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By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE government is drafting a new land use plan which, among other things, will designate portions of land along the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) line in all districts it passes as a special economic zone once the project is completed.

The Minister for Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development, William Lukuvi said at the weekend that to avoid foreseeable hurdles in implementation of the programme, the government will come up a nationwide land use plan covering this portion of land later this year.

Lukuvi was addressing residents of Kwala and Soga villages in Kibaha Rural District who live close to the SGR marshalling yard and Kwala dry port, Coast region.

Last Friday, the RC, the DCs and the district executive director (DED) visited the SGR project

site view likely opportunities available when it is completed.

Lukuvi affirmed that the plan will be adopted by all districts reached by the SGR project and implement its guidelines.

The government had already formed a ministerial team to work on the matter to ensure that economic activities in the envisaged zone resemble the real value of the SGR project.

“We have formed a team of experts to that will formulate a land use plan for economic development in the SGR corridor,” he said.

“Once it is over, the plan will be disclosed to the public for people interested to invest on it to see opportunities identified,” he elaborated.

The new railway line has connection with the development of industries since it reduces transport costs, he stated.

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Finance and Planning deputy minister Dr Ashatu Kijaji (R) exchanges greetings with DCB Commercial Bank Plc managing director Godfrey Ndalaha in Dar es Salaam at the weekend shortly before gracing the listing of the bank's shares on the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange. Looking on are, DCB board chairman Prof Lucian Msambichaka (2nd-R) and marketing and communications head Rahma Ngassa (party hidden). Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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# 1000-year-old Kilwa coin shakes world trade history

By Guardian Reporter & Agencies

A COPPER coin up dating up to 1000 years from Kilwa found in Australia could completely unsettle the history of Europe's interaction with the rest of the world.

Archaeologist Mike Hermes found an ancient coin lying on a beach last year in the Wessel Islands, which are part of the Northern Territory.

The Kilwa coin from more than 10,000km away here in Tanzania, dates from before the 15th century when European explorers reached various parts of the world, including Africa.

Its surface is eroded, obscuring

identifying features, but Hermes is confident.

“We've weighed and measured it, and it's pretty much a dead ringer for a Kilwa coin,” he said at the weekend, adding: “Well, that could change everything.”

In 1944, five coins were found in the Wessel Islands that were later proven to be 1000-year-old Kilwa coins, opening up the possibility that sailors from distant countries landed in Australia much earlier than thought.

During World War II the Wessel Islands – an uninhabited group of islands off Australia's north coast – were an important place for defending the mainland from attack.

Australian soldier Maurie Isenberg was stationed on one of the islands to operate a radar station and spent his spare time fishing on the beaches.

While sitting in the sand with his fishing rod, he discovered a handful of coins in the sand.

He didn't have a clue where they came from but pocketed them anyway and later placed them in a tin.

In 1979 he rediscovered his “treasure”

# Police 'battle' evicted Mwenge small traders

By Henry Mwangonde

DRAMA ensued in Dar es Salaam yesterday when police engaged vendors at Mwenge trading centre in Kinondoni district in running battles as police vigilance was needed while a municipal grader levelled stalls to pave the way for expansion of Ali Hassan Mwinyi Road.

There was an exchange of words for a while between armed police officers and vendors before a caterpillar which was parked in the vicinity started demolishing all the temporal structures dotting the area.

This paper witnessed the vendors at the popular shopping centre singing songs to counteract police orders to demolish the structures, before work

“The DC said that apart from road construction, a new bus stop will be built to serve people from various corners of the city

starts on the four-kilometre section of the road, from Morocco to Mwenge.

“We are here for a long time. We pay tax and some of us even have the presidential Identity cards, which requires that we are not bothered by anyone. We do not know who is behind this order,” said Rashid Juma, one of the vendors.

Juma argued that the place they were taken to was located far from the bus stop hence there are no customers to buy their products.

“Politics is above everything in this country. This market has been demolished for the fourth if not fifth time now. This leader is telling us to remain and another one tells us to vacate,” said another angry vendor whose name could not be

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# Sweden outlines refurbished ties

By Guardian Reporter

SWEDEN is drafting a new development cooperation strategy with Tanzania in line with changes that have occurred in both countries in recent years.

The new policy in the making is meant to replace the current one which ends in December this year.

To begin with, the Swedish Minister for International Development Cooperation Peter Eriksson (pictured) arrived in the country yesterday where among other things he will engage in dialogue with representatives of the government, civil society and beneficiaries of programmes that Sweden supports regarding the next steps in bilateral relations, the country's embassy said in a



statement.

The current development cooperation strategy has been guiding Swedish collaboration with Tanzania since 2013.

As part of this process, the Swedish government has instructed the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) to begin preparations for a new strategy with Tanzania.

“A renewed Swedish engagement brings an opportunity to realign cooperation in accordance with changes that have occurred both in Tanzania and in Sweden over the past seven years,” the statement reads in part.

Minister Eriksson was quoted affirming that a

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upgraded to investment grade allocated area relating to its economic potential within the SGR project.

Plots will be allocated for investments covering industries, plantations and hotels, meanwhile as the plan seeks to eliminate conflicts, foster sharper environmental protection and provide more opportunities for investments.

The plan will involve all stakeholders at the national, district and village level, the minister noted.

For her part, the Kibaha Rural District Commissioner, Assumpta Mshana commended the government for well coordinated land use planning saying her district was one of the beneficiaries.

She said her office was looking forward to establish industries and infrastructure so that people living around the dry port can benefit.

"We welcome the government plan that among other things will stimulate economic opportunities in respective districts including ours. It is our hope that our people will benefit mostly from the project investments," she explained.

On May 10 it was reported that the SGR project would gobble up more than half of the Ministry of Works, Transport

and Communications development budget in the next financial year.

The 2019/20 budget proposals tabled before the National Assembly by the minister, Isack Kamwelwe, shows that 2.5trn /- of the 4.9trn/- development budget, equivalent to 52.1 per cent, will be set aside for the construction of SGR between Dar es Salaam, Tabora, Isaka and Mwanza and between Isaka and Rusumo.

Engineer Kamwelwe requested the legislature to endorse 4.9 trn/-, with development projects getting 14 per cent more than the sum set aside in the current financial year.

"Out of 2.5trn/- for SGR, 2.4trn/- is meant for construction of the Dar es Salaam to Makutupora section," he said. The remaining sum will go to preparations for construction of the Isaka-Rusumo railway line and the one running from Makutupora-Tabora-Isaka.

Activities to be undertaken include completion of the construction of the 300 kilometres between Dar es Salaam and Morogoro and 422 kilometres linking Morogoro and Makutupora.

The construction of the SGR first phase, the Dar es Salaam-Morogoro stretch (300 kilometres) will be completed by November, officials



President John Magufuli presents a dummy cheque for 20m/- to Senegal's Mouhamed El Moudjtaba Diallo for emerged winner of the 20th international Quran recitation competition organised by Al Hikma Foundation in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

## CAD 35m Africa Future Fund Projects launched

ADDIS ABABA

A 35-million-Canadian Dollar (CAD) projects of Cultivate Africa Future Fund (CultiAF) were launched in Addis Ababa over the weekend.

During the launching of the projects at the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), Canadian Ambassador to Ethiopia Antoine Chevrier said: "We are launching nine projects of the cultivate Africa's Future Fund, a 35 million Canadian Dollar partnership with Australian Center for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR)."

The Ethiopia project is "worth 2.78

million Canadian Dollar and mainly focuses on sorghum production," he added.

Sorghum is a staple food for more than 60 million Ethiopians, it was learned. Australia's Ambassador to Ethiopia, Peter Doyle said Africa and Australia share similar environmental constraints and the latter has met food security challenges.

"So Australian expertise and research are highly relevant to Africa" he noted.

The project seeks to adopt climate-smart interventions for small-holder farmers by introducing climate resilient varieties of sorghum, among others, according to Doyle.

KAMPALA

YOUNG and energetic, HIV/AIDS activists matched on the streets of the Ugandan capital Kampala on Friday in a public awareness campaign aimed at reducing new HIV infections.

The heavy rain downpour did not deter the youthful activists as they joined the rest of the world to commemorate the International AIDS Candlelight Memorial, which serves as a community mobilization campaign to raise social consciousness about HIV and AIDS.

The event was marked under the theme, "Empowering young people to champion the end of new HIV infections."

Abdul Nadduli, minister without portfolio, told reporters that Uganda is focusing on achieving the global target

## Uganda strives to scale back new HIV infections to meet key global targets

of ending AIDS as a public health threat by 2030.

The Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) in 2016 set 90-90-90 targets. The first 90 aims at having 90 percent of people living with HIV knowing their status by 2020. The second 90 aims at having 90 percent of people who test positive to be enrolled on care and treatment. The third 90 aims at ensuring that all those on treatment achieve viral load suppression.

"Uganda's status for 90-90-90 is at 89-89-90 based on the ministry of health data for December 2018," the

minister said, noting that in some socio-demographic groups such as women, these targets have been surpassed.

This success, according to Nadduli, is attributed to the country's Presidential Fast Track Initiative on ending AIDS, which was launched in 2017 by President Yoweri Museveni.

The country adopted Test and Start guidelines, which enables access to treatment with more efficacious drug combinations that have less side effects for all those who test HIV positive, he said.

However, there is still a lot of work needed, especially getting more men

and young people to embrace testing and maximize the utilization of other available health services, he added.

Although the country has made efforts in fighting HIV/AIDS, the burden still remains high, said Nelson Musooba, Director General of Uganda AIDS Commission.

Government figures show that 1.3 million Ugandans are living with HIV, of which, 1.1 million have been enrolled on treatment.

The country has lost an estimated 2 million people to AIDS over the last three decades, according to the figures.



Small traders at Mwenge, Dar es Salaam, relocate yesterday to pave the way for the expansion of a five-km stretch of Ali Hassan Mwinyi Road, a project to be implemented from Morocco to Mwenge by a Japanese contracting firm. Photo: Selemahni Mpochi

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obtained.

Kinondoni District Commissioner Daniel Chongolo who was at the scene told this paper that the government has decided to move the market from Mwenge to a place along the Mwenge-CocaCola road.

The DC said that apart from road construction, a new bus stop will be built to serve people from various corners of the city.

In February, the government signed a contract for the widening of the 4.3km stretch of New Bagamoyo Road phase

II between Morocco and Mwenge junctions.

The agreement was signed between the Tanzania National Roads Agency (Tanroads) and a Japanese contractor, the Nippo-Dai Nippon Joint Venture.

The project is funded by the government of Japan through the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) as a grant. It is designed to repave the current road, install new streetlights, service roads and footpaths for pedestrians.

The Japanese company is expected to execute the project for up to 24 months.

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and decided to send the coins to a museum to get them identified.

The coins proved to be 1000 years old.

Aboriginal Australians are thought to have first arrived on the mainland by boat from the Malay Archipelago between 40,000 and 60,000 years ago.

Captain James Cook declared Australia "terra nullius" (empty land) and claimed it for the UK in 1770.

But Captain Cook wasn't the first European to step on Australia's shores.

In 1606, a Dutch explorer named Willem Janszoon reached the Cape York Peninsula in Queensland, followed a few years later by another Dutchman Dirk Hartog.

According to a team of Australian and US historians, archaeologists, geomorphologists and Aboriginal

rangers, the five coins found in 1944 date back to the 900s to 1300s.

They are from the former Kilwa sultanate, now a World Heritage historical site in Kilwa district, Lindi region.

Kilwa once was a wealthy trade port with links to India in the 1200s to 1500s. The trade with gold, silver, pearls, perfumes, Arabian stoneware, Persian ceramics and Chinese porcelain made the city one of the most influential towns in East Africa at the time.

The copper coins were the first coins ever produced in sub-Saharan Africa, and have only twice been found outside Africa: once in Oman and the Australian find in 1944.

Archaeologists have long suspected there may have been early sea trading routes that linked East Africa, Arabia, India and the Spice Islands even 1000 years ago.

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guiding principle is the continued focus on reducing poverty and leaving no one behind while being firmly anchored in universal values of equality, democracy and human rights.

"We need to ensure that Swedish development cooperation contributes effectively to improved opportunities for better living conditions for people living in poverty in Tanzania. Environment and climate related issues

are possible new areas of cooperation with particular focus on biodiversity and access to renewable energy," the minister asserted.

For years, Tanzania has been among top recipients of Swedish development

assistance, making Sweden a leader among the larger bilateral donors to the country. Development cooperation dates back to early 1960s shared ideals and has over the decades covered most sectors.



By Getrude Mbago

# Tanzania and India agree to continue strengthening cooperation investment in new water infrastructure

TANZANIA and India have agreed to continue strengthening cooperation in various areas which include increase investment in new water infrastructure and innovative strategies to help lift groundwater use in the country.

This was revealed during the weekend at the finalisation of a three-day visit by a delegation from the India Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation.

Speaking during the joint meeting of water officials of the two nations in Dar es Salaam, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Water Prof Kitila Mkumbo said that Tanzania was yet to explore fully the potential in the groundwater.

According to him, if well researched and explored, ground water will help address water shortage challenges in the country.

"As per current data, Tanzania has 21 billion meters of ground water that are yet to be well exploited for the country's use. Lack of modern technology and skills to explore the potential stands as among the challenges, so our fellow

India has agreed to extend their support in this area," he said.

Considering that groundwater in Tanzania is likely to be the key resource to improve the water supply coverage in many areas, there is a need for the country to merge financial and technical capacities to unlock underground and surface water potentials.

He noted that India is among the nations that are too far in terms of technology of exploring groundwater, so Tanzania can also go far by cooperating with the nation.

"Today we have agreed to strengthen cooperation on some key areas including investment in research on ground water exploration, strengthen training and capacity building to staff especially on research and ground water technology..."

"India is the largest trading partner

of Tanzania comprising 18 per cent of its foreign trade and is among the top five investing countries in Tanzania, and these ties are developing well," he noted.

Tanzania attracts Indian investments and businesses in areas such as agro-products, manufacturing, mining, tourism and others sectors.

For her part, additional secretary from the India ministry of water T Rajeswaru said that India and Tanzania enjoy a vibrant social, and cultural for a number of decades something which should be maintained.

She said that India was ready to provide technical support and training to enable Tanzania research and explore the potential of ground water.

Chandramouli Ramachandrian, first secretary, head of chancery and commercial representative at High Commission of India said the two

countries have enjoyed

Tanzania is a leading country for

Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (Itec) and India-Africa

Forum Summit programmes for training and educational scholarships as well as grant projects in the field of Information Technology, healthcare and education.

India has committed around \$1 billion to fund development project in Tanzania.



CRDB Bank Plc managing director Abdulmajid Nsekela presents the bank's financial report for 2018 at the bank's 24th shareholders general meeting held in Arusha at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Agriculture enthusiasts, investors urge African youth to tap advantages agriculture sector offer

By Special Correspondent

AGRICULTURE enthusiasts and investors have called on African youths to leverage the numerous advantages in the agriculture value chain to increase knowledge and employment opportunities.

This was made known at a one-day AgriTech Lab event hosted by MyFarmbase Africa in Lagos, last week.

Aliu Oluwafemi Royal, the CEO/Founder of MyFarmbase Africa, while speaking at the event, emphasised that young people need to be aware of agribusiness opportunities to take advantage of it.

Aliu told Business Insider SSA by Pulse that the aim of the event was to democratise the opportunities in agribusiness leveraging technology.

Quan Le, CEO of Binkabi, introduced participants to the applicability of blockchain to agriculture leveraging on various platforms.

Le said blockchain technology not only simplifies commodity trading, "it resolves the inefficiencies and complexities in the food supply chain".

The Founder of Ope Farms, Olusola Sowemimo, enthusiastically led the conversation of opportunities for youth in Agribusiness and she dived deep into her experiences in farming. She said, "youths can leverage the numerous opportunities in the Agriculture value chain including content creation, processing, packaging, marketing etc" and this will help them reap the benefits in the ecosystem.

"Growing vegetables or tomatoes in a controlled medium will prevent the effect of climate change and essentially help to grow crops all around the season," Onafowora said.

The event also featured a panel session on agriculture and the financing mechanism that powers Agribusiness in Africa.

The event was attended by more than 200 youths and had in attendance the Chief Technical Officer (CTO) to Nigeria's Minister of Agriculture, Ms Mosunmola Umoru; Opeyemi Agbato, Executive Director, Commercial Operations, Animal Care; Joshua Ajisope, CEO, Farmfunded; David Apenda, Digital Agric Officer, Sterling Bank.



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# Universal health coverage is crucial for addressing health inequalities in Tanzania and Vietnam - new report

By Guardian Reporter

HELPAGE International and AARP launched Global AgeWatch reports for Tanzania and Vietnam, saying that Universal Health Coverage (UHC) is fundamental for addressing health inequalities.

The reports follow Global AgeWatch Insights 2018, analyses the extent to which older people's right to health in low and middle-income countries is realised and the barriers that exclude them from health systems and services.

The new reports delve deeper and explore the national context of these barriers in Vietnam and Tanzania, and assess progress towards including older people in universal health coverage (UHC).

Despite national differences in how health services and financial protection are provided, there are a number of key issues that are similar in both contexts and settings whereby despite governments' policy commitments to achieving UHC, many older people remain excluded from accessing health services and financial protection.

Older people struggle to access affordable, appropriate and good quality care due to low levels of awareness of their right to health and lack of recognition of those rights by health and social protection systems. Data systems designed to inform the planning and delivery of health services systematically exclude older people.

The country reports highlight that despite governments' policy commitments to achieving UHC, many older people remain excluded from access to health services and financial protection.

In Tanzania, 88% of people aged 50 and over are without any form of health protection. In Vietnam, the coverage by social health insurance varies by age, marital status, education, wealth and living area. While 90% of those aged 80 and over are covered by social health insurance, 10% remain without cover. Of those aged 50 to 59, just 64% are covered.

The reports also found that when older people had no insurance, they struggled to access vital treatments and services.

"You can have an intention to allocate some money for health services, but due [to] poverty you end up using it to purchase other items such as food," said a woman from Tandale in Tanzania.

An older person from Hai Duong, Vietnam said:

"older people who live in rural areas have to depend on their children's support and they do not have money to pay for health insurance."

The reports also find gaps in coverage and quality of services. In Vietnam, vital services for diabetes are not included in health insurance packages for community-level health facilities. This is reflected in the low prevention rates as only 42% of older people with diabetes have been screened.

"We can provide diagnosis and treatment services for diabetes, but the cost of these services are not included in health insurance," said a community health station representative in Don Thap, Vietnam.

In Tanzania, nearly 80% of health facilities, for example, dispensaries, health centres, hospitals and clinics, diagnose or manage NCDs. However, only 10% of staff who diagnose and manage diabetes had training on the condition.

Additionally, constrained resources for service delivery, administrative barriers, and pressures on health providers to generate income and recover costs mean older people are often denied their entitlements by health providers. Either they are declined services they are entitled to receive for free or provided with inadequate treatment, such as incomplete medication dosages.

The reports show large inequalities within the older population when accessing to health services and protection. Generally those in rural areas who have lower levels of education or income are at a greater disadvantage.

Both reports highlight that there is a systematic lack of data on older people's access to health or their health issues. This means there is insufficient evidence to effectively inform the planning and delivery of health systems at a national level.

To ensure that older people are able to relies their right to health, the report calls on governments at a national level to continue efforts to expand social health insurance coverage to all, especially to reach older people with low levels of education or living in low-income households, ensure households with older people have financial protection from catastrophic health expenditure, develop an appropriate health insurance benefit package that covers medication, assistive devices, and diagnostics and management for NCDs across the different levels of health facilities.



Lorries with cargo destined for export and just-cleared imports queue for inspection at Dar es Salaam Port at the weekend, resulting in congestion to which drivers demand an urgent solution. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

## Morogoro RC commends 14 journalists

By Guardian Correspondents

MOROGORO Regional Commissioner, Kebwe Stephen has hailed 14 journalists who have been reporting innovative agricultural development issues in the country.

Kebwe made the recommendation here over the weekend when speaking at the just-concluded second Nkwabi Ng'wanakilala Investigative Business Environment Media Conference.

He named those journalists as Denis Mkakala circulation officer Mpanda Radio, Kassimu Mpika station manager Pamoja FM,

Elius Magange Editor Pambazuko FM, Kessy editor at business desk at 101 Clouds Media, Bahati Obel Chai FM's manager and Prosper Kwizige the chairman of community Radio Tanzania (TADIO)

The RC said that from findings, the journalists managed to launch radio and TV programs address the challenges faced businesses men and farmers towards improve production

Kebwe also lauded St. Augustine University of Tanzania (SAUT) in collaboration with Business Environment strengthening for Tanzania (BEST) for

establishing a center for investigative business Environment Reporting and dialogue (CIBERD).

"This efforts enable media practitioners and communication researchers to acquire knowledge and skills for investigative business reporting," the RC said.

For his part, SAUT Vice Chancellor Ambassador Chancellor Prof Costa Mahalu said conference was meant to look how media can help to scale up agricultural sector and the country's industrialisation agenda in the country.



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- Marie Stopes Tanzania (MST) is a registered Non-Governmental Organization providing Integrated Reproductive and HIV health services country wide. Established in 1989 under Marie Stopes International, MST operates 11 health facilities and 59 outreach teams.
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Notice is hereby given that the 10th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Tanzania Institute of Arbitrators will be held on 20th June 2019 at the Julius Nyerere International Conference Centre in Dar es Salaam from 08:30 am. Registration shall start at 08:00 am.

The AGM will be preceded with the 3rd Annual Arbitration Conference to be held on the same day (20th June 2019). The Annual Conference will attract 2 Points on Continuing Legal Education (CLE) for Advocates.

#### The agenda of the meeting is as follows: -

- Opening of the meeting;
- Adoption of the agenda;
- Confirmation of the minutes of the 9th AGM and matters arising thereof;
- Chairman's Report;
- Adoption of the Audited Accounts for the year ended 31/12/2018;
- Appointment of Auditors;
- Amendment of the Constitution;
- Election
- Any Other Business – It must be tendered to the Honorary Secretary at least fourteen (14) clear days prior to the AGM;
- Closing of the meeting.

Issued on 20th May 2019 for and on behalf of the Tanzania Institute of Arbitrators (TI Arb) by

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# Africa's food security threatened by poorly performing seed industry

By Guardian Reporter and Agencies

THE poor performance of Africa's seed industry is threatening food security on the continent, warns a new report.

"The overall picture is one of international and African seed companies falling short in delivering quality seed and new varieties to smallholder farmers. This limits the potential to address food security, nutrition and climate resilience," revealed the study by Amsterdam-based Access to Seeds Foundation on the performance of 23 major seed companies in 22 West and Central African countries.

Though an increasing number of seed companies have launched on the continent over the last decade, they are not investing in breeding new varieties locally for the benefit of farmers, the report found. Many of the companies apparently have built a business model around importing and distributing seeds, instead of investing in local plant breeding programs to develop new seed varieties.

"While there is a growing number of seed companies active in the region, both homegrown and international, less than half of the 23 companies researched conduct plant breeding in Western and Central Africa. This limits the release of new varieties adapted to the region," the report noted.

"Plant breeding is the core activity of many seed companies around the world, but this is not the case in Western and Central Africa," the report added. "Only 11 of the 23 index companies conduct plant breeding. In 15 of the 22 countries in scope (representing 70 percent), no breeding by index companies was found."

This has resulted in a situation where many of the varieties being sold by African seed companies are more than five years old, making it impossible for farmers to cope with rapid developments such as new pests and diseases or erratic weather conditions resulting from a changing climate.

"The lack of newly developed varieties seriously impacts the resilience to a changing climate and emerging disease and pests, which reduces yields," the report noted.

Earlier this year, a similar report by the group highlighted how global seed companies are not reaching smallholder farmers across the world, thereby making it impossible for them to produce crops efficiently.

Now, this latest report shows local companies in the West and Central African regions are struggling to fill the void created by the absence of global firms – despite their possible capacity to do so. "Our study shows the potential of homegrown seed companies. However, most operate only in their home markets, which causes geographic imbalances in seed sector development," Ido Verhagen, executive director at Access to Seeds Index, observed.

Verhagen expressed concern that the situation means "capacity-building activities offered by companies only reach farmers in a handful of countries." The report noted training of new technologies by farmers in overlooked countries, he observed.

The study comes at a time when the number of undernourished people has been on the rise in sub-Saharan Africa since 2014. In West Africa,

undernourishment has risen to 15.1 percent of the population in 2017, up from 10.4 percent in 2010. Climate change and weather extremes have been identified as a major reason for the increase.

The report noted a well-functioning seed industry has a vital role to play in helping farmers to adapt to climatic challenges while simultaneously raising production levels. "The relevance of access to seeds and plant breeding should not be underestimated," the report noted.

## TURN AROUND NEEDED

Concerns about the local seed industry failing African farmers have been a major issue under discussion among players in the continent's seed industry for some years now. The Integrated Seed Sector Development in Africa (ISSD Africa), a community of research institutions that includes the International Food and Policy Research Institute in the United States and Wageningen University and Research in the Netherlands – has identified lack of quality seeds as "one of the most pressing issues hindering productivity increase in Africa."

In a March 2019 publication, ISSD Africa noted seed sector development is a challenge across the African continent.

"Whereas every country is unique, often countries face similar challenges in seed sector development, like difficulties in assuring seed quality," Wageningen's Marja Thijssen noted. "Farmers in Africa lose millions of dollars each year using seeds with low germination rate or seeds that do not germinate at all."

Scientists are calling for increased investments in the local seed industry

across the African continent to help fix these challenges and ensure the availability of quality seeds to farmers. Dr. Emmanuel Chamba, a plant breeder at the Savannah Agricultural Research Institute in Ghana, said there is also a need for better regulatory policies in

the local seed industry.

"You have to invest more resources in the local seed sector," Chamba told the Alliance for Science in an interview. "But you don't just invest and leave it to the farmer. You need to introduce better policies and properly regulate

how things are done. That is how to grow the industry."

Chamba also called for intentional efforts to establish structures like seed banks across the continent, noting these are needed for a properly functioning seed industry.



Watercom sales manager Shiraz Hussein (C), Milkcom sales manager Yona Shempemba (L) and Watercom area manager Mohamed Abdallah show journalists in Dar es Salaam late last week new energiser drinks produced by their firms. Photo: Selemani Mpochi

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By Francis Kajubi

# FCC disposes of counterfeits, substandard products worth 660.87m/- in Coast region

The Fair Competition Commission (FCC) has disposed counterfeits and substandard products worth 660.87m/- calling upon Tanzanians to embrace genuine products for the growth of local industries.

Speaking at the destruction event held over the weekend at Kisenga village in Kisarawe district, FCC director general Dr John Mduma said disposal of counterfeits is one of measures stipulated in the Merchandised Marks Act.

"This is just the beginning of our ten day disposal campaign of counterfeits and substandard we nabbed across the country during this financial year. It goes up to May 27th. All sorts of illegal businesses including counterfeits and substandard threatens competitiveness, innovation, best practice and deny val-

ue for money of the local market," said Dr. Mduma.

According to him, among disposed counterfeits included handbags and wallets worth 235.56million/-, toothbrush cartons worth 226.80million/- ink for photocopy machine 62.55million/- and detergent soaps worth 21.31million/- . Other counterfeits and sub standards were fishing nets, body lotion, helmets, pistons, and mosquito nets.

He urged manufacturers have to walk hand in hand with the government in protecting their brands against counterfeiters by conducting routine surveys of the products on the market and report-

ing to the authorities.

"Any business or trade associated to counterfeits is being stipulated as part of the Anti-money laundering Act, known as predicate offences that helps in easing the practice of money laundering crimes. However, the Merchandised Marks Act 1963 poses an imprisonment punishment to counterfeiters of between 5 and 14 years," he warned.

According to FCC figures, in the period covering 2013 to December 2018 the commission carried out routine surveillance at the ports and inland container depots where 160 raids were conducted countrywide and led to the seizure of

1,131 containers loaded with assorted counterfeit goods.

During the period, the commission disposed condemned counterfeit goods

worth 15.6bn/-. Awareness campaigns on counterfeit issues were made to local business people to enable them appreciate the consequence of infringing

one's trademark and importance of registering and protecting local brands.

Dr Mduma pointed that one of the challenges in combating proliferation of counterfeits in local market is a few deficiencies present in the current Merchandise Marks Act 1963 that needs urgent amendments with strong regulations to fully protect consumer's welfare.



A Tanzania Breweries Limited senior communication officer (R) briefs members of a visiting National Defence College of Nigeria delegation on beer production when they toured the firm's Dar es Salaam plant at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## PATH

### Project Director, Data Use Partnership

Location: Dar es Salaam  
Department: Digital Health (DHS)

PATH is a global organization that works to accelerate health equity by bringing together public institutions, businesses, social enterprises, and investors to solve the world's most pressing health challenges. With expertise in science, health, finance, technology, advocacy, and dozens of other specialties, PATH develops and scales innovative solutions—including vaccines, drugs, devices, diagnostics, and approaches to strengthening health systems worldwide.

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The Tanzanian Government has formulated an "Investment roadmap in data systems and data use in the health sector", building on the national eHealth Strategy. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation expects to support the Government by contributing funding towards a portion of this roadmap through a five-year project coordinated by PATH. PATH in Tanzania seeks to recruit a Project Director to lead the execution of this project. The project consists of three packages of work:

- Working with the Government to put in place and support effective governance and coordination processes for the investment roadmap as a whole
- Demonstration of instituted data use practices including through use of digital tools by primary care workers, facility supervisors and health managers
- Supporting data consistency and exchange through enterprise architecture, including through a health worker registry and an administrative area registry

#### Specific duties and responsibilities:

- Oversee all activities of the project including managing and supporting team and coordinate project work across PATH, partner staff and Government secondees.
- Plan, direct, coordinate and lead activities of Data Use Partnership project to ensure that goals, objectives and all elements of the project are accomplished within the prescribed time frame and funding parameters.
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- Develop and maintain relationships with the Government of Tanzania, implementing partners and publicly represent the project and its values.
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- Work closely with PATH team members and the Gates Foundation to communicate challenges, bottlenecks, solutions and successes and generate required reports and other deliverables as needed.

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- Degree in Information Technology, Computer Science, Health Informatics or Project Management or any other related field.
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## Foundation donates modern library to Coast region school

By Guardian Correspondent

SPIRITS were high over the weekend at Mandera secondary school in Coast region as students, teachers and the community gathered to witness the recent opening of a newly refurbished library at the school.

The library which was sponsored by Wentworth Africa Foundation as part of ongoing support to the

school, at a cost of 31.6m/-.

The foundation partnered with Read International a youth driven educational developmental organization which began its life in 2004. It was founded by a group of socially entrepreneurial students, led by Rob Willison. He was inspired to start it following a gap year teaching in Tanzania.

Read International works in all regions in Tanzania

mainland and to date has supported 113schools with libraries and provided more than 1.6 million books and other reading materials in 21 regions across Tanzania. They have worked with more than 1000 volunteers mainly university students and continuing graduates.

The library refurbishment program in Mandera secondary school engaged 5 volunteers and worked hand

in hand with the school authorities and students.

Read International's vision is to impact students with the power of education and to enable them to reach their full potential. The funding provided by Wentworth Africa Foundation enabled not just the refurbishment of the structure but also the provision of basic furniture, 3 computers and 882 books.

Teachers and students were also trained to run the library and the computers are connected to Shule Direct—a web platform delivering qualified educational content that serves as a supplementary for learning and revision for students and a teaching resource of teachers in secondary schools in Tanzania.

Speaking at the handing over function, president of the foundation, Barb McBean said the support was very much in line with the foundation's vision where they see education as the key towards changing society.

"Our vision is to impact students with the power of education and enable them to realize their full potential," McBean, said, urging students to work hard and to take their studies seriously.

For her part, headmistress of the school, Rose Kabisa said that the school that was founded in 2009 has 524 students who board at the school. She said the school has been focused on raising passes. They had 3 division zeros in the final exams for form 4 and 2 last year and that they had now embarked on a campaign dubbed "eliminate division zero".

"We thank Wentworth Africa Foundation and Read International very much for giving us such a wonderful gift for learning. Today opened up a whole new world of learning for us and we are the envy of the other schools around us. We will use this library effectively and will be happy to share the tools with our surrounding neighbours. Wentworth Africa Foundation is a great friend to us providing us this year with a library and last year with sanitary pads for our girls," she said.

Deputy minister of Energy, Subira Mgalu lauded Wentworth Africa Foundation for the substantial financial assistance to Read International for the library refurbishment. She said it was the first modern library in the district and expected that it will help students to improve their knowledge and grades.



### JOB ADVERTISEMENT

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#### Qualifications

Completion of a University program in accounting or a related field or Advanced Diploma in Accounts from a recognized professional accounting institution

#### Experience

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# WMA screens over 108,000 water meters at Kibaha

By Guardian Reporter

More than 108,000 water meters have been inspected for standards by the Weights and Measures Agency (WMA) since the Kibaha-based Misugusugu verification centre started operating in March this year.

In the past, the inspection was being conducted by water authorities, but from last year the government facilitated the centre and started doing that task.

Speaking over the weekend, the head of technical operations at WMA Stella Kanywa said the centre operates 24 hours and has the ability to inspect 400 meters a day.

The official was addressing journalists, who visited the centre ahead of the World Measures Day to be commemorated on May 20.

"There are various water projects that the government is carrying out and there is need to ensure that the meters are inspected," she said.

She added that the agency currently has 10,000 meters by Dar es Salaam

Water and Sewerage Corporation (Dawasa) which are expected to be inspected via computer.

According to her, any tenderer who is expected to distribute meters is expected to take them for inspection to the agency before being used. Currently the centre is able to weigh at least 60 lorries per day and is now being used also by the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

The centre uses water to test the meters because it is a liquid that does not change and that they have four huge water tanks that can store up to four million litres.

One of the drivers Deusdedit Pius from Primefuels said the inspection centre has reduced congestion along the Morogoro highway contrary to earlier when they were all required to go to a centre at Ilala where there is no parking.

WMA has other support weighing centres at Mbeya, Mtwara, Tanga, Kigoma, Mwanza, Shinyanga, Iringa which is open for public use to ensure they use quality weighed products.



Andrew Mgunda (standing), Stanbic Bank's head of investor services, speaks to the bank's customers at a workshop on pension funds held in Dodoma late last week. Facilitators from the Bank of Tanzania and the Social Security Regulatory Authority addressed participants on debt markets and transactional banking with a focus on custody services alongside availing them an opportunity to network and exchange ideas with industry peers and experts. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# 9,000 livestock keepers from four regions to benefit from modern methods

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

MORE than 9,000 livestock keepers from four regions of Arusha, Tanga, Mwanza and Dar es Salaam are to benefit from the modern livestock keeping that will make the sector productive and contribute to the country's economy.

Project manager from Farm Radio International, Eliakunda Urjo revealed

this over the weekend here when speaking at the meeting aimed at setting up strategies that will make farmers get livestock farming education through radio.

Urjo said that RFI has been working with farmers in an effort to ensure the beneficiaries get right skills on better animal husbandry practices.

"And this time, we're going to deal with cattle, poultry, goat and sheep

keepers in those four regions. The idea is to make them well informed on animal husbandry and better use of pesticides," he said, adding:

"Media will play a key role in ensuring that the beneficiaries and other stakeholders get education on the sector."

RFI's assistant officer of radio department, Clara Moita said that education on animal health will be

provided for the next six months.

She said that that the project is designed to ensure that livestock keepers venture into modern farming that would ensure high productivity.

A Mwanza-based poultry farmer Betty Masumbigana decried over a wide-range of challenges facing the sector including Newcastle disease is a highly contagious viral disease.

She said that the disease affects all poultry including chicken, ducks, turkeys, pigeons but chicken are the most affected.

"This disease wipes out the chicken flock of an entire village in a few days. I hope this new initiative will help to address this challenge as more experts will be involved."

RFI's projects work in Tanzania has addressed a wide range of

topics, ranging from legume production and weather advisory services to mental health and political participation.

RFI started in Zambia back in 1975. It was then that a Canadian broadcaster named George Atkins got a simple but powerful idea that would go on to improve the lives of millions of the world's most vulnerable farmers.



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## Good governance approaches can promote biodiversity conservation

**T**HE International Day for Biological Diversity (or World Biodiversity Day) is a United Nations-sanctioned international day for the promotion of biodiversity issues. It is currently held on May 22.

The International Day for Biological Diversity falls within the scope of the UN Post-2015 Development Agenda's Sustainable Development Goals. In this larger initiative of international cooperation, the topic of biodiversity concerns stakeholders in sustainable agriculture; desertification, land degradation and drought; water and sanitation; health and sustainable development; energy; science, technology and innovation, knowledge-sharing and capacity-building; urban resilience and adaptation; sustainable transport; climate change and disaster risk reduction; oceans and seas; forests; vulnerable groups including indigenous peoples; and food security. The critical role of biodiversity in sustainable development was recognised in a Rio+20 outcome document, "The World We Want: A Future for All".

From its creation by the Second Committee of the UN General Assembly in 1993 until 2000, it was held on December 29 to celebrate the day the Convention on Biological Diversity went into effect. On December 20, 2000, the date was shifted to commemorate the adoption of the Convention on May 22, 1992 at the Rio Earth Summit, and partly to avoid the many other holidays that occur in late December.

Biodiversity refers to the variety and variability of life on Earth. Biodiversity is typically a measure of variation at the genetic, species, and ecosystem level. Terrestrial biodiversity is usually greater near the equator, which is the result of the warm climate and high primary productivity. Biodiversity is not distributed evenly on Earth,

and is richest in the tropics. These tropical forest ecosystems cover less than 10 per cent of earth's surface, and contain about 90 per cent of the world's species. Marine biodiversity is usually highest along coasts in the Western Pacific, where sea surface temperature is highest, and in the mid-latitude band in all oceans. There are latitudinal gradients in species diversity. Biodiversity generally tends to cluster in hotspots, and has been increasing through time, but will be likely to slow in the future.

Rapid environmental changes typically cause mass extinctions. More than 99.9 per cent of all species that ever lived on Earth, amounting to over five billion species, are estimated to be extinct. Estimates on the number of Earth's current species range from 10 million to 14 million, of which about 1.2 million have been documented and over 86 percent have not yet been described. More recently, in May 2016, scientists reported that 1 trillion species are estimated to be on Earth currently with only one-thousandth of one per cent described. In July 2016, scientists reported identifying a set of 355 genes from the Last Universal Common Ancestor (LUCA) of all organisms living on Earth.

The age of the Earth is about 4.54 billion years. The earliest undisputed evidence of life on Earth dates at least from 3.5 billion years ago, during the Eoarchean Era after a geological crust started to solidify following the earlier molten Hadean Eon. There are microbial mat fossils found in 3.48 billion-year-old sandstone discovered in Western Australia.

Since life began on Earth, five major mass extinctions and several minor events have led to large and sudden drops in biodiversity. The United Nations designated 2011-2020 as the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity and 2021-2030 as the United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration.

## We should highlight the role of Information Communication Technology in today's world

**W**ORLD Information Society Day (WISD) was proclaimed to be on 17 May by a United Nations General Assembly resolution, following the 2005 World Summit on the Information Society in Tunis.

The day had previously been known as 'World Telecommunication Day' to commemorate the founding of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) on 17 May 1865. It was instituted by the Plenipotentiary Conference in Malaga-Torremolinos in 1973.

The main objective of the day is to raise global awareness of societal changes brought about by the Internet and new technologies. It also aims to help reduce the digital divide.

In November 2005, the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) called upon the UN General Assembly to declare 17 May as World Information Society Day to focus on the importance of ICT and the wide range of issues related to the information society raised by WSIS. The General Assembly adopted a resolution in March 2006 stipulating that World Information Society Day shall be celebrated every year on 17 May. The first World Information Society Day took place on Wednesday, 17 May 2006.

In November 2006, the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference in Antalya, Turkey, decided to celebrate both events on 17 May as World Telecommunication and Information Society Day. The updated Resolution invites member states and sector members to celebrate the day annually by organising appropriate national programmes with a view to: First, stimulating reflection and exchanges of ideas on the theme adopted by the Council; second debating the various aspects of the theme with all partners in society and third formulating a

report reflecting national discussions on the issues underlying the theme, to be fed back to ITU and the rest of its membership.

The World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) was a two-phase United Nations-sponsored summit on information, communication and, in broad terms, the information society that took place in 2003 in Geneva and in 2005 in Tunis. One of its chief aims was to bridge the global digital divide separating rich countries from poor countries by spreading access to the Internet in the developing world. The conferences established 17 May as World Information Society Day.

In the last decades of the 20th century the new Information and Communication Technology (ICT) was implemented, especially in the developed countries. Using ICT changed the modern society in many ways which is known as digital revolution, and therefore new opportunities and threats had been raised. The world's leaders were hopeful to solve many problems using ICT. At the same time they were concerned with digital divide at an international level as well as at a national one which could lead to shaping new classes of those who have access to ICT and those who have not.

In such circumstance, recognizing that these challenges and opportunities require global discussion on the highest level, the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), following a proposal by the government of Tunisia during ITU Plenipotentiary Conference in Minneapolis in 1998, approved Resolution 73 to hold a World Summit on the Information Society and put forward it to the United Nations. In 2001, the ITU Council decided to hold the Summit in two phases, the first from 10 to 12 December 2003, in Geneva, and the second from 16 to 18 November 2005 in Tunis.

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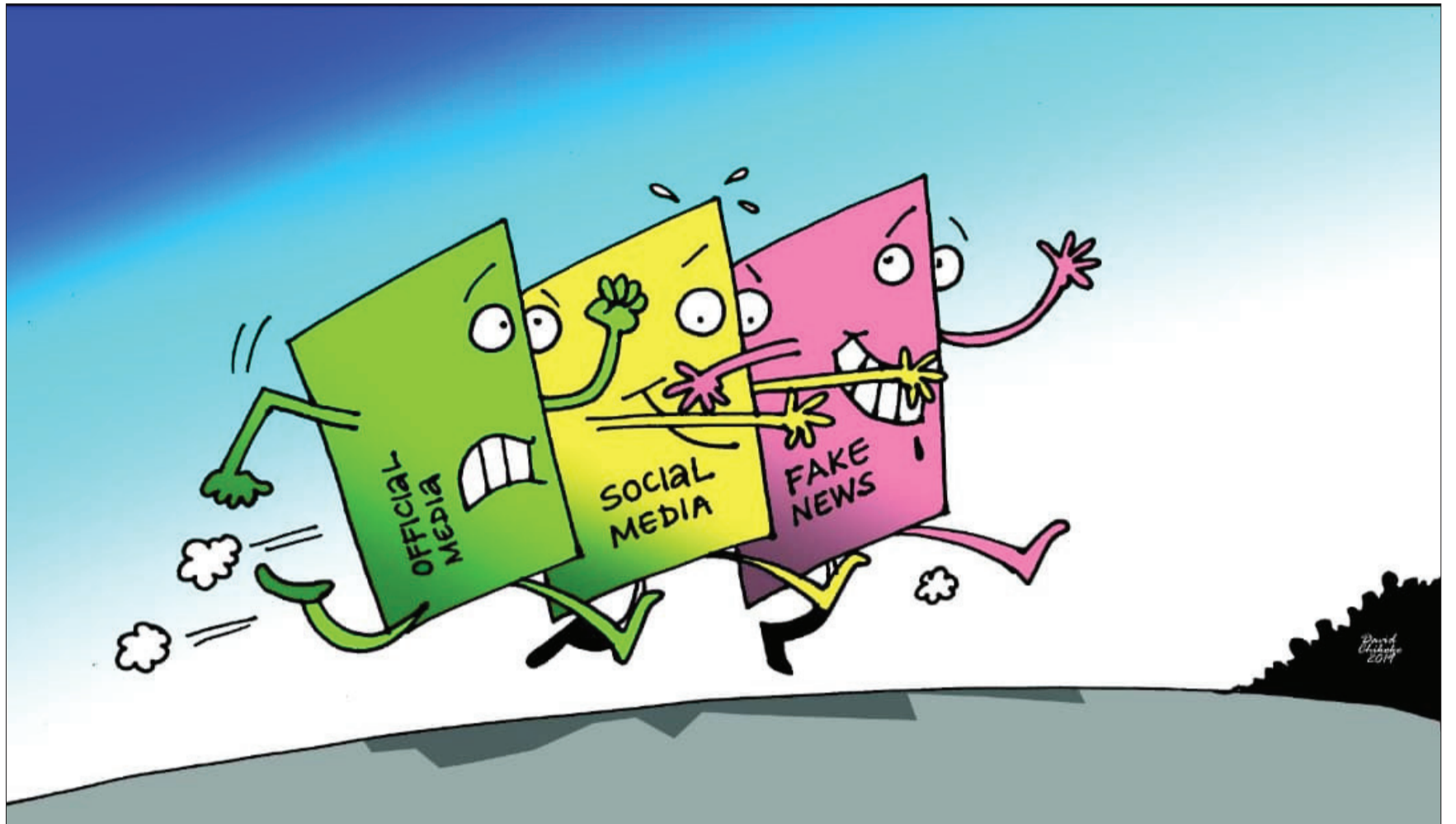
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## We have a lot more to do to ensure sanity on our roads

By Jackson G Majura

**S**CARCELY a week goes by before people are killed and even more injured in crashes - not all of them truly accidents, one must say - on our roads. As usual, the following day, the news is splashed on TV channels and newspapers - and, even earlier, on the now-virtually omnipresent social media.

We are shown police and journalists talking to the surviving victims in hospitals, explaining how the driver was behaving before the crash - negotiating corners at 120 km per hour, with a "kiroba" (hard drink) sachet in one hand, while pretending to control the steering wheel with the other, or such other omissions and commissions.

And this is happening all over the country, including in some of our remotest districts, where the number of vehicles is as unthinkably thin as one can imagine.

A mid-2016 crash, involving two buses owned by the same company, was among the most chilling and enigmatic. Thirty lives were reported as having been lost on the spot, while several passengers were left with injuries of varying degrees - some of which will impair their capacity to earn a living for life.

Too bad, it would probably be improper - even dangerous - to make comments about it in that there was already a case in a court of law in connection with the incident.

The carnage on our roads has been going on unchecked for years on end. The statistics are mind-boggling and terrific in the extreme. For example, 2014 saw 3,760 deaths from 14,360 road accidents. The number of deaths is equivalent to slightly more than 15 Airbus A320 jetliner crashes, with no surviving passengers and crew.

In terms of the number of accidents, this was an "improvement" compared to the previous year, when the total was 23,842 and led to 4,002 lives lost - an average of one death every two hours. This is by all standards apocalyptic. And if such senseless loss of life has not made us rethink our preventive and remedial tactics, I do not know what will.

Probably we are waiting for some top government authorities to keep publicly spitting fire on it, and that is when the lesser authorities tracking and overseeing the state of road safety in the country will be jolted into action on some sustained basis.

It is predictably then that it will start dawning on everyone that even life or limb lost is one too many. And that is when accidents will start making "news" in earnest.

But for now, some journalists out to sell their papers through sensational news do not feel compelled to give splash headlines to road accidents, however grisly or fatal. They cannot

because they know the readers' fatigue with regard to such "monotonous" and therefore notoriously "drab" incidents - as reports about brawls among political foes will make better headlines.

But I don't mean to throw a raspberry at anyone. The only way to restore sanity to our roads, which many of us appear to have given up on, is to think, strategise and act together.

Before we do this, though, we need to get right to the root causes of the problem. Without identifying the real causes, we can only end up wasting our energy and other resources on symptoms, leaving the real causes untouched.

We made precisely this false start in the 1990s, when we diagnosed the same problems wrongly, coming to the conclusion that most road accidents were due to the fact that passenger buses had the liberty to travel day and night - and at speeds of their choice.

A decree was hastily issued: no passenger service vehicle should be on the road after 8 p.m. And then what happened? Nothing.

As the Americans would put it, we were pissing against the wind. We were simply applying penicillin on top of the wound, hoping that we would heal it. And so road accidents and "accidents" have remained frequent to this day.

As if this was not bad enough, another project was hatched: the fitting of road speed governors to all passenger vehicles, ostensibly to limit the driving speed to 80 kph.

Poor us, as little did we know that it was probably a project of and for someone or people out to make a quick buck. See: the gadgets could only be bought from a handful of selected suppliers.

Fortunately, the gadgets were not tamper-proof. Even a few clever small-time auto-electricians soon discovered ways of by-passing them.

In the process, dishonest traffic police officers made a killing too: if you were caught with the speed governor on your vehicle "not working", then a two-minute lecture behind that very vehicle would clear things up.

Eventually, the project was abandoned without any evaluation as to its success or otherwise. Whoever had initiated it did not even have the courtesy to tell us what had happened and why.

One lesson from the two projects is that we would only be applying piecemeal - and most likely cosmetic or irrelevant - "solutions" that would never work unless we identified the true causes of a problem.

This reminds one of a story in Uganda during the brutal reign of dictator Idi Amin Dada - when most, if not all, roads in the capital Kampala were so full of crater-wide potholes that anyone seen driving straight would be arrested instantly.

The offence would officially be the

assumption by traffic police officers that anyone driving straight without avoiding the dangerous potholes was obviously under the influence of alcohol or some other intoxicating substance. Of course, this was complete madness.

In problem-solving classes, we are taught that if one wants to find a lasting solution to any recurring problem, the first requirement is to identify the causes - and, in particular, the "root causes".

With road accidents precipitated or made worse and more deadly by so many factors, our road safety experts should put their heads together in brainstorming sessions until they come up with the primary and secondary causes of the mayhem.

They should then go further and identify the root causes. But merely apportioning or imputing blame, often with traffic police officers charging motorists with "reckless driving" or with charging the officers with being so corrupt as to look the wrong way when a road accident occurs will not provide a workable solution.

Nor will resorting to harsh jail sentences or hefty fines for the offenders, unless an in-depth analysis is made, leading to the conclusion (borne out by facts and figures) that those are, indeed, the real causes.

The causes of road accidents come in various forms. Some are purely mechanical, such as having to do with the state of a vehicle's roadworthiness.

Others include omissions such as lack of proper and adequate driving skills, driving under the influence of alcohol, lack of proper road signs on our roads, poor condition of our roads, offenders being handed "sentences" too light to serve as true deterrents, corruption and speeding - where the law is directly to blame. The list is endless.

In order to identify the main contributing factors, a review of statistics on road accidents is of paramount importance. With so many road crashes witnessed every year, there should be a very rich database - that is, assuming that the database is structured well enough to ensure ease or convenience of analysis.

Once the main contributing factors are isolated, then the root cause of each would have to be drilled down. For example, if speeding and drink-driving are found to be the main factors, a series of questions should be asked to find out why drivers go beyond the allowable speed limits or drive under the influence.

Benchmarking with countries in similar conditions would also go a long way towards seeing what could be done. For instance, many motorcyclists in Tanzania (popularly known as bodaboda) have literally decided that road traffic regulations do not apply to them.

These people can do just about

anything and everything: drive against red-light signs right in the faces of traffic police officers, overtake on the wrong sides of the road, or drive at any speed they feel happy with. Within the East African Community bloc, it is probably only in Rwanda that this cannot happen.

The practice in Rwanda is that all motorcyclists and their passengers have to have helmets on, and they dutifully stop at all traffic lights - whether there is a traffic police officer around or not. So we could check with Rwanda to find out how they achieved this kind of unqualified life-saving discipline.

Proper driving skills are arguably one of the most effective measures of minimising the prevalence of road crashes. For instance, in Finland, getting a driving licence takes very long because the applicant has to know even what happens "below the car boot". Compare this with our system, where sometimes we are licensed to drive on public roads before we even know how to properly reverse or park a vehicle!

In Finland, being caught driving under the influence automatically means not being able to use a driving licence for several years. Additionally, any minor mechanical fault in the vehicle is enough to make it fail the roadworthiness test - that is, until the fault is fixed.

These are but some of the lessons we can learn through benchmarking with other countries, in case we are too busy to think for ourselves.

Granted, no country has a zero per cent road accident incidence. The global estimate in 2006 was that road crashes claimed the lives of some 1.2 million people every year, with developing countries (which have much fewer vehicles per capita than technologically more advanced ones) accounting for 85 per cent of the fatalities.

If this trend continues unabated, the human, financial, material and other costs of road accidents in struggling countries like ours will remain extremely overwhelming.

Already, bodaboda injury victims occupying orthopaedic beds in our hospitals are weighing too heavily on our meagre health budget for comfort.

This is not to mention the fact that the contribution of most of the people killed or maimed in road accidents is key to our country's social and economic development - while those they leave behind would have been much better off had the crashes not occurred in the first place. The time to do something about this problem is now.

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# Energy as a key driver to addressing youth migration challenge in Africa

By Special Correspondent

**A**S I reflect on the 2019 Ibrahim Governance Weekend which took place in Abidjan in early April, one aspect of the discussions that I would like to elaborate on is the role of energy in addressing the challenge of African youth migration. Energy is critical in stimulating economic growth and therefore a key driver in creating livelihoods and opportunities for the youth in Africa.

According to the 2019 Ibrahim Forum Report, migration of Africans in 2017 represented only 14 per cent of the global migrant population; much less than the share from Asia (41%) and Europe (24pc). The report further states three important facts:

- more than 70 per cent of the sub-Saharan African migrants move within Africa
- the current African migrants are mostly young and educated, and
- the main driver for migration among 80 per cent of the migrants is the hope for better economic or social prospects.

This information presents to the continent the entry points for addressing the challenge of youth migration. One thing is certain: energy is critical in stimulating economic growth. With energy, decent livelihoods will be created for the youth in Africa who constitute more than a third of the continent's population.

There is need for urgent action towards addressing access to energy as key in building the Africa we want. The Africa whose youth will be happy to stay and work in their countries or within the continent. As highlighted in Africa Energy Outlook - a report produced by the International Energy Agency (IEA) - in sub-Saharan Africa, more than 620 million people have no access to electricity and nearly 730 million others continue to rely on tra-



ditional biomass for cooking. Energy for cooking and lighting is just energy needed for basic needs at the household level; not energy for productive use. To be having challenges with access to energy for such basic needs despite the continent's immense renewable energy resources potential that - if efficiently harnessed - are more than enough to meet its energy needs, is unacceptable.

According to the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)'s re-

**The Africa whose youth will be happy to stay and work in their countries or within the continent**

port - Africa 2030: Roadmap for a Renewable Energy Future, the four key modern renewable energy technologies with the highest deployment potential in the region include modern biomass for cooking; hydropower; wind; and solar, with hydropower continuing to play an important role in sub-Saharan Africa despite its vulnerability to climate change. Moreover, the exploitation of geothermal resources in East Africa will significantly increase energy supply. The

deployment of these renewable energy technologies in Africa will address the current energy access challenge, hence stimulate growth in various sectors that the continent's economies depend on.

One such sector is agriculture, which was highlighted during the Ibrahim Forum, as a critical sector in creating employment opportunities for young people. The involvement of African youth in the agriculture sector has been minimal. According to the Millennial

Viewpoints Survey highlighted in the Ibrahim Forum Report, only 26 per cent of young Africans are interested in a job in agriculture. This is attributed to the fact that the sector is seen as outdated, unprofitable and hard work, characteristics that do not resonate well with young people. Therefore, the transformation of the agriculture sector from a low-tech, low productivity, low profit and manpower intensive traditional sector to a high-tech, high productivity,

high profit and energy-intensive modern sector is needed. This will make the agriculture sector more attractive to the youth. Such a transformation will require availability of affordable, reliable and sustainable modern energy services.

Thus, the prominence of the role of energy in discussions about Africa's youth should be given more emphasis as it is critical in addressing Africa's youth migration challenges.

## South Sudan will rise from the ashes of destruction

By Deng Ezekiel Ghew

**A**S we all know, our country is at war with herself. We are all engulfed by the spirit and culture of war. Wherever we look in our country, we are met by destruction: it is how much we have destroyed than built that is conspicuous all over the country, and that has become synonymous with our identity all over the world. Our country has been bent towards self-destruction and self-extinction for so long that it has undermined our growth as a nation. Contrary to the beautiful days, now wherever one goes in South Sudan, what meets the ears is the mourning of bereaved families burying their loved ones; what meets the eyes are bodies littering our land all over. What one hears are sounds of predatory birds and wild carnivores preying on the bodies of South Sudanese! What one hears these days in our villages are the wailings of women, young children, old men, and women under renewed attacks! What covers our skies are smokes of villages on fire! And on everyone's face are signs of despair, destruction, and uncertainties about the future!

Wherever one goes in South Sudan, what one finds are graves in which the great men and women, the finest of our generations, have been laid to rest! In those graves are brains of many potential greats: brains of literary giants whose literature books would have enriched our literary world; brains of great scientists and great doctors who would have rolled back the burden of diseases that we face daily; of great musicians and artists who would have composed songs we would be singing for generations; brains of great economists who would have revived our economy from the jaws and menace of those politicians who looted the country's resources and threw our economy, mercilessly, to the dogs; and,



finally, in those graves are the brains of great leaders, or politicians who would have called for freedom, liberty and equal distribution of resources in our country; those who would have called for the rule of law, those who would have proclaimed to us, that in the eyes of those laws we should be viewed equally; those who would have called for our government to discharge its full responsibilities, that where there is plenty, poverty is but evil, and where there is government,

our citizens shouldn't be facing what they face today in the land of great abundance! That poverty and government are incompatible; great enemies to each other, especially in this century!

Where there's a properly functioning system, human being, the child of Almighty God, shouldn't live in poverty, but in plenty, with dignified life!

Those are the great leaders we lost to human brutality fueled

by the superstition that we can't co-exist, side by side, as sisterly tribes or communities or sub communities! And as a consequence, our land is tragically full of graves with bones of great athletes who would have won us medals and trophies from different competitions! In those graves are bones of beauty queens: young South Sudanese women who died at very young age, with potentials unleashed; robbed

from us by human cruelty; brains of activists - those who would have called for justice, freedom for all; and for self-expression, a chance to be listened to and to listen to others, to distinguish ourselves from other creatures, the beasts of the forests and the wild! In those graves are the brains of great professors: educationists who would have taught our generations to achieve their God-given potentials; that every child should be given a decent chance in life to achieve whatever he/she sets his/her eyebrows on, and our government should function to avail those chances.

But history has shown - time and again - that when men overcome their differences and decide to work for the betterment of all, they can bend the arc of history once more in a better direction.

It is up to us then to bring back hopes to our people. It is up to the youth to rise from all corners of our country, and beyond our borders, to call for peace and national reconciliation! It is up to us to put the best angels of our humanity to work.

It is up to us to remind our politicians that it is not destruction as they constantly peddle that we need as a nation - what we need from our government is a restoration of human dignity, wiping of tears from our faces, and an end to the bloodshed that has soaked our soils for so long! It is up to us to call for rebuilding of our country: one in which justice flows like the mighty waters of the Nile; one in which freedom for all matches our common humanity; one in which plenty is cherished by all; one in which equality in the eye of laws is like a daily bread and easily accessed

by all; one in which all our citizens should live as they wish and worship as they please!

We must call for those things to happen, not because they lay the foundation for our growth, although they do; not because the civilized world demands them, although it does; not because we missed them for so long, though we do; and not because our politicians constantly forget them, though they do! We called for them because that is the best way to live as human beings, to meet the challenges of the constantly changing world.

From the ashes of destruction, we can rise once more and bend the arc of history in a better direction, where our common humanity can be unleashed! Let us be each other's keeper, let's work for one another, let us watch each other's back, and protect our hard-won liberty and freedom from the menace of mankind! Let us rewrite our history once more!

South Sudan - officially known as the Republic of South Sudan, is a landlocked country in East-Central Africa.

The country gained its independence from the Republic of the Sudan in 2011, making it the newest country with widespread recognition. Its capital and largest city is Juba.

South Sudan is bordered by Sudan to the north, Ethiopia to the east, Kenya to the southeast, Uganda to the south, the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the southwest and the Central African Republic to the west. It includes the vast swamp region of the Sudd, formed by the White Nile and known locally as the Bahr al Jabal, meaning "Mountain Sea".



# African governments called upon to strengthen disaster risk governance

By Dele Cole

THE Pope in 1493, by the Treaty of Tordesillas and as subsequently amended by further treaties, laid the foundation for Western world dominance. The Pope divided the world into two halves, gave the Western half to Spain and the Eastern half to Portugal. Spain, through the treaties, got all of Central and South America, except Brazil. The Spanish and the Portuguese

settled their people there to the decimation of native populations, a decimation which has continued till today. Nothing much has changed.

No one queried or questioned the Pope's right to give the world to two countries; nor were the opinions of those people and places given away to Spain and Portugal canvassed. The Pope could not. He did not know these people and the places he so cavalierly gave away.

In the Americas, Spain and Portugal, armed by the technological marvel of sea faring ships and guns roamed wherever they pleased. The 1493 Papal Bull and all the subsequent amendments emboldened Spain and Portugal to the heights hitherto unknown and unreachable. They believed that they were authorized by no one less than God to do as they pleased in what later became the New World. Their citizens settled in Brazil, Argentina and

South of the United States. In the case of Brazil, the map they used in dividing the world wrongly placed Brazil as part of the Eastern world awarded to Portugal. Other areas of the Papal award to Portugal included Africa, India, Thailand, Malaysia, right up to Indonesia and its 1700 Islands. Portuguese and Spanish nationals went out to inhabit as much of the world as they could, exporting their language and customs to these far off places.

Today, all of Central and South America except Brazil speaks Spanish. Brazil speaks Portuguese as they do in Cape Verde, Mozambique, and parts of Asia.

The Pope by his action led to the foundation of Western civilization, industrial revolution, the cudle East and so on. But Germany found much fatter prizes among its neighbours in Europe and started several wars in Europe. They attacked Belgium, Scandinavia, France, Poland,

Hungary and other Eastern European nations, thus becoming the bête nor Central American countries - the main countries Mr. Trump wants to keep out - Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Guatemala, whose inhabitants Trump has characterized as criminals, drug sellers, murderers, rapist citizens of "shit hole countries."

The irony is even more cruel. Spain is now asking to build a wall between Morocco and

Spain and one of the Spanish requests is that Morocco pays for it just as Trump claimed he would build a wall between Mexico and the United States (US) and Mexico will pay for it. How can Spain, which trampled all over North and South America be against immigration?

The flow of wind does not respect national boundaries. Perhaps immigration, like the wind, would not, in the long run, respect national boundaries.

## 200 porters reap benefits from two-week mountain guiding course in Moshi

By Correspondent James Lanka, Moshi

A TOTAL of 200 porters have benefited from the two-week mountain guiding course aimed at ensuring good services, safety and comfy of tourists climbing the roof of Africa - Mount Kilimanjaro.

The special training course, which ended over the weekend, has been organised by the College of African Wildlife Management-Mweka (CAWM-Mweka) with the support from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Wrapping up the training, coordinator of porters training course at CAWM-Mweka, Dr Kokel Melubo said over the weekend that the training is vital for the sustainable Mt. Kilimanjaro and Meru tourists and other trekkers.

He named some of the issues they learnt as mountain guiding skills and techniques particularly on mount kilimanjaro and meru, customer care skills for tourists, mountain's geological features, wilderness skills, mountain safety and rescue in a modern practical ways, and communication skills.

"As you know, Tourism is the leading economic sector in Tanzania currently accounting for 17.2% of GDP, 25% of the total foreign exchange earnings and employs nearly two million people either directly or

indirectly. Tour guides are the key frontline players in the tourism industry and plays a big role in impacting memories and experiences for the tourists visiting our country and marketing our destination. Currently there are more than five thousand tour guides in the country in categories of safari, mountain, cultural, marine and city guides," said Dr Melubo who is also a Senior Lecture in Tourism and Hospitality at the CAWM.

He further explained that the tour guides have been trained in various institutions both private and public owned which uses different curricular as there is a no standardized and harmonized curriculum for the tour guides in the country.

"These guides are currently not registered and furthermore, there is a lack of professional ethics and standard operating procedures (SOPs) in the tour guiding professional in the country.

This has resulted into inconsistent service delivery and sometimes complaints from tourists in regards to their performance the situation of which hinders the growth of tourism," he further enlightened. Melubo further said CAWM-Mweka has started providing special courses to the Tourist's Guides and Porters since 2018 to join government efforts through the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism's planning to implement a coun-



'Danube Ramadhan Special offer' purchases in progress at GSM Pugu Mall in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

trywide system of tour guides registration, certification and accreditation in compliance with the Tourism Act No. 11 of 2008, section 42 when read together with Tourism (Tour Guides) Regulations, 2013 and Guidelines on Registration and Licensing of Tourism Operators.

"The law of which permits that tour guides should be registered, certified and licensed in order to operate in the tourism industry which is currently missing in the country," the coordinator of the Tourist's Guides Special Courses at CAWM-Mweka explained.

The coordinator of the Tourist's Porters Special Courses at CAWM-Mweka further explained that, they are going to have another Special Guide's courses next month to standardize quality of services and knowledge for mountain guides for sustainable tourism.

## Varsity salutatorian discusses importance of maintaining service-oriented mindset

By Guardian Reporter, and Agencies

HAVING travelled abroad for three summers working in Shirati, Tanzania, and Masaka, Uganda, serving as the co-president of GlobeMed and conducting research through the Kellogg International Scholars program, class of 2019 salutatorian Annelise Gill-Wiehl fulfilled her belief that "we're here for more."

An environmental engineering major and international development studies minor, Gill-Wiehl said she initially wanted to study water infrastructure, but after taking classes within the major and traveling abroad, she began to see the deficiencies of electricity.

The summer after her freshman year, Gill-Wiehl said she went to Masaka, Uganda, on a Kellogg internship to work for a local agricultural training center, founded by a woman who

saw agriculture as an opportunity for families to rise out of poverty. Over the course of her summer there, Gill-Wiehl organized workshops on water conservation and environmental protection and built a water runoff collection tank, but she said her experiences with her host family sparked her passion for energy.

"Because they spoke such limited English, I bonded with them by cooking," she said. "It became one of my favorite things, cooking with my host sister, cooking with my host mom, learning the traditional foods, but we did it all on fire wood and charcoal stoves."

The next summer, she traveled to Shirati, Tanzania, to investigate household energy usage, and the next year, she returned to design a pilot study, training local community members to use gas stoves to work with the households in their own neighborhoods to transition

to clean fuel. "The purpose was to really instill a behavior change that's facilitated by the community itself," she said.

Her involvement abroad extended beyond her time in Uganda and Tanzania, as Gill-Wiehl also served as the co-president of GlobeMed this past year. Although Gill-Wiehl never considered a career medicine, she said she was drawn to the manner in which the club approaches outreach.

"It was founded on the principle that, as college students, we don't know what's going on in rural Laos," she said. "We're working in partnership with them to understand what's actually going on there and what their needs are, and I really loved that example of international development and the idea of being in partnership with organizations and communities rather than being a white donor that's telling them

what to do."

Gill-Wiehl said she knew she wanted to work in poverty and justice before she came to Notre Dame, and two of her favorite books - "Mountains Beyond Mountains" by Tracy Kidder and "Santiago's Children" by Steve Reif-Enberg - have helped her order her time at the University.

"They've really formed how I could look at how my career could be, understanding that larger purpose and opening my eyes to international development and a preferential option for the poor and giving me the language around structural violence," she said.

Outside of academics and research, Gill-Wiehl said she loves running, traveling and drinking coffee. "I love having conversations over coffee," she said. "I think that it's magical how it brings people together. In Starbucks, it's nice

to just eavesdrop on the great conversations between students or professors and students. So yes, I've been known to beat everyone out on coffee consumption for sure."

Reflecting on her time at Notre Dame, Gill-Wiehl said her Notre Dame education has extended far beyond academics.

"I've found the heart of my passions and the purpose of those academics in my research in my extra activities," she said. "Prioritize your academics, but prioritize the activities that really inspire you and bring you energy and life."

Gill-Wiehl said she intends to maintain the passions she cultivated at the University long after she leaves campus, and she hopes her fellow graduating seniors will do the same.

"We're here for more, and we shouldn't lose that sense that we're here for more just because we aren't at Notre Dame," she said.

## John Hanson pupils prepare for journey of lifetime to Tanzania

By Guardian Reporter and Agencies

A GROUP of secondary school students are preparing to go on the trip of a lifetime when they travel to Africa to help with community projects.

The 13 pupils from John Hanson Community School will fly to Tanzania in July for a month, as part of a Camps International project.

The company has organised for the students to support several community projects in different areas which will include construction, preserving rural habitats and wildlife and education.

The projects will help transform communities and overcome issues such as access to clean water, education and housing.

PE teacher Claire Coomer, who will travel with the students along with teaching assistant Tom Appleton, said: "We will be working on various community projects which might be digging foundations or putting a roof on, depending on what stage they are at when we arrive. There will also be conservation work in the rural areas and we will visit a coastal resort perhaps to clear rubbish from beaches or collect seaweed."

## Jipatie Maji ya Kunywa ya Kilimanjaro kwa Bei Elekezi za Rejareja kama Ifuatavyo:-

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# Headway made by fertiliser industry under Dr Magufuli's administration

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

**T**HE Ministry of Agriculture under the fifth phase government of President John Magufuli has put in place the system for importation and pricing of fertilizer under the newly-introduced Bulk Procurement System (BPS). BPS has been established to enhance availability, accessibility and affordability of fertilizer to farmers.

Over 90 percent of the fertilizer used in the country is imported. Before the introduction of BPS, all major stockists imported fertilizer individually which led to high overhead cost and were forced to understand the international market dynamics in particular, appropriate manufacturing industry prices and quality suited for Tanzanian soils. Due to this restrictive market environment, new fertilizer market entrants were few and therefore the amount of fertilizer imported for the domestic market utilization were relatively small. On this ground the government made a decision to organize fertilizer stockists to import in bulk as a way of applying economies of scale in order to reduce costs thus as mentioned earlier make fertilizer more affordable to farmers. BPS has managed to reduce fertilizer price from 10 to 40 percent. It has also remarkably increased fertilizer use from 302,450 tonnes in the 2015/2016 farming seasons to 450,000 tonnes in 2017/2018, an increase of 69 percent.

Acting executive director for the Tanzania Fertilizers Regulatory Authority, Dr. Stephan Ngailo said generally BPS has significantly increased farmer's fertilizer utilization which has enhanced a significant agricultural productivity food security. The industrial sector will



also be supplied with sufficient raw material from the agricultural sector. This aligns with the Fifth-Phase Government's industrial economy agenda of making Tanzania the semi-industrialized and middle-income economy country by 2025.

Other achievements during the fifth-phase government of President John Joseph Pombe Magufuli include the removal of unnecessary fees charged by Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS), the Tanzania Atomic Energy Commission (TAEC), the Chief Government Chemist (CGC), the Weights and Measures Agency (WMA) on the imported fertilizer

In addition to that, the government has set a friendly and enabling environment for fertilizer business by policy reform, regulations and contextual framework with regards to fertilizer

**TFRA acting executive director Dr. Stephan Ngailo (L) handing over the cancer medicines to the head of paediatrics and child health department at Muhimbili National Hospital, Dr. Mary Charles (R). Photo by Correspondent Gerald Kitabu**

business. The reforms include removing of fertilizer license fee, and fertilizer field test has been reduced from three to one cropping season in at least two ecological zones among others. The reform has attracted more fertilizer businessmen who are currently doing fertilizer business in Tanzania. Principally, the fees and other charges were contributing to high fertilizer price. The reforms have also attracted a number of fertilizer dealers in the business 450 (2015/16) to 3050 across the country.

Due to effective fertilizer quality assurance the fifth Government under President Magufuli has managed to curb the fake and counterfeit fertilizers in the market.

The main challenge facing the fertilizer industry at the moment is high transportation costs, hikes of global fertilizer prices, financing at farmers level by financial institutions, exchange rates of USD versus Tshs which affect the price of imported fertilizer.

Meanwhile, recently the TFRA donated cancer medicines to Muhimbili National Hospital worth more than 11m/- shillings to help children suffering from cancer.

Handing over the medicines held at the National Hospital, Dr. Dr. Stephan Ngailo named the cancer medicines as Actinomycin D 0.5 Milligrams Injection.

He said the donation aimed at supporting the ongoing efforts of Tanzania's President John Pombe

Magufuli to improve and provide better and quality health services to all Tanzanians including children.

"This donation is in line with our president's vision of making life better for all Tanzanians. We all know that some of these children will grow up and become champions of agriculture, better farmers, employers in the agricultural sector and ultimately fertilizer customers," he explained.

We want to ensure sustainable development especially in agricultural sector. We all understand that agriculture is the largest employer as it employs almost 80 percent of all Tanzanians," he said

According to the Ministry of Agriculture, besides employment, agriculture sector contributes 30 percent of export earnings, provides 65 per cent of industrial raw materials and contributes about 100 percent of national food requirements.

The Tanzania Fertilizer Regulatory Authority believes that the interactions between agriculture and health are two-way as agriculture affects health, and health affects agriculture. The process of agricultural production and the outputs it generates can contribute to either good or poor health, among producers as well as the wider Tanzanian population.

TFRA will continue sensitizing, working and advising the youth and the general public to use fertilizer properly and correctly in their field so that they can increase crop yield and ensure household food sufficient, food security and industrial economic development in the country," he added.

Receiving the donation on behalf of the management of Muhimbili National Hospital, the head of Paediatrics and child health Department, Dr. Mary

Charles commended the efforts being done by the Tanzania Fertilizer Regulatory Authority saying other institutions should emulate the good example.

The medicines donated were very useful for children and will go all the way to improve their health. I call for other institutions to emulate TFRA to help these children because most of the cancer medicines are normally expensive.

"Cancer medicines are very important and expensive. They need support from different people and institutions to ensure that they are always available on time," she added.

The Tanzania Fertilizer Regulatory Authority (TFRA) was established by Act of Parliament of the United Republic of Tanzania, The Fertilizer Act No. 9 of 2009. The Authority came into operation in August 2012 with the purpose of regulating domestic manufacturing, importation, exportation and use of fertilizers.

Its mission is to promote sustainable and profitable agricultural production through judicious use of good quality fertilizer and fertilizer supplements and its function include to regulate all matters relating to quality of fertilizer and fertilizer supplements, to register fertilizer, fertilizer supplements and manufacturing plants and license renewals, and to issue fertilizer import and export permits.

Other functions are to establish and maintain a register of import and export permits, registered fertilizer, fertilizer supplements and sterilizing plants, to prepare guidelines on the management and effective control of fertilizer and fertilizer supplements, to maintain register of fertilizer dealers and to regulate fertilizer pricing in the market among many other functions.

## Politicians and their seasonal tribalism

By Ugochukwu Ejinkeonye

**I** have said it so many times that when Nigerian politicians converge to map out plans for acquiring power which, in most cases, practically translates to securing unlimited access to unearned wealth, they do not usually remember that they came from different ethnic blocks.

At such gatherings, they would all think alike, talk with one voice and even look and laugh alike. They would speak the same language. Indeed, illicit accumulation and all forms of corrupt activities do not have tribal marks. The colour of graft is the same any day.

At such times, the masses are hardly remembered. They do not matter at all. Everybody is preoccupied with the much he or she would be able to accumulate and cart away for his personal luxury and that of his family and cronies.

In my new book, NIGERIA: Why Looting May Not Stop, I maintained that corruption became very monstrous in Nigeria "when public office gradually ceased to be a platform for rendering selfless service and transformed into the easiest route to criminal accumulation of wealth. And the law, too, became increasingly very weak in the face of the overwhelming sleaze.

Since then, generations of public officers have passed through this route, looting the country blind with utmost impunity and quitting office into incredible abundance, without any fear of anyone ever prying into the clearly unearned wealth they flaunt with revolting fanfare... " (<http://ugowrite.blogspot.com/2019/02/nigeria-why-looting-may-not-stop-new.html>)

And because of this unhealthy development, I maintained, "... an ever-swelling cult of looters has emerged whose nuisance value has remained the undisputed headache of the country... And given this very depressing situation and with the dreadful cult of looters growing in stature and influence, maintaining effective command at virtually all our public institutions, how then can we possibly hope to be able to sanitise the system or have free and fair elections in this country?

Now, the members of this cult have so much money to throw around and



**Mammoth crowd at the Atiku's PDP presidential campaign rally in Kaduna State**

so have easily enthroned themselves as formidable godfathers and kingmakers who deploy the billions at their disposal to install and remove governments at will.

Many of them can single-handedly found and fund political parties without the slightest impact on their bottomless pockets. They also have all it takes to frustrate any attempt to pry into their hideous pasts.

The very negligible few among them who manage to get 'messed-up' in the 'anti-corruption war' are those foolish enough to find the trouble of those more powerful than them, or get themselves into some really complicated situation that it would be difficult to extricate them without a serious backlash capable of posing a dangerous threat to the peace and stability of the entire cult.

So, they are carefully sacrificed to preserve the whole house and used in the process, too, to launder a dubious commitment to an 'anti-graft' campaign." (NIGERIA: Why Looting May Not Stop, ppvii-x)

That is the egregious story of Nigeria. Many of the politicians out there rais-

ing a lot of din about their patriotism and selfless-service may just be ordinary job seekers looking for meal tickets. And that is why I insist that Nigerian masses are so tragically naïve.

Immediately these politicians disagree among themselves, either on the sharing formula or on the allocation of offices or spheres of influence, they would suddenly remember their differences which never mattered at all when they were sharing and carting away happily. Then they would return to the masses whom they had long forgotten to stoke ethnic tensions among them in order to use them to negotiate for themselves positions of power, influence and wealth.

Consequently, the suffering man who had lived peacefully with his equally suffering neighbour would be persuaded to suddenly see themselves as enemies and start fighting each other.

The people would be deceived into thinking they are fighting to advance the interests of their

ethnic groups, not knowing that they are at war to help negotiate better places and limitless luxuries for selfish and callous politicians.

Sometime ago, I was in one of the state capitals and what were on virtually everybody's lips at that period were the media reports about some choice structures and juicy investments allegedly belonging to a former governor which were believed to have been acquired with the proceeds of his mindless looting. Opinions were divided on the mind-blowing report.

Although some people rose in stout defence of the fellow, what I thought was unimaginable was that some others could go to the sickening extent of openly boasting that what the man was alleged to have stolen was "their" money, so, why should it be the business of anyone who was not from the state!

One evening, I went to a nearby kiosk to make a purchase, and there, I saw two young men who,

judging by their haggard appearance, should belong to the lowest rung of the country's social and economic setting - the worst victims of the programme of impoverishment that successive corrupt politicians have unleashed on this country.

As one of the young men expressed outrage at such mindless stealing by the former governor, the other one barked at him: "go back to your state and talk about the stealing taking place there and leave our state alone. It is our money that was stolen and it does not concern you! Just shut your mouth, we are okay with that!"

It was difficult to comprehend what I had just heard, but the fellow was dead serious repeating the same words to the other young man, becoming angrier as he spoke and showing clearly that he could initiate a physical combat if the other fellow continued to discuss the matter that "did not concern" him. With people who reason like this fellow

abundantly existing across our country, why should any thieving public officer ever think of exercising any restraint?

That is why the ethnic conflicts in most cities are periodic. Some say they only occur during elections or when some politicians have either lost out in their quest for power or are being tried for corruption.

The most painful thing is that while the hungry and haggard masses are out there fighting each other, the politicians whom they wrongly assume is their champion is behind closed doors negotiating a better deal for himself.

Once he has been settled satisfactorily, he would come out and tell his people to halt the hostilities. He may let a few crumbs fall to them, that is, those who did not die during the conflicts. And the deep bitterness which he has caused between the neighbours might take time to heal, if it will ever. He would move away to wallow in his usual luxuries until the need arises again for him to stoke another ethnic tension to service his narrow, selfish interests.

I have been calling on Nigerians to stop listening to these politicians, but will they ever hear? There may be some of them breathing today who might agree to serve as thugs in future elections, and may lose their lives.

They may champion the next ethnic tension when the politician would return to use them once more to further his selfish purposes and may even be killed or maimed in the process.

Please, Nigerians, stop allowing yourselves to be used as cheap tools in the hands of these selfish and heartless politicians.

The only divisions that ought to exist in Nigeria should be between the oppressors and the oppressed, the exploiters and the exploited, and criminally enriched and the wickedly impoverished. Stop fighting each other to impress your oppressors. You are all victims!



## BUSINESS

CENSURE

## Crackdown lasting for only ten days sees good worth 660m/- destroyed

By Francis Kajubi

COUNTERFEITS valued at over 660.87m/- have been destroyed by Fair Competition Commission (FCC) this month only in ten a 10 days special operation to seize and dispose such products in the market.

Speaking during an exercise to destroy such products in Kisarawe district of Coast region, FCC Director General Dr John Mduma warned manufacturers and importers of counterfeit goods against the risk of losing their property but also the possibility of being charged in court as per Merchandised Marks Act.

"This is just the beginning of our ten day disposal campaign of counterfeits and substandard goods we nabbed across the country during this financial year. It goes up to the end of this month," Dr Mduma said.

"All sorts of illegal and counterfeit products which threatens fair competition in the market and frustrate innovation will be subject to destruction and prosecution," Dr Mduma warned.

He said among the disposed counterfeits so far included handbags and wallets worth 235.56m/-, toothbrushes worth 226.80m/-, photocopy ink worth 62.55m/- and soaps plus detergent worth 21.31m/-. Other counterfeits and sub standards goods were fishing nets, body lotion, helmets, pistons, and mosquito nets.

"Any business or trader associated with counterfeits is being guilty of Anti-money Laundering Act and Merchandized Marks Act 1963," he noted saying if convicted culprits can be jailed for between five and 14 years.

According to FCC figures, in the period covering 2013 to December 2018 the commission carried out routine surveillance at ports and inland container depots where 160 raids were conducted countrywide which led to the seizure of 1,131 containers loaded with assorted counterfeit goods.

During the period, the commission disposed counterfeit goods worth 15.6bn/-. Awareness campaigns on impacts of counterfeit have been conducted targeting traders, manufacturers and consumers countrywide.

Dr Mduma pointed that one of the challenges in combating proliferation of counterfeits in the local market include weaknesses in the current Merchandise Marks Act 1963 which needs urgent amendments backed by strong regulations.

"The FCC plans to lobby parliament so that it reviews the Merchandise Marks Act of 1963 and its regulations by 2021 and also amendment of its own Fair Competitions Act of 2003 to accommodate new dynamics in proliferation of counterfeits and penalty imposed on culprits" the FCC chief pointed out.



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa stands alongside top CRDB officials led by board chairman Ally Laay (2nd-L) and managing director Abdulmajid Nsekela (R). Others are Arusha Regional Commissioner Mrisho Gambo (2nd-R) and Tanzania Revenue Authority commissioner general Charles Kichere. Photo courtesy of CRDB.

IMPRESSIVE

## Finance minister touts successes of banking industry, commends CRDB

By Guardian Reporter

The country's banking and finance industry has continued to perform well thanks to Bank of Tanzania's decision to lower threshold which banks can maintain at the central bank as deposits.

Finance and Economic Planning Minister, Dr Philip Mpango said in Arusha during the weekend when addressing CRDB Bank Plc's shareholders annual general meeting that as a result of the Bot's move, banks have more money to lend to the private sector.

"Due to a number of measures taken by the government through Bank of Tanzania, interest rates have reduced

by 0.62 percent to 16.38 percent by February this year while banks lending to the private sector grew by 7.3 percent during the same period," Dr Mpango said.

He commended CRDB management and shareholders for doing very well in the market pointing out that during the first quarter of this year, the bank's profit grew by 216 percent to 30.7bn/- from 9.7bn/- during a similar period last year.

"Because of its good performance, the price of CRDB Bank's shares at Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange has increased by 4 percent from 125/- to 130/- each by April this year," he added while pointing out that the bank's profit this year is set to increase significantly hence

benefitting both its shareholders and Treasury through tax payment.

Speaking at the AGM, CRDB Board Chairman, Ally Laay said the bank which is jointly owned by the public with 43 percent, Treasury with 21 percent and 10 percent owned by pension funds, has continued to perform impressively in the market.

Laay told the shareholders during a pre-AGM seminar that management has been organising such training session in order to equip them with knowledge and skills of how stock market listed companies operate.

"Such knowledge is vital for you as investors so that when you make decisions regarding your investment then they should be correct decisions,"

Laay said noting that since 2009 when the bank's shares were listed at DSE, share prices have been appreciating relatively.

"Because of our good performance in the market, the bank has been paying dividend annually to its shareholders because of profits made from banking business we do," he added. The Board Chairman further pointed out that the bank has a policy on dividend payment whereby 30 percent of the profit is allocated annually.

"Last year, we paid Treasury 19.5bn/- as dividend for the government's 21 percent shares it owns at CRDB," Laay noted while promising to pay more this year as the bank's performance continues to improve.



Bank of Tanzania deputy governor of Dr Yamungu Kayandabila (with raised pair of scissors) launches Bancassurance regulations in Dar es Salaam on Friday. Photo: Guardian Photographer

SUPERVISION

## BoT, TIRA debut Bancassurance regulations in the market

By Guardian Reporter

Financial and insurance companies have been urged to abide by new Bancassurance regulations which seek to entrench professionalism and spur growth of the insurance industry.

Bank of Tanzania Deputy Governor, Dr Yamungu Kayandabila said in Dar es Salaam on Friday while launching the regulations that under the supervision of

Tanzania Insurance Regulatory Authority (TIRA), the insurance industry has been performing well but that the new regulations will make things much better.

He said Bancassurance regulations will be a true catalyst in the spreading of insurance services in the country to include a huge population of consumers who are yet to acquire even a single insurance product.

"These new regulations have

come a bit late, so all stakeholders have every reason to consider them seriously for the benefits of service providers and the insured clients," Dr Kayandabila said noting that if all stakeholders will abide by them, revenues in the industry will increase as the number of the insured also grows.

On his part, TIRA Commissioner Dr Baghayo Saqware said the new insurance regulations are meant to widen the scope

of insurance coverage in the local market. "We want to expand our reach and make sure that many Tanzanians have access to insurance services," Dr Saqware said.

"We want to add new insurance products with commercial banks being responsible in their provision," he added.

The TIRA chief also touted investment in new technology which will be customer friendly to assist with rapid expansion of

insurance services in the country.

The event was sponsored by the central bank, Reliance Insurance, Heritage Insurance, Zanzibar Insurance, Association of Tanzania Insurers NMB Bank Plc, CRDB Insurance Brokers, Metropolitan Life Tanzania, Jubilee Insurance, FSDT, Stanbic Bank, Smart Policy, Alliance Insurance, TPB Bank Plc and National Insurance Corporation (NIC).

EMPLOYMENT

## Aviation supports 6.2 million jobs in Africa

PORT LUIS

The aviation industry supports \$55.8bn of economic activity and 6.2 million jobs in Africa, according to Raphael Kuuchi, special Envoy on Aero-Political Affairs at the International Air Transport Association (IATA).

"While this is impressive, we are only scratching the surface of what aviation can contribute to building Africa's future," he said on Monday at a stakeholder's convention hosted by the African Airlines Association (AFRAA) in Mauritius.

"To enable aviation to be an even bigger driver of prosperity across the continent, we must work together and with governments. We must improve competitiveness; develop effective infrastructure; modernise the regulatory framework with a focus on global standards; and ensure a well-trained and diverse workforce," Kuuchi said aviation is still a tough business as the airlines in Africa, on average, lose \$1.55 for every passenger carried.

He explained that there are many reasons for the poor performance of African airlines. Africa is an expensive place for airlines to do business. Jet fuel costs are 35% higher than the rest of the world; aircraft departure fees are 30% above the global average; and taxes and fees are among the highest in the world.

"Too many African governments tax aviation as a luxury rather than a necessity. We must change that perception. The value of aviation for governments is not in the tax receipts that can be squeezed from it. It is in the economic growth and job creation that aviation supports," said Kuuchi.

Another important element

of competitiveness for airlines is the ability to reliably repatriate earnings—in line with international treaty obligations.

The African countries blocking over \$1.0bn of airline funds are, therefore, a big concern for him. "Many of these countries are facing severe economic challenges but blocking airline funds puts connectivity at risk. And that invites even broader economic problems," cautioned Kuuchi.

"It is in everybody's interest to ensure that airlines are paid on-time, at fair exchange rates and in full. And when problems are on the horizon, urgent dialogue is the first step."

As for infrastructure, sufficient runways, terminals, airspace capacity to meet demand, technical and commercial service quality aligned with airline needs and affordability are what largely lacks in Africa, in his view.

IATA is putting a resolution into practice in some countries where governments are considering a private-public partnership in the future development of airports to provide guidance to the governments, including the economic regulation that will be needed to make them a success for all stakeholders and provide the connectivity that the countries need to develop.

IATA has also been promoting the concept of smarter regulation, aiming to solve real problems through dialogue and partnership between the industry and governments.

Kuuchi further pointed out that the low density of the African intra-continental network makes it impossible to realise the potential benefits of a connected African economy. Currently, intra-African travel is 45% more expensive than world averages.



## ASSURANCE

# Barclays pledges to maintain quality services as it rebrands to Absa

By Guardian Reporter

Barclays Bank Tanzania has promised its consumers that innovation and effective customer care will remain key priorities even after it rebrands to Absa Group.

The bank's Managing Director, Abdi Mohamed told customers on Friday evening during a special Iftar organized by the bank for its fasting Moslem clients that as a subsidiary of Absa Group, Barclays Tanzania will remain strong and focused on delivering quality services to the market.

"The first quarter has proved that we have a good 2019 performance. We will continue to invest in innovation and come up with new products that are more digitalized to enable our clients easy access to banking products," Mohamed said.

"We are confident about the future as we are transforming our brand to a more African brand. Absa is very strong in

agriculture sector and has done a lot in Islamic banking which we hope to introduce locally after the rebranding," he added.

Speaking at the same function, Dar es Salaam Regional Sheikh, Alhad Mussa Salum commended the lender for organizing the Iftar which brought together customers from all walks of life hence cementing unity among Tanzanians of different religious following. "Organizing an event of this nature is a blessing to those who initiated the move," Sheikh Salum said.

He asserted that Muslims must be proud of Ramadhan because worshipping God through fasting is one of the five fundamental pillars of Islam hence very important to Moslems.

"Muslims should keep in mind that Mohammed the man of God fasted for only nine years of his life time, but you and I were perhaps born as Muslims and have probably fasted many years than Prophet Mohammed," he added.



Dar es Salaam Regional Sheikh Alhad Mussa Salum (R) and Barclays Bank Tanzania Limited's Managing Director, Abdi Mohamed (2nd R), and other invited guests self-serving themselves during an Iftar hosted by the bank in Dar es Salaam last Friday. Photo: courtesy of BBT.

## BACKING

## Chief Sheikh sees dominance of NMB in Tanzanian market

By Guardian Reporter

NMB Bank Plc will continue dominating the local market because of its strong leadership and committed staff members, Chief Sheikh Abubakar Zubeir has said.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam on Friday after attending an Iftar hosted by the bank, Sheikh Zubeir said good and

committed management and staff have delivered good services to the public countrywide which makes NMB as the dominant bank in the market.

"I thank NMB for organising this breaking the fast today which shows that your care about all groups of people in the community that you serve," he said pointing out that the holy month

of Ramadhani is an important period of time for Moslems.

The Chief Sheikh further noted that the NMB event also served as an important event which allowed people from different faiths to socialise and share knowledge and experience on daily lives. "Because of this gesture, NMB as a bank will continue doing good

business backed by the community which it serves," Sheikh Zibeir added.

The event which was attended by Dar es Salaam City Mayor and Dar es Salaam Regional Sheikh Alhad Mussa Salum was hosted by NMB acting Managing Director, Albert Jonkergouw and hundreds of the bank's clients and staff members.



NMB's interim Managing Director Albert Jonkergouw, Tanzania's Chief Sheikh and Chairman of National Muslim Council of Tanzania, Sheikh Abubakar Zubeir, to Iftar hosted in Dar es Salaam by the bank on Friday. Centre is NMB's Dar es Salaam Zone Manager, Badru Idd. Photo courtesy of NMB.

## 16% of South Africa's domestic workers abused at work

JOHANNESBURG

16% of South African domestic workers reported being verbally or physically abused at their workplaces, according to a new report. That is up three percentage points since 2018.

The 2019 "Report on Pay and Working Conditions for Domestic Work in South Africa", released on Sunday, is based on interviews with more than 1,300 domestic workers across the country about their working conditions. The report was compiled by SweepSouth, a digital domestic worker-booking platform.

Of those interviewed, 27% said they live in shacks, 79% said they are the main

breadwinner in their families, and 50% said they support four people financially. The typical South African domestic worker typically earns roughly R2,500 per month, about R17 per hour for a seven-hour workday, the report found. The national South African minimum wage is R20 per hour, but domestic workers are entitled to R15 an hour.

Domestic workers said the spend most of their income on essentials that break down to: between R701 and R1,000 per month on food; more than R1,500 per year on school fees; between R61 and R100 per month data and airtime; between R501 and R1,000 per month on rent and more than R500 per month on transport.

The report noted that 15,000 domestic workers lost their jobs between 2018 and 2019 due to the poor economic environment, while inflation and fuel increases drove up food prices.

"As is often the case, it is those at the bottom of the economic ladder who suffered the worst in troubled economic times," the report reads. In 2017, Statistics South Africa said 1.045 million people were employed as domestic workers, the highest number in recent years.

The SweepSouth report found that, despite being national legislation, most domestic workers (62%) said they were not registered with the Unemployment Insurance

Fund (UIF), or do not know (27%) whether they are registered.

Again in contravention of legislation, the majority of domestic workers said they do not receive a payslip every month (61%), and only 15% said they receive paid leave.

85% of the domestic workers interviewed said they do not have a pension, 98% said they have a funeral plan, 55% said they have finished school or higher education, 64% said they receive no government aid, and only 2% said they have medical aid.

Only 14% reported being able to put away between R101 and R200 in savings a month. Of the more than 1,300 domestic workers interviewed, 63% said

they feel valued and respected by their employers.

Aisha Pandor, CEO of SweepSouth, said the 2019 report proved the view that the R20 minimum wage is not living wage for most domestic workers. Domestic workers using the SweepSouth application are paid roughly R33 an hour, have UIF, have a contract, and have accidental death and disability cover, she said.

"It is essential that employers learn and understand their legal obligations to the domestic workers they employ," Pandor said. "These requirements are in place to empower domestic workers to know their rights and to receive what is due to them."

## PARTNERSHIP

## IFAD chief heading to Dar to meet JPM to talk rural poverty reduction

By Guardian Reporter

Reducing rural poverty will be a major subject of discussion when President of International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Gilbert Houngbo meets President John Pombe Magufuli in Dar es Salaam this week.

In a statement, the Rome based organization said Hounbo will also meet other high-ranking government officials to discuss investments to improve food and nutrition security, provide employment opportunities for rural youth and reduce poverty.

Recognizing the significant contribution of the agriculture sector to the national economy, IFAD has been providing investment to support the government's strategies to modernize agriculture and transform rural areas.

"The visit will take place from 19 to 21 May and will focus on the role of smallholder farmers in ensuring food security in Tanzania, the challenges posed by climate change, the opportunities agriculture can offer to rural youth and the need for greater investment to transform agriculture into a highly productive and competitive sector," the statement added.

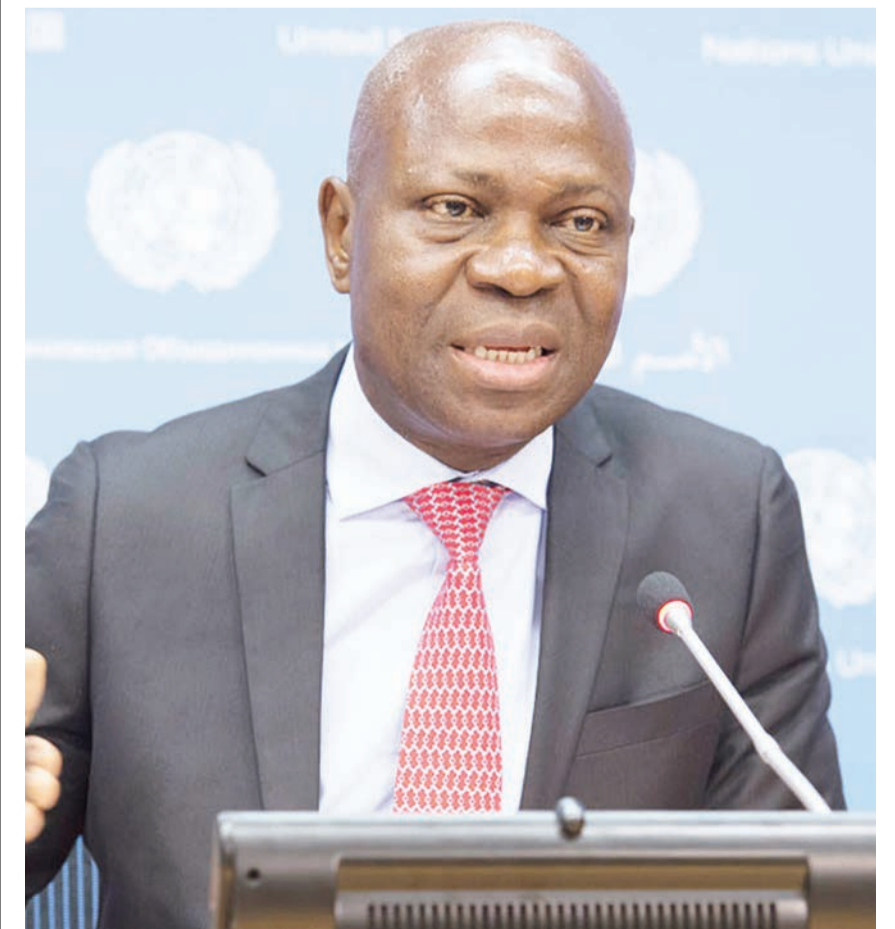
In Tanzania, agriculture is not only

the key driver of food production but employment creation, production of raw materials for industries and generation of foreign exchange earnings. It contributes up to 80 per cent of export earnings and employs nearly 75 per cent of the workforce. IFAD will continue supporting the government's strategies for agricultural development and rural transformation for the benefit of poor smallholder farmers.

Houngbo will also see IFAD investments in action in the IFAD-supported Marketing Infrastructure, Value Addition and Rural Finance Support Programme. He will meet with project participants to see first-hand how their lives have been impacted.

With a total cost of about US\$170 million, the programme is active in all 26 regions of the mainland and Zanzibar, covering 141 rural districts, and has successfully contributed to enhancing smallholders' access to markets and sustainable financial services.

Since 1978, IFAD has financed 15 rural development programmes and projects in the United Republic of Tanzania for a total cost of \$839.59 million, with an IFAD investment of \$363.48 million, directly benefiting about 4 million rural households.



IFAD President Gilbert Houngbo.



TARIFF HIKE

# Saudi Arabia to impose excise tax on e-cigarettes and sugary drinks



Some of the sugary drinks whose excise duty increased effective in May, 2019.

RIYADH

Saudi Arabia will impose a 100 per cent tax on electronic cigarettes and a 50 per cent levy on some sugary drinks, broadening the excise duty on similar products enforced in June 2017.

The Arab world's largest economy already has a 100 per cent excise duty on cigarettes and tobacco products, and a 50 per cent on energy drinks.

The kingdom's General Authority for Zakat and Tax (Gazt) said it approved amendments to existing regulations on May 15. According to the guidance published in the official gazette on Saturday, a 100 per cent tax will be enforced on e-cigarettes and its accompanying tools, and a 50 per cent tax on soft and sugary drinks.

The new rules raise the typical cost of a can of Coca-Cola to 5 Saudi riyals, from 2.50 riyals currently, according to supermarket retailer Carrefour's Saudi Arabia website. The authority will set the date for implementation of the new duties shortly, it said.

The six-member GCC has pledged to introduce excise and

other taxes including VAT, to boost non-oil revenues and reduce consumption of harmful products that cause diabetes, obesity and other health risks.

Each country is implementing taxes at different times. The UAE imposed excise duty on certain items at the end of 2017 and is now considering the inclusion of more products on its excise tax list, according to a statement by the Ministry of Finance in April.

The ministry is conducting a joint study with officials in Saudi Arabia "on the addition of new goods to the selective tax list, as well as to determine tax rates on certain harmful substances", it said. Prices of current applicable products including tobacco and its byproducts, and carbonated and energy drinks, have doubled in the UAE since the introduction of the levy.

Saudi Arabia's excise tax aims to bolster non-oil revenues, as it implements a far-reaching package of reforms under the Vision 2030 economic diversification agenda. The measures have started to yield positive results. The International Monetary Fund estimates the kingdom's gross domestic growth

may be slightly higher than the Washington-based lender's earlier 1.8 per cent forecast, as the non-oil sector is expanding faster than the rest of the economy.

In 2018, Saudi Arabia's GDP growth rebounded to 2.2 per cent after contracting in 2017. Real oil GDP increased by 2.8 per cent while non-oil GDP growth rose 2.1 per cent, the IMF said after article IV consultations with the country this month.

Real non-oil growth is expected to strengthen further to 2.9 per cent in 2019, compared to 0.7 percent for the real oil economy in 2019 and 1.9 per cent for overall real GDP growth this year - assuming the kingdom continues to produce the level of oil under the current Opec agreement.

"If Saudi Arabia increases oil production, then oil GDP growth would be higher, as would export and fiscal revenues," the IMF said last week. "Over the medium-term, the [IMF] team expects a strengthening in non-oil growth to around 3 to 3.25 per cent as the ongoing reforms yield dividends and overall real GDP growth to settle around 2.5 per cent."

# Tesla facing mounting pressure as Audi, Mercedes, Volkswagen ramp up their push into electric vehicles

JOHANNESBURG

Volkswagen is now taking customer deposits for the first model in its new family of electric vehicles, and the German giant has Tesla squarely in its sights.

American deliveries have begun for Audi's e-tron SUV, while pre-orders and production have started for Volkswagen's ID.3 sedan and Mercedes-Benz's EQC SUV, respectively.

An Audi representative confirmed to Business Insider at the beginning of May that e-tron deliveries had started in the US. The vehicle has a range of 330 kilometres, according to the US Environmental Protection Agency, and starts at around R1 million.

Volkswagen's ID.3 has received over 15,000 pre-orders in Europe since customers were allowed to place deposits of around R16,000 for the vehicle on May 8, the company said on Tuesday. Tesla's Model 3 sedan received over 325,000 pre-orders in the first week after reservations were opened in 2016.

The ID.3 will have a range of between around 320km and 550km, based on European testing standards, Volkswagen says. The vehicle will start at under R500,000, and deliveries will begin in mid-2020.

Mercedes-Benz said EQC production had started on May 6. According to the automaker, the vehicle will have a range of over 440km, based on European testing

standards, and start at around R1.15 million. EQC deliveries will begin for US customers in 2020.

The e-tron, ID.3, and EQC are part of a wave of luxury and mass-market electric vehicles that have recently been released or will arrive in the coming years. Tesla accounted for about 68% of the US electric-vehicle market in 2018, and has largely had the luxury electric-vehicle market to itself since releasing its Roadster sports car in 2008.

But as traditional automakers ramp up their investments in electric vehicles, Tesla's position in the electric-vehicle market will be challenged. Volkswagen plans to invest over \$33 billion in electric vehicles by 2023 and introduce nearly 70 electric models by 2028. Ford plans to invest \$11 billion in electric vehicles and have 40 hybrid and fully-electric models available by 2022.

Tesla will likely continue to sell more electric vehicles than any of its competitors over the next two years, said Ed Kim, the vice president of industry analysis at AutoPacific. But the company's sales numbers could decline due to increased competition.

"I think they're going to remain the volume leaders, at least for the next two years," Kim said. "But I do think that their volumes will certainly drop significantly, even if they remain the market leader, simply because there's going to be a lot more competition in that space."



Audi e-tron.

# Drought-hit Australia to import wheat for first time in 12 years

SYDNEY

A rare bulk shipment of wheat from Canada, due later this year, has added to concerns about the Australian grain industry, which is being hit by a perfect storm of severe drought and difficult trade conditions.

The import is the first of its kind since 2007, and was approved by the Australian government on Tuesday after months of lobbying from grain users desperate for product. A shipment of high-protein wheat will arrive in the next six to eight weeks to be

processed at Manildra Group's Shoalhaven Starches plant in the state of New South Wales.

"Due to the worst drought in 116 years, high-protein wheat is in short supply which is critical to the Shoalhaven Starches wheat-processing plant," the company said in a statement.

"The permit will secure hundreds of regional jobs and the continuation of wheat processing at the plant," James Maxwell, a commodities analyst for Australian Crop Forecaster (ACF) estimates the shipment would be around 50 000 to 60 000 tonnes.



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## WORLD

# At campaign rally, Biden decries Democratic 'anger' and pledges unity

PHILADELPHIA

SEEKING to build on early momentum in his 2020 presidential bid, former U.S. Vice President Joe Biden on Saturday condemned "anger" within his own Democratic Party and pledged to work to unify the country in the wake of Donald Trump's presidency.

At a rally in downtown Philadelphia, Biden, as he has done throughout the beginning stages of his campaign, made Trump his central target, blasting him as "the divider-in-chief."

But he also chided other Democratic presidential candidates in the field, suggesting that anger toward Trump within his party was not enough to win next year's presidential election.

His message, Biden said, was expressly aimed at Democratic, Republican and independent voters alike.

"Some of the really smart folks say Democrats don't want to hear about unity," he said. "They say Democrats are so angry, and that the angrier your campaign will be, the better chance you have to win the Democratic nomination. Well, I don't believe it."

About 6,000 people attended the rally, which had, by design, the feel of

a general-election event. With his poll numbers currently swamping the rest of the Democratic field, Biden has often acted as if his current opponent is Trump and not the other 23 Democrats vying for the party's nomination.

"If the American people want a president to add to our division, to lead with a clenched fist, closed hand, a hard heart, to demonize the opponents and spew hatred - they don't need me, they've got President Donald Trump," Biden told the crowd, which was bookended by large video monitors.

Democratic nominating contests begin next February, giving the dynamics of the race plenty of time to shift. But Biden, 76, has opened up a more than 20-point lead over his nearest rival, U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders, in several public opinion polls.

Biden, a U.S. senator for 30 years and a two-term vice president under Barack Obama, has argued he is best positioned to take on Trump next year.

Attendees at the event said they agreed.

"He's going to be the one who takes Trump out of office," said Daril Murard, 27, of Langhorne, Pennsylvania. "That's why I'm here."



US Democratic presidential candidate and former Vice President Joe Biden speaks during the kickoff rally of his campaign for the 2020 Democratic presidential nomination in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U.S. on Saturday. REUTERS

Tim Reihm, 48, drove to the event from his hometown of York, Pennsylvania.

"I think there's been a tendency in the party to drift a little too far left and I think that's going to disenfranchise a large section of the country," Reihm said. "Joe represents a sort of a more middle ground where we can bring people together instead of becoming more and more fractious."

Biden also answered critics who have mocked his pledge to work with Republicans as unrealistic should he win the White House.

"I'm going to say something outrageous," he said. "I know how to make government work."

Biden's remarks drew a swift response from the Progressive Change Campaign Committee, a liberal advocacy group that backs another candidate, U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren.

A fundraising memo sent to members after the rally accused Biden of trying to splinter the party.

"Joe Biden is dividing Americans when, after the historic 2018 election, he tells voters they are wrong to be angry - and wrong if they don't want 'unity' with corrupt Republican politicians," the memo said.

"We don't need a Democratic nominee who rejects the fact that people are righteously angry in the Trump era," it said.

Biden has established his campaign head-

quarters in Philadelphia, illustrating the importance of Pennsylvania to Democratic hopes next year. Trump narrowly won the state over Hillary Clinton in 2016.

Trump will hold an event of his own on Monday in northeast Pennsylvania.

Prior to Biden's speech, the Republican National Committee in a release pointed to statistics showing how Pennsylvania's economy has improved during Trump's presidency.

Biden will not have the luxury of shrugging off the rest of the Democratic field much longer.

In recent weeks, he has been criticized by Senator Kamala Harris for his past support for the 1994 crime bill that critics say led to mass incarceration of African-Americans, by Sanders for his support of the North American Free Trade Agreement, and by Warren for his ties to the credit-card industry.

With Biden the clear front-runner, those attacks are likely to intensify. But Biden on Saturday said he would keep his focus on Trump and not his rivals for the nomination.

"You will not hear me speak ill of another Democrat," Biden said.

Following the Philadelphia event, Biden is expected to spend the next several weeks focusing on policy announcements and raising money.

Agencies

## China urges US to avoid further damage of ties

BEIJING

CHINA'S State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi urged the United States not to go too far in its damaging moves against Chinese interests in a phone conversation on Saturday with US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo.

Noting that the US side has recently made remarks and taken actions that are harmful to Chinese interests in various fields, including cracking down on Chinese enterprises' normal operations through political measures, Wang said China strongly opposes such actions.

"We urge the US side not to go too far," Wang told Pompeo, adding that the US should change its course as soon as possible so as to avoid further damage of bilateral ties.

History and reality have shown that as two big countries, China and the US will both benefit from cooperation and lose from conflicts, he said. Cooperation is the only right choice for the two countries, he added.

The two sides should follow the direction set by the two countries' heads of state, manage their differences on the basis of mutual respect, expand cooperation on



the basis of mutual benefit, and work together in pushing forward a China-US relationship based on coordination, cooperation and stability, said the Chinese foreign minister.

China has always been willing

to resolve economic and trade differences through negotiations and consultations, which, however, should be conducted on the basis of equality, said Wang, adding that China, in any negotiations, must safeguard its legitimate interests, answer the calls of its people, and defend the basic norms of international relations.

Wang stressed that China has stated its firm opposition to the US recent negative words and acts related to Taiwan, and urged the US to abide by the one-China principle and the three China-US joint communiques, and handle Taiwan-related issues carefully

and properly.

The two sides also exchanged views on relevant international and regional issues.

Pompeo briefed Wang on the US views on the latest development of the Iranian issue.

Wang emphasized that China, as a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council, is committed to the denuclearization, peace and stability of the Middle East.

"We hope that all parties will exercise restraint and act with caution, so as to avoid escalating tensions," he said.

Xinhua

## Austrian leader calls an early election amid video scandal

VIENNA

AUSTRIAN Chancellor Sebastian Kurz called on Saturday for an early election after his vice chancellor resigned over a covertly shot video that showed him apparently promising government contracts to a prospective Russian investor.

Kurz (pictured) said he would ask President Alexander Van der Bellen to set a date for a new election "as soon as possible."

Vice Chancellor Heinz-Christian Strache, head of the far-right, anti-immigrant Freedom Party which is in Austria's ruling coalition with Kurz's People's Party, had resigned earlier Saturday, a

day after the video was published.

The video hit a nerve amid broader concerns about ties between Russia and right-wing populist parties critical of the European Union, the more so because the Freedom Party is part of a Western government. In 2016, Strache went to Moscow to sign a "cooperation pact" with the United Russia party, which is loyal to Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Strache's resignation was also a black eye for the populist and nationalist forces who favor tighter European immigration policies. It came only a few days before the May 23-26 elections in 28 European Union nations to fill the 751-seat European Parliament.



Nationalists and populists across Europe are competing to achieve a strong showing in that vote.

At a news conference late Saturday, Kurz said talks with other officials from the Freedom Party showed they were not willing to make the changes that Kurz felt were necessary to continue the current coalition. Kurz also said a

possible coalition with the center-left Social Democrats would derail the government's program of limiting debt and taxes.

No date was immediately given for a new vote. Austria's public ORF television reported analysts saying the vote could take place in September.

Two German publications, the daily Sueddeutsche Zeitung and the weekly Der Spiegel, published extracts Friday of a covert video purportedly showing Strache during an alcohol-fueled evening on the Spanish resort island of Ibiza offering Austrian government contracts to a Russian woman, purportedly the niece of a Russian oligarch and interested in

investing large amounts of money in Austria.

In his resignation statement Saturday, Strache apologized but said he was set up in a "political assassination" that illegally used surveillance equipment. He conceded his behavior in the video was "stupid, irresponsible and a mistake."

The publications declined to say where they got the video. In it, Strache and party colleague Johann Gudenus are heard telling the unnamed woman she could expect lucrative construction work if she bought Austria's Kronen Zeitung newspaper and supported the Freedom Party.

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## Huawei to invest 35 million Euros in Paris OpenLab

PARIS

HUAWEI said it will invest 35 million Euros in its Paris OpenLab over five years. Speaking at the VivaTech Conference in Paris, Huawei Deputy Chairman Ken Hu said the investment showed confidence that France was on the way to become a global innovation hub.

VivaTech, an annual technology conference held in Paris, runs from May 16 - 18 and this year is bringing together 100,000 representatives of the worlds of business, politics and academia from 125 countries and regions.

In a keynote speech titled "Our Shared Ambition", Hu shared how converging digital technologies are bringing revolutionary change, and highlighted that openness and collaboration is the only way to drive innovation forward.

Hu announced that Huawei will invest 35 million euros into its OpenLab in France over the next five years, and will work together with customers and partners to build a stronger digital ecosystem in the country.

"This is the best time for innovation," Hu said. "Here in France, you've got world-leading basic research, so many talented people, and an innovation-friendly environment. France is in a great position to be a global hub for innovation. Huawei has been here for 17 years, and we are so proud to be part of this ambition."

Technologies like 5G, cloud, and AI are the main drivers of innovation, accelerating digital transformation across all industries.

By 2025, there will be 100 billion connections around the world, all companies will use cloud, and 77% of cloud applications will be powered by AI, Hu remarked. "When these technologies are combined, there will be fundamental changes to all industries. These technologies will also reshape everything we are familiar with today," Hu explained.

According to Hu, mobile phones will reshape our personal digital experience. As personal computing centers, mobile phones will integrate more naturally with devices like tablets, PCs, TVs, and cars to form a more user-centric ecosystem, which will provide a seamless and more intuitive digital experience.

Smart cars will become mobile super computers and data centers, rather than just a means of transportation. Each car will have tens of millions of lines of code and terabytes of computing power.

Software, hardware, and applications in cars will be able to be upgraded anytime, anywhere to completely refresh the user experience. Carmakers must consider how to meet these evolving needs and create new value for their customers.

"It doesn't matter if you are a startup or an established business, you need to figure out how to maximize the potential of digital technologies and seize the opportunity to innovate," Hu added.

Hu went on to encourage cross-industry collaboration as the key to seizing new opportunities. "When it comes to innovation," he said, "organizations need to do what they do best, and collaborate on the rest."

To this end, Huawei opened its Paris OpenLab in April 2018, providing a platform for experts from different industries to identify their future needs in digital transformation and to develop industry-specific solutions.

In just one year, 50 partners worked on 15 industry solutions covering retail, manufacturing, and smart cities. Over the next five years, Huawei's investment of 35 million Euros in its OpenLab in France will make it a stronger platform for cross-industry collaboration.

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## Russia interested in normalising ties with US, says speaker

ISTANBUL

RUSSIA is interested in mending ties with the US, but it is still too early to say that the vector of these relations is changing, Federation Council Speaker Valentina Matviyenko told journalists on Friday.

"We have always been saying, and the value of Russia's foreign policy is in this, that we are interested in restarting a normal dialogue with the US, in coordinating the activity on those key regional international problems where it is impossible to find solutions without the participation of Russia and the US," the speaker said.

"We said that it is necessary to look for compromises, to remove dif-

ferences. We are ready to continue the dialogue," Matviyenko said during her trip to Turkey.

However, it is premature to say that the vector of Russian-US relations is changing, she said, adding that one must wait to see how things will go. "The very fact of the arrival of the US secretary of state (Mike Pompeo to Sochi on May 14 - TASS) can be seen as a positive factor," she said.

"This means that the American side realizes the necessity of the dialogue. The conversation was good, constructive and substantial. It is good that this dialogue has been started," the senator stressed.

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## First Republican lawmaker says Trump engaged in impeachable conduct

WASHINGTON

U.S. Representative Justin Amash, a frequent critic of President Donald Trump, on Saturday became the first Republican lawmaker to say the president has engaged in impeachable behavior.

Special Counsel Robert Mueller's report on the investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election reveals that Trump "engaged in specific actions and a pattern of behaviour that meet the threshold for impeachment," Amash, who has signaled he would consider

running as a libertarian against Trump in the 2020 election, wrote on Twitter.

Mueller's report "identifies multiple examples of conduct satisfying all the elements of obstruction of justice, and undoubtedly any person who is not the president of the United States would be indicted based on such evidence," Amash wrote.

Trump has said Mueller's report concluded there no obstruction of justice. Mueller's report made no formal finding on that question, leaving the matter up to Congress.



Amash (pictured) also wrote that "it is clear" that Attorney General William Barr intended to mislead the public about Mueller's report in his conclusions and congressional testimony

about it. In his letter to Congress, Barr said he and his deputy Rod Rosenstein determined there was insufficient evidence to establish that the president committed criminal obstruction of justice, or acted unlawfully to impede the investigation.

Amash's comments echoed the conclusions of many Democrats. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said on May 8 that Trump was moving closer to impeachment with his efforts to thwart congressional subpoenas and obstruct lawmakers' efforts to oversee his ad-

ministration. Still, Democrats are divided about impeachment and Pelosi also said impeachment proceedings would be "divisive" for the country.

The White House and the Department of Justice did not immediately respond to requests for comments about Amash's tweets.

Ronna McDaniel, the chairwoman of the Republican National Committee wrote on Twitter "it's sad to see ... Amash parroting the Democrats' talking points on Russia." She said the only people still concerned about the Russia investiga-

tion are Trump's political foes "hoping to defeat him in 2020 by any desperate means possible."

Amash, who represents Michigan's 3rd congressional district, wrote that he had read Mueller's full redacted report, but that few members of Congress had.

In February Amash became the lone Republican to co-sponsor a resolution in the U.S. House of Representatives to reject the emergency Trump declared at the U.S.-Mexico border to build a wall there, in a stinging rebuke to the president.

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# Indians vote in final phase of grueling national election

KOLKATA

INDIANS voted yesterday in the seventh and final phase of a grueling national election that lasted more than five weeks, as Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Hindu nationalist party seeks to govern for another five years.

The election is seen as a referendum on Modi and his Bharatiya Janata Party. The BJP's main opposition is the Congress party, led by Rahul Gandhi, the scion of the Nehru-Gandhi dynasty that has produced three prime ministers.

Vote counting begins on Thursday, and the election result will likely be known the same day.

The voting yesterday covered Modi's constituency of Varanasi, a holy Hindu city where he was elected in 2014 with an impressive margin of over 200,000 votes. Modi spent Saturday night at Kedarnath, a temple of the Hindu god Shiva nestled in the Himalayas in northern India.

The final election round included 59 constituencies in eight states. Up for grabs were 13 seats in Punjab and an equal number in Uttar Pradesh, eight each in Bihar and Madhya Pradesh, nine in West Bengal, four in Himachal Pradesh and three in Jharkhand and Chandigarh.

In Kolkata, the capital of West Bengal, voters lined up outside polling stations early yesterday morning to avoid the scorching heat, with temperatures reaching up to 38 degrees Celsius. Armed security officials stood guard in and outside the centers amid fear of violence.

While the election, which began April 11, was largely peaceful, West

Bengal, located in eastern India, was an exception. Modi is challenged there by the state's chief minister, Mamata Banerjee, who heads the more inclusive Trinamool Congress party and is eyeing a chance to go to New Delhi as the opposition's candidate for prime minister.

Modi visited West Bengal 17 times in an effort to make inroads with his Hindu nationalist agenda, provoking sporadic violence and prompting the Election Commission to cut off campaigning there.

Yesterday, Nirmala Sitharaman, a BJP leader and the country's defense minister, accused Banerjee's supporters of attacking her party members and preventing them from voting at several places in six of the nine constituencies in West Bengal. She did not provide details.

Prodeep Chakrabarty, a retired teacher in Kolkata, said Modi's BJP was desperate to win some seats against Banerjee's influential regional party.

"People are divided for many reasons. We have to wait for a final outcome to see who people are voting for. Things are not predictable like before," he said.

Minorities in India, especially Muslims, who comprise about 14 percent of the country's 1.3 billion people, criticize Modi for his Hindu nationalist agenda. Modi's party backed a bill that would make it easier to deport millions of Bangladeshis who have migrated to India since Bangladesh's independence in 1971.

The bill, however, eases a path to citizenship for Hindus, Sikhs, Parsees and Jains – non-Muslims – who came from Afghanistan, Bangladesh and



Indians stand in queues to cast their votes in the seventh and final phase of the national election, on the outskirts of Varanasi, India, yesterday. (AP)

Pakistan over decades.

Voters were also up early Sunday in Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh state, where election workers arranged for drinking water, shade and fans to cool them down.

"I straightaway came from my morning walk to cast my vote and was surprised to see enthusiasm among the voters," said Ramesh Kumar Singh, who was among the first to vote. "There were long queues of people waiting patiently to cast their votes, which is a good sign for democracy."

During the election campaign, Modi

played up the threat of Pakistan, India's Muslim-majority neighbor and archrival, especially after the suicide bombing of a paramilitary convoy in Kashmir on Feb 14 that killed 40 Indian soldiers.

Congress and other opposition parties have challenged Modi over a high unemployment rate of 6.1% and farmers' distress aggravated by low crop prices.

Some of Modi's boldest policy steps, such as the demonetization of high currency notes to curb black-market money, proved to be economically damaging.

A haphazard implementation of "one nation, one tax" – a goods and services tax – also hit small and medium businesses.

Voter turnout in the first six rounds was approximately 66%, the Election Commission said, up from 58% in the last national vote in 2014.

Pre-election media polls indicate that no party is likely to win anything close to a majority in Parliament, which has 543 seats. The BJP, which won a majority of 282 seats in 2014, may need some regional parties as allies to stay in power.

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Trump declares support for states' toughened restrictions on abortion

WASHINGTON

U.S. President Donald Trump on Saturday took a "strongly Pro-Life" stance while supporting some exceptions in response to the controversial abortion ban by Alabama.

"As most people know, and for those who would like to know, I am strongly Pro-Life, with the three exceptions – Rape, Incest and protecting the Life of the mother – the same position taken by (ex-President) Ronald Reagan," Trump tweeted, amid a national debate over the issue following Alabama's near-total abortion ban earlier this week.

Alabama enacted a new law on Wednesday to ban all abortions, except in the cases in which the mother's life is in danger. It is the latest state to join the camp to make abortions illegal from the time as early as of detected fetal heartbeat, around six weeks of gestation.

Such states include Missouri, Kentucky, Ohio, Georgia, Mississippi, Iowa and North Dakota.

The moves are deemed to constitute a challenge to the historic 1973 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that grants women the right to abortion across the country.

The states' newly enacted abortion bans are also believed to signal a conservative tilt in many parts of the United States.

Abortion is considered a hot-button issue in the upcoming 2020 presidential elections.

The position on the abortion issue also reflects an increasingly divided U.S. society. Recently, states like New York and Virginia relaxed restrictions on late-term abortions.

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## Saudis say they don't want war, but will defend themselves

DUBAI

SAUDI Arabia does not want war but will not hesitate to defend itself against Iran, a top Saudi diplomat said yesterday amid heightened tensions in the Persian Gulf after attacks on the kingdom's energy sector.

Adel al-Jubeir, the minister of state for foreign affairs, spoke a week after four oil tankers – two of them Saudi – were targeted in an alleged act of sabotage off the coast of the United Arab Emirates and days after Iran-allied Yemeni rebels claimed a drone attack on a Saudi oil pipeline.

"The kingdom of Saudi Arabia does not want war in the region and does not strive for that... but at the same time, if the other side chooses war, the kingdom will fight this with all force and determination and it will defend itself, its citizens and its interests," al-Jubeir told reporters.

Fears of armed conflict were already running high after the White House ordered warships and bombers to the region earlier this month to counter an alleged, unexplained threat from Iran. The US also has ordered nonessential staff out of its diplomatic posts in Iraq.

But US President Donald Trump appears to have softened his tone in recent days, saying he expects Iran to seek negotiations with his administration. Asked on Thursday if the US might be on a path to war with the Iranians, the president answered, "I hope not."

The current tensions are rooted in Trump's decision last year to withdraw the US from the 2015 nuclear accord between Iran and world powers and impose wide-reaching sanctions, including on Iranian oil exports that are crucial to its economy.

Iran has said it would resume



In this Feb 4, 2019 photo, Saudi Arabia's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Adel al-Jubeir talks to a journalist during a European Union-League of Arab States ministerial meeting. (AFP)

enriching uranium at higher levels if a new nuclear deal is not reached by July 7. That would potentially bring it closer to being able to develop a nuclear weapon, something Iran insists it has never sought.

Energy ministers from OPEC and its allies, including major producers Saudi Arabia and Russia, are meeting in Saudi Arabia on Sunday to discuss energy prices and production cuts. Iran's oil exports are expected to shrink further in the coming months after the US stopped renewing waivers that allowed it to continue selling to some countries.

OPEC and non-OPEC oil producers have production cuts in place, but the group of exporters is not expected to make its decision on output until late June, when they meet again in Vienna.

Saudi Arabia's King Salman,

meanwhile, has called for a meeting of Arab heads of state on May 30 in Mecca to discuss the latest developments, including the oil pipeline attack.

The kingdom has blamed the pipeline attack on Iran, accusing Tehran of arming the rebel Houthis, which a Saudi-led coalition has been at war with in Yemen since 2015. Iran denies arming or training the rebels, who control much of northern Yemen, including the capital, Sanaa.

"We want peace and stability in the region, but we won't stand with our hands bound as the Iranians continuously attack. Iran has to understand that," al-Jubeir said. "The ball is in Iran's court."

Al-Jubeir also noted that an investigation, led by the UAE, into the tanker incident is underway.

The state-run Saudi news

agency reported Sunday that US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo called Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman to discuss regional developments. There was no immediate statement by the State Department about the call.

An English-language Saudi newspaper close to the palace recently published an editorial calling for surgical US airstrikes in retaliation for Iran's alleged involvement in targeting Saudi Arabia's oil infrastructure.

The head of Iran's Revolutionary Guard, General Hossein Salami, was quoted Sunday as saying the US is going to fail in the near future "because they are frustrated and hopeless" and are looking for a way out of the current escalation. His comments were carried by Iran's semi-official Fars news agency.

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## Council of Europe realised current status of Russia unacceptable, says Lavrov

HELSINKI

RUSSIA'S Council of Europe partners have concluded that Russia's current position within the organization is unacceptable, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov told reporters on the outcomes of Council of Europe's Committee of Ministers session.

All member states have agreed to follow the rules of the organization, establishing that all members of the Council of Europe are equal.

"As for us, we kept paying our membership dues duly and on time for nearly three years despite being deprived of sovereign, inalienable rights within the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE)," he reminded.

"Every time we warned that it cannot go on like this forever, and that if the rights of our members of parliaments aren't restored, we will be forced to suspend our payments, which is what we've done."

"I am not saying that we should always use methods of blackmail," Lavrov noted. "But



if we hadn't done this, then, perhaps, our partners would not have realized that the current situation around PACE's illegitimate decision is unacceptable."

Earlier on Friday, the Council of Europe published a statement by the Committee of Ministers, which stressed that all its members "should be entitled to participate on an equal basis in the Committee of Ministers and in the Parliamentary Assembly."

According to the document, "one of the fundamental obligations of member states is to pay their obligatory contribu-

tions to the ordinary budget." The ministers also noted that they would welcome the delegations of all member states to participate in the next June part-session of PACE.

In April 2014, the Russian delegation to PACE was stripped of its key rights, including the right to vote and take part in the assembly's governing bodies, following the developments in Ukraine and Crimea.

In response, Russia ceased to send its delegations to PACE. Since 2017, Russia has stopped paying the Council of Europe membership fees.

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## AMISOM meets to strategise ways of defeating al-Shabab

MOGADISHU

AFRICAN Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) senior leadership held a meeting with leaders of the Lower Shabelle region to exchange views on how they can strengthen the fight against al-Shabab.

The closed-door consultative meeting was held on Saturday followed recent operational successes recorded against al-Shabab, the AU mission said in a statement yesterday. Francisco Madeira, special representative

of the chairperson of the African Union Commission to Somalia, said the meeting also reviewed the situation following the capture of strategic towns of Sabiid and Bariire. "We are happy with the progress and we will continue to work jointly, in coordination with our partners. The governor is in control, and we support him and his administration," Madeira said.

Somali Security Forces and AMISOM troops liberated the town of Sabiid on April 2. On May 3, the forces also liberated Bari-

ire town. The agricultural-rich Bariire, which lies about 60 kms west of the Somali capital, Mogadishu, is one of the strategic areas located in Lower Shabelle region along River Shabelle.

The meeting also reviewed the progress made in recent operations, the challenges and the way forward, the statement said. The military offensive to liberate Sabiid and Bariire is part of the implementation of the revised AMISOM Concept of Operations (CONOPS) 2018-2021 and the Somalia Transition Plan. **Xinhua**

# Cooperation only right choice for China, US, says Chinese envoy

UNITED NATIONS

COOPERATION is the only right choice for China and the United States, said China's Permanent Representative to the United Nations (UN) Ma Zhaoxu on Friday.

The economic and trade relations between China and the United States are the "ballast" and "propeller" of this

important bilateral relationship, said the Chinese envoy when hosting a briefing on the U.S.-China trade relations at the UN headquarters in New York, adding that it is not only about U.S.-China bilateral relations but also world peace and prosperity.

Representatives from more than 100 UN member states and international agencies attended the meeting.

Referring to the consultations between the two countries since the United States unilaterally provoked the frictions in March 2018, Ma said that China will resolutely defend its core interests and will never give in on major issues of principle.

China strongly opposes the U.S. practice of imposing additional tariffs, said the Chinese envoy, while express-

ing the hope that the United States and China could work together, meet each other in the halfway, address each other's concern based on mutual respect and equality, and strive for a mutually beneficial agreement.

"The agreement between the two sides must be equal-footed and mutually beneficial," he said, noting that China's three core concerns -- remove

all the additional tariffs, work out a realistic amount of purchases, and improve the balance of the wording of the text -- must be addressed.

The Chinese economy has maintained steady growth and has shown positive momentum, Ma told the audience. "The trade protectionist measures of the United States will have an impact on the Chinese economy, but it can

be overcome."

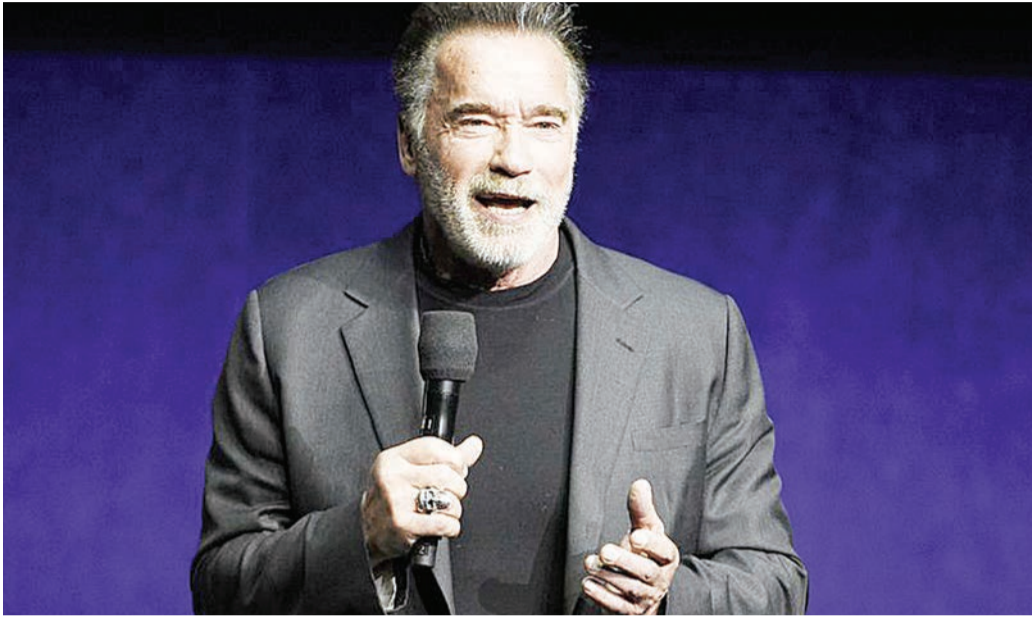
"The Chinese economy is a sea, not a small pond," he added.

"We will continue to promote reform and opening up according to our own pace, and promote high-quality development of the economy according to our own timetable and road map, to realize the long-term stability and growth of the Chinese economy."

According to Ma, paying mutual respect to each other's core concerns, and making mutual concessions on the basis of mutual respect, equality and mutual benefit are the premises of expanding cooperation, and only in such a way, the trade issues between the two sides could be resolved.

Xinhua





Arnold Schwarzenegger

## Arnold Schwarzenegger assaulted during event in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG

ACTOR Arnold Schwarzenegger was assaulted during a public appearance in South Africa on Saturday, but the 71-year-old quickly recovered and said, "I'm just glad the idiot didn't interrupt my Snapchat."

Video shows the former California governor standing and filming children at a sporting event in Johannesburg when a man makes a flying kick into his back. Schwarzenegger stumbles forward. The man is quickly grabbed by security. Off camera a man shouts several times "Help me!"

The video shortly afterward shows Schwarzenegger smiling and shaking hands with bystanders before walking out ringed by security.

Schwarzenegger later posted on Twitter: "Thanks for your concerns, but there is nothing to worry about. I thought I was just jostled by the crowd, which happens a lot. I only real-

ized I was kicked when I saw the video like all of you. I'm just glad the idiot didn't interrupt my Snapchat."

Schwarzenegger also tweeted a second video of the incident "without whatever he was yelling so he doesn't get the spotlight."

"By the way..." he joked, "block or charge?" Schwarzenegger had been attending his Arnold Classic Africa event, which features dozens of sports and fitness activities. In a separate Twitter post, the event blamed a "crazed fan" for the assault.

The statement cited organizer Wayne Price as saying the assailant was "known to the police for orchestrating similar incidents in the past" and that Schwarzenegger was "fine and still in good spirits."

The actor confirmed he had no intention of pursuing charges and would continue with another appearance on Sunday as planned, the statement said.

AP

## Netherlands wins Eurovision contest; Madonna flag display causes stir

TELAVIV

THE Netherlands won the 64th Eurovision Song Contest in Israel on Sunday in a songfest that passed off without serious incident, despite calls by pro-Palestinian groups to boycott the event.

Dutch singer-songwriter Duncan Laurence beat 25 other contestants in the grand final in Tel Aviv to win the glass microphone trophy.

The 25-year-old favourite won 492 points with his piano ballad "Arcade" about a failing relationship. His victory gives the Netherlands the right to host the 2020 finals. Italy came second, with 465 points, and Russia third, with 369.

After receiving the prize from last year's winner, Israeli singer Netta Barzilai, Laurence said he hoped he had touched listeners. "Believe in your music, believe in your artistry," he said.

This year's competition was more political than usual, held against the backdrop of a campaign by the Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions (BDS) movement that urged artists, fans and broadcasters to shun the event to protest against Israeli policies in the West Bank and Gaza.

But no singers or broadcasters pulled out, and only a small crowd of protesters turned up outside the venue.

However pop superstar Madonna sprang a surprise during her guest performance of two songs - her iconic 1989 hit "Like A Prayer" and a new number, "Future," sung alongside the American rapper Quavo.

At the close of the second number, two backing dancers briefly appeared on stage wearing the Israeli and Palestinian flags on the back of their costumes.

The European Broadcasting Union, which co-produced the contest alongside Israel's national broadcaster, issued a statement immediately after her performance. "This element of the performance was not cleared with the EBU and the Host Broadcaster, KAN. The Eurovision Song Contest is a non-political event and Madonna had been made aware of this," it said.

The 60-year-old singer, who is a follower of the mystical form of Judaism called Kabbalah, had faced criticism from pro-Palestinian activists for performing at the event.

She defended her decision, issuing a state-

ment earlier in the week that she would always speak up to defend human rights, and that she hoped to see "a new path toward peace."

Hatari, Iceland's entrant, drew boos from the audience when the band held up small Palestinian banners live on air during voting. The EBU said the political display "directly contradicts the contest rules."

ROLLERBLADING POLICE

Security was tight through the final, with thousands of extra police, undercover officers and private security guards deployed. Fans had to pass through metal detectors and multiple security checks as armed police looked on.

Some police units used rollerblades for mobility, while security officials inside the auditorium kept watch in case activists tried to disrupt the event.

Israel said calls to boycott the competition were discriminatory and anti-Semitic, which the BDS movement denies.

In the south of the city, a beachside area was sealed off for a "Eurovision Village" spectators pavilion, where fans from different countries danced and watched the event on big screens.

Jacob Strange, 26, an Australian, said he had flown 28 hours, including two layovers, to attend. His country is one of a handful of non-European nations, including Israel, to take part.

"We love Eurovision back in Australia," he said, adding of the protesters: "I understand where they are coming from ... but in the end of the day Eurovision is about bringing people together, and about peace."

Israelis in Tel Aviv said they were proud to be hosting the event. "I'm very excited. It's great that it's come to Tel Aviv," said Alan Liferow, 58, an Israeli accountant from Ein Sarid. But a small crowd gathered outside the venue to protest, carrying signs in Hebrew, Arabic and English reading "No Pride in Occupation" and "Feminists for Gaza."

At one point they competed with another small demonstration against Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, but neither drew much attention from concertgoers aside from a few brief shouting matches.

REUTERS

## How can Simba improve next season?

BY CORRESPONDENT MICHAEL MWEBE

**S**IMBA Sports Club are on their way to winning the Mainland Tanzania Premier League title for the second consecutive year.

They have had a fantastic season and, as a result are top when it comes to a range of stats, from having the best defensive record in the league (AishiManula is on the way to winning a fourth consecutive the Premier League Golden Glove with at least 18 clean sheets) to goals scored (72 so far).

Yes, Simba might have proved to be the best team in Tanzania once again, but the technical bench and the entire management knows standing still is going backwards. The June-August transfer window has the feel of being a crucial one as the soon to be crowned 20 time League champions look to refresh and rebuild the squad for the challenges to come.

It promises to be a busy transfer window with at least four arrivals expected, and potentially more depending upon the number of players to leave.

Though Simba impressively reached the 2018/19 CAF Champions League quarterfinals, the squad came under scrutiny during the continental outings, exposing the need for improvement in the defense and striking departments. The shopping list all depends on the future of their coach. Patrick Aussem's contract is up on June 18 and he has yet to agree a new one.

The centre backs quintet Pascal Wawa, Yusuph Mlipili, Juuko Murushid, Paul Bukaba and Erasto Nyoni are in constant rotation. Though the once towering and commanding Wawa is one of the first names on the team-sheet, he is on his last legs.

Few would dispute that Juuko is a good defender, subjectively better than Mlipili and Bukaba



Simba Sports Club

or even Nyoni when at his best. He remains a conundrum, a player who reminds you of his qualities in a few matches then disappears for the better part of the season, playing as if his mind is somewhere else.

Bukaba and Mlipili are squad players at best, so one understands why the coach has admitted he is looking to add another central defender to their squad in the forthcoming transfer window.

The Ghanaian duo, Asante Kwasi and Nicholas Gyan appear likely to leave in search of more regular football - so that would free up foreigner's quota in the squad. If Kwasi leaves the club as expected, cover and competition at left back for Mohamed Hussein is another area that will need addressing.

Right back is the other gaping wound in Simba's defense. For all his attacking talents especially the lovely crosses, Zana Coulibally has been exposed in defense on numerous occasions while Shomari Kapombe is too injury prone to be trusted to play a full season and Gyan

as a stop-gap fullback cannot be allowed to continue.

While Simba's front three rightly get the plaudits, the options behind them are currently very slim. Meddie Kagere, John Bocco and Emmanuel Okwi have done a good job of scoring a combine 60 plus goals so far but they need competition which Adam Salamba and others who were loaned out could not give.

The coach has stressed they are keen to add another forward option, likely one who is versatile enough to be able to play more than one position. A player who can threaten any of Simba's front three for their starting spot increasing the quality of the club all around. They have to target a striker capable of either unlocking a first-class defense or grabbing a decisive goal.

First things first, they have to renew the contract of Okwi and Bocco to avoid looking at many changes to make in the striking department if the duo leaves. Okwi's future remains uncertain, although many are opti-

mistic he will sign a new contract to stay for another season. Bocco's is looking like ready to stay despite being chased by his former employers, Azam.

Zambia's Nkana FC's Walter Bwalya has been mentioned as a player of interest to Simba, however he may prove out of reach with his reported release clause of \$400,000.

In Rashid Juma, Simba have one of the best wingers in the country. But, he is still young and burdening him may not be a good idea. Shiza Kichuya was sold to Egypt and for that reason, the club must focus on buying a goal-scoring winger. Banking on Juma to be the main source of goals from the wide forward positions would be close to foolishness.

The above-mentioned areas are a must for Simba to improve on come this transfer window. If they manage to succeed in doing that, then we can say that the Msimbazi Street Reds are ready to go a step further in their quest to join the African elite clubs.



Golden State Warriors forward Draymond Green (23) shoots against Portland Trail Blazers forward Meyers Leonard, left, during the first half of Game 3 of the NBA basketball playoffs Western Conference finals, Saturday, May 18, 2019, in Portland, Ore. (AP Photo)

## Green, Warriors beat Blazers for 3-0 lead in West finals

PORTLAND, ORE.

WITH Kevin Durant out, Draymond Green has taken it upon himself to boost Golden State.

And boy, has he. Green had 20 points, 13 rebounds and 12 assists, and the Warriors beat the Portland Trail Blazers 110-99 on Saturday night for a 3-0 lead in the Western Conference finals.

Green had his seventh career postseason triple-double and Stephen Curry scored 36 points for Golden State, which moved a win away from a fifth straight trip to the NBA finals with Game 4 set for Monday.

Warriors coach Steve Kerr said it was one of the best games he's seen Green play.

"I don't even know what to say about Draymond," Kerr said. "He was a wrecking ball, destroying

everything in his path."

Durant, the two-time NBA Finals MVP who was averaging more than 34 points during the playoffs, remains out with a sore right calf and his return is uncertain.

"When Kevin is not on the floor, I know I have to be more aggressive. So whether that's attacking the basket, putting more pressure on the defense, I understand that," said Green, who has had a triple double in each of the rounds during the playoffs - all on the road.

CJ McCollum had 23 points for the Trail Blazers, who led by 18 during the second quarter. Damian Lillard added 19 points, but Portland was hurt at the line, making just 20 of 33 attempts.

Golden State's Andre Iguodala left in the third quarter with a sore lower leg. Kerr said he will

have an MRI on Sunday. Iguodala played 17 minutes and had nine points. After trailing 66-53 at the half, the Warriors mounted a third-quarter comeback to lead 82-79 going into the fourth. Jonas Jerebko's jumper pushed the lead to 90-82 with 7:26 left.

Curry's 3-pointer made it 98-87 with just under five minutes to go, and Portland struggled to catch up - similar to their fourth-quarter fade in Game 2.

Game 3 was the first conference finals game in Portland since 2000. The Blazers lost that series to the eventual champion Los Angeles Lakers in seven games.

No team has ever come back from an 0-3 deficit to win in the playoffs. Only three series have gone to a seventh game after one team opened with a 3-0 lead.

"We're going to give it our best

effort on Monday. That's all that matters," Blazers coach Terry Stotts said. "We're going to give it our best effort and whatever happens, happens."

On Thursday, the Blazers were up 15 at halftime and led by eight with 4½ minutes left before the Warriors rallied - boosted by Kevon Looney's dunk with less than a minute left, and a game-sealing steal from Iguodala - for a 114-111 Game 2 victory.

Both teams switched up their lineups for Game 3, with Portland's Meyers Leonard making his first start of the playoffs at center. Enes Kanter, despite sustaining a separated shoulder in the first-round series against the Oklahoma City Thunder, started in all the previous games. Leonard provided a spark and finished with a career playoff-high 16 points. AP



## Pep: Man City's Treble harder than Champions League

LONDON, ENGLAND

PEP Guardiola believes that Manchester City's domestic Treble was harder to achieve than winning the Champions League.

City wrapped up the final part of the Treble on Saturday with an emphatic 6-0 victory over Watford, just six days after pipping Liverpool to the Premier League title by a single point.

"It's one of the best seasons I've experienced as a manager, not the best but one of the best for sure," Guardiola said at a news conference. "To be for 10 months playing in all competitions. No team, including incredible teams in this country, have done this and we were the first.

"I love the Champions League, but to do [the Treble] is more difficult than to win the Champions League and we did it.

"It's not easy for 10 months, every three days being there because when you have one bad night you are out of competitions. And especially the way we played today we were a little bit short of energy but that's normal."

City were ruthless against Watford as they equalled the record FA Cup final winning margin set by Bury more than a century ago in 1903.

Raheem Sterling scored twice and looked to have become the first player to score a hat trick in a final since 1953. But City's second from Gabriel Jesus crossed the line just

millimetres before Sterling could claim the goal, although it wasn't officially given to the Brazilian until more than 30 minutes after full-time.

"I've disputed it!" Sterling said. "What can we do?"

"The boys were brilliant today and my goals just added to the win. Everyone was fantastic.

"Credit to all the boys today. It's been a fantastic year."

Sterling, whose boyhood home was in view of the Wembley Arch, added: "Growing up here, growing up seeing this get built, it's a dream to be on this football field and winning trophies. It's a massive dream come true."

Teammate Bernardo Silva said that there will be no let-up next season and warned City's rivals that they can get even better.

"There's always space for improvement, and that's what we will try to do," he said.

"Next season we'll try to get better and we'll try to win even more titles, to be even better, to control more of the games, to have more possession, to create more chances to score more goals. We'll work on that.

"To win all the massive competitions, first time any team has done it, it's amazing, what a team this is. The fans were amazing this season as well, they pushed us this far.

"Now it's time to rest and time to celebrate. Next season we will try again."

(AGENCIES)

## Liverpool should re-sign Coutinho - Carragher

LONDON

PHILIPPE Coutinho should be on Liverpool's transfer radar this summer if they get a chance to re-sign him from Barcelona, according to the club's former captain Jamie Carragher.

Coutinho left for Camp Nou in 2018's January transfer window for an initial £105m (rising to £142m) but has struggled in Spain and has been repeatedly linked with a return to the Premier League.

Sources told ESPN FC that Barcelona would accept an offer of around £90m and Carragher claims that the Brazil international would be the perfect player for Liverpool.

"I wouldn't say I would be actively going to get him, but if there was a possibility of bringing Coutinho back for decent money, and Barca wanted to cut their losses a little bit because it hasn't worked out, then I'd do that," Carragher told the Liverpool Echo.

"Would he be welcomed back? I'm not sure. But he should be. I don't see any reason why he shouldn't be. I know he got a little bit of stick when he came back [with Barcelona for the Champions League semi-

final earlier this month] because he wanted to move.

"But [Xabi] Alonso wanted to move to Real Madrid, [Luis] Suarez wanted to move to Barcelona, and we still loved them when they went.

"Sometimes we pick and choose who we love when they leave. Nobody forced any player to go to Real Madrid or Barcelona, [Javier] Mascherano is another one. Suarez only got stuck when he came back because of his antics in the first game [against Liverpool], if he hadn't done that then he'd be adored when he came back. What's the difference between him and Coutinho?"

Liverpool finished second in the Premier League this season behind Man City, with a club-record 97 points and will play the Champions League final against Tottenham on June 1. But, after failing to land Lyon midfielder Nabil Fekir, Carragher believes the club miss a central attacking midfielder.

"We lack that player in the squad," he added. "We have it in [Adam] Lallana and [Xherdan] Shaqiri, but this is a different level of player.

(AGENCIES)

## Emotional Allegri insists the time was right to leave Juventus

MILAN

COACH Massimiliano Allegri said a discussion with Juventus directors about the best way forward for the Serie A champions resulted in the club's decision to part ways with him at the end of the season.

Juventus announced on Friday that the 51-year-old's five-year spell in charge will come to an end.

The former AC Milan coach has enjoyed great success in Turin, leading Juve to five consecutive Serie A titles, four Coppa Italias and two Champions League runner-up finishes.

"I leave a winning group that has the potential to repeat its success in Italy and have another great Champions League campaign," an emotional Allegri told a news conference on the eve of the team's final home match of the season against Atalanta on Sunday.

"Unfortunately, some situations meant we couldn't go all the way this season. We talked, expressed our ideas on what was best for Juventus and the future of Juventus.

"After that, the club evaluated

it and decided it was best that I wouldn't be the coach next season.

"The rapport with President Agnelli, directors (Pavel) Nedved and (Fabio) Paratici remains excellent. We've all grown together and the right moment has come to leave on the best terms.

"I leave behind a solid group with extraordinary players, both technically and as men, because you need good men to win as well as good footballers."

He added: "Some things were written that were not correct, suggesting I asked for a long contract, for a squad revolution and different players, but we never got to that. We simply realised it was best not to continue together."

Allegri said he was unsure about what he would do next.

"I don't know what will happen in future," he said.

"I need a little rest too, while after July 15 I might inevitably feel the desire to get back to work and I'll evaluate the situations that are proposed."

REUTERS

## Relentless will to improve drives City to greatness

LONDON

THREE trophies, an amazing tally of 169 goals in 61 games and some of the most mesmerizing football ever seen in England tell only half the story of Manchester City's incredible success.

Leading 6-0 in the FA Cup final on Saturday with the treble secure and their fans in full voice at Wembley, half a dozen City players strained every sinew to chase back and douse a rare Watford attack, showing the relentless work ethic that underpins every great side.

The all-conquering Barcelona and Spain teams of the early 2000s passed the ball like nobody before them, but also worked harder than any opponent when they did not have it.

City manager Pep Guardiola, schooled in such methods at the Nou Camp, has instilled that mentality in his players.

Raheem Sterling and David Silva had no right to win aerial challenges on the edge of the Watford box against bigger, stronger opponents but both did to set up Silva for the opening goal after 26 minutes.

The lung-bursting runs continued throughout the game as City, tired according to their coach, eventually tore Watford apart, completing the joint-biggest win in the 147-year history of the world's oldest cup competition.

Guardiola, with help from assistant Mikel Arteta, has transformed Sterling from a tricky winger with infuriatingly wayward finishing into a prolific goalscorer who has now found the net almost 50 times for City in the last two seasons.

There was something of a debate about whether Sterling should have been credited with City's second goal,



Manchester City's players celebrate after winning the FA CUP final against Watford. (Agencies)

the ball seemingly over the line from Gabriel Jesus, but he was in no mood to care having finished the game with two more.

"I don't have a Scooby-Doo (clue)," he said of the 38th-minute goal. "The boys did brilliantly. My goals added to the win. It shows what the manager is building here. He said we needed to get the mentality right and we did that and did it exceptionally well."

Guardiola passed the baton of praise straight back.

"Because I was a player, I know that the players deserve the recognition but we are here to push them," he said.

"Raheem made an incredible season, he was so strong and he is a huge competitor."

Ahead of the trophy presentation, while most of the City squad danced

around the pitch among a sea of blue and white tinsel, Guardiola could be seen in earnest discussion with Sterling - and he was not congratulating him.

"The reason why we have done what we have done is Raheem but in the first half, he was not so good," he said. "He made actions where he should have been quicker and he didn't pass the ball... You have to push to be better - that's the only way."

Looking back at how his team secured the unprecedented treble, Guardiola was almost in awe of their ability to keep churning out results.

"To have gone 10 months in all competitions and be the first team to do that is incredible," he said. "It means we have been consistent every three days."

The one blip on his stunning City

CV is his failure to crack Europe. That will be central to his thinking next season but, for now, he was enjoying the good times.

"I love the Champions League but it is more difficult to do what we have done," he said. "We won the league by one point. We are not in a position to be relaxed. Always you can improve."

"We'll come back from the summer, when some players have the Nations League and the Copa America and we don't know how they'll come back, and take things game by game."

"We know each other better and we know our standards. We can't think too much about winning four titles in one season - it's incredible but we must not think about how many."

REUTERS

## Juve's Allegri may have been victim of his own pragmatism

MILAN

JUVENTUS's Champions League quarter-final defeat by a young Ajax Amsterdam side last month was more than just a shock result - it was a footballing lesson for the team who have dominated Serie A this season.

In particular, it was clear the Dutch side, with their pinpoint passing exchanges and relentless pressing, had one thing their Turin opponents lacked - an easily identifiable style of play.

Despite winning a fifth successive Serie A title with Juventus this season, it was no surprise when the club announced on Friday that coach Massimiliano Allegri would leave after this season, one year before the end of his contract.

Allegri, 51, has always said that winning major titles should never be underestimated, yet there was something strangely unsatisfying about this season's campaign.

There were none of the thrilling displays served up by teams such as Manchester City or Ajax, nor the raw passion of Juergen Klopp's Liverpool.

Instead, Juve relied on their resilience, flexibility, moments of individual brilliance from five-times World Player of the Year Cristiano Ronaldo and even, sometimes, just a lucky break.

It was enough to win them another Italian title - their eighth in a row altogether including Allegri's five - but not enough to bring them the Champions League, which was seen as the priority after defeats in the 2015 and 2017 finals.

They also failed to win the Italian Cup this season after Allegri last term became the first manager in Europe's top five leagues to win four consecutive doubles.

The reasons for his departure have not yet been explained, with the coach and club president Andrea Agnelli due to give a news conference on Saturday.

Maybe he was running short of motivation.

When a team dominates their national league in the way Juve have done and set the Champions League as the main target, it means the season does not effectively begin until February when the knockout stages of the European competition get underway.

Anything before that - establishing a lead at the top of the league and get-



Massimiliano Allegri

ting through the Champions League group stage - becomes an obligation rather than a challenge.

TRANSFER POLICY  
Gazzetta dello Sport suggested that Allegri also wanted more control over the club's transfer policy.

Juventus splurged more than 250 million euros (\$278.90 million) in the transfer market in the close season, yet more of that went on their reserve goalkeeper, Mattia Perin, than improving the midfield.

In attack, Ronaldo cost 117 million euros and winger Douglas Costa another 40 million, while at the back 40 million went on right back Joao Can-

celo and 35 million on bringing back central defender Leonardo Bonucci from AC Milan.

But the midfield was not strengthened, and it showed on the pitch with too much sterile possession.

When Allegri took over five years ago, his midfield included Andrea Pirlo, Arturo Vidal and Paul Pogba.

Today, it is still an impressive lineup - Miralem Pjanic, Rodrigo Bentancur, Emre Can and Blaise Matuidi have all played for their countries. But it is not quite enough for a team with Champions League title ambitions.

Critics said that Allegri was also

partly to blame, as his constant chopping and changing may have prevented the players from developing a true understanding.

Allegri's first words after the announcement were to an Italian comedy programme.

"It took five years to build this Juve, but that's that. Life goes around," he said.

"I'm going home now, then I'll have a little break by the sea. I don't know who will follow me but Juve will choose a great coach because Juventus are a great club."

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Gwiji by David Chikoko





# Simba close in on trophy

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Relentless will to improve drives City to greatness

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Simba forward Emmanuel Okwi (R) challenges Ndanda FC defender, Kennedy Juma, during a past Mainland Premier League match that took place in Dar es Salaam.

By Guardian Reporter

**S**IMBA have inched closer to winning the trophy in the 2018/ Main Premier League, cruising to a 2-0 victory over Ndanda FC at the Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam yesterday.

Ndanda FC defenders

looked a bit disorganized during the first few minutes of the match, with fullback Aziz Sibbo, in particular, losing possession on several occasions to put the defense in trouble.

Simba's marksman Meddie

Kagere broke the deadlock on the fifth minute, beating Ndanda keeper, Diey Makonga, with a rasping shot from within the box.

The hosts had a good chance early on when visitors' keeper Makonga went for a good save

to frustrate the former's forward John Bocco that had gone for a header in an effort to connect in a center from the right.

Kagere netted the second for the hosts on the 11th minute after he was released outside the box and lobbed the ball over Makonga, who watched helplessly as the ball sailed into the net.

The visitors won two free kicks later in the opening stanza, which however wasted by skipper Kigi Makasi.

Simba keeper Aishi Manula was rarely troubled given Ndanda FC made few forays into the former's penalty box.

The visitors nevertheless grew in confidence thereafter, as they put the opponents under pressure only to be let down by inept finishing.

Midfielder Hassan Dilunga shot over from close range on the 45th minute as Simba went in pursuit of a third.

Ndanda trailed Simba by the two goals at the end of the first period.

The introduction of speedy forward Yusuf Mhulu on the 63rd minute breathed life into the

visitors' striking force that had overall not been quite effective.

The striker made several dangerous runs and created opportunities for teammates, forcing Simba defenders into zealous defending.

He had replaced Mohamed Mkopi that had proved ineffective in the opening stanza, failing to properly link up with fellow striker Vitalis Mayanga.

Simba kept on putting the opponents' defense under pressure in the latter stages of the stanza in search of goals, with Makonga making several good saves to frustrate the former.

Kagere came close to netting a hat trick with 10 minutes left, as his header from Zana Coulibaly's cross went off target.

It was an end-to-end affair in the remaining minutes with both squads making forays into each other's box and forcing defenders to stay alert.

Simba need victory in the next game, which will see the squad confront Singida United in Singida tomorrow, to emerge as champions.

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## COSAFA Cup trophy tour kicks off tomorrow

CAPE TOWN

THE 2019 COSAFA Cup Trophy Tour is set to get under way on Tuesday as Durban gears up for a festival of football with the staging of the Southern African championship from May 25-June 8.

Fans in the eThekweni Municipality will be able to get up close to the trophy, and some exciting South African football legends, when the coveted prize is paraded over two days this coming week.

Tournament sponsor, Hollywoodbets, will be part of the tour, bringing some razzmatazz to the event.

The trophy will travel in an open-top bus from King Dinizulu Park to City Hall Church Walk on Tuesday, May 21, where it will be handed over to the Mayor, Cllr Zandile Gumede. The route will also go through Durban's busiest street, Pixley KaSeme Street.

The trophy and the football legends will then make a stop at Ogwini High School in Umlazi, the biggest place of learning in terms of enrolment in KwaZulu-Natal with over 3,500 learners.

The school is close to one of the match venues for the COSAFA Cup, the King Zwelithini Stadium, where the opening matches will be played on May 25.

The trophy will then make its way back to City Hall, but will stop at Mnyandu Mall, Mangosuthu University of Technology, uMlazi Mega City Mall, SJ Smith hostel, UKZN Howard College, Jacobs Hostel, The Market, DUT Steve Biko and Berea Centre to engage with fans.

On Wednesday, the trophy will visit Mzuvele High School in KwaMashu, which is near to another of the COSAFA Cup venues, the Princess Magogo Stadium.

After engaging with learners, the convoy, together with the football legends, will make stops at Bridge City Mall, KwaMashu Hostel, KwaMashu Station, eThekweni College- Springfield Campus, Yusuf Dadoo Branch and Spar-Point Road as it makes its way back to City Hall.

The COSAFA Cup will see 14 teams compete over two weeks of action, each seeking to become champion of the region.

Hosts South Africa will enter the competition at the quarterfinal stage on June 2 when they take on old foes Botswana.

It will be a fourth year in a row South Africa takes on The Zebras.

The semi-finals and final on June 8 will be played at the iconic Moses Mabhida Stadium.

Mauritius have named their final squad for the 2019 COSAFA Cup to be staged in Durban from May 25-June 8 as they seek to end a long run of first round exits.

The islanders have not been past the first stage of the competition in their last 10 attempts, since they reached the quarterfinals in 2004.

As ever they go into the tournament with plenty of hope of changing that and coach Akbar Patel has named a strong 23-man squad to achieve that aim.

Included is veteran goalkeeper Kevin Jean-Louis and experienced forward Giano Fabrice Li Tien Kee, with the youngest member of the squad 20-year-old midfielder Adrien Francois.

Mauritius will open their Group A campaign against fellow islanders Comoros in what is also the first game of the tournament at the King Zwelithini Stadium on May 25.

Mauritius caused arguably the biggest upset in COSAFA Cup history in 2004 when they beat South Africa, who had a full-strength team headed to the African Nations Cup finals in Tunisia, in the first round in Curepipe.



Tabora Regional Commissioner, Aggrey Mwanri, kicks a ball from a penalty spot to officially launch the Copa Coca-Cola UMISSETA tournament in the region over the weekend. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

## Coca-Cola launches Copa UMISSETA games in Tabora

By Guardian Reporter

THE Coca-Cola System in Tanzania has launched the 2019 Copa UMISSETA games at Ali Hassan Mwinyi Stadium in Tabora after successful launches in Manyara and Dodoma regions recently.

The Coca-Cola System has been sponsoring the UMISSETA games since 2017 and has been keen on nurturing football from grass roots in the country.

Speaking during the launch of the event, the Tabora Regional Commissioner, Aggrey Mwanri, on behalf of Minister of State in President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government (TAMISEMI) Selemani Jafo, said: "Sports are an integral part in a teen upbringing. They encompass hard work, team work, perseverance to be the best on the field."

He added: "Our appreciation goes out to the company for the support of youth football in Tanzania. Their

investment in football for over the years has been the catalyst to the development of talent for our local clubs as well as for our national team, Taifa Stars."

This year's tournament is designed to ensure plastic collection in respective schools participating in the 2019 Copa Coca-Cola UMISSETA games.

Through it, students, teachers and communities have an opportunity to learn more about environmental benefits of recycling, and inspire others to take similar actions both at home and in their communities.

Nyanza Bottling Company Sales and Marketing Manager Samwel Makenge said: "As part of the campaign, the Secondary schools students will be educated and trained to create awareness in society on the importance of conserving our environment through recycling. In order to motivate participants of this

campaign, Coca-Cola is set to give away various prizes; including the refurbishment of a football pitch for a school that will emerge the overall winner of this initiative."

Other prizes to be awarded include a photocopy machine, two projectors, 108 laptops, 11 desktop computers, 108 tablets, 12 watches, 1176 jerseys and 360 balls to winners of different categories in the campaign.

Copa Coca-Cola competition has become one of Tanzania's largest brand-supported football tournaments that have produced plenty of renowned football players.

A section of the players that carved their niche at the competition are Thomas Ulimwengu, Simon Msuva, Aishi Manula, Shomari Kapombe, Hassan Kessy and Yusuph Soka.

They have made it to local and international clubs as well as the Tanzanian national football team, Taifa Stars.

## Smith, Warner ready to 'face the fire' - Langer

LONDON

AS Australia commenced their World Cup preparations on English soil, coach Justin Langer admitted the personal welfare of Steven Smith and David Warner would require sensitive monitoring and handling over the coming months.

The two players joined in the centre wicket practice at Whitgift School, in the suburbs of south London, with a small media contingent and a few dozen fans, mainly children in whites, sat on the grassy banks. It was a quiet and even genteel start to a grueling four-month tour that will incorporate World Cup and Ashes campaigns and Langer knows more hostile crowds and greater scrutiny will greet Smith and Warner now they have served the bans handed to them in the wake of last year's Cape Town ball tampering affair.

"Well we can't control the crowd," Langer said. "What I do know? It may ramp up, it may heat up, but it won't be any hotter than it was 12 months ago. I've never seen anything like it so the boys are very well prepared. They've paid a heavy price and we're expecting always to come here and to face the fire and we're ready for that."

"What we've got to understand is that they're human beings as well. There's not too many I've met in my life who like being booed or heckled or disliked so... they're human beings. We're going to have to care for them, we're going to have to put an arm around them and make sure they're going okay. But what people say, whether it's in the crowd or social media or wherever, there's nothing they can do about that, they can't control it but what we can do is keep an eye on them and make sure they're going okay as people as much as cricketers."

Aside from the expected questions from the media there was little evidence of any lasting effects of a turbulent 12-month period, punctuated by severe recriminations and introspection throughout Australian professional cricket. But Langer suggested both players have shown an understandable eagerness to finally put their exile behind them, from their return to the squad for warm-ups against New Zealand to the squad's visit to the World War One battlefields of Gallipoli, where they broke their journey to England.

"Dave's got that look on his eye, he's really hungry, he's a great player as we all know, he's so dynamic, he brings so much energy, and that's what we ask from our players, Langer said. "You watch Glenn Maxwell field or bowl or bat - he brings the energy. Dave Warner always brings energy to the contest. It's really nice to have him back."

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## Flexibles by David Chikoko

