrating the new company, one customer wrote bluntly: "Business decision to exit following the Panama papers." Another agent said the industry had always "adapted" to external pressure.

Some leaked files appear to show some in the industry seeking to circumvent new privacy regulations. One Swiss lawyer refused to email the names of his high-value customers to a service provider in the BVI, following new legislation. Instead, he sent them by airmail, with strict instructions they should not be processed in any "electronic way". The identity of another beneficial owner was shared via WhatsApp.

"The purpose of this way to proceed is to enable you to comply with BVI rules," the lawyer wrote. Referring to Mossack

Fonseca, the lawyer added: "You are obliged to keep secrecy for our clients and to not make feasible at all a second 'Panama papers' story that happened to one of your competitors."

Gerard Ryle, the director of the ICIJ, said leading politicians who organised their finances in tax havens had a stake in the status quo, and were likely to be an obstacle to reform of the offshore economy. "When you have world leaders, when you have politicians, when you have public officials, all using the secrecy and all using this world, then I don't think we're going to see an end to it."

He expected the Pandora papers to have a greater impact than previous leaks, not least because they were arriving in the middle of a pandemic that had exacerbated inequalities and forced governments to borrow unprecedented amounts to be shouldered by ordinary taxpayers. "This is the Panama papers on steroids," Ryle said. "It's broader, richer and has more detail."

At least \$11.3tn in wealth is held offshore, according to a 2020 study by the Paris-based Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). "This is money that is being lost to treasuries around the world and money that could be used to recover from Covid," Ryle said. "We're losing out because some people are gaining. It's as simple as that. It's a very simple transaction that's going on here."

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Agencies

Ethiopian leader secures new mandate as conflict rages on

BY BLOOMBERG

ETHIOPIA'S new parliament reappointed Abiy Ahmed as prime minister yesterday following his party's landslide election win, giving him a five-year mandate to tackle the fallout of a civil war that's triggered an economic and humanitarian crisis.

Abiy (pictured), who first assumed his post in 2018, initially won investor acclaim for opening up the insular economy and a Nobel Peace Prize for ending a long-running conflict with neighboring Eritrea.

He's fallen from grace since ordering a federal troop incursion into the dissident Tigray province after forces loyal to the northern region's leaders attacked an army base. Fighting has dragged on for 11 months, leaving thousands dead and 5 million in need of aid.

Fostering peace and national unity will be among the new administration's top priorities. Abiy intends to convene a national dialog to bring political parties together, although it's unclear whether it will include his main foes - the Tigray People's Liberation Front and the Oromo Liberation Army.

Abiy was assured of retaining his post after his Prosperity Party secured an outright majority in the House of People's Representatives in the August elections. The vote was postponed to Sept 30 in some of the 547 constituencies due to security concerns and logistical problems and results from those regions have yet to be announced, but they won't affect the final outcome.

Besides having to bring an end to the war, the new administration needs to contain rampant inflation and finalize a program to restructure some of the nation's almost \$30 billion foreign debt under the so-called G20's Common Framework. That plan, which was first announced in January, spooked investors, with yields on Ethiopia's 2024 Eurobond reaching record highs this month.

It will also need to renegotiate a new program with the International Monetary Fund to replace an extended credit facility, which had been agreed but lapsed before the money was disbursed. In September, the Washington-based lender said it was "too soon" to engage with Ethiopia over new programs.

Abiy's attempts to secure external funding could be complicated by threats by US President Joe Biden's administration to impose sanctions on individuals and entities involved in the conflict.

Russian diplomat points to Biden's anti-corruption goals in wake of Pandora Papers leak

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova pointed out Washington's plans to make fighting corruption a key national security task, commenting on the publication of the Pandora Papers - a massive leak of millions of documents about offshore bank accounts of world's lead politicians and celebrities.

"On June 4, 2021, US President Joe Biden announced the publication of a National Security Study Memorandum on the Fight Against Corruption to establish combatting corruption as a core US national security interest.

That's what he said. Today, according to The Guardian, the ICIJ investigation named the US as the largest tax haven," Zakharova said in her Telegram channel.

On Sunday, the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ) published excerpts from about 11.9 million documents containing information about offshore accounts of politicians and celebrities.

According to ICIJ, the US state of South Dakota has become one of the largest offshore centers, where tens of millions of dollars have been transferred to from "traditional" offshore investments, such as the Bahamas and the Cayman Islands in the last few years.

Agencies

Hundreds rally in Tunisia's capital to support president

TUNIS

HUNDREDS of Tunisians held on Sunday a massive demonstration to show their support for the country's President Kais Saied and calls for more changes in the political system.

Demonstrators took to the streets, waving national flags and chanting slogans such as "the people want to a revision of the constitution" and "the people want to dissolve the parliament." Several political parties, including Popular Movement, Alliance for Tunisia and the Popular Current, participated in this demonstration to support the president.

Agencies

Water supply project in south China's Guangdong province important guarantee of stable supply of fresh water to Hong Kong

THE Dongjiang-Shenzhen Water Supply Project, which stretches from Qiaotou township, Dongguan city, south China's Guangdong province, all the way south to the Shenzhen Reservoir in Shenzhen city of the province, has greatly guaranteed a safe and stable supply of fresh water for the daily life and production of about 24 million residents in Dongguan, Shenzhen, as well as Hong Kong.

The project transfers water from Dongjiang River, which originates in east China's Jiangxi province and flows to the Pearl River Delta in Guangdong, to the three cities.

The original main route of the

project was 83 kilometers long and was then shortened to 68 kilometers after enclosed transformation in 2000.

Put into operation on March 1, 1965, the project had supplied Hong Kong with 26.7 billion cubic meters of water as of the end of last year.

Such a remarkable result wouldn't have been realized without the efforts of tens of thousands of construction workers in the project. They have borne in mind their mission, toiled away during the construction, and selflessly devoted themselves to the project, contributing to safer wa-

ter supply for Hong Kong.

Hong Kong is surrounded by the sea on three sides, and suffered from serious shortage of fresh water resources.

In 1963, Hong Kong was struck by a severe drought unseen in a century, and had to control water supply for residents. During the most difficult period, the region supplied water to residents once every four days and four hours each time. At that time, the life of several million Hong Kong people was in a plight.

After the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce (CGCC) in Hong Kong and the Hong

Kong Federation of Trade Unions (HKFTU) asked the government of Guangdong province for help, Zhou Enlai, then Premier of China, approved a fiscal fund of 38 million yuan (\$5.86 million) for the Dongjiang-Shenzhen Water Supply Project at the end of 1963, in a bid to draw the water of Dongjiang River to quench the thirst in Hong Kong.

To tackle Hong Kong's water issues at the root, Guangdong came up with a bold idea of channeling the water of Dongjiang River from Qiaotou township through the riverway of the Shima River to the Shenzhen Reservoir, and eventu-

ally to Hong Kong via steel pipes.

The plan was in fact quite challenging, considering the technologies at that time. To use the riverway of the Shima River, which flows from the Danaoke Mountain in Shenzhen towards the opposite direction of that of the main route of the project, water levels at the upstream part of the project must be lifted by 46 meters, so that the diverted fresh water could then flow 86 kilometers to the Shenzhen Reservoir.

On Feb. 20, 1964, the water supply project kicked off. During the peak construction period, over 20,000 construction workers

worked on the front line of the project.

As the construction advanced during the flood season, builders had to stay five to ten meters below the surface of the water for many foundation works, and sometimes were faced with inclement weather like rainstorms and typhoons.

On Oct. 13, 1964, a college student named Luo Jiaqiang lost his life when he persisted in his work at an over-seven-meter-high pier at a construction site in stormy weather.

People's Daily

Russia, US discuss mutual recognition of vaccination certificates

GENEVA

RUSSIA and the US discussed the issue of the mutual recognition of COVID-19 vaccination certificates in Geneva on Saturday. American representatives "heard Russia's arguments," Russian Health Minister Mikhail Murashko told journalists at a briefing following talks. "They heard the arguments, they realize that this is rational because the approval of a vaccine to be sold on the market and the approval of a jab for the prevention of the COVID-19 disease directly are different processes," the health minister noted.

"I think that [our] colleagues are very competent, informed, and they will evaluate our remarks, and we will return to this conversation," the health minister stated.

The health minister specified that he is talking about "the recognition of certificates, not vaccines, as well as about the effectiveness of preventive measures."

The Washington Post reported earlier that in November the US authorities may not permit entry for those foreigners who were inoculated with the Russian Sputnik V vaccine against coronavirus.

According to the newspaper, in order to enter the US, foreign citizens will have to be inoculated with vaccines approved by the US or the WHO.

Starting in November, foreign citizens entering the US will be required to show proof of complete vaccination against COVID-19. White House COVID-19 Response Coordinator Jeff Zients reported earlier.

According to him, a proof of vaccination should be presented upon boarding a plane to the US. Additionally, those foreign citizens wishing to visit the US should provide negative test results for the presence of COVID-19 obtained no earlier than three days prior to traveling.

Xinhua

Indian farmers to step up protests after 8 killed in clashes

NEW DELHI

FARMERS in India vowed yesterday to intensify their months-long protests against laws aimed at liberalizing agriculture as tension flared a day after eight people were killed in clashes between growers and ruling party supporters.

Four of the eight were killed when a car linked to a senior ruling party official crashed into protesters in Uttar Pradesh state, protest leaders said.

Police said they were investigating the crash and had registered a case against 13 people including a son of a minister of state in the interior ministry, Ajay Kumar Mishra.

An alliance of protest groups called in a petition to President Ram Nath Kovind on Monday for a court-supervised investigation of the violence.

"We'll intensify our agitation in Uttar Pradesh and other parts of the country to highlight the plight of innocent farmers," Dharmendra Malik, a senior leader of the Bharatiya Kisan Union, told Reuters.

"The government might try to discredit the 10-month-long movement, but we will remain peaceful in our struggle," Malik said.

The legislation the farmers object to, introduced in September last year, deregulates the sector, allowing farmers to sell produce to buyers beyond government-regulated wholesale markets, where growers are assured of a minimum price.

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The government says reform of the sector, which accounts for about 15 percent of the \$2.7 trillion economy, mean new opportunities and better prices for farmers.

Farmers say the car that crashed into the protesters was owned by a son of junior home minister Mishra.

Mishra said his son was not present at the incident but a car driven by "our driver" lost control and hit the farmers after they threw stones at the car and attacked it with sticks and sword.

The son, Ashish Mishra, also denied being present. Police in Uttar Pradesh, which is ruled by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's party, said that the son was one of the 13 people against whom a case had been registered.

India's longest-running farm protests pose a risk for the re-election prospects of Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party when Uttar Pradesh, India's most populous state, goes to the polls early next year.

Since Sunday, several opposition politicians have tried to reach the Lakhimpur Kheri sugar cane-growing district where the violence took place.

"For many months, farmers have been speaking out, saying that they are being wronged but the government is not willing to listen," said Congress party leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra.



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Airshow China displays nation's confidence, openness

ZHUHAI

CHINA is further displaying its unremitting pursuit of aerospace dream and commitment to wider opening up at the Airshow China 2021, attracting the world's attention with moves far beyond inspiring acrobatic flights.

China unveiled an array of new military and civilian aircraft, its latest space exploration achievements, and a series of cutting-edge electronic technologies and products at this year's Airshow China, or the 13th China International Aviation and Aerospace Exhibition in Zhuhai, south China's Guangdong Province.

About 700 companies from around 40 countries and regions brought thousands of exhibits to participate in the airshow both online and offline.

SERVING THE NATION, PEOPLE

Rounds of cheers broke out among the audience for the amazing flight shows, including flights of the J-20 stealth fighter jets powered by domestically developed engines, the water-dropping performance of the AG600 large amphibious aircraft, and an independent flight of the Wing Loong-2 unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV).

All these aircraft highlighted China's independently developed core and key technologies. The J-20 was among the array of new aircraft brought by the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) Air Force to the airshow.

Others included a new high-altitude reconnaissance drone, WZ-7. The Y-20 heavy transport aircraft and other major battle equipment were also displayed at the show.

The PLA Air Force is working in line with the strategic requirements of integrating air and space capabilities as well as coordinating offensive and defensive operations. Its goal is to advance toward building itself into a world-class strategic air force, said Commander of the PLA Air Force Chang Dingqiu at the airshow.

China has been working hard to master independent key and core technologies in its aerospace sector, to safeguard the national security, economic development, and people's livelihood.

Wing Loong performed the large UAV's first airshow flight. The great progress comes from the development of the country's complete aviation industry, and also from the advancement of key technologies," said Li Yidong, chief designer of the Wing Loong series UAV and deputy general manager of AVIC (Chengdu) Unmanned Aircraft System Co., Ltd.

"Wing Loong has started to serve the people in emergency rescue support, meteorological monitoring and artificial precipitation missions," Li said.

SHARING OPPORTUNITIES

The aerospace industry not only reflects a country's sci-tech and manufacturing strength, but also connects



An AG600 large amphibious aircraft performs during the 13th China International Aviation and Aerospace Exhibition, or Airshow China 2021, in Zhuhai, south China's Guangdong Province, Sept. 28, 2021. (Xinhua)

a long industrial chain with many industrial players globally. The Airshow China is a platform for global companies to cooperate with China, an open aerospace power and the world's second-largest civil aviation market with strong post-pandemic prospects.

"China is a big market, and is continuously opening up. Boeing is very bullish on the Chinese market," said Sherry Carbary, Boeing China president. "We continue to look for opportunities to invest in China in support of our customers," she said.

At the airshow, Boeing and local partners announced plans to create two new production lines for converted freighters in the southern Chinese city of Guangzhou.

The plan will add capacity for the 767-300 Boeing Converted Freighter (BCF) to help meet strong market demand.

Airbus Helicopters signed a strategic cooperation agreement and a contract with State Grid General Aviation Company to enhance its support and service capability with more localized solutions in China.

"I really love the energy and excitement about the airshow. We have brought here some really new and interesting things, such as connected aircraft solutions and green aviation technologies.

We're signing many new cooperation agreements with customers and partners," said Steven Lien, president of Honeywell China and Aerospace Asia Pacific. China is the U.S. aerospace giant's second-biggest market.

"The wider opening up of China and its economic vitality will enable us to do even more of what we've been doing for the past decades here, and we are sure to continue to accelerate," Lien added.

NEVER-ENDING PURSUIT

Exploring the sky and universe has been a never-ending dream of the nation.

Thanks to the unremitting efforts in the space exploration and aviation sector, the dream has gradually come true. At the airshow, a long queue lined up at the booth of the China National Space Administration (CNSA). Lunar soil, together with the Chang'e-5 re-entry capsule and the sealed container that brought the lunar soil back to Earth, attracted thousands of visitors every day.

"The booth has been a super popular spot since the opening of the airshow as countless introductions were given every day. Kids and teenagers are so excited to see what's on the moon," said a guide. The Mars exploration mission is also a carrier of this Chinese dream. On May 22, China's first Mars rover Zhu-

rong drove down a ladder and landed on the surface of Mars, making China the second country after the United States to operate a rover on the red planet.

Zhurong's small steps on the red planet marked a huge leap for China's deep space exploration.

According to Wu Yanhua, deputy director of the CNSA, China has operated 152 launch missions, sending 341 spacecraft into orbit, and signed 44 space cooperation documents with 14 countries and two international organizations over the past five years.

China has carried out various cooperations with countries including Russia, Brazil, Germany, Italy and Pakistan in missions exploring the moon, Mars and outer space, Wu said. "It is our dream to explore the universe and make better utilization of the universe for the benefit of mankind, which cannot be realized without persistent efforts and cooperation with countries all over the world," Wu said.

Xinhua

Socialism with Chinese characteristics suits China's national conditions the best - former Hungarian PM Peter Medgyessy

The leadership of the Communist Party of China (CPC) and the social system of socialism with Chinese characteristics suit China the best and are bound to help China continue with development and achieve greater progress in the future, former Hungarian Prime Minister Peter Medgyessy said in an interview with People's Daily recently.

Every country is looking for a social system that best fits its history, culture and fundamental realities, Medgyessy said.

There are two main reasons why the CPC can always maintain its vitality and constantly make new achievements, Medgyessy said, explaining that the first reason is that the CPC has its highest ideal and ultimate goal that it can strive for in the long run, and the second one is that the Party keeps pace with the times and constantly makes innovations in practice.

China's achievements in development are attributed to the strong leadership of the CPC, and China's success represents the success of the CPC, Medgyessy said, noting that it's not easy for a century-old political party of a major country to still maintain vitality.

China's development has not only benefited the Chinese people, but also created a huge market and many investment opportunities for the world, according to Medgyessy.

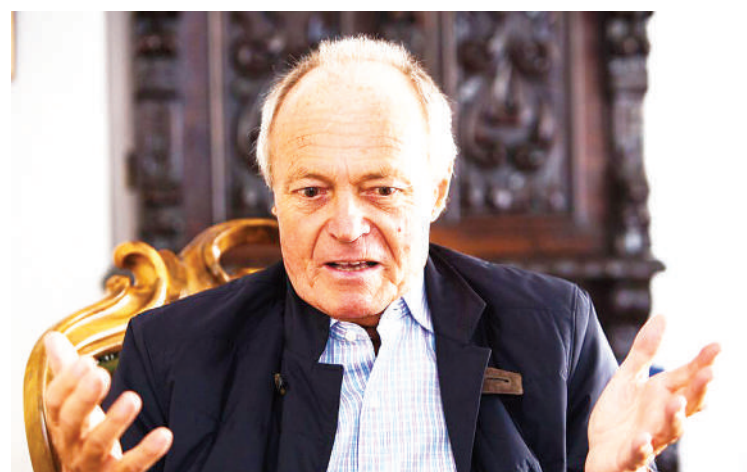
Since 1987, Medgyessy has visited China for multiple times at the invitation of departments and units including the International Department of the Central Committee of CPC, and has paid attention to China's development and changes for decades.

Many of China's achievements have impressed him a lot, Medgyessy said, referring to such accomplishments as economic take-off, lifting nearly 100 million impoverished rural residents living under the current poverty line out of poverty, as well as rapid development in high technologies in such fields as 5G communications network, artificial intelligence (AI), and aerospace.

Of all the achievements made by China, the most important one is the rapidly improving quality of people's lives, Medgyessy pointed out.

Medgyessy has paid special attention to poverty reduction. Last December, he attended the International Forum on Sharing Poverty Reduction Experience held by China.

In his speech at the forum, Medgyessy pointed out that poverty exists in many



countries in the world, and it takes political vision, long-term planning, and political, economic and social stability to realize economic development, improve people's well-being, and eradicate poverty and backwardness.

Real statesmen can set long-term goals and implement plans with great consistency to achieve them, Medgyessy said.

China has been committed to implementing the United Nations (UN) 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development all along and has achieved the poverty reduction target set in the 2030 Agenda ten years ahead of schedule, noted Medgyessy, adding that China has adopted far-sighted policies and measures and taken practical actions for eradicating poverty, which has won high praise from various parties in Hungary.

Since the sudden outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, Chinese people have united as one to battle against the pandemic and made a major strategic achievement in fighting the virus.

Against such a background, Medgyessy sent a letter to the Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs. In the letter, he expressed his respect and admiration for the results Chinese people achieved in courageously fighting the pandemic under the leadership of Chinese President Xi Jinping.

He believed that China is capable of gradually eliminating the impacts of the pandemic on the economy and that China's achievements in fighting the COVID-19 would provide important experience for global efforts to combat infectious diseases in the coming

decades, according to the letter.

The key to China's success in bringing the pandemic under control is that the CPC and the Chinese government are able to organize efforts properly and that the Chinese people have a strong sense of discipline, Medgyessy pointed out.

Noting that the COVID-19 is still spreading across the globe and posing severe challenges on the world's poverty reduction cause, Medgyessy said that China's experience in alleviating poverty serves as reference for various countries around the world, and that the country is believed to share with the rest of the world its experience in development and fruits of development as always and continue to provide support for other developing countries.

During the interview, Medgyessy happily recalled the time when he met with Xi in 2009 during Xi's visit to Hungary as the vice president of China. "We had a meaningful conversation, and I'm still proud of it now," Medgyessy said.

Xi has brought to the world a new way of thinking, Medgyessy noted, saying that Xi has clear ideas about China's development and the relationship between China and the world.

China has been actively taking part in international affairs, committed to safeguarding multilateralism, promoting world peace and development and the progress of human civilization, and pushing forward with the building of a community with a shared future for mankind, exerting a profound influence on the world, Medgyessy said.

People's Daily

Manila City mayor officially joins Philippine presidential race

MANILA

MANILA City Mayor Francisco Domagoso yesterday filed his certificate of candidacy to run for the next president of the Philippines in the May 2022 elections.

Domagoso, 46, (pictured), popularly known by his celebrity nickname Isko Moreno, filed with his running-mate Willie Ong their certificates of candidacy at the Commission on Elections.

The mayor of the Philippine capital will run under the political party Aksyon Demokratiko, of which he is the president.

Domagoso appealed to the Filipinos to support his quest to serve them.

"Let's heal our country, and together, there will be a better future for each of us. With your help, we can do it, Philippines," he said during the flag-raising ceremony at Manila City Hall before going to the poll body.

"Today, we'll be part of history, and I hope it's destiny," he added.

Domagoso, along with his running mate, also visited Tondo, a poor district in Manila City where he was raised by his stevedore father and his mother who made a living by doing laundry and peeling garlic.

Domagoso, who grew up in Manila's slums, appeared in movies when he was a teenager before using his popularity to enter politics. His political career began in 1998, when he was elected Manila councilor at 23. After serving three terms as councilor, he was elected vice mayor in 2007. Domagoso was elected Manila mayor in 2019 after defeating former President Joseph Estrada.

Domagoso has earned praises for his efforts to clean up and decongesting the city streets since he assumed office.

Ong, Domagoso's running mate, is well known for giving medical advice through social media. The Chinese Filipino doctor has more than 16 million followers on Facebook. He also served as a consultant of the Department of Health under former administration.

According to a recent survey published by Pulse Asia, 13 percent of the Filipino respondents expressed support for Domagoso as a "probable" presidential candidate.

Candidates for the 2022 elections could file their certificate of candidacy from Oct 1 to 8. Philippine boxing icon and senator Manny Pacquiao filed on the first day his certificate of candidacy for president, becoming the first presidential aspirant to do so.

Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte announced last Saturday that he will not run for vice president in the coming elections and will retire from politics "in obedience to the will of the people." Duterte's former longtime aide and senator Christopher Go filed his certificate of candidacy for vice president. Xinhua

SPORT

Feisal Salum ought to prove his worth in midfield

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

IT is very difficult for a soccer enthusiast to criticize a player, who is loved by Tanzanians, no one will understand such a fan.

Feisal Salum, alias Fei Toto of Yanga, is currently one of the popular local footballers who fall under this aspect.

Yanga fans love him, Simba SC fans love him too, he is one of the best local players with the highest level of talent.

An individual will be thrilled when the ball is at his feet, he or she will love to see Salum crack shots from 20 meters away.

He is a creative player who can dribble past defenders of the opposing team without losing possession, there has though been a challenge in the way he is used on the field.

Some coaches are at peace that Salum is doing well playing as a supporting striker.

Others have been using him as an attacking midfielder.

The current senior national team's head coach, Kim Poulsen, and Yanga's head coach, Nasreddine Nabi, have been using him as a second striker but there is still one thing I do not see from Salum.

The main feature of the player playing behind the striker is scoring and providing many assists.

Salum still does not do the job well, when Yanga, a few years ago, had Ibrahim Ajibu, he also played in the same position.

Ajibu did very well, he was one of the players who scored and executed many assists, he was one of the players who had the highest numbers of assists and goals per game.

I still do not see Salum do that, maybe it is just a matter of time. Let us just keep looking at him.

A little while back, Yanga used to have midfielder, Thabani Kamusoko from Zimbabwe, he was a gifted footballer.

He played in the same area that Salum plays, scoring goals from time to time, as well as playing defense splitting passes for forwards.

This is what is missing in Salum who does everything but he still has a very low average of finishing passes, he does everything but he still has very little ability to score goals.

Unfortunately, this is one of favourite Tanzanian players and probably he has yet to be told the truth.

Former national football side's coach, Emmanuel Amunike, once said Salum was even capable of playing for Spain's football giants, FC Barcelona.

I do not know if he meant FC Barcelona that famous midfielders, Xavi Hernandez, and Andres Iniesta, turned out fo in the past or a Barcelona of Chake Chake in Pemba.

If Salum starts to score goals as a second striker or making the final passes as an attacking midfielder, everyone will sing his name in the country, but for now, something is missing.

I have seen Salum play for the senior national team in a 2022 World Cup qualifier against DR Congo in Lubumbashi.

I then saw Salum feature for the national team in a qualifier tie against Madagascar at home. I have seen him when he featured for Yanga against Zanaco FC in a friendly, which was a culmination of the 'Wananchi Day'.

I have moreover seen him play for Yanga in this season's CAF Champions League's preliminary round clash against Rivers United FC of Nigeria.

I also saw Salum play for Yanga in a Community Shield clash against Simba SC, before playing for Yanga in a 2021/22 Premier League clash against Kagera Sugar, in which he scored.

He is a good player but he assisted just one goal in all six matches and an assist that produced a goal against Zanaco FC.

Salum scored just one goal in a game against Madagascar, an average of one goal in six matches and his credentials are two different things.

The player who plays behind the striker should have the numbers to carry. One should expect to see him with at least 10 goals per season. One has to see him score goals from seven



Yanga's midfielder Feisal Salum. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

to 10 per season.

These numbers were last seen in the Mainland Premier League, having been posted by Iddi Suleiman at Azam FC, Clatous Chama, and Luis Miquissone that were by then playing for Simba.

Salum still has a lot of work to do, I have seen a lot of people who continue to deceive him that he has what it takes to feature for FC Barcelona and some go so far as saying he can play for England's Manchester United.

This is a world-class joke, an attacking midfielder who can score one goal and have one assist, is a very common midfielder.

This is the time for Salum to show diversity, this is the midfielder's time to be the team's engine.

For the position he is currently playing, he should either score more than 10 goals or execute more than 10 assists.

I know he is a Tanzanian favourite but there is still something he is missing, this is his time to add value to what he is doing on the field.

There have been plenty of praises for Salum but I think he has not yet scaled great heights, the position he is currently playing at Yanga is where Chama played a lot for Simba.

If an individual looks at Chama's statistics and compares them with those of Salum, they hardly match.

If an individual keeps on saying he deserves to play for Barcelona, when last season he did not even score five Premier League goals, he or she would be deceiving him.

If an individual says the midfielder deserves to play for Manchester United when this season's Premier League opening round ended without seeing him execute even five assists, the individual will be doing him injustice.

Salum is a very popular player but, he still has a lot of work to do, he is not yet the person who carries the team. Kamusoko was a dependable midfielder, he was scoring important goals, his passes were clinical, he played good passes to Donald Ngoma and Obrey Chirwa who scored many goals.

Luckily Salum is the beloved son at Yanga and Taifa Stars, he has to feel indebted.

It is time for him to carry Yanga on his shoulders, it is time for him to be the squad's king, if he continues to give in to deception he is a player who can play for Barcelona, it will not end well.

If he continues to believe he already has the potential to play for Manchester United, he will be surprised that another player from his club could wrestle the side's best player honour from him.

Salum is a very good player but he is only praised for executing good passes. He still has a lot of work to do to prove it. Let us keep waiting for his magic because the Premier League has plenty of fixtures.

SPORTS

Coast Region team heads to Arusha for National Athletics Championship

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

NATIONAL Athletics Championship's defending champion, the Coast Region team, is set to head to Arusha on Wednesday for the showpiece.

Coastal Region Athletics Association's secretary-general, Robert Kaliyale, said the team, constituting 19 athletes and leaders, will leave for Arusha on the day to prepare for the championship which is slated for October 24-25 at Sheikh Amri Abeid Stadium.

He said the team is leaving early to prepare well for the championship as the aim is to defend the title.

"We will leave our base on Wednesday for Arusha to prepare for the championships, we aim to defend the title and we are confident of achieving that," he said.

He mentioned athletes making the side as Michael Gwandu, Danford Michael, George Geay, Elias Tiran, Benjamin Kulwa, Kateni Stranches, Benedict Mathias, and Ackson Mbugu.

Others are Sabasi Mohele, Ismail Tosiri, Kibase Sita, Siwema Julius, Joha Mbaraka, Shija Paul, Pili Vipawa, Gaudencial Maneno, Regina Mpigachai, and Esther Martin.

Ron Davis is the side's head coach and he is assisted by Thomas Mwita, while Elizabeth Injuu is the squad's matron.

Last year the two-day championship was held at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam and was sponsored by the Tanzania Olympic Committee (TOC)



Female runners battle it out in a recent National Athletics Championship in Arusha.

at the tune of 60m/-. The event attracted 250 athletes from 28 regions of the country.

The National Athletics Championship was taking place after five years of absence and TOC sponsored the event with funding from Olympic Solidarity (OS) and the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA).

Mbaraka James from Tanga was the winner in the men's 1500m race, beating national team athletes Gabriel Geay and Epimak Boniface. James won

the 1500m in 3:47.12. Coast Region is the National Athletics Championship's defending champion.

The region won six gold medals, nine silver medals, and four bronze medals while Arusha took the second spot with five gold medals, seven silver, and four bronze medals. Unguja South ended third with two gold medals, a silver medal, and a bronze medal.

Zanzibar's, Urban West was fourth with two gold medals, one silver, and five bronze medals, hosts Dar es Salaam finished fifth with two gold medals and two bronze medals while Dodoma and Kilimanjaro were tied on the sixth position by winning one gold medal, silver medal and bronze medal apiece.

Mbeya, who won one gold medal and two silver medals, ended seventh, Tanga finished eighth with one gold medal, Mwanza and South Pemba took ninth and 10th spots by winning one gold medal and two silver medals respectively.

Kinondoni District Commissioner appeals to Tanzanians to value fitness training

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

KINONDONI District Commissioner, Godwin Gondwe, has called on Tanzanians to regularly exercise to protect their bodies from various opportunistic infections.

Gondwe made the remarks in Dar es Salaam last weekend when he represented the Minister for Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, Dorothy Gwajima, at the launch of the Kisiwani Clinic Center (KCC), which is dedicated to encouraging communities to exercise to protect their bodies from preventable diseases.

The DC stated said from today all KCC members will be ambassadors, tasked with encouraging the Tanzanian community to practice, insisting the initiative will help the government significantly.

The center targets to reduce costs that government incurs through importing expensive drugs to make Tanzanians safer.

The District Commissioner stressed that he is ready at all times to cooperate with KCC on seeing to it the institution reaches out to the whole community to ensure people practice and live healthily.

Kinondoni Constituency's Member of Parliament, Abbas Tarimba, thanked the guest of honour for presiding over the event, uniting with the former's



Kinondoni District Commissioner, Godwin Gondwe (front row, 2nd R), and some of the district's residents engage in fitness training after the launch of the Kisiwani Clinic Center (KCC) in Dar es Salaam last weekend. Also in the picture is Kinondoni Constituency Member of Parliament, Abbas Tarimba (front row, 3rd L). PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

constituent's people in good faith to make Kinondoni safe by encouraging people to practice.

Tarimba congratulated KCC and asked the stakeholders, who set up the center, to get the initiative to operate in all parts of the constituency.

The event's coordinator and Chairman of the Organizing Committee thanked all leaders, who came forward to participate in the launch, and asked them for their involvement in the initiative, whenever they are asked to do so, in the sense of mobilizing the community.

The launch was accompanied by a free medical service offered by the office of the Chief Medical Officer

of Kinondoni Municipality, which saw the participants get COVID-19 vaccination and HIV testing.

The participants moreover engaged in blood donation, weight testing, cervical cancer screening for women, eye care, oral care, and health and nutrition insurance education.

National Open Boxing Club Championship gets underway in Dar

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THIS year's National Open Boxing Club Championship starts at Dar Live Hall in Temeke District today, Tanzania Open Boxing Federation (OBFT) disclosed.

Lukelo Wililo, OBFT secretary-general, said the showdown will involve 12 outfits from various regions.

The outfits are JKT Mgulani, MMJKT, JKT Mweni, Ngome JWTZ, Band Coy, Iringa Boxing Club, Mwanza Boxing Club, Morogoro, and Singida boxing clubs, Arusha Boxing Club, Black Eagle, and Magereza.

Tanzanite Manyara is the tournament's defending champion, but the OBFT leader stopped short of disclosing if the club will attend the event, which is expected to end on Saturday.

He said Temeke Member of Parliament, Dorothy Kilave, is expected to be the guest of honour at the showdown's opening.

The National Open Boxing Club Championship will be used to select four boxers to represent Tanzania in the International Boxing Association (AIBA) World Boxing Championship for Men slated for October

26-November 6 in Belgrade, Serbia.

Currently, Tanzania so far has two boxers Alex Isendi and Yusuph Changarawe that have qualified for the world championship.

"The National Open Boxing Club Championship will take place tomorrow at Dar Live Hall in Temeke, the championship will also be used to select four boxers who will join the two boxers, who qualified for AIBA Championship which will be held in Serbia," the OBFT leader revealed.

"We have eight boxers who are top-ranked so the qualifying events' trials will be among them, the best will be selected for the AIBA World Boxing Championship," he said.

The OBFT had failed to send boxers to the past AIBA World Championship editions due to financial constraints the federation faces.

Wililo said this time he is confident that the boxers will travel to the event as the government announced its commitment to promoting sports.

The OBFT official pointed out: "We thank the government for its commitment to see that sports make progress in the country and also its commitment that it will fund national teams which have foreign assignments."

"We know we will benefit from this funding and the other good thing is that boxing is among the five sporting disciplines which the government will support in its first phase of a sports development initiative," he said.

The last time the AIBA World Championship took place was in 2019 in Ekaterinburg, Russia, but OBFT failed to send pugilists to the championship.

Seleman Kindunda is the last boxer to have represented the country at the AIBA World Boxing Championship, he competed at the 2013 event in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

The Serbia event will be overseen by Serbia's President, Alexander Vucic, who heads the Local Organizing Committee (LOC).

AIBA president Omar Kremlev is reported to have said the AIBA Men's World Boxing Championship will show determination to provide boxers around the world a platform to achieve their full potential.

"We are confident that the tournament will be conducted safely given the successful implementation of COVID-19 countermeasures throughout the year," he said.

Clinical Salah shows Man City what they are missing

LONDON

TWO moments of magic from Mohamed Salah ensured Liverpool remain the only unbeaten side left in the Premier League this season after an enthralling 2-2 draw with Manchester City on Sunday.

For 45 minutes City's collective brilliance threatened to blow the Reds away and inflict a first league defeat at Anfield in front of supporters since 2017.

However, for all the beautiful football put together by Pep Guardiola's array of creative midfielders, the English champions cannot call on a clinical finisher in the same league as Salah.

The Egyptian showed the other side to his game in creating Liverpool's opening goal for Sadio Mane with a perfectly-weighted pass after skipping beyond Joao Cancelo.

But it was his finish for his side's second that will live long in the memory.

Cancelo was this time one of four City defenders left trailing as Salah shrugged off the attentions of Phil Foden and Bernardo Silva before turning Aymeric Laporte and firing high past Ederson on his weaker right foot.

"Only the best players in the world score goals like this," said Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp. "Absolutely exceptional."

"Because this club never forgets anything, people will still talk about this goal in 50-60 years when they remember this game."

Salah has now scored in seven consecutive games and has nine in as many matches this season, evoking memories of his sensational 44-goal debut season at Anfield in 2017/18.

"Right now he is as sharp and as good as I've seen him," former Liverpool defender Jamie Carragher told Sky Sports.

"I don't see anyone playing better in the world at this moment in time. His record and his start to this season

has been absolutely outstanding."

Liverpool will need their main man to maintain those standards if they are to take the title back from City.

Eight days on from schooling Chelsea on their own patch, Guardiola's men also had Liverpool chasing shadows for the first-half.

However, not for the first time this season, City did not make their dominance show on the scoreboard without a natural striker as chances came and went for Foden and De Bruyne.

Both midfielders made amends to equalise in the second-half and keep the early running for the title race tantalisingly poised.

Chelsea top the table by a point from Liverpool with City and Manchester United just one point further back after seven games.

Liverpool were the only one of the four realistic title contenders who did not spend over £100 million (£135 million) in the transfer window.

Ibrahima Konate's arrival for £36 million was the Reds' only summer signing and they may lack the depth of squad over the long haul, particularly with Salah and Mane set to depart for up to a month for the Africa Cup of Nations early next year.

Instead, Liverpool have invested heavily over the past two years in tying down their key players to long-term contracts with one notable exception.

Jordan Henderson, Trent Alexander-Arnold, Andy Robertson, Allison Becker, Virgil van Dijk and Fabinho are among those to commit their future to the club.

Salah's current deal is set to expire in 2023 and the 29-year-old knows his worth to Klopp's men as negotiations over a new deal have dragged on.

Liverpool will have to splash out to get Salah to extend his stay, but on this form he is worth it as the man who could win them the league.

AFP

Ancelotti slams Real after 'worst game' of year

MADRID

CARLO Ancelotti has called Real Madrid's 2-1 LaLiga loss at Espanyol the "worst game" of his second spell in charge so far, citing "confusion out on the pitch" and saying "the team looked disorganised" in a brutally honest assessment.

Goals from Raul de Tomas and Alex Vidal put Espanyol 2-0 up after 60 minutes, before Karim Benzema pulled a goal back and substitute Eden Hazard had a late strike ruled out for offside.

The result followed an embarrassing 2-1 home defeat to Champions League debutants FC Sheriff and a 0-0 draw with Villarreal in a week to forget for Ancelotti's team.

"We played badly. There isn't much else to say," the coach said in a postmatch news conference. "We started the game with an idea, and then with the goal we conceded we weren't able to stay calm. There was confusion out on the pitch. The team wasn't well positioned with or without the ball. I have to be honest, it's our worst game."

Ancelotti contrasted the performance with the "small details" he said were responsible for the Sheriff defeat, saying "today wasn't an accident. We didn't play well. We deserved to lose. We reacted too late."

He also appeared to blame Real

Man Utd legend Park: Stop singing my song

SEOUL

FORMER Manchester United and South Korea midfielder Park Ji-Sung has asked supporters to stop singing a song about him that contains a negative stereotype about his homeland.

Park, who spent seven years at Old Trafford between 2005 and 2012, says the song is insulting because it suggests Korean people eat dog meat.

The words also include a derogatory reference to people from Liverpool and was sung from the stands during United's 1-1 draw with Everton on Saturday. "That particular word [dog meat] is very discomfoting for Korean people, and I really feel very sorry for the younger players who heard that kind of song," Park said in an interview for the UTD Podcast.

"In Korea, things have changed a lot. It is true that historically we have eaten dog meat, but these days, particularly the younger generation, they really hate it. The culture has changed. I really request the fans to stop singing that word. It causes discomfort to Korean people when they hear that song. It's time to stop."

Park won four Premier League titles during his time at United and was capped more than 100 times by South Korea before retiring in 2014. He says he has been keen to speak out about the song after hearing it sung by United fans at Molineux in August when Wolves unveiled summer signing Hwang Hee-chan.

Liverpool-Man City rivalry one of the Premier League's best

LIVERPOOL, England

THERE are more backslaps and hugs between players than flying pizzas and tunnel bust-ups when Liverpool take on Manchester City, but while this fixture lacks the animosity and belligerence of old Manchester United-Arsenal clashes, the sheer quality displayed during Sunday's 2-2 draw at Anfield showed that the rivalry is as intense as when Sir Alex Ferguson and Arsene Wenger's greatest teams locked horns two decades ago.

For many, nothing will ever match the sense of occasion and needle that accompanied the majority of those United-Arsenal encounters between 1998 and 2004, when the two clubs won seven Premier League titles between them.

But nostalgia has a habit of making everything seem as though it was better in the past, instantly dismissing whatever the present day can offer as a poor imitation.

And while those games of yesterday evoke memories of great goals and moments by legendary players such as Thierry Henry, Wayne Rooney, Ruud van Nistelrooy, Patrick Vieira and Roy Keane, Liverpool and City's recent history has its own back catalogue of unforgettable contributions, which were added to at Anfield when Sadio Mane, Mohamed Salah, Phil Foden and Kevin De Bruyne scored sensational goals.

The effort of Salah, in particular, was up there with the greatest the league has seen. With his back to goal, the Egypt international received the ball just outside the City penalty area, before escaping the attention of several defenders and turning Aymeric Laporte to fire past Ederson from a narrow angle.

"Only the best players in the world score goals like this," Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp said. "It was the first touch, the first challenge he wins, then going round and putting it on his right foot, finishing the move as he did. Absolutely exceptional."

The goal restored Liverpool's lead after Foden's tidy finish had cancelled out Mane's opener, created by another Salah run. Anfield was alive as home fans sensed another win against the champions, but De Bruyne's finish from a fast City break earned Pep Guardiola's side a share of the points. "I love the Premier League," the City manager said afterward. "Congratu-



Jurgen Klopp's Liverpool and Pep Guardiola's Man City remain the Premier League's teams to beat. (Agencies)

lations Liverpool and their players. That's why the last years both teams were fighting to win the Premier League."

The quality on display at both ends of the pitch went beyond the four second-half goals. In the Liverpool goal, for example, Alisson Becker produced the kind of saves that Peter Schmeichel and David Seaman once pulled off for United and Arsenal respectively.

Meanwhile, Rodri's late block denied what looked certain to a Fabinho winner for Liverpool; it was a fitting moment to cap a personal duel that showed that, while the game's evolution has taken away physical confrontations that defined the battles of Keane and Vieira, there is still room for tough-tackling and cynical challenges in any modern rivalry.

Yes, Liverpool and City have yet to degenerate into the post-match buffet being thrown among rival players, as happened when United beat Arsenal at Old Trafford in 2004. And, true, Klopp and Guardiola embraced at the end of this game as opposed to offering cursory handshakes à la Ferguson and Wenger, but this game has become the fixture that stops clocks in the Premier League.

It is the first to do so over a sustained period for some time. The Manchester clubs' rivalry, sparked by Sheikh Mansour's 2008 takeover at City, has subsided with City's dominance since Ferguson's retirement in 2013, but Guardiola's team has been trading blows with Klopp's Liverpool for four intense years.

Since the start of the 2017/18 season, the two teams have met 12 times in all competitions and this latest result means each has four wins within that

time, with four draws. Moreover, the occasions have always been vital.

There was Liverpool's epic 4-3 league win at Anfield in January 2018, which was followed by a seismic Champions League quarterfinal triumph for Klopp's men three months later. City, for their part, have collected 5-0 and 4-0 successes en route to winning three of the last four English titles; Liverpool won the other.

The two sides have been inches apart for many years. In 2018-19, when a John Stones clearance was pivotal in a vital City win when the sides met, Liverpool amassed 97 points and finished second, one point behind Guardiola and Co.

Rivalries are shaped by personalities and storylines, but do not dismiss the intensity of City versus Liverpool because it lacks bad blood. Both teams have players to match up with those from the United-Arsenal era, while Guardiola and Klopp are as important to their clubs as Ferguson and Wenger.

City's possession game might lack a centre-forward to put the finishing touch to their great buildup play, but they scored stunning goals through Foden and De Bruyne regardless. And Liverpool, while pressed back for much of the game, showed their razor-sharp cutting edge when scoring through Mane and Salah.

When history judges this era, it will be measured in terms of trophies won. City have claimed everything domestically under Guardiola – several times over – while Klopp has made Liverpool champions of England, Europe and the world.

Seven games into this Premier League season, there is little to choose between them again; this pulsating

game pointed to both sides again slugging it out for the title next May, as well as everything else.

Meanwhile, Pep Guardiola and his Manchester City backroom staff were spat at during Sunday's 2-2 Premier League draw against Liverpool at Anfield, a City source told ESPN.

Champions City climbed into third position, behind second-placed Liverpool, after Kevin De Bruyne's deflected goal in the 81st minute claimed a point after Liverpool had twice taken the lead through Sadio Mane and Mohamed Salah.

But the game was marred by the spitting incident, which left Guardiola urging Liverpool to take action against anyone found to have been involved.

"They [the staff] told me, but I didn't see it," Guardiola said. "In every club there are people like this. Some can't control their emotions."

"I am pretty sure Liverpool FC will take measures against this person. I know that Liverpool is greater than this behaviour."

"I am sure they will investigate it. Like when they smashed up our bus. It's always a pleasure coming to Anfield."

Liverpool have confirmed they are investigating the alleged incident.

City's visits to Anfield have previously been impacted by crowd disorder, with the team bus attacked by fans en route to the stadium prior to a Champions League quarterfinal in April 2018.

On that occasion, windows on the bus were smashed by objects such as beer bottles and stones, forcing the City players and staff to lie on the floor and between seats to avoid injury.

ESPN

Euro kings Italy welcome big hitters to Nations League Final Four

MILAN

ITALY face their first true test since winning Euro 2020 this week when Roberto Mancini's side host the Final Four of the Nations League with three of Europe's best ready to pounce.

The Azzurri face Spain in the first semi-final on Wednesday, with the San Siro awaiting a repeat of the Euro last-four clash with Luis Enrique's side which ended with a penalty shoot-out victory for Italy.

The other semi-final, on Thursday, features world champions France and Belgium, ranked the planet's best side despite also being eliminated from the summer's European Championship by the Italians.

Italy have been on a high after beginning a memorable summer of sport for the Mediterranean nation by beating England in the Wembley final of the Euro.

Mancini has largely stuck with the heroes of that tournament for the Final Four, initially picking 22 of the Euro squad and adding in-form Roma midfielder Lorenzo Pellegrini.

He has since been forced to drop starting striker Ciro Immobile who has picked up a thigh injury and has drafted in Juventus striker Moise Kean, who shone in Italy's last match, a 5-0 hammering of Lithuania during last month's 2022 World Cup qualifiers.

Rafael Toloi of Atalanta is also out injured with AC Milan's Davide Calabria called up.

France go into the tournament still smarting from their last-16 exit at the hands of Switzerland in the Euro and

underwhelming performances in last month's World Cup qualifiers.

Their 2-0 World Cup qualifying win over Finland last month was their first victory after a run of five draws, not what is expected of a team packed with some of the world's best players.

Coach Didier Deschamps will be without midfield lynchpin N'Golo Kante who contracted Covid-19 in the run up to Chelsea's 1-0 defeat at Juventus last week.

-No excuses for France-

Also out for the Les Bleus is Olivier Giroud, who was dumped from the squad after Deschamps ended Karim Benzema's long international exile ahead of the Euro.

Veteran forward Giroud, who sits just five goals away from equalling Thierry Henry's all-time France record tally of 51, was also left out of AC Milan's trip to Atalanta on Sunday with a back problem which along

with a bout of Covid has hampered his start to life in Italy.

"This can't erase what happened at the Euro, that is behind us now," said Deschamps after announcing his squad on Thursday.

Hoping to spoil Italy's party will be Luis Enrique's Spain, who defied expectations to reach the Euro semis and had Italy on the back foot for large periods before being knocked out.

They will be without teen sensation Pedri, who was excellent at the Euro but is injured for the second time in less than a month and misses another youthful squad which also features his 17-year-old Barcelona teammate Gavi.

As of Sunday morning 31,000 tickets had been sold for the first match in Milan, with 13,000 bought for Sunday's final at the same ground.

Both the San Siro and the Allianz

Stadium will be at most half-full for the Final Four as Italy's current Covid-19 legislation allows football stadia to open up to only 50 percent capacity to help guard against the spread of the virus.

There had been hopes that limit would be moved up to 75 percent ahead of this week's matches as case numbers have remained largely under control since the spring and nearly 80 percent of Italy's population over 12 have been fully vaccinated.

But on Thursday Italian Football Federation president Gabriele Gravina said that would have been impossible even if the rules had been changed from the start of October.

"We're not ready, regardless of any decisions (from the government)," Gravina told reporters.

"I wish we had known this a month ago, so our communications could have been clearer... I have already said we cannot go beyond 50 percent capacity in the Nations League."



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Realistic painter delighted by Tanzania's inclusion in 2022 World Cup exhibition

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIAN realistic painter, Athuman Hamis, says he is happy that the country's seven visual artists will showcase their works at the coming Qatar FIFA World Cup.

He said the exhibition at the top football event will be of great help to the local artists.

Hamis, who is popularly known as 'Ochu', based at Mwenge Vinyago in Dar es Salaam, issued the comments in response to National Arts Council (BASATA)'s recent statement that it has received communication from organizers of the 2022 World Cup that seven Tanzanian visual artists will be among local and international artists to exhibit their works at Football and Fine arts.

The Football and Fine arts will document previous World Cup competitions through paintings.

The paintings will feature the excitement, joy, and stress of the previous competitions.

The artist pointed out he does not know how BASATA will select the artists to exhibit at the event.

He maintained that whether he will be shortlisted or not he is delighted that Tanzanians will be there.

The visual artist revealed: "I sent my application to BASATA to be considered to be among the paint artists to exhibit at the Qatar World Cup but up to now I have not received any response from them."

"Whatever the case I'm delighted that Tanzanian artists will take part at the event," he said.

'Ochu' is a self-taught realistic painter, he has never attended any artistic workshop or seminar.

The visual artist revealed the industry has a lot of potentials only that many people do not recognize.

The visual artist admires the works of United States of America (USA) acrylic painter, Nick Sider, and dreams of becoming a big realistic painter in the continent.

The 25-year-old old artist is the winner of the 2020 visual arts competition, dubbed 'Jiachie na Kili Canvas', and earns his living through his trade.

He has also painted portraits of many local top leaders.



Tanzanian visual artist, Athuman Hamis 'Ochu', holds a portrait of the late President John Pombe Magufuli the artist had created in September 2020. PHOTO: COURTESY OF OCHU

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15:30 5SPORTS (r)
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17:00 5SELEKT
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The FMED Upanga cricket team's Sanjay Bom (L) receives the Colourflex Man of the Match award from Girish Kumar of Mlimani City shortly after the team faced NTS Bosch Gymkhana in this year's Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup tournament fixture, which took place in the city last Sunday. PHOTO: COURTESY OF CARAVANS CRICKET CLUB

Benin coach frustrated with early kick-off for Taifa Stars clash



Taifa Stars' players (L-R) Muzamiru Yassin, Feisal Salum, Novatus Dismas, and Simon Msuva, jubilate after Salum had scored when the squad faced Madagascar in African qualifiers for the 2022 FIFA World Cup's tie, which took place in Dar es Salaam recently. Taifa Stars won 3-2. PHOTO: TFF

By Correspondent Michael Mwebi

BENIN national side's head coach, Michel Dussuyer, expects his players to rise to the occasion in back-to-back 2022 Qatar FIFA World Cup qualifiers' games against Tanzania's Taifa Stars but voiced frustration that the two games are so close together and the early kick off in the first game does not help matters.

Dussuyer's men will travel to Tanzania for a date with Kim Poulsen's Taifa Stars at the Benjamin Mkapu Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Thursday before travelling back for the return fixture three days later.

The other Group J teams, Madagascar and DR Congo will too face off on Thursday.

DR Congo will host the first game on Thursday before travelling to Madagascar three days later.

During his squad announcement press conference, last week the French coach lamented the decision by the Confederation of

African Football (CAF) to schedule the game at 3 pm when it is always sunny.

He thinks CAF does what it wants despite fishing out information from Federations on the appropriate kick-off times.

Dussuyer said: "This case is a bit complex. CAF sends letters to federations to find out what match programming they want but they never take them into account. They do as they want in the end."

"We play on Thursday. We pick up guys who play on Sunday and Wednesday the day before the game. There is not necessarily any preparatory work and I deplore it. Playing at 2 pm, I don't know, it doesn't please us."

"We wanted to play at 5 pm or 8 pm... but it's 2 pm that has been picked for us, we have to deal with it even if the heat is for both teams."

The 'Squirrels' of Benin began

their campaign on an impressive note by defeating Madagascar 1-0 in their opening match away from home.

They picked up all points at stake inside Antananarivo's Mahamasina Municipal Stadium thanks to Steve Mounie's 22nd-minute strike. Then they were held to a home draw against DR Congo in their second game.

Taifa Stars currently sit atop the log standings after recording a draw against neighbours DR Congo in Lubumbashi in their opening match.

The Tanzania squad went on to notch all three points at home following a 3-2 win over Madagascar in Dar es Salaam in early September.

The 2022 Qatar FIFA World Cup African qualifier has 10 groups and the 10 group winners will be drawn into five head-to-head, two-legged ties to earn one of the five places at the Qatar World Cup.

FMED Upanga cricketers get bragging rights over NTS Bosch Gymkhana in DC Caravans T20 Cup

By Guardian Reporter

THE FMED Upanga cricket outfit took on NTS Bosch Gymkhana in the last match of Group A of 2021 Petrofuel Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup tournament, which took place in the city on Sunday.

With the Group A favourites, Aruti Aces outfit, and Harab Motors Pak Stars, already booking a place in the knockout stage on the back of some very strong performances, the Sunday duel was a mere formality.

However, with bragging rights at stake, both FMED Upanga and NTS Bosch Gymkhana went with their heads held high in the clash which took place at the Leaders Club venue.

The FMED Upanga won the toss, elected to bat first, and set a score of 152 runs, losing six wickets in 20 overs.

Vikram Rathore played a very crucial knock scoring 57 runs in 43 deliveries for the batting squad.

Sanjay Bom, who has been the standout player for FMED Upanga in the showpiece, played his part in scoring 38 runs from 21 deliveries.

In return, NTS Bosch Gymkhana cricketers were bowled out for 129 runs in 19.2 overs, with Bom and Rishen Patel taking three wickets apiece for FMED Upanga.

Kheel Suchak, who led the batting squad to victory against Harab Motors Pak Stars, was dismissed early on as a result of an outstanding catch by Mayur Gosai, which earned the latter the NGK Gathani Moment of the Match award.

Bom went home with another Colourflex Man of the Match award for his crucial all-around performance.

The DC Caravans T20 Cup has been held annually since 2015 under the auspices of the Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA), targeting to improve the game's promotion.

Petrofuel Limited is the title sponsor of this year's tournament and is joined by Colourflex, TATA International, and Pepsi as the co-sponsors.

This year's tournament features the top 10 teams in the country playing under the franchise model with each team being backed by top corporates in the country.

The teams include Aurobindo Aga Khan SC, Horizon Teleports Annadil Burhani, Honest Logistics SKLPSC, Balakrishna Strikers and hosts, Alliance Caravans.

Aruti Aces, Kaon Lions, Harab Motors Pak Stars, NTS Bosch Gymkhana, and FMED Upanga are the other contenders.

Other sponsors of the tournament include NGK Gathani, Jihusu, Flashnet, RAS Logistics, Mlimani City, AOne Bottlers, Kishen Enterprises, Samaki Samaki, Delta Africa, Deep-Heat, and GI Security.



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Flexibles by David Chikoko

