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# 'I'm tough on public funds'



Dr Philip Isidor Mpango (R, foreground), who was Member of Parliament for Buhigwe constituency in Kigoma Region until his endorsement by the National Assembly in Dodoma city yesterday as Vice President-elect, bids farewell to the House. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

By Guardian Reporter

VICE President-elect Dr Philip Isidor Mpango has declared that he will be tough on issues touching the public interest.

He told his fellow legislators before a confirmation vote was held in the National Assembly in Dodoma city yesterday that his attitude would largely depend on the situation. "I know you perceive me as a pleasant individual. The truth is that I am not always relaxed," said Dr Mpango, until then Finance and Planning minister and Member of Parliament for Buhigwe in Kigoma Region.

"When wrong things happen, I don't tolerate them. When embezzlement of public funds takes place, I don't keep my cool and to the corrupt officials I'm not polite."

Dr Mpango, who is lined up to take the oath of office in the national capital (Dodoma) today, said he will be frank whenever advising President Samia Suluhu Hassan on issues of national interest.

The economist-turned-politician said he was touched by the fact that millions of Tanzanians are still in abject poverty yet some government officials, who are supposed to uplift the people's standard of living, swindle public funds instead.

"Over 14 million people live below the poverty line. This is unacceptable. I'll deal with those embezzling public funds," he declared, adding: "But I pray that I will not hate or victimise people."

Dr Mpango called upon parliamentarians to accord him cooperation but also be firm on substantive issues.

"People want good health services, they want safe and clean water, and they want security so that they can peacefully engage in economic activities," he said.

He added: "People don't want corruption."

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## Minister: Investors put off by hostile language

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

THE Minister of State in the President's Office (Investments), Prof Kitila Mkumbo, has warned government officials who issue statements that are unfriendly to investors and businessmen seeking to make investments in the country.

Prof Mkumbo gave the remarks here early this week when opening a task meeting for desk officers charged with implementation of the programme to strengthen the business and investment environment.

He said that with the government changing its tone to usher in many more investors, top officials should change their mindset in the entire issue of investment.

"There are reports that some officials use foul, threatening language to investors and other business people in their areas when they approach them with investment projects," the minister charged.

As a country Tanzania must be ready for competition through observing investment basics since it is the only way to attain rapid economic growth, he stated.

He said that the 1997 Investment Act that is set for amendments to have in place an efficient investment environment facilitating job creation for Tanzanians.

At present the government was focused on having in place a good working environment for domestic and foreign investment, hence various authorities were supposed to ensure they discharge their responsibilities in such a way as to attract more investors.

Yamungu Jacob, an economist with the Development and Investment Department, said bringing together departmental officials was meant to discuss the investment programme in improving the business and investment climate, an aspect of key policy agenda in place since 2010. Another quest is to make visual inspection of project implementation by World Bank yardsticks to compare Tanzania with 190 other countries on their footprint in world trade.

World Bank reports are relied upon and trusted by many investors within and

## Kakoko 'found with \$3,000 - not \$1.6m'

By Guardian Reporter

THE Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB) yesterday

dispelled rumours that doing rounds on social media since Monday that it found the suspended Director General of the Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA)

Deusdedit Kakoko with over one million dollars cash hidden in his house.

PCCB Director General Brig. Gen. John

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Juma Mpimbi, NMB Bank Plc's manager at the Same branch in Kilimanjaro Region, pictured at the weekend inspecting tables and chairs the bank donated to the district's Kwakoko Secondary School last year. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



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outside the country and Tanzania was placed at number 141 in 2020 in a clear shift from number 144 the previous year.

The government is committed that by 2025 the country's position in business environment ranking

should approach two-digit level, he stated.

In its push to attract investors the government introduced a grand plan to improve the business and investment climate by putting in place 11 yardsticks for measuring implementation of the set goals, he added.



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa has a quick word with his fellow legislators at the National Assembly in Dodoma city yesterday. Right is Constitutional and Legal Affairs minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba. Photo: PMO

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If I'm confirmed (as VP), these are the issues I'm will help the president in sorting out so that our country can move forward."

After his name was presented to the House as the president's nominee for VP, Dr Mpango was confirmed by a total of 363 votes - 100 per cent of votes cast, and his swearing-in is set for this afternoon at the Chamwino State House.

The VP-elect, who was born on July 14, 1957, served as Minister for Finance and Planning since December 2015. He was first nominated to parliament but vied for - and won - the Buhigwe constituency seat in last year's general election.

Dr Mpango previously held positions as Acting Commissioner General for the Tanzania Revenue Authority, head of the Planning Commission in the President's Office, deputy permanent secretary at the Treasury, Personal Assistant to the President for economic affairs and thus head of the president's economic advisory unit, and earlier as senior country

economist for the World Bank.

He also worked with the African Development Bank (AfDB) as ex-officio member of the board of governors since 2015 and with the East African Development Bank (EADB) - again as an ex-officio member of the governing council, since 2015. He also served as a member of Joint World Bank-International Monetary Fund Development Committee.

Dr Mpango was a member of the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) and an ex-officio member of the board of governors of the World Bank Group since 2015.

He also worked as an ex-officio member of the board of governors of the Trade and Development Bank since 2015.

Formerly the PTA Bank, this is a trade and development financial institution operating in eastern and southern Africa. It is the financial arm of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), although membership is open to non-COMESA states and other institutional shareholders.

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Mbungo told a press conference in Dar es Salaam that although it is true that Kakoko's residence was searched by detectives on Monday, the amount reported on social media was highly exaggerated.

"I would like to inform the general public that the information circulating online indicating the amount of money found in Kakoko's home is incorrect. We did the inspection and found only US\$3,000 (over

6m/-) and a separate 1.5m/- and not the US\$1,625,800 that went viral on social media," the director explained.

"We involved a local government leader to witness the whole inspection. I call upon the general public to ignore such information as it is not based on factual reports on our inspection."

He said that following the directive by President Samia Suluhu Hassan to suspend the TPA Director General, his office took the step of placing the

director under its eye and thus proceeded with investigations related to allegations against him from Sunday.

Unofficial reports went viral on social media that during inspection by PCCB and the police conducted at the suspect's residence, a sizeable amount of US dollars was found but the PCCB director elaborated that the inspection retrieved only US\$3,000 (6,957,093.84/- on yesterday's exchange rate) and a separate 1.5m/-totally at variance with

the US\$1,625,800 that was articulated on social media;

The inspection was a continuation of investigations on TPA that started one year ago, with the bureau saying it was in its final stages on the task.

Receiving the audit report of the Controller and Auditor General (CAG) on Sunday, President Samia Hassan suspended the TPA director and ordered investigation related to alleged embezzlement of 3.6bn/- that went missing from the TPA account.



President Samia Suluhu Hassan's Aide-de-camp (L) pictured in the National Assembly in Dodoma city yesterday handing over to National Assembly Speaker Job Ndugai the envelope in which was the name of the president's nominee for the Vice Presidency, Dr Philip Mpango, for the legislative body's final word. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

By Guardian Correspondent,

Dodoma

THE government has said it plans to improve the livestock sector in FY 2021/22 by constructing 129 cattle dips to add value to livestock products.

The remarks were given here on Monday by the Livestock and Fisheries minister Mashimba Ndaki when submitting the ministry's Budget estimates to the Agriculture, Livestock and water Parliamentary Committee.

He said the ministry has mobilized itself to make big improvements in the livestock sector to increase its contribution to the national income.

## Govt to construct 129 cattle dips in 2021/22

He said one area they will concentrate on is the construction of 129 cattle dips and revamping the existing ones to enable herders get the essential service for their animals.

He said another area they would work upon is the issue of grazing for the livestock in order to have reliable grazing areas and reduce farmers-herders'

conflicts.

"In this area, we have reduced rates for renting out grazing areas to 3,500/- per hectare for herders needing them," he said.

He further said in the current financial year they plan to collect 50bn/- from the sector.

Earlier, the ministry's Permanent Secretary Prof Elisante Ole Gabriel said the plan would help in increasing

value to livestock products.

He added that in the next budget estimates they plan to ensure to improve the health of the livestock as well as looking for markets of livestock products.

He said already they have obtained investors from foreign countries to invest in the manufacture of fertilizer using animal hair, horns and hoofs.

## African business chiefs root for carbon tax to up climate resilience

NAIROBI

MORE than 90 per cent of African business leaders support a well-designed global carbon taxation regime as a means to boost green growth and shield communities from negative impacts of climate change, said a survey launched in Nairobi Tuesday.

According to the survey dubbed "Zeronomics" that was carried out by Standard Chartered Bank from September to October 2020, there is a strong support for a carbon tax and strong regulations to spur green growth in the continent.

"Ninety per cent of senior executives believe effective global carbon tax would be an important factor in accelerating their net-zero transition," said the survey.

The survey on business leaders' attitudes towards low carbon development was carried out in Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Zambia and South Africa.

It said that 78 per cent of African executives believe that financing, regulatory and governance bottlenecks had derailed action on carbon emissions hence exposing the continent to adverse impacts of climate change.

According to the Zeronomics survey, 55 per cent of African business leaders worry that their firms were not transitioning fast enough towards carbon neutrality. And 35 per cent of executives pledged support to the Paris agreement while 68 per cent said that sustained investments were required to hasten green and inclusive growth in the continent.

Also, the survey said that many companies based in Africa are delaying transition to carbon free growth citing inadequate access to clean technologies and cumbersome regulations. And 32 per cent of business leaders in the continent as opposed to 34 per cent globally felt their companies will hasten progress towards

carbon neutrality between 2030 to 2040.

The survey said that 78 per cent of African executives compared to 59 per cent of their global counterparts stressed the need for extensive organizational change to pave way for low carbon transition.

"Our survey reveals that there is significant opportunity in Africa to pave the way for zero-net carbon emissions," said Sarmad Lone, a senior executive at Standard Chartered Bank.

He said that a consensus among governments, industry and local communities was required to accelerate low carbon development in Africa during the pandemic era.



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By Guardian Correspondent, Babati

# Six killed in road accident in Babati

SIX people died on the spot after a bus they were traveling in overturned few kilometers from Babati town, Manyara Region, authorities confirmed.

Manyara Regional Police Commander Paul Kasabago said that the accident involved a bus with registration number T479DRF christened Machame

Investment, which was heading to Arusha from the country's capital Dodoma. He said that the accident occurred at Kiongozi area five kilometers from Babati Bus Terminal at around 2 pm killing six people on the spot and injuring dozens. According to the

regional police chief, the driver of the bus is among the dead and the injuries whose number was yet to be established were rushed to Babati designated hospital for treatment.

He also said that a large number of passengers on

board were students who were returning homes for the Easter festival.

RPC Kasabago cited slippery road conditions as one of the causes of the accident as it happened when the rain was drizzling in the area.

Manyara Regional Commissioner Joseph Mkirikiti warned drivers to take care when driving during the rainy season. The accident happened a month

when the former Arusha Regional Administrative Secretary, Richard Kwitega died in a road accident as he was travelling from Arusha to Dodoma to attend an official meeting.

Kwitega was travelling in his official red, Toyota Land-Cruiser VX vehicle, which was being driven by one Lubango. The car reportedly collided head-on with an oncoming bus at the Miori section of Babati District.

Data from the Traffic Division show that in 2019 alone, Tanzania registered a total of 2,519 road accidents. The accidents claimed 1,248 lives while 2,462 other victims were injured.

According to World Health Organization, approximately 1.35 million people die each year all over the world as a result of road traffic crashes whereas 93 percent of the world's fatalities on the roads occur in low- and middle-income countries, even though these countries have approximately 60% of the world's vehicles.



Angelica Pesa, Tigo Pesa's chief officer (mobile financial services), briefs journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday on the launch of the just-endorsed partnership between VISA Inc. and Tigo Pesa enabling Tigo Pesa customers to transfer money from their bank accounts to their Tigo Pesa wallets. She is with Mshamma Mshamma, Tigo Pesa's head of financial services and payments. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# Govt sets aside 3.15bn/-for production and distribution of oil palm seedlings

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

THE government has allocated 3.15bn/- in the 2021/2022 financial year for the production and distribution of oil palm seedlings to meet the demand for edible oil in the country.

Agriculture deputy minister, Hussein Bashe made the statement yesterday in the National Assembly when responding to a question by Kigoma North MP, Assa Mkanika, who wanted to know the government's commitment towards investing itself in the oil palm crop, instead of leaving it to the councils to address the oil shortage in the country.

In his response, Bashe said that in the period 2019/20 to 2020/21, it has invested 5.8bn/- for the development of palm oil.

He said until January 31, this year, a total of 2,244,935 improved oil palm seedlings were produced and 1,456,111 seedlings were disbursed to farmers in all district councils in Kigoma Region.

"A total of 788,824 seedlings were expected to be distributed to farmers in the 2021/2022 farming season," he

said. The deputy minister noted that the country's demand of edible oil is estimated to be 570,000 tonnes annually, while the country's production is estimated to be 205,000 tonnes, and the deficit is at an average of 365,000 tonnes. The situation has been compelling the government to spend an average of 474bn/- to import cooking oil yearly. "As it is to other crops, the government invests in research, production and access to agricultural inputs, extension services, crop pest control and market exploration," he said.

He further said in implementing the strategy, the government has been working with various stakeholders including local government authorities and the private sector.

As part of the strategy for self-sufficiency of edible oil, he said that in 2018 the government decided to establish a special research center for Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI)-Kihinga Center for oil palm in Kigoma region to develop the crop more effectively.

TARI-Kihinga Centre in collaboration with Agricultural Seed Agency (ASA), district councils, private sector in researching, producing improved oil palm seedlings and distribute to farmers. "The government will continue to involve public and private sector stakeholders to develop palm oil and other seed crops to enable the country to be self-sufficient in edible oil," Bashe said.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF TANZANIA  
DAR ES SALAAM DISTRICT REGISTRY  
AT DAR ES SALAAM  
CIVIL CASE NO.193 OF 2019  
BURAK BUYUKSARAC PLANTIFF  
VERSUS  
TPM MINING AND ENERGY LIMITED  
DEFENDANT  
TO: TPM MINING AND ENERGY LTD,  
P O BOX 80446  
DAR ES SALAAM  
SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION

Whereas the plaintiff has instituted an appeal against you, you are hereby summoned to appear in this court in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the appeal or who shall be accompanied by some person able to answer all such questions on the 8th day of May 2021, at 9:00am o'clock before HON. BRAHIM-JUDGE to answer the said you must be prepared to produce on that day all the documents upon which you intend to rely in support of your defence.  
Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned the appeal will be heard and determined in your absence given under my hand and the seal of this court this 18th day of March 2021.

DEPUTY REGISTRAR  
DAR ES SALAAM ZONE

# 'April 30 deadline for registering micro financial services groups'

By Guardian Reporter

THE Bank of Tanzania (BoT) has said it has begun the registration of community groups doing micro financial services and called upon Village Community Banks (VICOBA) groups to register before April 30 this year.

A press statement issued yesterday by BoT's public relations department said the groups are required to submit their applications for registration to their respective local councils to be dealt by the concerned authorities.

"April 30 this year is the deadline for receiving applications from community groups doing micro financial services. They should channel their applications to the community development officers in wards or local councils nearest to them," the statement said.

It added: "BoT in collaboration with the Ministry of Regional Administration and Local Government informs all VICOBA groups to submit their applications to respective local council authorities before April 30 this year."

Bot also warned groups that will continue to conduct micro finance business without registration, saying they would be violating the laws and stern action would be taken against them.

I said the groups can also register themselves electronically to: <https://cmg.go.tz/cmg-portal/login>.

"Registration of groups doing micro finance services is in implementation of the Micro Finances Services Act of 2018 that aims to ensure the country's micro financial services sector is well managed to be robust and implement government efforts in the provision of financial services to alleviate poverty levels in the society," the Bot statement elaborated.

"BoT is ready to provide assistance as needed to any registered group, it has prepared an electronic system of registration by incorporating the Ministry of Regional Administration and Local Government," the statement added.

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**UNHCR SUB OFFICE KIBONDO**

UNHCR Field Office Kibondo invites qualified internal and external candidates to apply for the following position: -

**Vacancy Notice No:** JO # 25537  
**Position Title:** Assistant Environmental Officer  
**Position Number:** 10034751  
**Category:** National Officer  
**Type of Appointment:** National Officer (NOA)  
**Remuneration:** Attractive salary (NA) and entitlements according to UN Staff Rules and Regulations

**Duty Station:** Kibondo, Tanzania  
**Duration:** 1 year  
**Start date:** Immediately  
**Issue Date:** 31 March 2021  
**Closing Date:** 21 April 2021

**Organizational Setting and Work Relationships**  
 The Assistant Environment Officer will work closely with colleagues responsible for protection, site planning, water and sanitation, shelter, nutrition, education, health, community services and livelihoods. The incumbent will support the UNHCR Office on all issues related to environment and climate change, including mainstreaming into all sectors and aspects of the country operation. Regular and frequent discussions between the incumbent and the supervisor(s) are necessary to ensure that the latest best practices and procedures are shared and applied consistently on issues related to environment. The incumbent will undertake missions to the camps and liaise with (sub-) offices on the implementation of environment programmes. In addition, the staff member will maintain regular contact with UN technical agencies, development partners, line ministries and agencies, implementing and operational partners as needed.

Refugee operations inherently degrade environments because of changes in land use and increased use of natural resources. It is imperative to ensure environmental mitigation measures are in place to ensure sustainable natural resource use for well being refugees and host communities.

Proactive coordination and collaboration with key stakeholders, including refugees and host communities, is required to synergise resources. Interventions are evidence-based to ensure their appropriateness. Environment and social screening in addition to environmental impact assessments will be required to evaluate the Operation.

The Assistant Environment Officer should be capable of working with minimum supervision in project submissions, revisions and reallocations throughout the project lifecycle in the environmental programme. S/he will be instrumental in contributing to the development of specific inputs related to the sector and must meet reporting requirements. The incumbent should be part of the Multi-function Team to ensure that environmental concerns are mainstreamed and taken into consideration in any decision-making process.

All UNHCR staff members are accountable to perform their duties as reflected in their job description. They do so within their delegated authorities, in line with the regulatory framework of UNHCR which includes the UN Charter, UN Staff Regulations and Rules, UNHCR Policies and Administrative Instructions as well as relevant accountability frameworks. In addition, staff members are required to discharge their responsibilities in a manner consistent with the core, functional, cross-functional and managerial competencies and UNHCR's core values of professionalism, integrity and respect for diversity.

**Duties**

- Ensure environmental considerations are systematically included when assessing the needs of PoCs.
- Based on assessments, and in consultation with relevant stakeholders, draft sustainable solutions to address the basic needs of PoCs while mitigating the environmental impact of the interventions.
- Advise site planners on mainstreaming environmental considerations throughout the settlement design process with due consideration for the environmental conditions in surrounding host areas.
- Work in close coordination with all relevant sectors and clusters in UNHCR, including Protection, WASH, Health, Shelter and Settlements, Livelihoods, Energy, Camp Coordination & Camp Management to ensure environmental concerns and impact mitigation measures are included in operational responses.
- Collect, analyse and update data and information concerning the environmental status of settlements and broader hosting areas.
- Contribute to internal and external reporting commitments, including proposal drafting for environment and energy while ensuring new projects are coherent and visibly complement planned interventions at (sub) office level.
- Ensure all responses work toward environmental sustainability for both PoCs and host communities.
- Assist Programme in the technical oversight of UNHCR implementing partners to ensure environmental considerations are adequately integrated in technical interventions.

**Minimum Qualifications**  
**Education & Professional Work Experience**  
**Years of Experience / Degree Level**  
 1 year of relevant experience with Undergraduate degree, or no experience with Graduate degree; or no experience with Doctorate degree.

**Field(s) of Education**  
 Environmental Studies, Management of Natural Resources, Agriculture, Forestry or other related fields.

**Relevant Job Experience**  
**Essential**  
 Experience in environmental assessment, planning, monitoring and evaluation of integrated environmental programmes/projects in displacement and stable situations. Awareness of and practical experience with refugee-related environmental problems. Familiarity with emerging environmentally sustainable and appropriate technologies, and renewable energy. Familiarity with community-based and participatory approaches.

**Desirable**  
 Budgeting, planning experience, ability to work with various (relevant) computer software.

**Functional Skills**  
 IT-Computer Literacy.  
 PR-Refugee Issues.  
 SP-Environmental Assessment/Planning/Monitoring/Evaluation of integrated projects/programmes.  
 SP-Emerging environmentally sustainable and appropriate technologies, and renewable energy.  
 SP-Environment - Experience in displacement and stable situations.  
 MS-Analysis.  
 PR-Participatory Approach.  
 CO-Drafting and Documentation.

**Language Requirements**  
 For National Professional jobs: Knowledge of English and UN working language of the duty station if not English and local language.

**Competency Requirements**  
**Core Competencies:**  
 Accountability  
 Communication  
 Organizational Awareness  
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 Commitment to Continuous Learning  
 Client & Result Orientation

**Managerial Competencies:**  
 Empowering and Building Trust  
 Managing Resources

**Cross-Functional Competencies:**  
 Analytical Thinking  
 Planning and Organizing  
 Stakeholder Management

**How to Apply:**  
 Interested applicants should express their interest by completing the online application form by following the paths below:

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Due to the volume of applications only short-listed candidates will be contacted.  
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**Human Resources Manager**

**Background**

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**Job Purpose**

Reporting to the Chief Executive Officer, the Human Resources Manager will be responsible for developing and implementing human capital, strategic and tactical plans, including talent, rewards and policy management.

**Key Duties**

- Implement, monitor and report on human resources strategy, workforce plans, and HR budget;
- Lead the Talent Management Programme including Recruitment, On-boarding, Retention and Succession planning;
- Implementation of Learning and Development plans; and ensure consistent application of the Performance Management System;
- Advise management on remuneration strategies that are in-line with industry standards whilst promoting staff retention and motivation;
- Ensure compliance with ALAF's Human Resources policies and procedures and with the Employment and Labour Relations legislations of the Country;
- Responsible for labour relations including Collective Bargaining, disciplinary process and staff welfare; and
- Oversee administration related activities including facilities, fleet management, office supplies and security.

**Key Qualifications and Experience**

- Bachelor's degree in Human Resource Management, Business Administration, Organisation Psychology, Industrial and Labour Relations or equivalent.;
- Master's degree in Business Administration will be an added advantage;
- 8 years' experience in leading a medium sized organisation; experience in the manufacturing industry is preferred;
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills; and
- Analytical, organised, and capable of making decisions.

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A scene at the Kigongo-Busisi Bridge, which is under construction in Mwanza Region, as captured yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

## Z'bar government vows to improve education sector

ZANZIBAR'S Education and Vocational Training minister Simai Mohammed Said has said he would ensure every education stakeholder continues to make progress for the sector to develop and increase examination passes by students.

He said there have been many problems experienced by teachers, especially those with long service thereby reducing their work performance.

The minister gave the remarks while addressing teachers problems and those nearing retirement age in a meeting held

in Zanzibar Urban West Region.

He said he would make sure all their problems will be addressed step by step to instill changes in the sector's various areas.

He said it was a big challenge to teachers to experience health problems and some of them through decrepit infrastructures at schools including working tools.

He added the aim of the

government was to ensure it improves various basic services to its people including better education.

In regard to the issue of establishing a special teachers' commission, he said it was still being worked upon as it will be the one to solve teachers' problems quickly.

For their part, the teachers

requested the ministry to revamp some of schools' aged infrastructures as well as improving the use of chalks in classrooms that has been a cause for various health problems for them.

They also for health insurance for ministry's workers and staff to reduce inconveniences when seeking medical services.

## Babati court sentences two to thirty years for possession of marijuana

By Guardian Correspondent, Babati

BABATI District Court has sentenced two people to 30 years in jail each for being found in possession of 200 marijuana sticks, even though one of the accused was absent from the court.

Reading the sentence on Monday in regard to the Criminal Case No 185 of 2018, district magistrate Jumaa Mwambago said the hearing of the case began November 19, 2018 against Alex Laurent (27) resident of Dudiye village and Humpley Charles (25) resident of Dareda Kati village.

Mwambago said on November 8 2018 the duo were found in possession of 200 marijuana sticks weighing 566.9 grams.

He said the accused contravened Section 5 (ii)(d) of the Drug Control and Enforcement Act (No 5 of 2015).

He said accused Alex Laurent who was present in court was to start serving his sentence immediately and ordered his accomplice, Humpley Charles to be hunted and arrested to start his sentence.

Earlier, Public Prosecutor Assistant Inspector of Police Juma Makanda requested the Court to mete out stiff penalty to the accused to act as deterrent to

others.

Soon after reading the sentence, district magistrate Mwambago cautioned people who were pestering him to delay justice to determine the case that he couldn't do that because he was not a corrupt magistrate.

He said in any case brought before him, he is guided by justice, so no one should pester him thinking he would delay to issue justice of the case..



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## AU to buy 400m Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccines

By Special Correspondent, Addis Ababa

THE African Union (AU) has made a deal with Johnson & Johnson to supply the continent with up to 400 million one-shot doses of its COVID-19 vaccine beginning in this year's third quarter, the producer said Monday.

The virus has killed almost 121,000 people across Africa and infected 4.18 million.

J&J unit Janssen Pharmaceutica NV has entered into a deal with the African Vaccine Acquisition Trust (AVAT) to deliver 220 million doses of its single-dose shot.

AVAT could order an additional 180 million doses through 2022.

The deal follows months of negotiations with the AU, which announced a provisional agreement in January to buy 270 million doses of vaccines from J&J, AstraZeneca and Pfizer-BioNTech.

The status of the talks with the other two companies is not known.

J&J's vaccine came to the market much later than those of AstraZeneca and Pfizer but has recently gained widespread acceptance globally, especially in Africa.

"J&J requires just a single dose, it makes it a very good programmatically to rollout," said John Nkengasong, director of the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention.

He said the price of the J&J's dose is likely to be \$10.

In February, South Africa put the use of AstraZeneca's shot on hold after data showed it gave minimal protection against mild-to-moderate infection caused by the country's dominant variant.

Several countries in Europe have suspended using AstraZeneca's COVID-19 vaccine as they investigate a small number of reports of rare blood clotting in people who got the shot. Global

regulators have said the shot is safe and effective.

Pfizer's shot has more complex storage and transportation needs than other vaccines, making it more challenging to deploy in warmer climates or in poorer countries.

AVAT said on Monday that many of the AU's 55 member states had shown a strong preference for J&J.

Africa is also grappling with a more-infectious variant identified in South Africa amid concerns about delays in deliveries of AstraZeneca shots via the COVID-19 Vaccines Global Access Program (COVAX) that is aimed at supplying poorer countries. The continent's first COVAX shipment of COVID-19 vaccines was received in Ghana less than five weeks ago on Feb. 24.

The continent is far behind nations, including Israel, the United States and Britain in its vaccination rollout. World Health Organization (WHO) Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus called the divide "grotesque" when talking about differing access to shots between rich and poor nations. Almost half of Britons have received their first dose, while in contrast, only 0.4% of South Africa's population has received one dose.

"We need to immunize at least 60% of our population in order to get rid of the virus from our continent. The J&J agreement enables us to move towards achieving this target," Nkengasong said.

Most of the supplies will be produced by Aspen Pharma in South Africa, AVAT said in a statement.

President Cyril Ramaphosa said on Monday that South Africa will get 30 million vaccines from Aspen's facility while a total of roughly 250 million will be distributed across the continent from the facility.

Aspen has contracted with J&J to manufacture 300 million doses.



Zanzibar Education and Vocational Training minister Simai Mohammed Said washes his hands at the Isles' Kiembe Samaki Secondary School yesterday. It was shortly before he had an audience with teachers. Photo: Rahma Suleiman

By Guardian Reporter

## Bumper harvest expected in Southern Africa

A BUMPER harvest is imminent in Southern Africa following the favourable rainfall the region has received during the 2020/21 agricultural season.

According to the latest SADC Food Security Early Warning System Agromet Update released end of February, crops were in good condition in much of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) due to the consistent rainfall experienced so far.

The report notes that crops were between vegetative and maturing stages in Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Malawi, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe, as well as the southern, central

and western parts of the United Republic of Tanzania.

The good rains have further positively impacted on livestock, as both grazing conditions and water availability have improved in many parts of the region.

Latest reports from the Famine Early Warning System Network indicate that Malawi expects to achieve above average crop production in the 2020/21 season owing to the consistent rainfall and the increased access to inputs by farmers.

The first round production estimates by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security show that Malawi is expected to produce about 4.4 million

metric tonnes of maize, which is 42 percent above the five-year average and 21 percent above the national requirement.

These prospects may, however, be revised downward due to dry spells in some southern districts of the country.

Reports from Lesotho reveal that the country is likely to have a better harvest than the previous three years despite localised flooding caused by heavy rainfall that occurred in late January and early February.

Although Zimbabwe is yet to finalise the results of its first crop and livestock assessment, preliminary findings indicate excellent conditions countrywide,

with the exception of the southern parts of the country where crops have been damaged by leaching.

Zimbabwean Information, Publicity and Broadcasting Services Minister Monica Mutsvangwa said in February that an estimated 2.5 to 2.8 million metric tonnes of maize and 360,000 metric tonnes of traditional grain is anticipated in the 2020/21 season.

This will be about three times the harvest of the 2019/20 season.

The Zambia National Farmers Union said the country is anticipating a bumper harvest as crop production is likely to exceed previous records of the past four years.





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Extracts from the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020

### STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

|  | Dec 2020  | Dec 2019  |
|--|-----------|-----------|
|  | TShs' 000 | TShs' 000 |
| Other income                                   | 48,338    | 51,936    |
| Administrative expenses                        | (48,338)  | (51,936)  |
| <b>Profit before income tax</b>                | -         | -         |
| Income tax                                     | -         | -         |
| <b>Profit for the year</b>                     | -         | -         |
| Other comprehensive income                     | -         | -         |
| <b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b> | -         | -         |

### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

|   | Dec 2020           | Dec 2019           |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
|   | TSh' 000           | TSh' 000           |
| <b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>             |                    |                    |
| Profit before tax                                       | -                  | -                  |
| Changes in working capital:                             |                    |                    |
| Increase in deposits due to customers                   | 56,191,435         | 261,299,119        |
| Increase in abandoned deposits                          | 183,510            | 181,417            |
| <b>Cash inflows generated from operating activities</b> | <b>56,374,945</b>  | <b>261,480,536</b> |
| <b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>        | <b>56,374,945</b>  | <b>261,480,536</b> |
| Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January                  | 261,480,536        | -                  |
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December</b>         | <b>317,855,481</b> | <b>261,480,536</b> |

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

|                                     | Dec 2020           | Dec 2019           |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                                     | TSh' 000           | TSh' 000           |
| <b>ASSETS</b>                       |                    |                    |
| <b>Current assets</b>               |                    |                    |
| Restricted cash                     | 317,855,481        | 261,480,536        |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                 | <b>317,855,481</b> | <b>261,480,536</b> |
| <b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>       |                    |                    |
| <b>Current liabilities</b>          |                    |                    |
| Deposits due to customers           | 317,490,554        | 261,299,119        |
| Abandoned deposits                  | 364,927            | 181,417            |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>            | <b>317,855,481</b> | <b>261,480,536</b> |
| <b>TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b> | <b>317,855,481</b> | <b>261,480,536</b> |

The above extracts are from the Financial Statements of the Trust for the year ended December 31, 2020 which have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. The Financial Statements were audited by Ernst & Young Certified Public Accountants (T) and received unqualified audit report.

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 30th March 2021 and signed by:

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# EABC congratulates President Samia

By Guardian Reporter



A Simanjiro District Council delegation including executive director Yefred Myenzi and chairman Baraka Kanunga pictured at the weekend assessing progress in the construction of the council's office buildings. Photo: Correspondent Gift Thadey

THE chairman, board of directors, management and members of the East African Business Council (EABC), the apex body of the private sector in the EAC region, yesterday congratulated President Samia Suluhu Hassan on her assumption of the Office of the President of the United Republic of Tanzania and Member of the East African Community Heads of State Summit.

The council has said it acknowledges with gratitude the commitment and impetus by the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania in spearheading the East African Community (EAC) regional integration agenda and

President Samia Suluhu Hassan's determination to promote the role of the private sector as the engine for socio-economic growth in region.

"The East African Business Council is deeply committed to partner with the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania to boost intra-EAC trade, industrialization, investments and job creation, under President Samia Suluhu Hassan's great leadership," it said in a statement.

The East African business community is devoted to join President Samia Suluhu Hassan's vision and aspirations of realizing prosperity for all East African citizens through trade.

EABC is the regional apex body of Private Sector associations

and corporates in the East Africa with a single purpose of driving the East African Community integration process through trade and investment.

To achieve this, EABC works with the public sector, the East African Community (EAC) institutions, the academia, and the business community to unlock economic potential through increased physical access to markets, enhanced trade environment and improved business competitiveness.

EABC is determined to articulate its leadership role in building a vibrant private sector ecosystem by fostering excellence and increasing national, regional and global engagement with East African governments, people and business.

## Bahi women say they will never forget the late JPM

By Guardian Correspondent, Bahi

TANZANIA Social Action Fund (TASAF) beneficiaries in Bahi District, Dodoma Region, have said they will never forget late president John Magufuli for his government's efforts to empower middle aged girls and women for their economic wellbeing.

Speaking at different times on their achievements from TASAF funds through "Timiza Malengo" project Lucy Ndoje said through TASAF funds they established projects that improved their lives.

She said earlier her family used

to get funds from TASAF which they saved, while she joined a group of middle aged girls that received capital for business.

For her part, Paulina Maine, a food trader said after receiving 160,000/- capital from TASAF she began trading rice and later as food vendor that has been helping her family to get by.

She said TASAF programme has assisted many women of all ages in expanding their businesses, adding that she was grateful for the government to start the programme.

She said they trust President

Samia Suluhu will continue to be at the fore front to assist poor households to develop themselves economically.

For her part, Jacqueline Kunze said since she received TASAF capital her life and that of her family has changed, adding that as for now she is a tailor sewing and repairing clothes for the people.

TASAF Coordinator in Bahi District Christian Aman said girls who were enrolled in the "Timiza Malengo" project have made great improvements in their families from funds that enabled them engage in small businesses.

## Zanzibar civil society bodies hold high hopes in President

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ASSOCIATION of Non-Governmental Organisations in Zanzibar (ANGOZA) says it holds high hopes to work with Union President Samia Suluhu Hassan in finding solutions to challenges facing the nation aimed at spurring economic growth.

Addressing reporters here early this week ANGOZA Secretary general Hassan Khamis said they know President Samia's performance and experience as well as her capability from her work in both sides of the Union.

He said following the passing away of President John Magufuli now Tanzanians have another

able leader in president Samia. He mentioned some of strategic projects initiated by late president Magufuli as including the Julius Nyerere Hydro Power Project (JNHPP) on Rufiji River to produce 2,114MW of power.

He said another was free education for primary education that relieved many poor parents in educating their children.

Khamis said they know president Samia's ability as before she entered politics she had worked in ANGOZA.

He said in that time she fully participated in various workshops and seminars that saw the development of the civil societies and was one of the champions

in defense of democracy and the development of various economic sectors.

For his part ZAFACO Director Abdallah Abeid said the expectation of many civil societies was to closely work with President Samia to ensure they perform in accordance with the laws.

He said civil societies will work together with President Samia in strengthening good governance, accountability and ensuring achievements in the country economic progress.

A total of 12 civil society organisations from both Unguja and Pemba participated in the resolution to support President Samia.

By Special Correspondent

## ACF secures \$115m syndicated loan for sustainable agriculture

THE Netherlands Development Finance Corporation (FMO) has teamed up with the Development Finance Institute (FinDev Canada) and Oesterreichische Entwicklungsbank AG (OeEB), the Austrian development bank, to open a \$115 million syndicated credit line.

The funds, which benefit Agri Commodities and Finance (ACF), a subsidiary of Export Trading Group (ETG), will promote sustainable agriculture in Africa.

The \$115 million syndicated line of credit now available to Agri Commodities and Finance (ACF) has been opened by several development finance institutions. These include the Netherlands Development Finance Corporation (FMO), the Canadian government's Development Finance Institute (FinDev Canada), and Oesterreichische Entwicklungsbank AG (OeEB), the

Austrian development bank.

The Export Trading Group (ETG) subsidiary will use the credit line to expand its activities on the African continent. ETG is an agricultural conglomerate with activities covering the entire agricultural value chain, i.e. from farm to table. The group provides procurement, warehousing, processing and manufacturing of finished food products, transportation, as well as distribution of consumer goods. The group will leverage the credit line to improve processing capacity and logistics, thereby reducing crop losses.

Improved processing capacity and logistics will also help prevent food waste in the 26 African countries where ETG operates in the agricultural sector. According

to the African Development Bank (AfDB), post-harvest losses account for 30% of agricultural production in Africa each year. Chiji Chinedum Ojukwu, director of the Africa Projects Development Centre (APDC), a Nigerian-based agricultural development institution, attributes these losses to inadequate post-harvest storage facilities and inefficient processing methods.

Agricultural losses and food waste also have environmental consequences. According to the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), every year, food produced but not consumed in the world consumes a volume of water equivalent to the annual flow of the Volga River in Russia and is responsible for the release of 3.3 gigatons of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere.

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## President's move on bad cases sure to strengthen rule of law

**P**RESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has made initial steps to strengthen the rule of law over excitement on suspicions in tax related areas in particular, with a demand on the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) and prosecuting agencies to drop cases that are clearly can't be prosecuted in court.

There are cases there people have remained in remand prison for several years, and the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) fails to bring a sufficient case before the High Court (as in many cases this is economic sabotage crimes), but the suspects remain in prison. There is clear political will that this situation ought to change at present.

As a matter of fact the directive by the president has been in the air over the past month, as during the last week of February, Chief Justice Prof. Ibrahim Juma sent a reminder to the DPP on the issue, more or less citing exactly those same terms.

He demanded that the prosecuting agency take the various suspects to court within the space of one month from the date of notification, or failing to do they should release the suspects, rather than continuing to keep quiet while people languish in prison for offences that simply can't be prosecuted. Failing to prosecute is a prior admission of not guilty, and it is what must be entered.

Since this directive has come from the highest possible quarters in the governing of the state, and it was made in public and thus the wider impact of what this portends has already been created, the DPP and other authorities will not have a fallback lever to obviate from what has been demanded. The directive amplifies and puts

in what some literary circles would say 'in gold letters' what the CJ had earlier observed, since the difficulty would remain as to whether such a purely juridical measure had the support of top state authorities. Now this aspect has been clarified so we can expect that the matter is speeded up.

President Samia was emphatic in her appeal to judicial and prosecuting authorities to embrace strict fairness in those issues, admitting pointedly that some of these cases had just been fabricated - without going further to say why that was the case. Many people would have grasped that cases are fabricated for purposes of extortion, but in good measure, let it be said that some of those cases are too far flung and of cardinal importance to the nation's image and expectations to be fabricated by police or prosecutors, etc. In that case we might be talking about a certain order of priorities and image, with its cortege of suspects, now proving to be false in what we were assuming took place in this or that case, even embarrassingly so.

It is not surprising either that this reflection and position taking on the part of the president is happening on the edge of the mourning period and reconstitution of government authority following the death of the first fifth phase president, Dr John Magufuli.

The stream of reminiscences and reflection devoted to the mourning and funeral proceedings has a way of rekindling faith where it was lacking, for instance this moment has created a new sense of assertiveness and candor on the constitutional process, which so many people - of different political persuasions - were fond of attacking, lately. So let it be for the rule of law.

## Breakthrough in health management systems will do much in TB control

**W**ORLD TUBERCULOSIS Day, observed on 24 March each year, is designed to build public awareness about the global epidemic of tuberculosis (TB) and efforts to eliminate the disease. In 2018, 10 million people fell ill with TB, and 1.5 million died from the disease, mostly in low and middle-income countries. This also makes it the leading cause of death from an infectious disease.

World TB Day is one of eleven official global public health campaigns marked by the World Health Organization (WHO), along with World Health Day, World Chagas Disease Day, World Blood Donor Day, World Antimicrobial Awareness Week, World Immunisation Week, World Malaria Day, World No Tobacco Day, World Hepatitis Day, World Patient Safety Day and World AIDS Day.

24 March commemorates the day in 1882 when Dr Robert Koch astounded the scientific community by announcing to a small group of scientists at the University of Berlin's Institute of Hygiene that he had discovered the cause of tuberculosis, the TB bacillus. According to Koch's colleague, Paul Ehrlich, at this memorable session, Koch appeared before the public with an announcement which marked a turning-point in the story of a virulent human infectious disease. In clear, simple words Koch explained the aetiology of tuberculosis with convincing force, presenting many of his microscope slides and other pieces of evidence. At the time of

Koch's announcement in Berlin, TB was raging through Europe and the Americas, causing the death of one out of every seven people. Koch's discovery opened the way toward diagnosing and curing tuberculosis.

In 1982, on the one-hundredth anniversary of Robert Koch's presentation, the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (IUATLD) proposed that 24 March be proclaimed an official World TB Day. This was part of a year-long centennial effort by the IUATLD and the World Health Organisation under the theme "Defeat TB: Now and Forever. World TB Day was not officially recognised as an annual occurrence by WHO's World Health Assembly and the United Nations until over a decade later.

In the fall of 1995, WHO and the Royal Netherlands Tuberculosis Foundation (KNCV) hosted the first World TB Day advocacy planning meeting in Den Haag, Netherlands; an event they would continue co-sponsor over the next few years. In 1996, WHO, KNCV, the IUATLD and other concerned organisations joined to conduct a wide range of World TB Day activities.

For World TB Day 1997, WHO held a news conference in Berlin during which WHO director-general Hiroshi Nakajima declared that "DOTS is the biggest health breakthrough of this decade, according to lives we will be able to save. WHO's Global TB programme director, Dr. Arata Kochi, promised that, "Today the situation of the global TB epidemic is about to change, because we have made a breakthrough.

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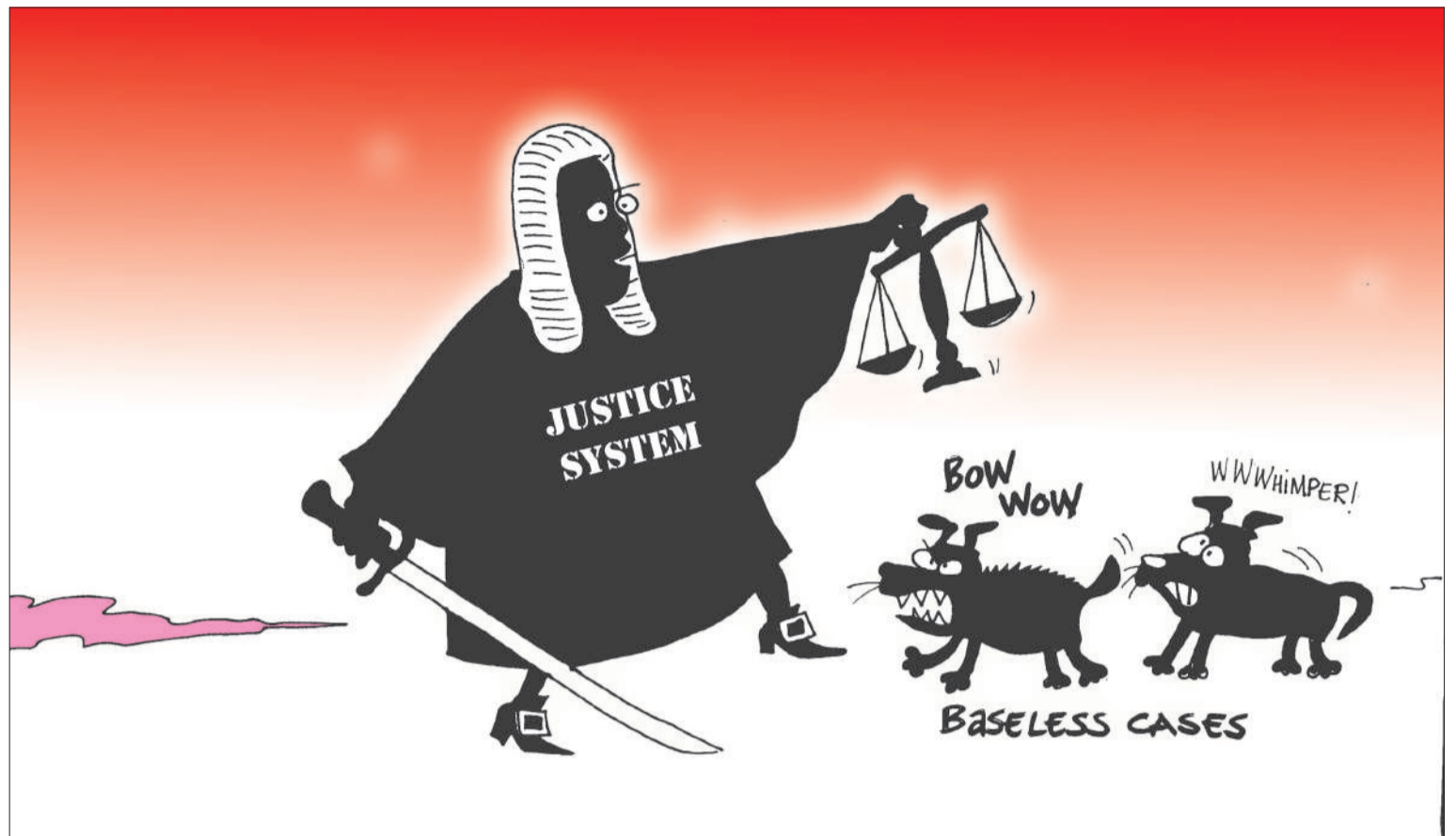
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By Hisham Saleh Gidado

## Ending corruption in Nigeria

**C**ORRUPTION in Nigeria has become rampant as well as the daily nagging about it. It is a poison that has diffused into almost every mind. It is also the spine of all the impediments that hinder the development and progress of Nigeria, thereby walking the nation down to the path of retrogression. Yet the society has its arms folded bare-chested. Having seen the absurdity of having our hands folded, I cannot imagine any prospect of curbing the corruption that has Nigeria by the neck shaking it vigorously to its very root.

It is quite factual that there are pretty few people with the inclination to change in praxis than in theory. Whereas, curbing corruption would take more than the efforts of the few individuals with the propensity to stamp it out of existence. Our society is such a mysterious one where people are bound to apportion blames from one shoulder to another, instead of taking a prompt stride towards figuring out and bringing about solutions to their gnawing problems.

We have conceptualized government as the threshold of corruption, which is wrong in the perspective that we are all playing our role one way or the other. It is often due to our corrupt minds that

By Roelof Botha

**T**HE damage inflicted on the economy in 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic turned out to be less severe than generally anticipated.

According to Stats SA, South Africa managed to produce goods and services valued at close to R5-trillion during 2020 (at current prices), which was only 2 per cent less than the GDP recorded during 2019.

Unfortunately, inflation swelled the negative growth rate to 7 per cent, which is a bit of a mystery when considering the sharp decline in the consumer price index in 2020 to a level of 3.3 per cent.

### Sterling performance second-half

Thanks to a remarkably swift recovery of economic activity in the third quarter (an 18 per cent quarter-on-quarter nominal growth rate) and a further solid performance in the fourth quarter (6.8 per cent growth), the economy managed to produce 3 per cent more between October and December 2020 than in the same period a year earlier (at current prices).

Closer scrutiny of the latest GDP data raises some questions over the accuracy of the value added by the mining sector. According to Stats SA, the latter amounted to R375-

that we vote those in power into offices in anticipation of personal gains under their tables in spite of our knowledge of their corrupt tendencies.

It is paramount in this case to take cognizance of our government and who we are as the subjects; we would certainly come to realise that we are the government, which means we have been misusing the efforts we should have used in defining our problems and blaming ourselves. Albert Einstein has his word fixed perfectly on this point, "Insanity is the repeating of the same thing over and over again, but expecting different results".

To cure a disease is an exigency to know its causes, ditto for corruption. We must take its causes into radical consideration, where we would find corruption in Nigeria and the world at large very complex due to the conspiracies of various factors that triggered it.

Poverty is conceptually the ground that tightly grasps corruption. Albeit, it is quite a fact that poverty can never be obliterated but rather alleviated. At this juncture it is very fair to hang a blame on the neck of government, having failed its responsibility of alleviating poverty by furnishing employments to its subjects. And

## Economic turnaround in sight: Key growth driver lurking in S. Africa's 2020 GDP data

billion in 2020, almost 1 per cent per cent lower than the 2019 figure.

In sharp contrast, the value of South Africa's mineral sales in 2020 amounted to R610-billion, more than 10 per cent higher than in 2019 and a new all-time record. Furthermore, the gross operating surplus of the mining sector also increased by 3.4 per cent in 2020 (at current prices).

Mining is the only sector next to agriculture to have managed this feat in the "year of the pandemic".

From a demand-side perspective, it is clear that the lockdown regulations took a heavy toll on consumption expenditure related to alcoholic beverages, restaurants, transport and recreation.

However, consumers raised their expenditure levels on the categories for food, communication and education. From a significantly lower base induced by the pandemic, the former group of expenditure categories should recover handsomely during 2021.

As expected, fixed investment in new productive capacity (capital formation) fared poorly in 2020, mainly as a result of the unprecedented level of uncertainty surrounding the ultimate impact and duration of the pandemic.

In the absence of a third wave of new Covid-19 infections, the

the citizens consequently develop a voracious appetite for money by hook or crook.

Another factor that encourages corruption is the peanuts of salaries being paid, especially to servants of government, which is pretty insufficient for them to cater for their families and themselves. Such is one of the temptations stirring them up to accept bribery in order to meet their expenses.

However, the inadequacy of employees in public offices must also be mentioned as one of the sources of corruption in Nigeria. The workload bound to be vast for the employees to do. Consequently, these tempt them to resort to accepting bribe for faster delivery of work.

Lack of education can be said to be another factor for making corruption seem as a norm in the society. Unfortunately, it is one of the luxuries a second-class citizen can afford for his children (in a country where the second-class citizens are the absolute majority) who are what the future of the nation hinges upon. It takes education for one to see beyond pricks and fathom what the great damage corruption can make no matter how minor it seems. Now that education is expensive with meagre quality, what do we see as

driver that will supplement the lowest interest rate environment in 50 years, namely the inevitability of a reversal of fortunes for inventory build-up.

When other growth drivers are added, such as the country's new infrastructure drive, public sector job creation programmes and signs of recovery in construction activity (the most labour intensive sector in the economy), it becomes clear that a 5% real growth rate in 2021 is well within reach.

President Ramaphosa and his team assisting the process of economic reforms and enhanced corporate governance in the public sector will be elated by the latest GDP data, as these efforts will be reinforced by higher economic growth and job creation.

The two factions in the ANC remain at each other's throats and, unfortunately, the one represented mainly by people accused of corruption and State Capture still has many sympathisers within the party's ranks.

A return to high economic growth will swell fiscal revenues and assist in expediting the government's recovery and reconstruction plan, including the extension of a basic income grant to the unemployed. This should serve to silence some of Ramaphosa's fiercest critics.

Herein lies an economic growth



# Arab region counts cost of devastating COVID-19 pandemic

JOHANNESBURG

**M**ORE than eight million people moved onto the poverty line in the Arab region, a conference of Arab and Asian parliamentarians heard.

The hybrid conference, held simultaneously in Beirut, Lebanon, and via video conferencing to delegates in Asia and the Arab region, was a follow up on earlier discussions on the regions' ICPD25 Commitments.

Dr Luay Shabaneh, Regional Director, UNFPA ASRO, said research showed that women were impacted more than other groups - especially as they made up 70% of front-line workers. Women's health and reproductive rights needed to be high on the agenda because the pandemic's mortality rate was higher for women. He called on parliamentarians to take care of reproductive health and rights, ensure laws to punish perpetrators of gender-based violence were enacted, and finance for programmes was available.

"Every two hours, a woman dies while giving birth in Yemen," Shabaneh said. During a recent visit to the country, he met a divorced woman who was 14 years old and a grandmother of 27. Her husband and her mother-in-law abused the grandmother until she decided to leave.

"These case histories were not unusual in the Arab and Asian region," he said and needed addressing. Other delegates at the conference, organised by the Asian Population and Development Association (APDA) and the Forum of Arab Parliamentarians on Population and Development (FAPPD), agreed. The conference heard that in the Arab world, female circumcision impacted 55% of girls aged between 15 and 19 years old, and one in five girls marry before they are 18. The diversion of resources and attention away from ICPD25 commitments impacted child marriages and female circumcisions -

with estimates that 13 million child marriages and two million female circumcisions could have been prevented.

Teruhiko Mashiko, a member of the Parliament from Japan, member of APDA Board of Directors and Vice-Chair of the Japan Parliamentarians Federation for Population (JFPF), reminded delegates the means to fight against pandemic were being developed. It was crucial, however, to keep an eye on population issues to achieve sustainable development. More than 115 million people had been affected by COVID-19, and more than 2.5 million people died globally. However, tens of millions of unwanted children were born every year.

Minister Plenipotentiary Tarek El-Nabulsi, representative of the League of Arab States, said a report on the region had shown the dire implications of COVID-19 and the need to prioritise the ICPD and Sustainable Development 2030 plan.

"The report estimated 1.7 million jobs would be lost in the region, and the middle class would decline," El-Nabulsi said. "Eight million people could move down onto the poverty line."

Moving education onto digital platforms had not benefited the poor who did not have access to technology, and it also disadvantaged people with visual and audio disabilities.

Minister El-Nabulsi said the Arab League had arranged a meeting of high-level officials to enhance national initiatives to control COVID-19 and its impact on vulnerable people. A 15-point plan was set up to reduce its impact on women and girls, protect women, and support and protect pregnant women. The social sector segment also launched an initiative to protect women in refugee camps and women under occupation.

With the support of the UNFPA, an education campaign to confront the coronavirus under the hashtag #COVID-19TalkAboutYourStory was launched.

El-Nabulsi was one of several

delegates who expressed concern over the refugees. The refugees in the region placed a heavy burden on the states because it was crucial to extend healthcare services to refugees and displaced.

Asem Araji, an MP from Lebanon, said 1.5 million displaced Syrian refugees and Palestinian people would need vaccinations. He said this should be international responsibility and not just the responsibility of Lebanon.

The impact of the pandemic on education was high on the agenda of the parliamentarians' concerns. Elyas Hankash, an MP in Lebanon, said the COVID-19 lockdowns had a social, psychological, and physical impact on the youth.

"Unemployment and the lack of prospects had impacted their psychological health," he said. This led some to drugs and others to depression. The disruption to education was a disaster, especially as many youths could not connect to the internet and could not participate in the online educational offerings - this resulted in school dropouts.

Lebanon's economy was fragile, and many young people work in the informal sector, lacking worker protection.

Forty-one percent of the country's youth had been negatively affected. Unemployment increased when many businesses closed.

He called on other countries in the region to assist - this was a burden that needed to be shared.

Hankash said that while \$50,000 had been set aside for youth development, what was needed was a proper plan, including a cheaper housing plan.

Pierre Bou Assi, an MP in Lebanon, expressed concern that the pandemic's solution - the vaccine programme was problematic as there was no equality of access between countries. He too feared with two years of education lost, "a generation of children was sacrificed".

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- Experience Length: 5 years

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# Body Deficiency Impeding Children Growth and Development

All the parents hope that their children are healthy and well-nourished in the process of growth. However, due to congenital or environmental factors, many children manifest deficiency symptoms, including malnutrition and delayed development.

## Dry lusterless hair indicating insufficiency of Kidney essence

Black lustrous hair, one of the appearance characteristics of Chinese people, is usually associated with strong physique. But many children's hair is brittle, lusterless, dry and thin, which distresses parents a lot.

It is believed in traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) that Kidney (Note: the organs mentioned in this article are concepts all different from those in Western medicine. For example, the Kidney here is one of the *zang-fu* organs in TCM, the function and location of which differ from those of the kidney in Western medicine) governs the growth and development of hair. *Huangdi Neijing (Huangdi's Canon of Internal Medicine)* stated that "The Kidney manages closure and is the root of storage and the house of essence. The Kidney demonstrates its splendor on the hair." The quantity, color and luster of hair are closely related to the Kidney. With hair compared to the branches and leaves of a tree, the Kidney is the root. Just like the root supports the growth of branches and leaves, strong Kidney qi provides sufficient nutrients for the growth of thick lustrous hair.

Accordingly, hair, external manifestation of Kidney, reflects the condition of kidney essence. Children born with deficient Kidney essence may have dry and lusterless hair that is also thin and easy to fall. Over time, there will be night sweats, enuresis, difficulty in concentration, late fontanelle closure, and even retarded development.

For the children whose hair is lusterless, brittle and thin due to Kidney essence deficiency, emphasis should be placed on tonifying the Kidney in TCM. The following recipe is recommended.

### Bushen Heizhima Hu (Kidney-tonifying Black Sesame Porridge)

Ingredients: equal amount of black sesame, *Fructus Lycii*, *Fructus Ligustri Lucidi*, soybean and peanut, etc.

Directions: wash and stir fry the above food, grind and mix them. Brew the powder with brown sugar water into paste and take it every day.

## Frequent enuresis also indicates Kidney qi deficiency

Enuresis (bed wetting) happens in children over 5 years old with uncontrollable urination during sleep at least twice a week for more than 3 months. Parents should pay attention to it as long-term enuresis is harmful to the children.



Bushen Heizhima Hu (Kidney-tonifying Black Sesame Porridge)



Moxibustion



Walnut

It is believed in TCM that the storage and discharge of urine is related to the bladder which is regulated by Kidney qi. Children with deficient Kidney qi have difficulty in controlling urination which is often accompanied by low immune function, malnutrition and predisposition to cold.

The effects of TCM treatment based on pattern differentiation for enuresis are significant, such as decoction, acupoint paste, massage, acupuncture and moxibustion, and food therapy.

### 1. Moxibustion

Moxibustion can be used for enuresis. The following acupoints can be selected, including Baihui (DU 20), Mingmen (DU 4), Pishu (BL 20), Shenshu (BL 23), Pangguangshu (BL 28), Ciliao (BL 32), Qihai (RN 6), Guanyuan (RN 4), Zhongji (RN 3), Zusanli (ST 36), Sanyinjiao (SP 6), etc.

Method: Light the end of the moxa stick and hold it about 3 centimeters above the acupoints until the area becomes suffused with warmth. When it comes to acupoints on the head, the distance should be longer in case the hair be burnt. Moxibustion should be applied for 5-10 minutes once a day for continuous 7 days. Acupoint pressure can be used as a substitute when children don't cooperate. Parents should pay attention to avoid cold because moxibustion should be applied with skin directly exposed.

### 2. Hetao Zhou (Walnut Porridge)

Ingredients: 10-15 pieces of Hetao (walnut), 100g of Jingmi (*Oryza Sativa L.*)

Directions: Crush the walnuts and boil them with the Jing rice. Take the porridge every morning and evening.

Parents should consult the doctors in time if there is frequent enuresis in children. Delayed treatment because of common misconceptions about bed-wetting should be avoided. At the same time, parents need to keep using the above health care methods for long-term effects.

**Note: The above methods should be used under the guidance of professional TCM doctors.**

## Blood deficiency in children may cause anemia

Anemia is also a common deficiency disease in children, with paleness of skin, mucosa and fingernails, loss of appetite, fatigue of limbs and other symptoms. Older children may have palpitations, shortness of breath and other symptoms.

Anemia refers to "blood deficiency" and "withered-yellow complexion" in TCM. It is believed that the blood production is closely related the function of the Heart, Liver, Spleen, Kidney, especially the latter two. Spleen, governing transportation and transformation, is the foundation of acquired constitution and the source of blood production. Spleen deficiency may lead to blood deficiency. Kidney stores essence, governs bone and marrow, transforms and generates essence and blood. If Kidney is insufficient, essence and blood are deficient.

Therefore, children with blood deficiency need to take traditional Chinese medicine that can tonify the Spleen and Kidney as well as nourish blood. Common Chinese medicines that can strengthen the Spleen and Kidney include Shanyao (*Rhizoma Dioscoreae*), Lianzi (*Semen Nelumbinis*), Longyan Rou (*Arillus Longan*), Gouqizi (*Fructus Lycii*), Danggui (*Radix Angelicae Sinensis*), Huangqi (*Radix Astragalii*), etc. Common Chinese medicines that can nourish blood include Danggui (*Radix Angelicae Sinensis*), E-jiao (*Colla Corii Asini*), Baishao (*Radix Paeoniae Alba*), Dazao (*Fructus Jujubae*), etc. Parents can add the above ingredients accordingly when cooking porridge or soup.

Here two recipes are recommended for invigorating the Spleen and supplementing qi, and replenishing and nourishing blood.

### 1. Jianpi Shanyao Zhou (Spleen-invigorating Shanyao Porridge)

Ingredients: 10g of Qianshi (*Semen Euryales*), 10g of Yiyiren (*Semen Coix*), 10g of Lianzi Rou (*Semen Nelumbinis*), 6g of Shanzha Rou (*Fructus Crataegi*), 6g Huai Shanyao (*Rhizoma Dioscoreae*), and appropriate amount of Jingmi (*Oryza Sativa L.*)

Directions: Soak the above ingredients in water for over 1 hour, then boil them until they are soft and tender.

### 2. Buxue Dazao Tang (Blood-nourishing Jujube Soup)

Ingredients: 5g of Danggui (*Radix Angelicae Sinensis*), 6-7 Dazao (*Fructus Jujubae*) or Heizao (*Black Fructus Jujubae*), and 3g of Jineijin (*Endothelium Corneum Gigeriae Galli*)

Directions: Boil the above ingredients with water. Drink the soup and eat the jujube.

**Note: The above methods should be used under the guidance of professional TCM doctors.**

## Common symptom of Spleen deficiency: dyspepsia

Children need to take in more nutrition due to the rapid growth of the body. Thus, they are especially dependent on "foundation of acquired constitution", that is, the Spleen and Stomach. But according to the theory of traditional Chinese medicine, children are born with delicate *zang-fu* organs, among which the Spleen is often deficient. As a result, children with undeveloped Spleen and Stomach functions often have digestive problems. In addition, deficiency of the Spleen and Stomach will lead to poor digestion and absorption of food, and insufficient nutrition for growth, resulting in a series of symptoms of malnutrition.

Abdominal distension, anorexia and diarrhea are the common symptoms of children with Spleen deficiency. Over time, there will be emaciation, low height and weight and other symptoms, which will seriously affect children's growth and development. Children massage can be used for the conditioning, and parents can learn some commonly used acupoints and simple techniques to alleviate child's symptom.

For indigestion caused by spleen deficiency, the principle of massage therapy for children is to strengthen the Spleen and Stomach.

### 1. Common manipulations for child massage

Tonify the spleen: Massage along the spleen meridian 100-200 times with the thumb's whorl side.

Replenish the stomach: Massage along the stomach meridian 50-100 times with the thumb's whorl side.

Massage along Neibagua: Massage along Neibagua with the tip of your thumb about 100 times.

Abdominal massage: For children with constipation and food accumulation, rub the abdomen clockwise with the palm for 5-10 minutes; for children with diarrhea, operate counterclockwise for 5-10 minutes.

Press Pishu (BL 20) and Weishu (BL 21): Press the two acupoints with thumb tip for 50 times respectively.

Press Zusanli (ST 36): Press ST 36 in both legs 30 times respectively with the thumb's whorl side.

### 2. Commonly used acupoints and their position

The spleen meridian: located in the tip of the thumb threaded surface.

The stomach meridian: located at the proximal end of the palm of the thumb.

Neibagua: a circle located in the palm, taking the palm center as the circle center and approximately 2/3 of the segment between circle center and the middle finger root as the radius.

Pishu acupoint (BL 20): 1.5 cun lateral to the lower border of the spinous process of the eleventh thoracic vertebra (T11).

Weishu (BL 21): 1.5 cun lateral to the lower border of the spinous process of the twelfth thoracic vertebra (T12).

Zusanli (ST 36): On the anterior aspect of the lower leg, 3 cun below ST 35, one fingerbreadth from the anterior crest of the tibia.

**Note: The above methods should be used under the guidance of professional TCM doctors.**

Apart from using traditional Chinese medicine in daily health care, it is also important to avoid improper feeding of children. Do not allow children to eat too much, avoid the habit of being picky about food and eating between meals. Eat less raw, cold or sugary products, and ensure regular food intake.

The above are common pediatric diseases. In general, children can easily develop various deficiency patterns due to congenital deficiency or improper feeding. In case the normal growth and development of children be affected, parents should be alert and ensure timely treatment and health care.



Press Zusanli (ST 36)



Acupoints for child massage

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# African youth urged to tap into agriculture potential

By Guardian Reporter

AFRICA has the ability to produce enough food to feed its population and beyond, and develop agribusiness that would offer decent employment to youth.

This observation was made by different pan-Africanists, calling for the development of the entire agricultural value chain.

They were speaking over the weekend during Pan-African Movement (PAM) Youth Commission's Fourth Africa Expects Youth Series webinar that was held under the theme "Youth as Key Drivers to Sustainable Food Security."

They said that there is a need to make sound investment to develop agro-processing so as to add value to farm produce and effectively linking primary producers to industries.

About 250 million Africans are hungry - almost 20 percent of its 1.2 billion people - according to data from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (UNFAO).

Meanwhile, according to information from the World Bank, Africa's agribusiness (food and beverage) market is projected to reach \$1 trillion per year by 2030 from \$313 billion in 2013.

Brian Kagoro, Founder and Executive Director of UHAI Africa Group, a Pan African Governance, Leadership and Development consulting firm said that there is a huge market within Africa that is yet to be exploited, indicating that the Africa Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) should be a mechanism to enable and ease the intra-Africa trade bottlenecks.

Kagoro said that the difficulties in trading in Africa are because of the colonial model, arguing that Africa was activated and motivated never to look to itself for self-reliance and relevance.

"AfCFTA must really push us towards a mindset where we build regional value chains; build research and development; invest in locally, nationally and regionally relevant technology for agricultural transformation - affordable, user friendly and accessible and durable," he said.

"We need to improve market intelligence information and standards; in some countries, the danger is posed by middlemen that exploit primary producers; infrastructure, transportation, storage and logistics are as key as access to risk capital/finance and mentorship and support," he said.

Kagoro said that African businesspeople have been thinking that they cannot be successful without selling to Europe.

However, he pointed out that there are Africans such as Nigerian businessman Aliko Dangote who became billionaires thanks to selling to Africa.

"This, he said, is a wake-up call in our thinking about

the value of Africa in the agricultural value chain and also our consumption," he said, encouraging intra-African trade and youth participation in developing agricultural value chain.

Referring to the Covid-19 pandemic that disrupted global supply chains, he said that Africa should strengthen local food production and trade.

"If we have a third and a fourth wave, and Europe and China shut down (a year or year and half of shutdown), and we were not able to do any export, will you as a business survive? But most importantly, will you not be starving?" he challenged Africans.

Regis Umugiraneza, founder of Carl Group - a company engaged in nutritious sweet potato processing for products such as bread - said that Africa's food industry can compete on the global stage if the continent joins force.

He said that Rwanda committed to making the youth the driver of agriculture development and food security by establishing and supporting a Rwanda Youth in Agribusiness Forum (RYAF) in 2016, which currently has more than 12,000 members.

Now, he said, the Government is establishing the manufacturing facility to help the industry recover from the Covid-19 pandemic.

"The requirements to get funding from such initia-



tive include having \$10 million for other manufacturers compared to only \$100,000 for agro-processors. This shows how the Government of Rwanda is committed to promote and also to emphasize food security by reducing imports by increasing local production, but also increasing exports," he said.

Quoting AfDB President Akinwumi Adesina, Michael Shyaka Nyar-

waya, the Commissioner for Youth at Pan-African Movement Rwanda Chapter said that the future billionnaires of Africa will not be coming from the oil and gas sector, but from the agriculture, adding that food is critical and that is what Africa has a comparative advantage in.

Nyarwaya said that the Pan-African Movement Rwandan Chapter decided to choose the topic "Youth

as Key Drivers to Sustainable Food Security" just because they know that "if we don't have enough food in Africa, we will be having a big problem," calling for efforts to ensure food security on the continent.

"We need an education system that ensures that we have young people who are agriculture professionals because we are heading to technology-led agriculture," he said.



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#### CONDENSED STATEMENT OF AUDITED FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31ST DEC 2020.

| (Amount in Million Tshs)  |                            |                             |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
|   | Current Year 31st Dec 2020 | Previous Year 31st Dec 2019 |
| <b>A ASSETS</b>   |                            |                             |
| 1 Cash  | 1,279.03                   | 405.33                      |
| 2 Balances with Bank of Tanzania  | 3,824.46                   | 6,601.31                    |
| 3 Investment in Government Securities                                     | 30,890.00                  | 25,371.80                   |
| 4 Balances with other banks and Financial Institution                     | 621.27                     | 668.44                      |
| 5 Cheques and item for Clearing   | 32.00                      | 67.32                       |
| 6 Inter branch float items  | 0.00                       | 0.00                        |
| 7 Bills negotiated  | 0.00                       | 0.00                        |
| 8 Customer Liabilities for Acceptances                                    | 0.00                       | 0.00                        |
| 9 Interbranch Loan Receivables  | 34,455.39                  | 36,866.46                   |
| 10 Investment in other securities   | 0.00                       | 0.00                        |
| 11 Loans, advances and overdrafts (Net of allowances for probable losses) | 48,424.85                  | 35,634.01                   |
| 12 Other Assets   | 917.50                     | 838.23                      |
| 13 Equity Investments   | 0.00                       | 0.00                        |
| 14 Underwriting Accounts  | 0.00                       | 0.00                        |
| 15 Property, Plant and Equipment  | 1,123.04                   | 1,556.18                    |
| <b>16 TOTAL ASSETS</b>  | <b>121,567.55</b>          | <b>108,009.07</b>           |
| <b>B LIABILITIES</b>  |                            |                             |
| 17 Deposits From Other Banks  | 33,084.50                  | 32,500.00                   |
| 18 Customer Deposits  | 48,164.40                  | 37,399.46                   |
| 19 Cash Letters of Credit   | 0.00                       | 0.00                        |
| 20 Special Deposits   | 0.00                       | 0.00                        |
| 21 Payment Orders / Transfers Payable                                     | 0.00                       | 0.00                        |
| 22 Bankers cheques and Drafts issued                                      | 0.00                       | 0.00                        |
| 23 Accrued taxes and expenses payable                                     | 2,064.56                   | 1,302.99                    |
| 24 Acceptances Outstanding  | 0.00                       | 0.00                        |
| 25 Interbranch float items  | 0.00                       | 0.00                        |
| 26 Unearned income and other deferred charges                             | 0.00                       | 0.00                        |
| 27 Other Liabilities  | 628.52                     | 839.34                      |
| 28 Borrowings   | 0.00                       | 0.00                        |
| <b>29 TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>   | <b>83,941.98</b>           | <b>72,041.79</b>            |
| <b>30 NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES) 16 Minus 29</b>                            | <b>37,625.57</b>           | <b>35,967.28</b>            |
| <b>C SHAREHOLDERS FUNDS</b>   |                            |                             |
| 31 Paid Up Share Capital  | 32,830.00                  | 32,830.00                   |
| 32 Capital Reserves   | 41.35                      | 828.58                      |
| 33 Retained Earnings  | 3,095.93                   | 836.39                      |
| 34 Profit(Loss) Account   | 1,658.29                   | 1,472.31                    |
| 35 Other Capital Accounts   | 0.00                       | 0.00                        |
| 36 Minority Interest  | 0.00                       | 0.00                        |
| <b>37 TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS FUNDS</b>  | <b>37,625.57</b>           | <b>35,967.28</b>            |
| 38 Contingent Liabilities   | 10,219.56                  | 10,781.42                   |
| 39 Non Performing loans and advances                                      | 1,319.31                   | 4,125.84                    |
| 40 Allowances for Probable Losses   | 364.15                     | 162.90                      |
| 41 Other non performing Assets  | 0.00                       | 0.00                        |
| <b>D SELECTED FINANCIAL CONDITION INDICATORS</b>                          |                            |                             |
| (i) Shareholders Funds to Total Assets                                    | 30.95%                     | 33.30%                      |
| (ii) Non performing loans to total gross loans                            | 2.71%                      | 11.49%                      |
| (iii) Gross loans and advances to Total Deposits                          | 60.03%                     | 51.14%                      |
| (iv) Loans and advances to Total assets                                   | 39.83%                     | 33.24%                      |
| (v) Earning Assets to Total Assets  | 94.10%                     | 91.23%                      |
| (vi) Deposit Growth   | 16.24%                     | 5.01%                       |
| (vii) Assets Growth   | 12.55%                     | 5.60%                       |

#### CONDENSED AUDITED CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st Dec 2020

| (Amount in Million Tshs)  |                            |                             |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
|   | Current Year 31st Dec 2020 | Previous Year 31st Dec 2019 |
| <b>I Cash flow from operating activities</b>                    |                            |                             |
| Net Income (Loss)   | 1,658.29                   | 1,472.31                    |
| Adjustment for Impairment / Amortization                        | 0.00                       | 0.00                        |
| -Net change in loans and advances                               | 894.96                     | 1,300.77                    |
| Gain/Loss on Sale of Assets                                     | (14,001.25)                | (842.93)                    |
| -Net change in Deposits   | 0.00                       | 0.00                        |
| -Net change in Short term negotiable securities                 | 11,349.44                  | 3,336.53                    |
| -Net Change in Other Liabilities                                | 0.00                       | 0.00                        |
| -Net Change in Other Assets                                     | 1,671.43                   | 794.93                      |
| -Tax paid   | (189.86)                   | (931.66)                    |
| -Others   | (891.19)                   | (612.79)                    |
| <b>Net cash provided (used) by operating activities</b>         | <b>491.82</b>              | <b>4,517.15</b>             |
| <b>II Cash flow from Investment activities</b>                  |                            |                             |
| Dividend Received   | 0.00                       | 0.00                        |
| Purchase of fixed assets  | (58.41)                    | (19.39)                     |
| Proceeds from sale of Fixed Assets                              | 0.00                       | 0.00                        |
| Purchase of non-dealing securities                              | (11,676.21)                | 978.16                      |
| Proceeds from sale of non-dealing securities                    | 0.00                       | 0.00                        |
| Others  | 0.00                       | 0.00                        |
| <b>Net cash provided (used) by investing activities</b>         | <b>(11,734.62)</b>         | <b>958.77</b>               |
| <b>III Cash flow from financing activities</b>                  |                            |                             |
| Repayment of long-term debt                                     | 0.00                       | 0.00                        |
| Proceeds from issuance of long term debt                        | 0.00                       | 0.00                        |
| Proceeds from issuance of share capital                         | 0.00                       | 0.00                        |
| Payment of cash dividends                                       | 0.00                       | 0.00                        |
| Net change in other borrowings                                  | (230.25)                   | (346.31)                    |
| Payment of lease Liabilities-IFRS 16                            | (230.25)                   | (346.31)                    |
| <b>Net cash provided (used) by financing activities</b>         | <b>(230.25)</b>            | <b>(346.31)</b>             |
| <b>IV Cash and Cash Equivalents:</b>                            |                            |                             |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalent             | (11,473.04)                | 5,129.61                    |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents at the beginning of the Quarter/Year  | 48,369.87                  | 43,240.26                   |
| <b>Cash and Cash Equivalents at the end of the Quarter/Year</b> | <b>36,896.83</b>           | <b>48,369.87</b>            |

#### CONDENSED AUDITED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY AS AT 31st DEC 2020

| (Amount in Million Tshs)                            |                  |               |                   |                    |                           |          |                  |
|---|------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|----------|------------------|
|   | Share Capital    | Share Premium | Retained Earnings | Regulatory Reserve | General Provision Reserve | Others   | Total            |
| <b>Current Year 2020</b>                            |                  |               |                   |                    |                           |          |                  |
| Balance as at the beginning of the year             | 32,830.00        | -             | 2,308.69          | 828.58             | -                         | -        | 35,967.28        |
| Profit for the year                                 | -                | -             | 1,658.29          | -                  | -                         | -        | 1,658.29         |
| Other Comprehensive Income                          | -                | -             | -                 | -                  | -                         | -        | -                |
| Transactions with owners                            | -                | -             | -                 | -                  | -                         | -        | -                |
| Dividends Paid                                      | -                | -             | -                 | -                  | -                         | -        | -                |
| Regulatory Reserve                                  | -                | -             | 787.23            | (787.23)           | -                         | -        | -                |
| General Provision Reserve                           | -                | -             | -                 | -                  | -                         | -        | -                |
| Others  | -                | -             | -                 | -                  | -                         | -        | -                |
| <b>Balance as at the end of the current period</b>  | <b>32,830.00</b> | <b>-</b>      | <b>4,754.21</b>   | <b>41.35</b>       | <b>-</b>                  | <b>-</b> | <b>37,625.56</b> |
| <b>Previous Year 2019</b>                           |                  |               |                   |                    |                           |          |                  |
| Balance as at the beginning of the year             | 32,830.00        | -             | 1,125.67          | 45.93              | 493.37                    | -        | 34,494.97        |
| Profit for the year                                 | -                | -             | 1,472.31          | -                  | -                         | -        | 1,472.31         |
| Other Comprehensive Income                          | -                | -             | -                 | -                  | -                         | -        | -                |
| Transactions with owners                            | -                | -             | -                 | -                  | -                         | -        | -                |
| Dividends Paid                                      | -                | -             | -                 | -                  | -                         | -        | -                |
| Regulatory Reserve                                  | -                | -             | (782.65)          | 782.65             | -                         | -        | -                |
| General Provision Reserve                           | -                | -             | 493.37            | -                  | (493.37)                  | -        | -                |
| Others  | -                | -             | -                 | -                  | -                         | -        | -                |
| <b>Balance as at the end of the previous period</b> | <b>32,830.00</b> | <b>-</b>      | <b>2,308.69</b>   | <b>828.58</b>      | <b>-</b>                  | <b>-</b> | <b>35,967.28</b> |

#### SELECTED EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st Dec 2020

In preparation of the current year financial statements, consistent accounting policies have been used as those applicable to the previous year audited financial statements (if there were changes during the year, the changes be explained as per IAS 34 & IAS 8)

| Name               | Title                   | Signature | Date      |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| T R BALAJI RAO     | CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER | (SIGNED)  | 18-Mar-21 |
| FADHLI PETRO SANGA | HEAD OF FINANCE         | (SIGNED)  | 18-Mar-21 |
| FREDRICK HIPPOLITE | CHIEF INTERNAL AUDITOR  | (SIGNED)  | 18-Mar-21 |

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the faithful representation of the above statements. We declare that the statements have been examined by us and, to the best of our knowledge and belief, have been prepared in conformance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Banking and Financial Institutions Act, 2006 and they present a true and fair view.

| Name                    | Title    | Signature | Date      |
|-------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1. RAJAB S KAKUSA       | DIRECTOR | (SIGNED)  | 18-Mar-21 |
| 2. INDIAEL DANIEL KAAYA | DIRECTOR | (SIGNED)  | 18-Mar-21 |
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## FAO warns African states of possible bird flu outbreaks

By Guardian Reporter

THE Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) has told African nations to be on high alert for bird flu after multiple outbreaks of the virus were reported in wild birds across Europe.

The FAO's warning says that the disease has spread rapidly in Western Europe's wild bird population. 70 cases have been reported across the UK, France, Germany and the Netherlands. Commercial poultry farms have also been affected by bird flu outbreaks. Since wild birds act as a reservoir for the virus and will soon begin migrating across Africa, the risk of transmission is growing.

"FAO recommends countries in Africa to be on alert for incursion of H5 highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI), following increasing reports from European countries of detections in wild birds over the past week.

"Countries and farms should have in place enhanced measures for prevention, early detection and diagnosis, and for outbreak response," it said in a statement.

"Moreover, it is likely that the virus has already arrived in parts of West and North Africa but remained undetected so far," it said.

The FAO is recommending that African nations increase disease surveillance efforts in wild birds and poultry and limit contact between domestic birds and wild flocks. The organization says to pay extra attention to shared sources of drinking water to prevent contamination. Previous bird flu outbreaks in 2017 threatened the livelihoods and food security of millions in Africa.

On Monday, UK recorded two new outbreaks of avian influenza at a broiler farm and turkey breeding facility, renewing calls for poultry keepers to remain vigilant and keep their birds housed.

The UK's Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) has confirmed an outbreak of H5N8 bird flu on a commercial broiler farm near Uttoxeter, East Staffordshire. The agency has also identified an outbreak of H5N3 avian influenza in turkey breeders at a commercial premises near Winsford, Cheshire West and Chester. That outbreak has been confirmed as low pathogenic.



Moreover, it is likely that the virus has already arrived in parts of West and North Africa but remained undetected so far,



# Where is my aunt? Children separated from relatives at border strain US shelters

SAN FRANCISCO

TEN-YEAR-OLD Leonardo had not seen his mother in years. His hope, as he set out from Guatemala with his aunt and her young daughter, was that they would all be able to reunite with his mother, Emiliana, in California together.

Instead on Feb. 23, he descended an escalator in the Los Angeles airport for the long-awaited reunion alone. After Emiliana finally embraced her son with tears streaming down her face, Leonardo's first question was: "Why aren't Aunt Rosa and my cousin here?"

As President Joe Biden's administration grapples with how to house thousands of unaccompanied minors crossing the U.S.-Mexico border, advocates say ending

a long-standing practice of separating children like Leonardo from caretaking relatives would help reduce overcrowding in U.S. government custody.

Under U.S. immigration law, families are narrowly defined as children and their parents or legal guardians. Children separated from grandparents, aunts, older siblings and other relatives are classified as "unaccompanied" and sent to shelters or foster care overseen by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) until they can be released to a vetted sponsor, usually a parent or close family member.

Immigrant advocates say the separations are, in many cases, unnecessary. They argue that thousands of children could stay out of the shelter system if they were released with their accompa-

nying relatives to pursue U.S. asylum cases in immigration court.

### SEPARATIONS

Since November, a handful of nonprofit groups that work with unaccompanied children have compiled tallies showing that as many as 10-17 percent of children in custody were separated from relatives, according to three people briefed on the data, all of whom requested anonymity to discuss internal estimates.

The numbers have not been made public before and the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agency told Reuters they do not track such separations.

About 11,900 children were in HHS shelters and nearly 5,800 children were in border patrol custody as of March 28. To reduce overcrowding, the administration is rapidly



Emiliana (32) poses for a photo with her son Leonardo (10) and daughter Emily (5) at their apartment in Los Angeles, California on Monday. REUTERS

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### CHANGES TO OUR TARIFF GUIDE

Dear customer, NBC management would like to inform you that there will be some changes to the tariff guide for the below listed services effective from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021. All other charges not shown below will remain the same.

| SERVICE NAME   | RETAIL BANKING NEW CHARGES  |                        |                        |                        | BUSINESS BANKING & SME NEW CHARGES  |                        |                        |                        | CORPORATE & INVESTMENT BANKING NEW CHARGES    |                        |                        |                        |
|--|---|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
|  | TZS   | USD                    | EUR                    | GBP                    | TZS   | USD                    | EUR                    | GBP                    | TZS   | USD                    | EUR                    | GBP                    |
| <b>1. Current Account</b>  |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |
| Minimum Balance  |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |
| Private Banking / La Riba Private Banking  | 100,000.00  | 50                     | 50                     | 50                     | N/A   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |
| Maximum Balance  |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |
| Fasta Akounti  |   | N/A                    |                        |                        | N/A   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |
| Private Banking Lounge Usage   |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |
| Private Banking Transaction Lounge Usage Fee (per Transaction)   | Free  | Free                   | Free                   | Free                   | N/A   |                        |                        |                        | N/A   |                        |                        |                        |
| Non Private Banking Transaction Lounge Usage Fee (per Transaction)   | 5,000   | 3.00                   | 3.00                   | 3.00                   | N/A   |                        |                        |                        | N/A   |                        |                        |                        |
| Maintenance Fee  |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |
| MNO trust account  |   | N/A                    |                        |                        | N/A   |                        |                        |                        | 500,000                                       | N/A                    | N/A                    | N/A                    |
| Financial Institutions (Local Bank)  |   | N/A                    |                        |                        | N/A   |                        |                        |                        | 100,000                                       | 40                     | 30                     | 30                     |
| Wakala Account / Agency Banking Product  |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |
| All charges  |   | Free                   |                        |                        | N/A   |                        |                        |                        | N/A   |                        |                        |                        |
| <b>2. Savings Account</b>  |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |
| Minimum Balance  |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |
| Private Banking / La Riba Private Banking  | 100,000   | 50                     | 50                     | 50                     | N/A   |                        |                        |                        | N/A   |                        |                        |                        |
| Maintenance Fee  |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |
| Student  | Free  |                        | N/A                    |                        | N/A   |                        |                        |                        | N/A   |                        |                        |                        |
| <b>3. Cash Services</b>  |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |
| Cash Deposit   |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |
| Forex (FX) deposit (notes 50, 100)   | N/A   |                        | Free                   |                        | N/A   |                        | Free                   |                        | N/A   |                        | Free                   |                        |
| Forex (FX) deposit - small denomination (notes USD 1, 5, 10, 20)   | N/A   |                        | Free                   |                        | N/A   |                        | Free                   |                        | N/A   |                        | Free                   |                        |
| Cash Collection Fee  |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |
| Financial Institutions (Bank) (fee per transaction)  |   | N/A                    |                        |                        | 0.8% Min 100,000  | 0.4% Min 40            |                        | USD Equiv              | 0.8% Min 100,000                              | 0.4% Min 40            |                        | USD Equiv              |
| All other Accounts / products (fee per month)  |   | N/A                    |                        |                        | 0.001% with a minimum of TZS 150,000  |                        | Free                   |                        | 0.001% with a minimum of TZS 150,000          |                        | Free                   |                        |
| Cash Withdrawal Fee over the counter   |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |
| All Other Products/Accounts  | 6,500 (up to 20m, above is 0.12% Max 200,000)   | 2% of the value, Min 5 | 2% of the value, Min 5 | 2% of the value, Min 5 | 6,500 (up to 20m, above is 0.12% Max 200,000)   | 2% of the value, Min 5 | 2% of the value, Min 5 | 2% of the value, Min 5 | 6,500 (up to 20m, above is 0.12% Max 200,000) | 2% of the value, Min 5 | 2% of the value, Min 5 | 2% of the value, Min 5 |
| <b>4. Fund Transfer</b>  |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |
| Between NBC and other local banks  |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |
| Inward (LORO transfer to Local Banks (IBS Charge Inclusive)  | 35,000  |                        |                        |                        | N/A   |                        |                        |                        | 35,000  |                        |                        |                        |
| Outward - Remittances (IT) (Inclusive of Swift charges exclusive of overseas charges)                      |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |
| Both local & foreign account holders with us   |   | N/A                    | 60                     | USD Equiv              | USD Equiv   |                        | N/A                    | 60                     | USD Equiv                                     | USD Equiv              |                        | USD Equiv              |
| ATM only   |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |
| Cash Withdrawal  |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |
| Fasta Akounti  | 1,500   |                        | N/A                    |                        |   |                        |                        |                        | N/A   |                        |                        |                        |
| Private, Privilege and NBC Direct Products   | Free  |                        | N/A                    |                        |   |                        |                        |                        | N/A   |                        |                        |                        |
| All Other products   | 1,500   |                        | N/A                    |                        |   | 1,500                  |                        | N/A                    |   |                        |                        |                        |
| ATM only   |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |
| Balance Enquiry for Private, Privilege and NBC Direct Products   | Free  |                        | N/A                    |                        |   |                        |                        |                        | N/A   |                        |                        |                        |
| Non NBC ATM  |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |
| Cash Withdrawal  | 4,000   |                        |                        | USD Equiv              | 4,000   |                        |                        | USD Equiv              |   |                        |                        | N/A                    |
| International ATM  |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |
| Cash Withdrawal  | 8,000 +1.5% of Amount   |                        |                        | N/A                    | 8,000 +1.5% of Amount   |                        |                        | N/A                    |   |                        |                        | N/A                    |
| Cards  |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |
| Quarterly Debit Card Fee   |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |
| Private Banking / La Riba Private Banking/Privilege Banking  | 10,000.0  | 5.3                    |                        | N/A                    |   |                        |                        | N/A                    |   |                        |                        | N/A                    |
| All Other Products/Accounts  | 5,000   | 2.5                    |                        | N/A                    |   |                        |                        | 5,000                  | 2.5   |                        |                        | N/A                    |
| Agency Banking   |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |
| Cash Withdrawal  |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |
|  | TZS 1000 - TZS 239,999 charge 2% of Withdrawal amount<br>TZS 240,000 - TZS 399,999 charge TZS 5,000<br>TZS 400,000 - TZS 699,999 charge TZS 6,500<br>TZS 700,000 - TZS 999,999 charge TZS 7,000<br>TZS 1,000,000 - TZS 2,999,999 charge TZS 7,500<br>TZS 3,000,000 - TZS 6,000,000 charge TZS 8,500 |                        | N/A                    |                        | TZS 1000 - TZS 239,999 charge 2% of Withdrawal amount<br>TZS 240,000 - TZS 399,999 charge TZS 5,000<br>TZS 400,000 - TZS 699,999 charge TZS 6,500<br>TZS 700,000 - TZS 999,999 charge TZS 7,000<br>TZS 1,000,000 - TZS 2,999,999 charge TZS 7,500<br>TZS 3,000,000 - TZS 6,000,000 charge TZS 8,500 |                        |                        |                        | N/A   |                        |                        | N/A                    |
| Shambani Individual - Cash withdrawal  |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |
|  | TZS 1000 - TZS 239,999 charge 2% of Withdrawal amount<br>TZS 240,000 - TZS 399,999 charge TZS 5,000<br>TZS 400,000 - TZS 699,999 charge TZS 6,500<br>TZS 700,000 - TZS 999,999 charge TZS 7,000<br>TZS 1,000,000 - TZS 2,999,999 charge TZS 7,500<br>TZS 3,000,000 - TZS 6,000,000 charge TZS 8,500 |                        | N/A                    |                        |   |                        |                        |                        | N/A   |                        |                        | N/A                    |
| Balance Enquiry  |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |
| Shambani Individual - Balance Enquiry  | 300.00  |                        |                        | N/A                    | 300.00  |                        |                        | USD Equiv              |   |                        |                        | N/A                    |
| Mini Statement   | 300.00  |                        |                        | N/A                    | 300.00  |                        |                        | USD Equiv              |   |                        |                        | N/A                    |
| Shambani Individual - Mini Statement   | 300.00  |                        |                        | N/A                    |   |                        |                        | N/A                    |   |                        |                        | N/A                    |
| Fund Transfer  | 800.00  |                        | USD Equiv              |                        | 800.00  |                        |                        | USD Equiv              |   |                        |                        | N/A                    |
| Shambani Individual - Fund Transfer  | 800.00  |                        | N/A                    |                        |   |                        |                        | N/A                    |   |                        |                        | N/A                    |
| <b>5. Business Internet Banking And File Gateway</b>   |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |
| Business Accounts Only   |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |
| Financial Institutions (Local Bank) - Fund Transfer Interbank  | 11,800  |                        |                        | N/A                    | 11,800  |                        |                        | N/A                    | 11,800  |                        |                        | NA                     |
| MNO Trust account Fund Transfer - Interbank  | 11,800  |                        |                        | N/A                    | 11,800  |                        |                        | N/A                    | 11,800  |                        |                        | NA                     |
| Fund Transfer - International - IT   | NA  | 50                     | USD Equiv              | USD Equiv              | NA  | 50                     | USD Equiv              | USD Equiv              | NA  | 50                     | USD Equiv              | USD Equiv              |
| Financial Institutions (Local Bank)-Fund Transfer International -IT  | NA  | 60                     | USD Equiv              | USD Equiv              | NA  | 60                     | USD Equiv              | USD Equiv              | NA  | 60                     | USD Equiv              | USD Equiv              |
| Internet Bulk Payment - Per Entry (C/F/ US)  | 850.00  |                        |                        | NA                     | 850.00  |                        |                        | NA                     | 850.00  |                        |                        | NA                     |
| <b>6. Salary Processing</b>  |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |
| Salary Payment per entry - Other Banks (Electronic File Transfer (EFT) Salary Processing per entry Manual) | 3500  |                        |                        | N/A                    | 3500  |                        |                        | N/A                    | 3500  |                        |                        | N/A                    |
| <b>7. Documentary Credit</b>   |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |
| Letter of Credit issued by NBC (Import LCs)  |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |
| Charges on Draft LC  |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |
| TO BE REMOVED  |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |   |                        |                        |                        |

All charges are VAT inclusive.



Agencies

expanding emergency influx shelters and surveying military bases to host migrant children.

Immigrant advocacy groups are working on a provision they hope will be included in the upcoming U.S. government spending bill that would fund reception centers where children could remain with non-parent family members and be evaluated by child welfare experts for joint release, according to draft text reviewed by Reuters.

While it is too early to say if the proposal will become law, Biden has hired members of the advocacy community as top immigration advisers, and his administration consults with them frequently.

Salvador Zamora, a former CBP official who retired in December, questioned how such a center would work in practice. Verifying the nationality and identity of a person arriving at the border is time consuming, he said.

The process involves backlogged consulates of the migrants' country of origin, who often need to send officials to the municipality the person claims to be from. "How do we verify identity, nationality, let alone familial status within a reasonable amount of time?" he said.

Echoing those concerns, Chad Wolf, who was acting homeland security secretary under President Donald Trump, said changing the policy could encourage smugglers to falsify family relationships.

"I am afraid that the current administration is going to start looking at solutions to speed up processing," he said, "and then with some of those decisions, they could choose expediency over safety."

### NOWHERE TO GO

When U.S. authorities separated Leonardo and sent him to a shelter in New York, they expelled his aunt Rosalina - eight months pregnant at the time - and his cousin Marisol to Mexico.

The policy used to expel them, a Trump-era public health rule known as Title 42, was implemented in March 2020. Biden has left the rule largely intact, although he has exempted unaccompanied minors.

When Rosalina was expelled, she fainted on a street near the international bridge in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.

"I had no idea where I was, I had no idea where to go," Rosalina said in an interview from a Mexican shelter where she is staying after recently giving birth to her baby. She said she fled Guatemala with Leonardo and Marisol after a brutal assault and fears going back.

The family asked to be identified by their first names for their safety and so as not to impact their asylum claims.

While Leonardo had his mother waiting for him, some children separated from their relatives at the U.S.-Mexico border do not.

Yliana Johansen-Méndez, legal services director at the Immigrant Defenders' Law Center in Los Angeles, said around 16 percent of the 327 unaccompanied children interviewed by her organization between December and March 24 had traveled with family members who were expelled under Title 42. Some had no other potential sponsors in the U.S., she said.

Relatives traveling with children have often raised them for years and are "psychological parents," said Amy Cohen, a child psychiatrist and executive director of non-profit EveryLastOne, which helps get children released from immigration custody. The separation from these adults is "just as wrenching, just as damaging" for children as separation from their mother or father, she said.

Some migrant children may feel closer to the relatives they have traveled with than the family they are joining in the United States, even if they are their parents.

When Emiliana fled Guatemala in 2017 to get away from her abusive husband she was only able to cobble enough money together to take one child. She made the painful decision to take her then 2-year old daughter and leave then 7-year old Leonardo behind with his grandmother. After his grandmother died in 2019, Rosalina took care of him.

Back now with his mother in Los Angeles, Leonardo doesn't want to leave her side. At times he's jealous of his younger sister, now 5, while his sister also struggles with the new competition for her mother's affections after getting used to being an only child for the past three years. "It's quite difficult," said Emiliana. "If I hug one then the other one gets upset."

Leonardo asks about his aunt and cousin constantly, Emiliana said, telling her he is asking God that they be allowed into the United States.



## COLLABORATION

## Tigo and Visa Inc. partner to enable clients to transact using Visa Direct

By Guardian Reporter

A record nine million Tigo Pesa customers are now able to transact in real time securely through Visa Direct thanks to a deal reached between Tigo Tanzania and Visa Inc.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam yesterday Tigo's Chief Officer for Mobile Financial Services, Angelica Pesha said the over nine million customers will use the platform to transfer money from their Visa bank accounts into their Tigo Pesa mobile money wallets.

"This gives our customers the added convenience that enables them to move money quickly from bank accounts to mobile money wallets hence promoting cashless transactions by reducing the need to either go to the ATM and withdraw funds and reload their mobile money wallets," Pesha

said. She said that the transaction can be done directly within the Tigo Pesa system products through either the application or using a USSD system to enjoy transformational digital lifestyle services through fastest 4G network.

"Whether sending money to a family member in another country or obtaining same-day access to funds, fast and secure digital payments have become an essential part of how the world pays and gets paid especially now, in the wake of COVID-19," she added.

The Tigo and Visa partnership further cements the position of the telco as a provider of choice for mobile financial services in the local market hence increasing customers' trust which will lead to a boost in the number of transactions and open more partnerships in future.



A Tigo Pesa agent (wakala) (L) attends to customers in Dar es Salaam recently. File photo

"Tigo is at the helm of digital lifestyle transformation with Tigo Pesa leading the innovation in mobile financial services by being the first mobile money Card fund transfer to mobile wallets," Pesha noted.

## BREAKTHROUGH

## AU, Johnson & Johnson sign deal for 400 million doses of Covid-19 vaccines

ADDIS ABABA

THE American drug maker, Johnson & Johnson, will supply the African Union (AU) with 400 million doses of its single-shot Covid-19 vaccine beginning in the third quarter, the multinational corporation said on Monday, March 29.

In a procurement agreement signed earlier on March 28, a related statement indicates, all African Union member states, through the African Vaccine Acquisition Trust (AVAT) set up in November 2020, will have access to 220 million doses of the Johnson & Johnson single-shot Covid-19 vaccine.

The joint statement by AU, African Vaccine Acquisition Task Team (AVATT), African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank), the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Preven-

tion (Africa CDC), and the Africa Medical Supplies Platform (AMSP) notes that there is also the potential to order an additional 180 million doses.

The AMSP is a non-profit initiative launched by the AU as an immediate, integrated and practical response to the Covid-19 pandemic. The online platform was developed under the leadership of the African Union special envoy, Strive Masiyiwa.

Dr John Nkengasong, Director of Africa CDC, said: "The Africa CDC recommended to the African Union that a minimum of 750 million Africans (60%) must be immunized if we are to contain the spread of Covid-19." "This transaction enables Africa to meet almost 50% of that target. The key to this particular vaccine is that it is a single-shot vaccine which makes it easier to roll out

quickly and effectively, thus saving lives."

Cyril Ramaphosa, President of South Africa, AU Champion for the Covid-19 vaccine strategy and acquisition, and Chairman of AVATT, welcomed the historic agreement, which he initiated directly with the company, during his tenure as AU Chairperson.

"This agreement is a significant milestone in protecting the health of all Africans. It is also a powerful demonstration of African unity and of what we can achieve through partnership between the state sector, the private sector and international institutions that put people first," Ramaphosa said. AVATT is a 10-member team drawn from across the continent. It was established in August 2020 to ensure that the continent would be able to secure sufficient Covid-19



Dr John Nkengasong, Director of Africa CDC.

vaccine doses to achieve herd immunity.

Over a period of 18 months, it is noted, the vaccines will be made available to African countries through AMSP, a non-profit initiative launched by the AU as an immediate, integrated and practical response to the pandemic. Most supplies will

be produced at the giant pharmaceutical manufacturing plant in South Africa operated by Aspen Pharma.

The direct acquisition of vaccines by the African countries through the AVATT initiative is part of the continental objective to achieve a minimum of 60% immunization of the Af-

rican population, in order to eliminate Covid-19.

Rwanda - which plans to vaccinate at least 7.8 million people representing 60 percent of the population by June next year - requires about \$120 million to complete its Covid-19 vaccination plot, with short-term costs standing at \$47 million, according to the Ministry of Finance. The international donor community pledged to provide 27% through the COVAX Initiative while Africa must find the rest.

Benedict Oramah, President of Afreximbank, said: "In the midst of a very tight Covid-19 vaccine market, we are highly honoured to have been given the opportunity by the African Union to facilitate this impactful transaction under the auspices of the Africa Vaccine Acquisition Task Team (AVATT)."

"Acting as Financial and Transaction Advisors, Guar-

antors, Installment Payment Facility Arrangers and Payment Agents, we look forward to beginning the deployment of the US\$2 billion Vaccine Procurement facility approved by the Bank's Board of Directors towards assisting the continent to begin to rid itself of the pandemic and rebuild its economy."

Oramah said the financing will support Intra-African Trade and "we have already commenced engagement with our financial partners" to secure the additional funding that would support procurement if Africa decides to procure the additional 180 million doses. Prior to the conclusion of the agreement, AU countries were asked to make pre-orders for the vaccines "and many countries showed strong preference for this particular vaccine."

## INCENTIVE

## Kagwe in tax relief talks for oxygen firms on virus surge

NAIROBI

KENYA'S Health ministry has now opened talks with the Treasury on a proposal to offer tax reliefs to medical gas manufacturers amid a biting oxygen supply shortage in hospitals due to a spike in Covid-19 infections.

Health secretary Mutahi Kagwe said the oxygen demand was almost outstripping supply after hospitalisation for Covid-related complications surged by more than half in two weeks, forcing authorities to restrict movement

into and out of Nairobi metropolitan area and Nakuru County.

Demand for oxygen for Covid-related emergency medical care has more than doubled to about 880 tonnes from 410 tonnes last year and 560 tonnes in January, reflecting elevated third-wave infections, which have averaged 20 per cent of testing in recent weeks.

"Because of the emergency nature of the requirement of oxygen, we are going to work with the Treasury to see whether we can increase the oxygen cylinder sup-



Health Cabinet Secretary (minister) Mutahi Kagwe.

ply via reduction of some of the taxes. But this is a discussion that we need to get together with the industry," Mr Kagwe said.

"The situation at the moment is that the (gas manufacturing) industry is completely stretched. If we go any further than that, immediate steps will have to be taken." An ample supply of oxygen is needed for the management of Covid-19 patients, who experience breathing dif-

ficulty.

The surging third wave of Covid-19 in Kenya has seen hospital admissions increase 52 per cent in two weeks by Friday. Currently, 121 patients lay in the intensive care units (ICUs) with 32 on ventilatory support and 82 on supplemental oxygen.

The positive test rate hit 22 per cent last week compared with January's two per cent. This month, an average of seven Kenyans have died each day from Covid-19, up from three a day in January and February. Reduced taxation, which will need Cabinet and parliamentary approval, is part of the strategy the ministry is mulling in a bid to ramp up investments in the medical gas industry.

Some of the country's about 75 oxygen plants have stalled due to challenges related to the supply of spare parts, he said, adding that the ministry would engage the 47 counties and the industry to develop common standards for oxygen plants in future. This came amid pleas by leading gas manufacturers, BOC Gases and Gas Africa, to hospitals and homes holding onto idle oxygen cylinders to immediately surrender them.

"It's a crisis and we need all the help we can get from the patients and from hospitals that are holding the (oxygen gas) tanks. If you are holding cylinders at home or in the hospitals for non-Covid or non-emergency care, please return them to us," said BOC managing director Marion Mwangi.

## SECURITY

PRETORIA

PFIZER Inc. is demanding that South Africa's health and finance ministers personally sign a Covid-19 vaccine-supply agreement so that it is indemnified from any claims made against it in the country regarding the shot.

The demand is contained in a March 24 letter from South Africa's Health Minister Zweli Mkhize to his finance counterpart Tito Mboweni, seen by Bloomberg and confirmed by the National Treasury. Pfizer was not satisfied by assurances that the signature of the country's health director general was sufficient to guarantee the indemnity, Mkhize

## Pfizer wants SA ministers to sign vaccine pact personally

said.

The demand threatens to further delay the roll out of South Africa's vaccine program, which is lagging behind that of emerging market peers and a number of African countries, and heightens pressure on the government. The agreement is for the supply of 20 million doses of the vaccine made by Pfizer and BioNTech SE.

The ministerial signatures will give Pfizer the "assurance that the terms of the indemnity clause are acknowledged by govern-

ment and, as such, any liability that may be established will be covered by the fiscus," Mkhize wrote. "You will no doubt agree with me that there is mounting pressure and we can no longer justify publicly any further delays." Mkhize's spokeswoman declined to comment. The National Treasury said in a response to a query that discussions about the signing of agreements were ongoing and confirmed receipt of the letter.

"We are in discussions with the Government in South Africa to provide access to the

vaccine," Pfizer said in a response to queries. "These discussions are confidential and we have nothing to announce at the current time." The demand was the last Pfizer would make and, once signed, vaccines would begin to arrive within two weeks, Mkhize said.

With over 1.5 million recorded infections and almost 53 000 deaths, South Africa is the worst-affected country by the coronavirus on the continent. So far only 231 605 people have been vaccinated as part of a study using Johnson & Johnson's vaccine while a wider

vaccination program is yet to begin. The government has said an initial target to vaccinate 40 million people this year will be missed.

On March 26, News24, a South African news website, said larger deliveries of Johnson & Johnson's shots would be delayed because the government had not set up a no-fault compensation fund, citing people it didn't identify. Anban Pillay, a deputy director general in the health department, told Bloomberg there were no delays without giving further information.



## GENEROSITY

## Tanga public school heads applaud NMB Bank for furniture donations

By Guardian Reporter

PUBLIC schools' heads in Tanga Region have commended NMB Bank Plc for supporting them with desks, tables and chairs donations which have eased shortages facing them.

Speaking after receiving desks in Korogwe District this week, Msambizi Primary School Headteacher, Selemani Kombo and Semkiwa Secondary School Headmistress, Deborah Singu said the bank's donation will ease shortages which have forced pupils and students to sit on bricks.

Kombo said before NMB's donated desks, tables and chairs, they had shortage of furniture, classrooms and staff room which impacted on performance as both pupils and teachers had no better working environment.

"If you had been here before to-

day, you could have witnessed the sorry state of the school as it lacked class and staff rooms but also furniture," he said while noting that because of such shortages, a parents meeting was convened to discuss ways to address the crisis when the idea of approaching NMB was agreed.

He said the bank's support has meant that the learning and teaching environment has greatly improved hence encouraging pupils to work hard and perform well in regional and national examinations.

Kombo's observations were backed by Singu whose school received 55 chairs and tables who said the donation is a big relief to the public school. She pledged to make sure that the chairs and tables will be better utilised by ensuring that performance is improved among students.

"This donation has motivated



Pupils from Msambizi Primary School in Korogwe District carry desks donated by NMB Bank Plc earlier this week. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

form four students who have made voluntary contributions to buy a wall clock so that their class can look unique thanks to the chairs and tables," she said noting

that such motivation stimulates the brain to follow studies better hence the likely good performance in examinations.

Speaking at the same event, NMB Korogwe Branch manager Lugano Mwampeta said the Dar es Salaam based lender allocates a percent of its annual net profit to invest in community services as part of its giving back to the public.

"We get a lot of requests from the public which shows us that we have better support as many people know and follow our activities both commercial and charitable," Mwampeta said adding that this year, NMB has allocated 2bn/- for the purpose.

He also invited the teachers and students to exploit the bank's numerous business opportunities being provided so that they can develop their personal and family incomes. "Come and open an account with us so that we can better serve your financially," the Korogwe Branch Manager urged.

With over 225 physical branches, 8,000 NMB agents and 800 plus ATM machines countrywide, NMB remains the largest and most profitable bank in the market with a whopping over 200bn/- net profit made last year.

## RESTRICTIONS

## New policy to regulate betting industry in the offing

KIGALI

RWANDA'S Trade and Industry ministry has said that it is working on a policy that could regulate betting activities in Rwanda, including online betting. The development follows the growing prevalence of online betting and betting in general in the country, which needs proper regulation and inspection to ensure its safety according to officials.

Samuel Kamugisha, the Director General of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development at the Ministry of Trade and Industry told The New Times that the policy could be available by the end of this year.

While this newspaper has learnt that many betting companies have applied for license to also start online betting, Kamugisha said that there is only one online betting company that was given two-year exclusive license. This license, he said, is due to expire in July this year.

"Once the exclusive license expires, we will sit, do evaluation and set a policy for this growing industry. The policy will inform if we can open for all betting companies to operate online betting or not. We still need to protect this industry by establishing laws and guidelines that govern it," he said.

Meanwhile, in order to ensure safety of online betting, he said the ministry is working with different institutions such as RURA, police and others to help monitor in case anything goes wrong. "All people under 18 years are not allowed to play such games. We also work with



A punter prepares his bet slip at one of Premier Bet branches in Kigali.

health ministry and also oblige the online companies to periodically assess addiction among their clients," he said.

Overlapping mandates

He explained that the policy on betting in general is needed because currently, the ministry is facing a big challenge as it is working as 'policy maker' at the same time as 'regulator.'

"The big challenge we have today is that we have not yet established

a policy. We need policy framework for regulation in the betting sector because the ministry is working as at policy maker and at the same time as regulator. This is a very big challenge. If things go as planned, we hope that by the end of this year, we will have availed the policy," he said. He said that the policy will establish a number of guidelines to regulate the industry.

"For example, it will define the number of companies that should

be licensed. It will tell us if we should take betting as other normal businesses in which everyone can venture." He added that the policy will also define who gives the guidelines, who regulates, who monitors and inspects what the betting companies do on daily basis.

"It has to tell us who should play these games and the standards of gaming shops. We need to also discern which agency that should regulate and inspect betting. The policy

is needed and the law be probably reviewed after," he said. So far, he said, the betting sector is governed by 2011 law and 2013 ministerial guidelines setting up procedures on how to get licensed.

More companies vie for online betting

According to officials from Fortebet Rwanda, they are currently not allowed to do online betting but have applied for license in the ministry of trade and industry but have

## OPTIMISM

## Buffett-supported BYD firm's profits surge by 162 pc on electric-car boom

BEIJING

BYD Co, the Chinese electric-vehicle maker in which Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway holds a stake, said profit more than doubled last year thanks to a recovery in demand in the world's biggest car market.

Shenzhen-based BYD's net income surged 162% to 4.2 billion yuan (\$644 million) in 2020, with operating revenue climbing to 153.5 billion yuan, according to its annual report. The company also estimated first-quarter profit will rise as much as 166%.

The profit guidance was lower than market expectations, Citigroup said, adding that it was rational given low seasonal demand for new energy vehicles in the first quarter. BYD fell 4.6% as of 10:15 a.m. Tuesday in Hong Kong.

Founded in 1995 by billionaire Wang Chuanfu, BYD is one of China's EV pioneers and has been riding a wave of demand since last April, when the nation's auto market started to emerge from a two-year downturn. Momentum has been aided by government incentives for buyers and the country's rebound from the worst of the coronavirus pandemic. Total EV sales in China reached 1.37 million units last year, according to China Association of Automobile Manufacturers.

With demand rising, the EV market has become increasingly competitive. Global leader Tesla Inc. is vying with local manufacturers including BYD, Nio and Xpeng, while older local companies including Zhejiang Geely Holding Group Co and SAIC Motor Corp are moving into the space, too. BYD introduced its Han model in July and sold 40,556 units by the end of the year. It also launched its Song Plus, Tang, e2 and e3 models in the second half of 2020.

BYD expects net income of 200 million yuan to 300 million yuan in the first quarter, up from 112.6 million yuan in the year-earlier period. The company cited China's economic recovery as well as strong sales of the Han model.

Covid-19 provided BYD an opportunity to branch out into a new, high-demand area last year: face masks.

The company said last March that it had become the world's biggest manufacturer of the protective gear within two months of the virus emerging in Wuhan. Its other businesses include batteries, handset components, energy storage and urban rail transit systems.

BYD's Hong Kong-listed shares more than quadrupled in value last year, though they've since fallen almost 40% from a January 25 high. In Shanghai, the company's stock climbed 308% in 2020 before slipping 13% so far this year.

## INCENTIVE

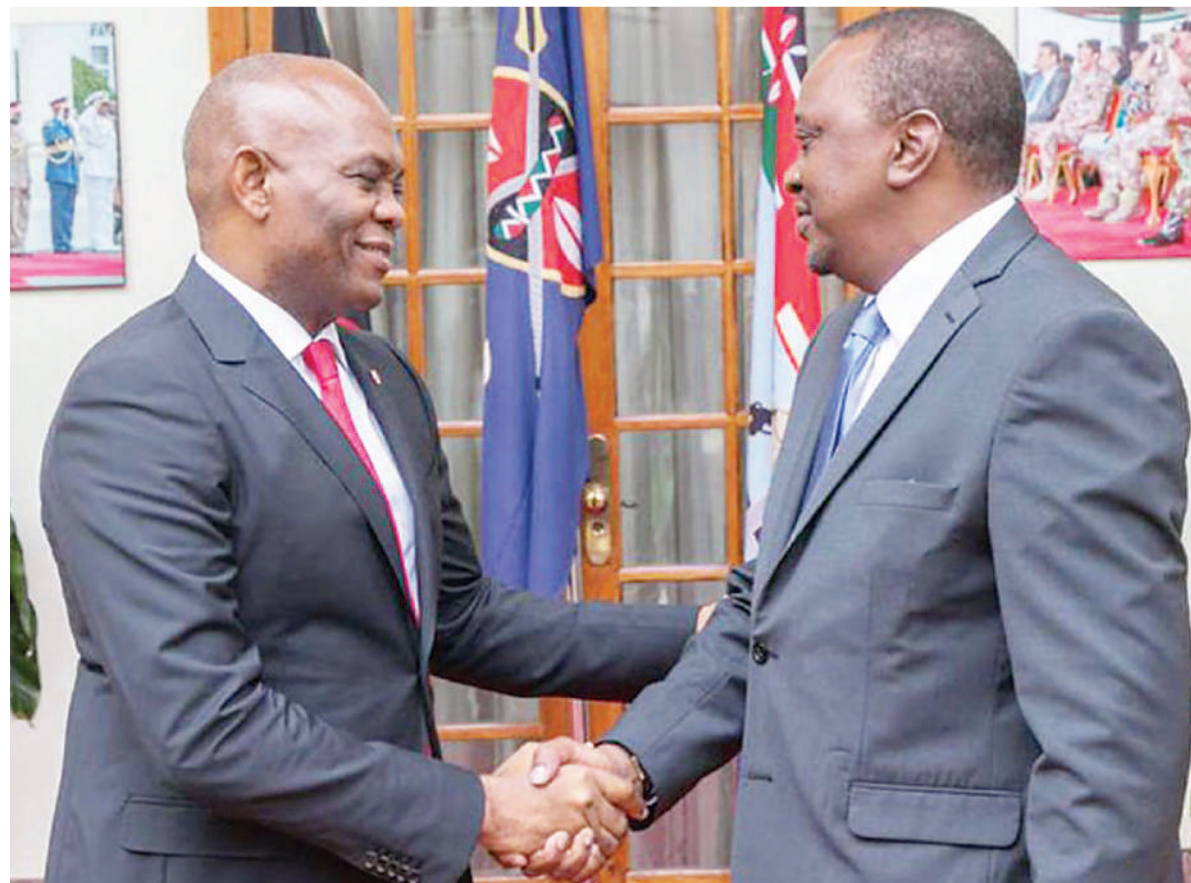
## Elumelu to fund innovative ideas in rural Kenya

NAIROBI

UNITED Bank for Africa (UBA) and the Tony Elumelu Foundation are targeting to fund innovative business ideas from rural areas in Kenya as part of its Covid-19 recovery plan this year.

The firm is seeking applications from Kenyans who have "brilliant, scalable ideas." The applications, which opened in January and closes end of this month, comes at a time that most small and medium enterprises (SMEs) are reeling from the economic fallout of Covid-19.

"In 2021, the Foundation, will identify, train, mentor and fund over 3,500 entrepreneurs across Africa. The Programme remains open to all entrepreneurs across Kenya, both new start-ups and existing businesses operating in any sector," acting UBA Kenya chief executive Kehinde Omirinde said in an interview. UBA, Mr Omirinde said, has done aggressive registration drive to reach more ideas in rural areas which are less developed. In 2019, TEF said that about 70 percent of applications come from urban areas while the remaining come from rural ar-



President Uhuru Kenyatta (R) with Tony Elumelu, Chairman of United Bank for Africa and Founder of the Tony Elumelu Foundation, at State House in the Kenyan capital.

eas. Run by Nigerian philanthropist Tony Elumelu, the Foundation said that it wants to execute the largest Covid-19 economic recovery plan for African SMEs and break the cycle of poverty in Africa. With just a few days to the close of applications, UBA Kenya is calling on young Kenyans to take advantage of the business financing and mentoring to grow their ideas.

"We encourage all young Kenyans with brilliant business ideas or start-ups to apply on tefconnect.com. This year we aim to reach ideas from rural areas through our ongoing aggressive registration drive campaign," Mr Omirinde said. The foundation will give 3,000 awards instead of the usual 1,000 to aid the continent in its Covid-19 recovery.

Selected entrepreneurs get a 12-week online training on managing enterprises, mentorship on transforming business at its early stages, a seed capital of Sh500,000 (\$5,000) and networking opportunities.

This is the seventh edition of the TEF's 10-year \$100 million commitment to identify, train, mentor and fund 10,000 African entrepreneurs by 2024.



SLOWDOWN

Global arms trade flat in 2016-2020 after more than one decade of growth

STOCKHOLM

THE volume of international deliveries of major arms was flat over the past five years, ending more than a decade of growth, according to new data.

The volume of international transfers of major arms in 2016-20 was 0.5 per cent lower than in 2011-15, the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (Sipri) said in a new report. This is the first time since 2001-2005 that the volume of arms transfers between nations did not increase on the previous five-year period, the data showed.

Middle East nations accounted for the biggest rise in arms deliveries. Arms imports by states in the Middle East were 25 per cent higher in 2016-20 than in 2011-15. Four of the top 10 arms-importing countries in 2016-20 are in the Middle East: Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Qatar and the UAE. The US accounted for 52 per cent of arms exports to states in the region, while Russia supplied 13 per cent and France 12 per cent, the report showed.

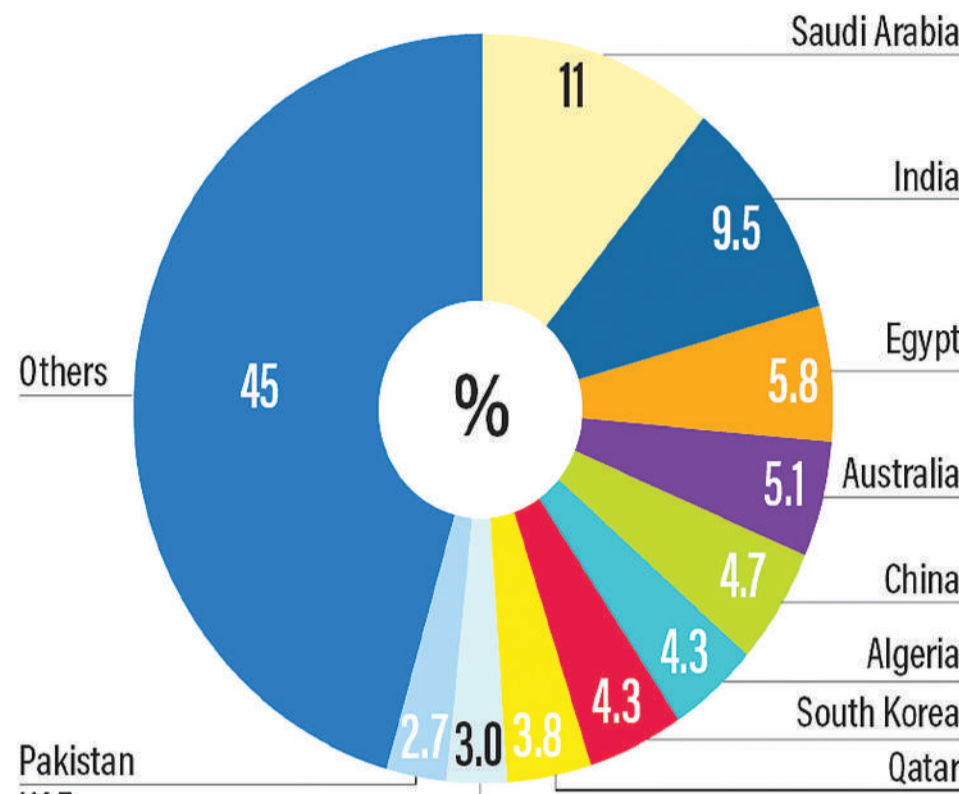
Globally, the "five largest arms importers were Saudi Arabia, India, Egypt, Australia and China", Sipri said in its Trends in International Arms Transfers report. These nations collectively received 36 per cent of total arms imports in 2016-2020.

Saudi Arabia, the world's largest arms importer in 2016-2020, received 11 per cent of global arms imports, Sipri said. The US provided 79 per cent of the kingdom's arms imports during the period, followed by the UK with 9.3 per cent and France with 4 per cent.

The kingdom increased its arms imports during the five-year period by 61 per cent, the data showed. The UAE has been among the world's top 10 arms importers since 2001-2005 but its imports in the 2016-20 period were 37 per cent lower than in 2011-15, the report said.

"Outstanding deliveries at the end of 2020 - including for 2 frigates from France as well as air defence systems and 38 combat helicopters from the USA - indicate that the UAE's arms imports will continue to be at a high level in the coming years," the report said. The UAE recently signed an agreement with the US to buy 50 F-35 jets and up to 18 armed drones as part of a \$23 billion deal.

GLOBAL SHARE OF MAJOR ARMS IMPORTS BY THE 10 LARGEST IMPORTERS



Source: Sipri, Arms Transfers Database, March 2021

A chart showing global arms trade by region.

"If deliveries of these aircraft are implemented as planned, the UAE's arms imports will increase in the second half of the 2020s," the authors said. The world's five largest arms exporters in 2016-20 were the US, Russia, France, Germany and China, accounting for 76 per cent of all arms exports, Sipri said. The US, France and Germany increased their arms exports during the period, while Russia and China saw their exports drop.

At the regional level, Asia and Oceania accounted for 42 per cent of arms imports in 2016-20, followed by the Middle East with 33 per cent, Europe with 12 per cent, Africa at 7.3 per cent and the Americas at 5.4 per cent, the report showed. Sipri presents arms transfer data for five-year periods to give a more stable measure of trends given the significant year-on-year fluctuations in international transfers, the research agency said.

The value of global arms transfers last year was exceptionally low - 16 per cent lower than in 2019 and 20 per cent below the annual average for the previous nine years, it said. This may partly be due to the Covid-19 pandemic - which disrupted some arms companies' planned production and delivery schedules - and the related economic crisis, Sipri said.

The drop in arms transfers in 2020 was also due to other factors including national procurement cycles, gaps in deliveries during shifting relations between suppliers and buyers, and economic conditions unrelated to the pandemic, it added.

Sipri said the uncertainty about whether the pandemic was a major cause for the fall in arms transfers in 2020 is underscored by the fact that several states actually had higher levels of arms deliveries in 2020 than in prior years.



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ECO-FRIENDLY

BlackRock and Vanguard join net-zero emissions initiative of global investors

PARIS

THE world's largest asset managers have joined a group of investors committing to cut the net greenhouse-gas emissions of their portfolios to zero.

BlackRock and Vanguard Group are among 43 investment firms managing more than \$22.8 trillion of assets that are joining the Net Zero Asset Managers initiative, according to a statement on Monday. By signing up, the money managers are pledging to support efforts to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius by targeting net-zero emissions by 2050 across all their holdings. They also will set a public goal for the proportion of their assets that in 2030 will be on course for net zero.

Eliminating emissions is becoming a greater focus for investors as activists, clients and regulators push them to move from talk to action and use their influence and resources to lead companies to account. And there is a growing urgency to act since scientists have said emissions need to drop by about 50 per cent by 2030 and reach net zero by the middle of the century to avoid the most catastrophic impacts of climate change.

"Climate change represents a long-term, material risk to our investors' portfolios," Vanguard chairman and chief executive Tim Buckley said in the statement. "As a steward of our clients' assets, we recognise the crucial role we and others play in driving real progress on climate risk over time."

Asset managers' 2030 targets should be commensurate with the 50 per cent global reduction in CO2 that scientists have specified as necessary to limit warming to 1.5 degrees. They should also report annually on their progress towards the recommendations of the Task Force for Climate-related Financial Disclosures. That includes setting an action plan that will be monitored by investor climate groups.

Money managers can contribute to a cooler planet by pressing the companies they own to do more to cut emissions and redesigning their portfolios to support green businesses. While the asset-management industry is under pressure to contribute to the low-carbon transition, BlackRock and Vanguard have faced particular criticisms from climate campaigners who say their large holdings of fossil-fuel companies make them complicit in warming the world, while their track record on proxy voting hasn't signalled a sufficient desire to act on climate change.

"Helping investors prepare their portfolios and capture investment opportunities on the path to net zero is one of our greatest responsibilities," BlackRock chairman and chief executive Larry Fink said in the statement. The Net Zero Asset Managers initiative was started last year with Legal & General Investment Management and UBS Asset Management among its founding members. With the additions, the group now represents \$32 trillion of assets, accounting for more than a third of the total global funds under management, according to the statement.

Other new signatories include Aberdeen Standard Investments, Allianz Global Investors, Brookfield Asset Management, Jupiter Asset Management, Lazard Asset Management and Storebrand Asset Management. "The transition to net-zero carbon emissions is imperative, and we have a responsibility to work together as an industry and a society to tackle climate change," said Andrew Formica, chief executive of Jupiter Asset Management.



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| <b>SATURDAY 27 March</b>  | 9:00 Kumelecha Kishindo   | 9:30 Kipindi Maalum: Uzinduzi Kiwanda cha Ngozi Kilimanjaro | 10:00 Kipindi Maalum: Akizungumza na Viongozi Wastaafu | 10:30 Habari za saa       | 11:00 Kipindi Maalum: Elimu Bure                | 11:30 Habari za saa       | 12:00 Kipindi Maalum: Mh. Hayati Dk. Magufuli Ziarani       | 12:30 Kipindi Maalum: Uzinduzi Kiwanda cha Mpunga                  | 13:00 Nyimbo za Maombolezo | 13:30 Kipindi Maalum: Uzinduzi Daraja la Kilombero           | 14:00 Kipindi Maalum: Elimu Bure                             | 14:30 Nyimbo za Maombolezo                        | 15:00 Kipindi Maalum: Mh. Hayati Dk. Magufuli Ahutubia Wananchi Tabora | 15:30 Kipindi Maalum: Mh. Hayati Dk. Magufuli na Viongozi Wastaafu | 16:00 Nyimbo za Maombolezo                                   | 16:30 Mh. Hayati Magufuli Ziarani Kahama/Njombe na Lindi | 17:00 Kipindi Maalum: Mh. Hayati Dk. Magufuli Ziarani Mererani | 18:00 Jiji Letu  | 18:15 Kipindi Maalum: Uwekaji Jiwe la Misingi UNdege Mtwara  | 18:30 Nyimbo za Maombolezo   | 19:00 Kipindi Maalum: Uzinduzi Kiwanda cha Ngozi Kilimanjaro | 19:30 Kipindi Maalum: Mh. Hayati Dk. Magufuli Ziarani Katavi | 20:00 Kipindi Maalum: Uzinduzi Kiwanda cha Kunde                   | 20:30 Nyimbo za Maombolezo   | 21:00 Kipindi Maalum: Ufunguzi Soko Morogoro                       | 21:30 Nyimbo za Maombolezo             | 22:00 Nyimbo za Maombolezo                         | 22:30 Nyimbo za Maombolezo                                   | 23:00 Nyimbo za Maombolezo |                         |  |                            |   |  |  |  |                      |                            |              |
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| <b>MONDAY 29 March</b>    | 5:30 Nyimbo za Maombolezo | 6:00 HABARI   | 6:40 Nyimbo za Maombolezo                              | 7:30 HABARI               | 8:00 Nyimbo za Maombolezo                       | 8:55 Habari za saa        | 9:30 Kipindi Maalum: Mh. Hayati Dk. Magufuli Ziarani Katavi | 10:00 Nyimbo za Maombolezo   | 10:30 Jurgu kuwa rpt       | 10:55 Habari za saa  | 11:00 Kipindi Maalum: Ufunguzi Soko la Morogoro              | 11:32 Nyimbo za Maombolezo                        | 12:00 Kipindi Maalum: Ufunguzi Soko la Morogoro                        | 12:15 Nyimbo za Maombolezo   | 12:30 Aya ya jami  | 12:55 Habari za saa                                      | 13:30 DWTV: Kesho leo rpt                                      | 13:50 Nyimbo za Maombolezo                                   | 13:55 Habari za saa  | 14:00 Kipindi Maalum: Mh. Hayati Dk. Magufuli Ziarani Katavi       | 14:55 Habari za saa  | 15:00 Kipindi Maalum: Mh. Hayati Dk. Magufuli Ziarani Katavi | 15:10 Kipindi Maalum: Mh. Hayati Dk. Magufuli na Viongozi Wastaafu | 16:06 Nyimbo za Maombolezo   | 17:00 Kipindi Maalum: Ziarani Kahama                               | 17:27 Habari za saa                    | 18:00 Jiji Letu                                    | 18:10 Yu wapi  | 18:15 Nyimbo za Maombolezo | 18:30 Uchumi na bashara | 19:00 Kipindi Maalum: Akizungumza na Wastaafu Kilimanjaro    | 02:07 Nyimbo za Maombolezo |   |  |  |  |                      |                            |              |
| <b>TUESDAY 30 March</b>   | 5:30 Nyimbo za Maombolezo | 6:00 HABARI   | 6:40 Nyimbo za Maombolezo                              | 7:30 HABARI               | 8:00 Nyimbo za Maombolezo                       | 8:55 Habari za saa        | 9:00 Kumelecha Kishindo                                     | 9:30 Kipindi Maalum: Elimu Bure                                    | 9:55 Habari za saa         | 10:00 Nyimbo za Maombolezo                                   | 10:30 Jurgu kuwa rpt   | 10:55 Habari za saa                               | 11:00 Kipindi Maalum: Ufunguzi Soko la Morogoro                        | 11:32 Nyimbo za Maombolezo   | 12:00 Kipindi Maalum: Ufunguzi Soko la Morogoro              | 12:15 Nyimbo za Maombolezo                               | 12:30 Aya ya jami  | 12:55 Habari za saa  | 13:30 DWTV: Kesho leo rpt                                    | 13:50 Nyimbo za Maombolezo   | 13:55 Habari za saa  | 14:00 Kipindi Maalum: Mh. Hayati Dk. Magufuli Ziarani Katavi | 14:55 Habari za saa  | 15:00 Kipindi Maalum: Mh. Hayati Dk. Magufuli Ziarani Katavi       | 15:10 Kipindi Maalum: Mh. Hayati Dk. Magufuli na Viongozi Wastaafu | 16:06 Nyimbo za Maombolezo             | 17:00 Kipindi Maalum: Ziarani Kahama               | 17:27 Habari za saa  | 18:00 Jiji Letu            | 18:10 Yu wapi           | 18:15 Nyimbo za Maombolezo                                   | 18:30 Uchumi na bashara    | 19:00 Kipindi Maalum: Akizungumza na Wastaafu Kilimanjaro | 20:00 Habari                                       | 21:00 Kipindi Maalum: Reflexology                  | 21:00 Kipindi Maalum: Tanzania Yetu                | 21:40 Chetu ni chetu | 22:30 Nyimbo za Maombolezo | 23:00 Habari |
| <b>WEDNESDAY 31 March</b> | 5:30 Nyimbo za Maombolezo | 6:00 HABARI   | 6:40 Nyimbo za Maombolezo                              | 7:30 HABARI               | 8:00 Nyimbo za Maombolezo                       | 8:55 Habari za saa        | 9:00 Kumelecha Kishindo                                     | 9:30 Kipindi Maalum: Uzinduzi Kiwanda cha Ngozi                    | 9:55 Habari za saa         | 10:00 Nyimbo za Maombolezo                                   | 10:30 Uchumi na bashara rpt                                  | 10:55 Habari za saa                               | 11:00 Kipindi Maalum: Ufunguzi wa Soko Morogoro                        | 11:32 Nyimbo za Maombolezo   | 12:00 Kipindi Maalum: Mh. Hayati Dk. Magufuli Ziarani Kahama | 12:30 Janda la wanawake rpt                              | 12:55 Habari za saa  | 13:00 Kipindi Maalum: Mh. Hayati Dk. Magufuli Ziarani Katavi | 13:55 Habari za saa  | 14:00 Kipindi Maalum: Mh. Hayati Dk. Magufuli na Viongozi Wastaafu | 14:55 Habari za saa  | 15:00 Kipindi Maalum: Mh. Hayati Dk. Magufuli Ziarani Katavi | 15:10 Kipindi Maalum: Mh. Hayati Dk. Magufuli na Viongozi Wastaafu | 16:06 Nyimbo za Maombolezo   | 17:00 Kipindi Maalum: Uzinduzi Daraja la Kilombero                 | 17:27 Habari za saa                    | 18:00 Jiji Letu                                    | 18:10 Yu wapi  | 18:15 Nyimbo za Maombolezo | 18:30 Uchumi na bashara | 19:00 Kipindi Maalum: Akizungumza na Wastaafu Kilimanjaro    | 20:00 Habari               | 21:00 Kipindi Maalum: Reflexology                         | 21:00 Kipindi Maalum: Tanzania Yetu                | 21:40 Chetu ni chetu                               | 22:30 Nyimbo za Maombolezo                         | 23:00 Habari         |                            |              |
| <b>THURSDAY 1 April</b>   | 5:30 Nyimbo za Maombolezo | 6:00 HABARI   | 6:40 Nyimbo za Maombolezo                              | 7:30 HABARI               | 8:00 Nyimbo za Maombolezo                       | 8:55 Habari za saa        | 9:00 Kumelecha Kishindo                                     | 9:30 Kipindi Maalum: Elimu Bure                                    | 9:55 Habari za saa         | 10:00 Nyimbo za Maombolezo                                   | 10:30 Shamba lulu rpt  | 10:55 Habari za saa                               | 11:00 Kipindi Maalum: Mh. Hayati Dk. Magufuli Ziarani Mererani         | 11:28 Nyimbo za Maombolezo   | 11:55 Habari za saa  | 12:00 Aj Jazera  | 12:30 Ijue Sheria rpt  | 12:55 Habari za saa  | 13:00 Nyimbo za Maombolezo                                   | 13:30 Kipindi Maalum: Tanzania Yetu                                | 13:55 Habari za saa  | 14:00 Kipindi Maalum: Mh. Hayati Dk. Magufuli Ziarani Katavi | 14:55 Habari za saa  | 15:00 Kipindi Maalum: Mh. Hayati Dk. Magufuli Ziarani Katavi       | 15:10 Kipindi Maalum: Mh. Hayati Dk. Magufuli na Viongozi Wastaafu | 16:06 Nyimbo za Maombolezo             | 17:00 Kipindi Maalum: Uzinduzi Daraja la Kilombero | 17:27 Habari za saa  | 18:00 Jiji Letu            | 18:10 Yu wapi           | 18:15 Nyimbo za Maombolezo                                   | 18:30 Uchumi na bashara    | 19:00 Kipindi Maalum: Akizungumza na Wastaafu Kilimanjaro | 20:00 Habari                                       | 21:00 Kipindi Maalum: Uzinduzi Daraja la Kilombero | 21:00 Kipindi Maalum: Uzinduzi Daraja la Kilombero | 21:40 Chetu ni chetu | 22:30 Nyimbo za Maombolezo | 23:00 Habari |
| <b>FRIDAY 2 April</b>     | 5:30 Nyimbo za Maombolezo | 6:00 HABARI   | 6:40 Nyimbo za Maombolezo                              | 7:30 HABARI               | 8:00 Nyimbo za Maombolezo                       | 8:55 Habari za saa        | 9:00 Kumelecha Kishindo                                     | 9:30 Kipindi Maalum: Uzinduzi Kiwanda cha Ngozi                    | 9:55 Habari za saa         | 10:00 Nyimbo za Maombolezo                                   | 10:30 Uchumi na bashara rpt                                  | 10:55 Habari za saa                               | 11:00 Kipindi Maalum: Uzinduzi Daraja la Kilombero                     | 11:32 Nyimbo za Maombolezo   | 12:00 Kipindi Maalum: Mh. Hayati Dk. Magufuli Ziarani Kahama | 12:30 Janda la wanawake rpt                              | 12:55 Habari za saa  | 13:00 Kipindi Maalum: Mh. Hayati Dk. Magufuli Ziarani Katavi | 13:55 Habari za saa  | 14:00 Kipindi Maalum: Mh. Hayati Dk. Magufuli na Viongozi Wastaafu | 14:55 Habari za saa  | 15:00 Kipindi Maalum: Mh. Hayati Dk. Magufuli Ziarani Katavi | 15:10 Kipindi Maalum: Mh. Hayati Dk. Magufuli na Viongozi Wastaafu | 16:06 Nyimbo za Maombolezo   | 17:00 Kipindi Maalum: Ziarani Lindi                                | 17:27 Habari za saa                    | 18:00 Jiji Letu                                    | 18:10 Yu wapi  | 18:15 Nyimbo za Maombolezo | 18:30 Uchumi na bashara | 19:00 Kipindi Maalum: Uzinduzi Kiwanda cha Ngozi Kilimanjaro | 20:00 Habari               | 21:00 Kipindi Maalum: Uzinduzi Daraja la Kilombero        | 21:00 Kipindi Maalum: Uzinduzi Daraja la Kilombero | 21:40 Chetu ni chetu                               | 22:30 Nyimbo za Maombolezo                         | 23:00 Habari         |                            |              |
| <b>SATURDAY 3 April</b>   | 5:30 Nyimbo za Maombolezo | 6:00 HABARI   | 6:40 Nyimbo za Maombolezo                              | 7:30 Habari               | 8:00 Nyimbo za Maombolezo                       | 8:48 Nyimbo za Maombolezo | 9:30 Kipindi Maalum: Ziarani Tabora                         | 10:06 Kipindi Maalum: Mh. Hayati Dk. Magufuli na Viongozi Wastaafu | 10:48 Habari za saa        | 11:30 Nyimbo za Maombolezo                                   | 12:30 Kipindi Maalum: Ziarani Katavi                         | 13:00 Kipindi Maalum: Uzinduzi Kiwanda cha Mpunga | 13:40 Nyimbo za Maombolezo   | 14:10 Kipindi Maalum: Ripoti Uchunguzi Makinika                    | 14:38 Kipindi Maalum: Uzinduzi Kiwanda cha Kunde             | 15:15 Kipindi Maalum: Ufunguzi Soko Morogoro             | 16:00 Nyimbo za Maombolezo                                     | 16:30 Kipindi Maalum: Uwekaji Jiwe la Misingi UNdege Mtwara  | 17:26 Kipindi Maalum: Uzinduzi Kiwanda cha Ngozi Kilimanjaro | 18:00 Jiji Letu  | 18:15 Nyimbo za Maombolezo                                   | 18:30 Jurgu kuwa rpt   | 19:00 Nyimbo za Maombolezo   | 20:00 Habari   | 21:00 Art and lifestyle  | 21:30 Nyimbo za Maombolezo             | 22:15 Kipindi Maalum: Ziarani Tabora               |  |                            |                         |  |                            |   |  |  |  |                      |                            |              |
| <b>SUNDAY 4 April</b>     | 5:30 Nyimbo za Maombolezo | 6:00 HABARI   | 6:40 Nyimbo za Maombolezo                              | 7:30 Habari               | 8:00 Kipindi Maalum: Ziarani Mererani           | 8:28 Nyimbo za Maombolezo | 9:00 Watoto Wetu  | 10:00 Kipindi Maalum: Elimu Bure                                   | 10:20 Nyimbo za Maombolezo | 11:30 Kipindi Maalum: Mh. Hayati Dk. Magufuli Ziarani Katavi | 12:40 Kipindi Maalum: Mh. Hayati Dk. Magufuli Ziarani Njombe | 13:32 Nyimbo za Maombolezo                        | 14:30 Kipindi Maalum: Mh. Hayati Dk. Magufuli Ahutubia Wananchi Tabora | 15:06 Kipindi Maalum: Uzinduzi Daraja la Kilombero                 | 15:34 Nyimbo za Maombolezo                                   | 16:30 Kipindi Maalum: Ufunguzi Soko Morogoro             | 17:12 Kipindi Maalum: Mh. Hayati Dk. Magufuli Ziarani Lindi    | 18:00 Nyimbo za Maombolezo                                   | 18:15 Mapihi   | 18:30 Matukio ya Wiki  | 19:27 Mh. Hayati Magufuli Ziarani Mkoani                     | 20:00 Habari   | 21:00 Kipindi Maalum: Mh. Hayati Dk. Magufuli na Viongozi Wastaafu | 21:56 Kipindi Maalum: Mh. Hayati Dk. Magufuli na Viongozi Wastaafu | 22:36 Kipindi Maalum: Elimu Bure                                   | 23:00 Nyimbo za Maombolezo             |  |  |                            |                         |  |                            |   |  |  |  |                      |                            |              |
| <b>Sat 20 March</b>       | 08:00 Aj Jazera           | 09:00 Maombolezo (muziki)                                   | 09:30 Maombolezo (muziki)                              | 10:00 Maombolezo (muziki) | 10:30 Maombolezo (muziki)                       | 11:00 Maombolezo (muziki) | 11:30 Maombolezo (muziki)                                   | 12:00 Maombolezo (muziki)  | 12:30 Maombolezo (muziki)  | 13:00 Maombolezo (muziki)                                    | 13:30 Maombolezo (muziki)                                    | 14:30 Maombolezo (muziki)                         | 17:45 Maombolezo (muziki)  | 18:15 Maombolezo (muziki)  | 19:15 Maombolezo (muziki)                                    | 19:30 Maombolezo (muziki)                                | 20:00 Maombolezo (muziki)                                      | 21:00 Maombolezo (muziki)                                    | 21:30 Maombolezo (muziki)                                    | 23:00 Maombolezo (muziki)  | 01:00 Aj Jazera  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                            |                         |  |                            |   |  |  |  |                      |                            |              |
| <b>Sun 28 March</b>       | 08:00 Ajazera             | 09:00 Maombolezo (muziki)                                   | 09:30 Maombolezo (muziki)                              | 10:00 Maombolezo (muziki) | 10:30 Maombolezo (muziki)                       | 11:00 Maombolezo (muziki) | 11:30 Maombolezo (muziki)                                   | 12:00 Maombolezo (muziki)  | 12:30 Maombolezo (muziki)  | 13:00 Maombolezo (muziki)                                    | 13:30 Maombolezo (muziki)                                    | 14:30 Maombolezo (muziki)                         | 17:15 Maombolezo (muziki)  | 17:45 Maombolezo (muziki)  | 18:15 Maombolezo (muziki)                                    | 19:15 Maombolezo (muziki)                                | 19:30 Maombolezo (muziki)                                      | 20:00 Maombolezo (muziki)                                    | 21:00 Maombolezo (muziki)                                    | 23:00 Maombolezo (muziki)  | 01:00 Aj Jazera  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                            |                         |  |                            |   |  |  |  |                      |                            |              |





## WORLD

# UK wants to vaccinate all adults before sharing vaccine with other countries

LONDON

BRITAIN will focus on vaccinating the whole of its adult population before it can provide any surplus shots to other countries such as its close neighbour Ireland, British business minister Kwasi Kwarteng said yesterday.

More than 30 million Britons have received their first COVID-19 shots in the fastest vaccine rollout in Europe, with the aim of offering shots to all adults by the end of July.

However, Britain has found itself involved in a public spat with the European Union, where the vaccination pro-

gramme has been much slower, over the supply of doses.

"I think our focus has to be to try and keep Britain safe, we want to work cooperatively as well with other countries but the main priority is to get the vaccine rollout," Kwarteng told Sky News.

He said Britain was working with European nations to try to ensure their populations were vaccinated, and that it was not "a competitive situation".

However, asked if Britain might be able to help out Ireland, he said: "If there are surplus vaccine doses then we can share them but there are no surpluses at the moment, we have still got a



British business minister Kwasi Kwarteng

huge number to vaccinate."

Britain has agreed deals to buy tens of millions of shots from a number of suppliers and on Monday GlaxoSmithKline announced details of plans for the final part of the manufacturing process for up to 60 million doses of Novavax's vaccine for use in Britain.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson is one of 23 leaders who on Tuesday backed an idea to create an in-

ternational treaty to help the world work together to deal with future health emergencies.

"Today we've got a crisis upon us, and it's absolutely right that we should be focused on trying to deal with that in our own country and keeping our people safe, so that we can get back to a normal way of life," Kwarteng said.

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## Bolsonaro shuffles Cabinet as COVID-19 pressure mounts

BRASILIA

BRAZILIAN President Jair Bolsonaro made six Cabinet changes on Monday in the biggest ministerial reshuffle since he took office as pressure mounts on the far-right leader over his handling of the pandemic that has killed over 300,000 in the country.

Three ministers left the government, including Foreign Minister Ernesto Araujo. Bolsonaro seized on the loss of one of his most loyal allies to shore up support in his Cabinet, putting his chief of staff in charge of the Defence Ministry and placing a federal police officer close to his family in charge of the Justice Ministry.

"Bolsonaro is under enormous pressure and reacted to regain the political narrative," said Creomar de Souza, found-

er of Dharma Political Risk and Strategy in Brasilia. "The change at the Ministry of Defence was completely unexpected, and created a lot of confusion."

Latin America's largest economy is suffering its worst phase of the pandemic, with deaths topping 3,000 a day as a contagious new variant rages through the country. Bolsonaro has gained international notoriety for railing against lockdowns, sowing doubts on vaccines and pushing unproven "miracle" cures.

Brazil trails only the United States in total COVID-19 cases and deaths.

Amid growing discontent over coronavirus deaths and the return of leftist former President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva to the political stage - a threat to Bolsonaro's re-election hopes next year - the president is ea-



ger to lock in political and popular support.

### Unexpected departures

There had been no advance word of Defence Minister Fernando Azevedo e Silva's exit or rumors of discontent. The president has placed current and former military officials throughout his government, leading to concerns that the military's reputation could suf-

fer. "During this time, I preserved the Armed Forces as institutions of state," Azevedo e Silva wrote in a ministry statement. "I leave in the certainty of a mission accomplished."

In his place, Bolsonaro appointed his current chief of staff, Walter Souza Braga Netto, one of several former army generals who had moved into the government's inner orbit.

Another former general, Luiz Eduardo Ramos, will take over as chief of staff, leaving his Cabinet-level post handling legislative priorities to Flavia Arruda, a first-term lawmaker with ties to Bolsonaro's new allies in Congress.

Outgoing Solicitor General Jose Levi Mello, whose signature was notably absent from a government request that the Supreme Court block state stay-at-home measures in the pandemic, said in a letter he would resign.

Bolsonaro will replace him with current Justice Minister André Mendonça, whose role goes to Anderson Gustavo Torres, a federal police officer currently in charge of public security for the Federal District, which includes the capital, Brasilia.

Agencies

## UN chief calls for bold measures to tackle debt crisis

UNITED NATIONS

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Monday called for urgent, bold measures to address an emerging debt crisis caused largely by COVID-19.

"We are on the verge of a debt crisis. Today's meeting, convened with our partners, the prime ministers of Canada and Jamaica, is a call for urgent action," he told a high-level event on debt and liquidity.

Six countries have already defaulted. One-third of emerging market economies are at high risk of fiscal crisis. And the situation is even worse for least-developed and low-income countries. They face a painfully slow recovery that will put the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable

Development and the Paris Agreement completely out of reach, he warned.

Developing countries need access to additional liquidity to respond to the pandemic and to invest in recovery. The international community must urgently provide the necessary support to all developing countries in need, said Guterres (pictured).

From the start of the pandemic, the United Nations has advocated for a three-phase approach to debt: a moratorium on debt payments, targeted debt relief, reforms to the international debt architecture, he noted.

He welcomed the steps that have been taken, including fresh financing by international



financial institutions, the Debt Service Suspension Initiative of the Group of 20, and the Common Framework for Debt Treatments, but said they are far from enough.

"I am, therefore, calling for much bolder and more ambitious measures.

"We strongly believe that the Debt Service Suspension Initiative must be extended into 2022, and made also available to highly indebted, vulnerable middle-income countries that request it.

"The Common Framework for Debt Treatments is facing difficulties. Countries are reluctant to use it because they are concerned that it will have a negative impact on their credit rating. We need joint efforts to address this.

"Additional, targeted debt relief to vulnerable countries, including middle-income ones, will ultimately be needed. A new debt mechanism could provide a menu of options including debt swaps, buy-backs and cancellations," he said.

This is also the moment to tackle long-standing weaknesses in the international debt architecture, from lack of agreed principles, to restructurings that provide too little relief, too late, he added.

"Ultimately, we need a shift in mindsets towards responsible borrowing and lending, accepted by debtor and creditor countries, investors, market participants, credit rating agencies and international organizations. We need a time-bound, open dialogue to build trust and transparency in a systemic, inclusive way. Together, with collective resolve, we can help all countries invest in response, recovery, and a more sustainable and resilient future," said Guterres.

Xinhua

## China's main economic indicators show substantial increase in first two months of 2021

FROM January to February, China's major economic indicators witnessed substantial growth year on year, according to the latest data released by China's National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) on March 15.

China's national economy has sustained steady recovery on the whole, and the country has the conditions to maintain the overall stability of employment, as shown by the data.

To objectively and accurately take the pulse of country's economic development, the NBS compared the economic data in the first two months of 2021 with those in the same period of 2020 and 2019, respectively.

Meanwhile, the government department introduced a new indicator, the average two-year growth rate, which is

based on the data in the same period of 2019 and calculated by taking the average of growth rates in 2020 and 2021 in a geometric mean.

The high year-on-year growth rates of major indicators from January to February are partly due to a low base of the same period in 2020, said Liu Aihua, spokesperson of the NBS, who explained that China's major economic indicators saw sharp year-on-year decrease at the beginning of last year due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

"That's why we have decided to calculate the average growth rates of economic indicators in the past two years to cushion the effect of low base numbers last year," Liu pointed out.

In the first two months this year, the total value added of China's indus-

trial enterprises above designated size grew by 35.1 percent year on year.

After deducting the base effect, the total value added of industrial enterprises above designated size saw an average growth of 8.1 percent in the past two years.

The country's Index of Services Production saw a year-on-year increase of 31.1 percent, with an average two-year growth of 6.8 percent.

The average two-year growth of investment in fixed assets and the total retail sales of consumer goods stood at 1.7 percent and 3.2 percent respectively, Liu noted, adding that such data signal the overall recovery of Chinese economy.

From January to February this year, the newly increased employed people

in urban areas totaled 1.48 million in China.

According to China's Report on the Work of the Government 2021, the country intends to create over 11 million new urban jobs this year.

The continuous and steady recovery of the Chinese economy is believed to stimulate the demand for labor and help stabilize employment. Besides, the Chinese government's policies on stabilizing employment and the development of the service sector will ease the pressure on the job market.

As anti-epidemic measures continue to reap fruits in China this year, the service sector will gain momentum and better play its role as a reservoir for employment, Liu pointed out.

It will take some time for invest-

ment in the manufacturing industry to recover, but China's economy has the foundation and conditions to maintain recovery.

In the first two months, the investment in fixed assets (excluding rural households) rose by 35 percent year on year.

The investment in high-tech industry grew by 50.1 percent year on year, with the average two-year growth reaching 11 percent.

The investment in social sectors grew by 48 percent year on year, with an average growth of 8.8 percent in the past two years.

In the past several years, final consumption has contributed increasingly to economic growth, according to Wang Wei, director of the Institute

for Market Economy under the Development Research Center of the State Council of China.

Wang believes it important to expand, unleash and upgrade final consumption demands, push investment and industrial restructuring through consumption upgrading and expansion, and build a more complete domestic demand system, thereby forming a new impetus to support high-quality development.

Guo Liyan, a researcher with the Academy of Macroeconomic Research, noted that the supply side and the demand side are not independent of each other under China's new development pattern.

People's Daily

## BCI's cotton boycott against China is hasty and doomed to fail

GENEVA

SHORTLY after the Swiss-based Better Cotton Initiative (BCI) launched its so-called Xinjiang cotton boycott, the group's Shanghai representative office confirmed last weekend it has never found a single case related to "forced labor" in China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region.

Though the BCI claims to be "not-for-profit" and "the largest cotton sustainability programme," a close look at its behavior would find that it is anything but professional, independent and transparent.

Firstly, the BCI has proven itself a part of the western smear campaign against China. When some institutions in the United States and Australia fabricated inaccurate reports on Xinjiang last year, the BCI, without any field investigation, immediately suspended its assurance activities in Xinjiang and wrongfully cited concerns about so-called increasing risks of forced labor in Xinjiang.

In fact, the baseless accusation intentionally ignores the fact that cotton production in Xinjiang has already achieved a high degree of mechanization.

After its team in China refuted findings of any incident related to forced labor in Xinjiang, one would expect that since its own branch had a first-hand on-site investigation, the BCI headquarters should have responded promptly by correcting its previous wrongdoings. Instead, the BCI headquarters chose to remain silent and indifferent.

Secondly, though the BCI bills itself as a non-profit, independent organization, one of its major funding partners is the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), which bluntly admits that its work "advances U.S. national security and economic prosperity."

For decades, the USAID has repeatedly been accused of interfering in the internal affairs of other countries. Its nature as a tool to maintain American hegemony overseas is self-evident. With such a financial backer, it is hard not to question BCI's independence.

What is more, Marc Lewkowicz, the current chairperson of the BCI Council, is also the president and CEO of Supima, the promotional and marketing organization for American Pima cotton growers. Since Pima cotton and Xinjiang cotton are competitors, one cannot help raise concerns of any conflict of interest.

Lastly, the BCI has serious problems with transparency. Xinhua correspondents were recently refused an interview at BCI's headquarters in Geneva. To the reporters' surprise, its headquarters has just a few rented offices on the first floor of an office building and a few researchers.

In the past year, the BCI repeatedly issued false statements on the issue related to cotton production in Xinjiang without presenting any reliable evidence except botched-up reports by anti-China organizations in the West. It appears the BCI in this regard doesn't have a mind of its own.

The BCI may profess to preach decent labor and high environmental standards, but its own operations are not decent and of low standards. By selling a contemptible lie to the world, the BCI is risking its own credibility. *Xinhua*

## China's top legislature adopts amended annexes to HKSAR Basic Law with unanimous approval

TO fully reflect the criterion of "patriots administering Hong Kong," China's top legislature voted unanimously yesterday to adopt the amended Annex I and Annex II to the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), a decision at the constitutional level to improve Hong Kong's electoral system.

The unanimous approval shows the common will from all Chinese people - including compatriots from the HKSAR - in safeguarding national sovereignty, security, development interests, and their firm determination in preserving the order of Hong Kong's legal system, said Chairman of the National People's Congress (NPC) Standing Committee Li Zhanshu at the yesterday meeting. The meeting was attended by 167 members of the NPC Standing Committee.

The two annexes - passed at the closing meeting of the 27th session of the Standing Committee of the 13th NPC - address the method for the selection of the HKSAR Chief Executive and the method for the formation of the HKSAR Legislative Council and its voting procedures, respectively.

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The National People's Congress (NPC), China's top legislature



**COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy among Black Americans drops: poll**

THE percentage of U.S. Black adults who say they have either received a vaccine shot for COVID-19 or want one as soon as possible rose to 55% in March from 41% in February, a survey by the Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF) showed.

Overall, 61% American adults reported being vaccinated or intended to receive the shot, up from 55% in February, the March report said, adding that the biggest driver in the change was interest from Black adults.

Distrust in COVID-19 vaccines has weighed on U.S. rollout efforts, especially in some communities of color. Black and Hispanic communities have been lagging behind white people in receiving vaccines, a report by KFF showed early this month.

Fewer than half of Republicans said they have either received at least one dose of the vaccine or intend to get it compared to about eight in 10 Democrats, the report said.

This is in line with some recent polls which showed that Republicans have been reluctant to get vaccinated.

Democrats, college graduates and adults aged 65 and over are among the groups most likely to say they have received the vaccine or intend to do so, the survey showed, with young adults and Blacks among groups likely to wait and see.

KFF's survey was conducted from March 15 to 22 among 1,862 adults aged 18 and older. **Agence s**

**Islamic State claims deadly attack on northern Mozambique town**

**JOHANNESBURG**

ISLAMIC State said on Monday its fighters had carried out an attack on the northern Mozambique town of Palma, where dozens were killed, thousands displaced and some remain missing.

Islamist insurgents hit the town, adjacent to gas projects worth US\$60 billion, with a three-pronged attack on Wednesday. Fighting continued on Monday, according to a security source directly involved in efforts to secure the town.

The government confirmed on Sunday that dozens of people had died, including seven when their convoy of cars was ambushed during an escape attempt.

Islamic State claimed the attack via its Amaq news agency, saying its fighters had taken control of the town after days of clashes with security forces.

They had killed at least 55 people, including a number of soldiers, destroyed and taken control of buildings including factories and banks, and seized vehicles, it said.

Reuters could not independently verify the claims. Most communications to Palma have been down since Wednesday.

Officials at Mozambique's defence ministry and its national police could not be reached for comment by phone on Monday and did not immediately reply to text messages.

The country's northernmost province of Cabo Delgado, where Palma is located on the border with Tanzania, has been home since 2017 to a simmering Islamist insurgency now linked to Islamic State.

**Boat rescues**

The total number of dead or missing following the attack remains unclear. Tens of thousands of people may have fled, according to three aid workers.

Nick Alexander, a British-South African contractor, was in a convoy of vehicles attempting to escape a besieged hotel on Friday, his daughter Jayde, who lives in Johannesburg, told Reuters via WhatsApp.

He spent two nights crawling in the bush after the ambush before being rescued, she said, adding that he had grabbed a machine gun from a military vehicle for protection only to find it did not work.

"He is alive and well and on his way home," she said.

Many people fled to the beach in hopes of being rescued, another security source in touch with government-allied forces said. A variety of boats were taking them to the provincial capital, Pemba, about 240 km to the south, an aid worker said.

Government-contracted helicopters have also been rescuing people, the security sources said.

**No contact**

Relatives of the missing waited anxiously at Pemba's port, hoping to hear news of their family members.

"I have had no contact with my family since Wednesday, my wife, my sons, my mother, my brothers," Pemba resident Patricio Amade told Portugal's state news agency Lusa.

Lusa also reported on Monday that hundreds of people who fled Palma had arrived at the border with Tanzania after walking through the bush for days to get to safety.

Tanzania's police told Reuters they had not so far seen people seeking to enter their territory from Mozambique.

At least one South African was among those killed. Britain's The Times newspaper reported that a British national had died.

French energy group Total said on Saturday it was calling off a planned resumption of construction at its \$20 billion development outside Palma following the attack and would reduce its workforce to a "strict minimum".

The company pulled out the majority of its workforce in January due to security issues. **Agencies**



**"I have had no contact with my family since Wednesday, my wife, my sons, my mother, my brothers"**

**Justice demanded on Floyd trial eve**

**MINNEAPOLIS, Minnesota**

THE trial over the death of George Floyd was due to open on Monday with calls for justice ringing out from a prayer service held the day before in memory of the African American who died under the knee of a white police officer.

Opening arguments were scheduled to get underway in the murder trial of Derek Chauvin, the former police officer whose alleged killing of Floyd last May ignited protests against racism and police brutality across the United States.

Chauvin, a veteran of the Minneapolis Police Department, faces murder and manslaughter charges for his role in death of Floyd, 46, on May 25.

Floyd's cause of death is expected to be the central issue in the case, and a key piece of evidence is likely to be the bystander-filmed video of his death that went viral and triggered a summer of Black Lives Matter protests.

Chauvin was seen in the video kneeling on Floyd's neck for nearly nine minutes while arresting him for allegedly passing a counterfeit US\$20 bill.

While lying face down in the street, the handcuffed Floyd complains that he cannot breathe and calls out for his mother.

On Sunday night, hours before opening statements in the court, national civil rights leaders appeared at a prayer service alongside several of Floyd's family members. Several dozen attendees congregated in the benches at Greater Friendship Missionary Church, where preachers led worship, a choir sang and members of Floyd's family were joined by the Rev. Al Sharpton and Ben Crump, a civil rights attorney who also represents the Floyd family.

**Floyd's family called for justice.**

"I have a big hole right now in my heart. It can't be patched up. ... I need justice for George. We need a conviction." Floyd's brother Philonise Floyd told reporters in Minneapolis on Sunday. "I have faith that he will get convicted."

Opening arguments in the case were set to begin at 9 am local time in a heavily guarded Minneapolis courtroom for a trial being closely watched around the world.

The public has been banned from attending the trial because of the COVID-19 pandemic, but it is being livestreamed.

Minneapolis' Star Tribune newspaper called the trial "a defining moment in America's racial history".

Proceedings are expected to last about a month.

Fifteen jurors have been selected, though Hennepin County Judge Peter Cahill was expected to drop one juror on Monday and proceed with 12 and two alternates.



Protesters gather outside the Hennepin County Government Center in Minneapolis on March 28, 2021, the day before opening statements in the trial of Derek Chauvin, the former police officer, were to be heard. (AFP)

The panel seated after two weeks of jury selection is racially mixed: six white women, three black men, three white men, two mixed-race women and one black woman.

The identities of the jurors will not be revealed until after the trial but some details are known.

They range in age from their 20s to their 60s and include a chemist, a social worker, an accountant and a nurse. Two are immigrants to the US.

One is a grandmother, one is recently married and one is a single mother of two teenage boys.

The jury selection process was complicated by the intensive pretrial publicity surrounding the case and all but one of the jurors said they had seen at least some of the arrest video.

"I'm thankful that it is a diverse jury," Paris Stevens, a cousin of Floyd who works as a nurse in North Carolina, said in a telephone interview. "I'm very anxious because you don't know what's going to happen, but I'm just glad that this process is starting."

A conviction on any of the charges second-degree murder,

third-degree murder or manslaughter will require the jury to return a unanimous verdict.

Legal experts have noted that US police officers have almost never been found criminally liable for killing a citizen. Chauvin's lawyers have said they will try to convince the jury that the fentanyl, an opioid painkiller, found in Floyd's blood by the medical examiner played a bigger role in killing Floyd than the officer's restraint.

Eric Nelson, Chauvin's attorney, asked to have the trial delayed and moved out of Minneapolis because of a March 12 announcement that the city had reached a US\$27 million "wrongful death" settlement with the Floyd family.

Judge Cahill rejected the demand.

Three other former police officers Tou Thao, Thomas Lane, and J. Alexander Kueng also face charges in connection with Floyd's death. They are to be tried separately later in the year.

**China sees 10.1 million people return or move to countryside to start businesses or pursue innovations in 2020**

CHINA has witnessed continuous expansion of the number of people who have returned or moved to the countryside to start their own businesses or make innovations, with the size of the group reaching a record high number of 10.1 million last year, an increase of 19 percent from that in 2019.

While marking the largest and fastest growth in the number of people moving back to the countryside to start their own businesses or pursue innovations in China, the year 2020 also witnessed the formation of four major driving forces of entrepreneurship in the country, namely migrant workers, college graduates, ex-servicemen, and women.

At the same time, more than 19 million rural residents who returned to or stayed in their hometowns secured jobs near their homes in 2020, thanks to the efforts of various local governments, which have taken comprehensive measures to effectively cope with the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and make overall planning to support people who returned or moved to rural areas to start their own businesses and seek jobs.

Liang Yongying, a woman born in Shanghang county, Longyan city, east China's Fujian province, returned to her hometown in 2011 after working in Fuzhou, capital of Fujian province for five years since she graduated from a college.

She found that people in her hometown, which has been known as the "land of fish and rice", were still using traditional cultivation methods and local specialties hadn't been sold outside of her hometown although modern agriculture was enjoying rapid development.

As the country continuously rolled out favorable policies to support the development of the agricultural sector, rural areas and rural people, Liang eventually decided to return to her hometown to engage in agricultural industry which she has always had a keen interest in.

After returning to her hometown, Liang first became a major grain producer of her hometown, and then owner of a family farm. She has also established a new farmers' association of Longyan city.

She has realized mechanized and large-scale rice farming through transfer of land-use rights, and set up her own processing factory to provide services for local farmers. The rice from her farm has obtained the green food certification and gradually enjoyed increasing popularity.

Today, her farm offers help to 20 families which used to be registered impoverished



Lu Yan, a woman who returned to her hometown to start her own business, sells passion fruit from her own planting base in Sifangbei village, Neijiang, southwest China's Sichuan province, via live-streaming, August 27, 2020. (File photo)

households under the "pairing assistance" model every year. Governments across the country are trying to create more opportunities for people who returned or moved to the countryside to start their own businesses or secure employment.

Various areas of the country have made active efforts to expand the capacity of planting and breeding industries for creating opportunities for entrepreneurs and job hunters, the functional value of rural areas, and the room for improving the efficiency and benefits of industries by focusing on implementing policies on stabilizing employment, creating jobs by boosting development of various industries, optimizing services in providing jobs for residents, and offering vocational training to people to help them upgrade skills or switch jobs.

About 20 percent of the people who returned or moved to the country's rural areas mainly engage in large-scale and characteristic planting and breeding businesses, seedling cultivation, and livestock and poultry breeding, or lead or co-run farmers' cooperatives and family farms.

Around 55 percent of these people have established family-owned factories, rural workshops, small and micro businesses and other entities to seek development in such fields as catering, homestay hotels, farm produce preliminary processing, and featured crafts. The rest 25 percent of the group work as temporary or part-time workers, mainly running small businesses or engaging in temporary jobs.

According to reliable statistics, of all the projects initiated by people who returned or moved to the country's countryside, 55 percent have tapped into information technology to run online shops, engage in live-streaming shows and direct selling, as well as contactless delivery business, while over 85 percent feature the integration of primary, secondary and tertiary industries and cover a wide range of fields including production, processing, selling, services, and sectors such as agriculture, culture, tourism, and education.

Last year, each project initiated by people who returned or moved to China's rural areas to start their own businesses or make innovations could provide stable employment for 6.3 people and flexible employment for 17.3 people on average. At the same time, such projects have brought benefits to local farmers based on contracts, in dividend payments, and via shares.

Centering on consolidating and expanding the achievements in poverty alleviation, China is going to further promote the development of rural business projects and cultivate a batch of major entrepreneurship and innovation forces that are rooted in rural areas, create rural industries, and can help local residents increase income, according to Liu Huanxin, vice minister of agriculture and rural affairs.

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**China, Russia forge best partnership in world**

**BEIJING**

"GUILIN'S scenery is peerless in the world, and the high level of China-Russia comprehensive strategic partnership of coordination for a new era is also the best in the world."

This is how Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi commented on China-Russia relations after he met with Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov in China's southern city of Guilin. It is also an apt description of the relationship between the two countries amid a time of turbulence.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the signing of the China-Russia Treaty of Good-neighbourliness and Friendly Cooperation. Over the past 20 years, this treaty has laid a solid legal foundation for the long-term and healthy development of China-Russia relations.

One of the most important results of the meeting between Wang and Lavrov in Guilin is an agreement to renew the treaty between the two sides and to make it more relevant in the new era. The meeting has also demonstrated the new heights, new ideas and new results of China-Russia cooperation.

The Guilin meeting is of particular importance against the backdrop of a lingering pandemic and growing global uncertainties. It is also a further confirmation of the commitment of the two countries to strengthening bilateral relations.

The reason why China-Russia relations have withstood the test of changes in international situation and become a stable force in today's world lies in the fact that the two sides always pursue a principle of non-alignment, non-confrontation and non-targeting of third parties.

Besides, they always respect each other's core interests and accommodate each other's legitimate concerns, always act responsibly and uphold justice, and firmly safeguard the international system with the United Nations at its core and the international order based on international law.

Just as Lavrov said ahead of his trip to China, "the model of interaction between Russia and China is absolutely free from any ideological constraints. It is of an intrinsic nature, not subject to any opportunistic factors nor against any third country."

In the spirit of such principles, cooperation between China and Russia has injected valuable stability and positive energy into the global community.

As two permanent members of the UN Security Council, the two sides also shoulder their due responsibilities in safeguarding security and development of the international community, and promoting the improvement of the current global governance system.

After the talks in Guilin, the two sides issued a joint statement on several issues of current global governance, expounding the essence of major concepts such as human rights, democracy, international order, and multilateralism, which reflected the collective demands of the international community, especially developing countries. **Xinhua**



# SPORT



Mtibwa Sugar head coach, Thierry Hitimana.

## Coach Hitimana vows to help Mtibwa Sugar avoid relegation

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

MTIBWA Sugar's head coach, Thierry Hitimana, has claimed that the programs he left for his assistant will help his club notch good results and move to a better position in the Vodacom Premier League.

The Rwandan coach is in his home country as the Premier League is suspended as Tanzania is observing 21 days of national mourning brought about by the loss of President, John Magufuli.

Hitimana said he believes the programs he left to his assistant Vincent Barnabas would help to save Mtibwa Sugar from the scourge of relegation to First Division League (FDL).

He maintained Mtibwa Sugar's opponents in the Vodacom Premier League ought to be truly organized, should they face the Morogoro-based outfit.

The former Biashara United and Namungo FC head coach said what Mtibwa Sugar are working on now is improving their defensive

line which has not been in good shape since the departure of central defender, Dickson Job, who has been roped in by Yanga.

Hitimana disclosed: "We need to be better at defending ourselves, that is an important area with the biggest weakness since Job left."

He noted: "I believe we will stay the same and get back to our pace and avoid relegation."

The Rwandan coach said: "We are not very safe considering our position and with the games in hand, we can move up to the highest positions."

He disclosed: "When I return we will see how far we have come with what I left for my assistants, if you have to use more force it will have to be that way."

Job's departure has seen Mtibwa Sugar use three different central defenders, including Geoffrey Luseke, Dickson Daud and Jamal Massenga, but they still allow easy goals.

The Morogoro club is lately placed 15th in the tournament's table with 24 points after featuring in 22 matches.

## Coach Didier Gomes opens up on Lokosa

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

SIMBA SC's head coach Didier Gomes has broken his silence over Nigerian striker, Junior Lokosa, who was signed by the side during this season's mini transfer window.

He stated he has no plans with Lokosa and if the striker, who has reportedly been roped in by Kaizer Chiefs of South Africa, will be successful in his new outfit, it will be great comfort to the former.

Lokosa was signed by Simba SC during the CAF registration window, which offers CAF club tournaments' participating teams a chance to step up their campaign amid the COVID-19 crisis.

Since joining the squad, Lokosa had however never been used in CAF Champions League matches.

He played once for the outfit when it took part in a special tournament, known as 'Simba Super Cup', which took place in Dar es Salaam in January this year.

The Nigerian forward was signed on a six-month contract as a free agent after leaving Esperance of Tunisia.

He ended up donning Simba's kit in the Simba Super Cup's clash against TP Mazembe from Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), which ended with the two sides locked to a 0-0 draw.

He came on as a second half substitute, playing for a few minutes, and he was rarely seen in practice.

However, Gomes said he received information that the player has moved to South Africa.

"Initially I was unaware of anything from neither the player himself nor the leaders, who informed me of Lokosa going to South Africa"

"My closest people there were the ones who told me that and maybe one of the teams roped him in," the Frenchman disclosed.

He noted: "If he decides to leave quietly and find another team in South Africa I wish him all the best wherever he goes."

He stated: "Lokosa is a good player who can stay with the ball but now at the moment Simba SC needs a fit player all the time, something which is missing in him."

Gomes said defender Peter Muduhwa who was also signed during the mini transfer period is a good central defender but the lack of fitness contributes to him sitting on the bench.

"I am pleased with the quality that Muduhwa shows in practice and even his teammates understand that but failing to play in the league on a regular basis is one of the problems," the tactician stated.

He noted: "You know the central defenders that I use regularly Paschal Wawa and Joash Onyango play regularly in the league and they already have coordination and it for that matter it becomes difficult should it happen I give Muduhwa a place in tough matches like the ones we are playing at the moment."

He said he is interested in the defender and he understands his quality which is why he is still in Zimbabwe's national team and he is looking at how he can use the defender next season.

## SPORTS

## Simba SC trio eyes outfit's best player of the month prize



Simba SC's keeper, Aishi Manula.

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

SIMBA SC's trio of Luis Miquissone, Aishi Manula and Joash Onyango have been shortlisted for the club's March's best player award recommended by the side's fans.

The Tanzania soccer big guns are lately training in Dar es Salaam under the tutelage of Frenchman, Didier Gomes, to prepare for the CAF Champions League's Group A clash against Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)'s AS Vita Club, which will be played at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in the city on Saturday.

The three players are competing for the prize, known as 'Emirates Aluminium Profile Player of the Month', which was made public recently.

Custodian Manula, who still has a one-year contract left with Simba SC, is rumoured to be wanted by Sudan football giants, Al Merreikh.

Al Merreikh are reported to be in need of Manula's services because of his impressive showing between the posts.

The keeper has not conceded a goal in three out of four matches Simba have played in the CAF Champions League's group stage.

The first match, which had the keeper featuring for Simba SC in the tournament, ended with the outfit notching 1-0 victory over AS Vita Club in Kinshasa.

Manula once again put solid showing as Simba SC, against all odds, cruised to 1-0 victory over the tournament's defending champions, Egypt's Al Ahly, at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium.

The shot stopper moreover ended with clean sheet in Simba's clash against Al Merreikh, which took place in Dares Salaam, with the former thrashing the latter 3-0.

Mozambican midfielder, Miquissone, and Kenyan central defender, Onyango, have as well been putting impressive displays for the side in both Vodacom Premier League and CAF Champions League.

Simba SC's Information Officer, Haji Manara, said that the process for getting the outfit's best player takes data into concern, an aspect which gives each player a chance to be in the prize pool.

"Every player has a chance to win the award because we have a professional who monitors everything when it comes to players' performance, from defenders to strikers, this is not a prize for strikers per se," he noted.

"Voting is our fans' role, therefore, they will be given instructions and explanations on the players and reasons for their selection for the award," he disclosed.

He noted: "It is the fans' job to vote for the player they want through Simba SC website."

## Yanga coach lauds Carlinhos, Yacouba

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

YANGA's interim head coach Juma Mwambusi has said he believes the outfit's two players, Angolan Carlos Fernandes 'Carlinhos' and Burkinabe Yacouba Songne, will return to scoring momentum.

Mwambusi is lately coaching the squad at Kigamboni in Dar es Salaam to prepare for the Vodacom Premier League and Federation Cup competition's resumption.

The tactician made it clear that now the two players are faring well since they started training under his supervision.

According to him, the duo has been showing signs of improving standard, a situation which gives him hope the players will do well when the league starts.

"Since I entered the camp on Monday, I'm very grateful to my players for their commitment," he disclosed.

The tactician stated: "I hope Songne and Carlinhos will do wonders when the league resumes, given they have showcased compliance with the training programs."

"Everyone around them can prove that now these players are matured and I continue to pray that they will be a threat to opposing teams when the league resumes," he noted.

Yanga's Ghanaian physio, Edem Mortotsi, pointed out during the suspension he is focusing on fitness for his players, who remained in the camp.

Commenting on the condition of the outfit's players, Mortotsi said that when he came to the squad he found that some of them had low fitness level.



Yanga's forward, Yacouba Songne. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

He disclosed the first thing he did was making sure that all players were on the same level of fitness, an aspect he has achieved a lot.

He stated: "I thank God that everything is going on very well for my players, looking at their physical fitness now I'm sure it is different from the

previous." "At the moment all players have shown improvement in fitness, which is something I needed to see when I came to this team," he noted.

Yanga are camping at Kigamboni as they continue preparing to wind up this season's Premier League fixtures under interim head coach Juma Mwambusi.



## Mbulu sends Malawi to third Cup of Nations

JOHANNESBURG

RICHARD Mbulu scored after 16 minutes to give Malawi a 1-0 Group B victory over Uganda on Monday, and qualification for the 2021 Africa Cup of Nations.

The 27-year-old forward headed powerfully past Uganda goalkeeper Denis Onyango off a cross from former Atletico Madrid youth squad member Robin Ngalende.

It was the second time in six days that a goal from the South Africa-based attacker proved decisive as he also scored in last Wednesday's 1-0 win over South Sudan.

The son of a former footballer, Mbulu was based in Mozambique twice and Portugal before signing a three-year contract with South African Premiership club Baroka in 2019.

Hosts Malawi needed maximum points at Kamuzu Stadium in commercial capital Blantyre to secure a first appearance since 2010 while a draw would have sufficed for Uganda.

Victory temporarily took Malawi to the top of the table with 10 points -- they were overtaken three hours later when fellow qualifiers Burkina Faso defeated South Sudan 1-0 in Ouagadougou.

Aston Villa forward Bertrand Traore scored the Burkinabe goal on 50 minutes as the team finished unbeaten a six-match qualifying campaign spanning 17 months.

Popularly known as the Flames, Malawi are ranked 123rd in the world, 40 places below Uganda, and will be making a third appearance at the finals after first-round exits from the 1984 and 2010 editions.

They are the 19th qualifiers after Algeria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Comoros, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Mali, Morocco,

co, Nigeria, Senegal, Sudan, Tunisia and Zimbabwe.

Salah scores twice - The match in Blantyre was the only one of eight staged Monday that involved qualification, with just pride at stake in the others.

Joint leading Premier League scorer Mohamed Salah of Liverpool scored twice as Egypt netted four times in 10 minutes during the first half to hammer the Comoros 4-0 in Cairo and top Group G.

Kenya claimed a first win in the same section with goals from Hassan Abdallah and Masoud Juma, off a penalty, delivering a 2-1 win in Togo.

Captain Riyad Mahrez scored as Group H table-toppers Algeria finished with a 5-0 rout of Botswana in Blida, which stretched an unbeaten record in competitive and friendly matches to 24.

Zimbabwe, the other qualifiers from the section, fell 2-0 to neighbours Zambia in Harare with Patson Daka netting twice to become the leading scorer in qualifying with five goals.

Both Group D qualifiers lost with Gabon beaten 2-0 by Angola in Luanda and the Gambia going down 1-0 to the Democratic Republic of Congo in Kinshasa.

Manuel 'Show' Cafumana and Loide Augusto scored to end a five-match winless run by Angola in the group while Kazadi Kasengu was the Congolese match-winner, converting a penalty on the stroke of half-time.

The remaining five places will be filled Tuesday with the Central African Republic, who have never qualified for the premier African national team competition, among 12 hopefuls.

They host Mauritania in Bangui and a victory will take them to Cameroon unless Burundi achieve an unlikely away win over Group E winners Morocco.

AFP

## Salah on playing in Spain: 'Maybe one day, yes'

LONDON

LIVERPOOL forward Mohamed Salah said he could "maybe one day" play in Spain, although he added "it's not up to me" to decide when he leaves the Anfield club.

Salah -- whose contract at Liverpool expires in June 2023 -- was talking to Spanish newspaper Marca ahead of the Champions League quarterfinal first leg with Real Madrid next week.

"I hope I can play football for many, many years," he said, when asked if he'd like to try La Liga after featuring in the Premier League and Serie A. "Why not? You never know what's going to happen in the future, so maybe one day, yes." Asked whether his four-year stint at Anfield was coming to an end, Salah added: "It's not up to me. Let's see what will happen, but I prefer not to talk about it now."

The 28-year-old has scored 17 Premier League goals this season as Liverpool have struggled to match the form that saw them end a 30-year wait to be crowned champions in 2019-20. They are seventh in the Premier League table, 25 points behind leaders Manchester City.

Salah has history with Madrid, after a challenge from Sergio Ramos saw him forced off with a dislocated shoulder half an hour into the 2018

Champions League final, which Los Blancos went on to win 3-1.

"Let's say I have a special desire to win the game and to qualify for the semifinals," Salah said. "But whatever happens now isn't going to change the result in Kiev. That's over... That game is already gone. It's about the team. Everybody wants his team to win. That's it."

Liverpool bounced back from that defeat to win the Champions League a year later, beating Tottenham Hotspur in the 2019 final in Madrid.

By contrast, Madrid have since found life difficult in Europe, being eliminated in the round of 16 two years in a row. "It's different," Salah said, when asked how this Madrid team compares to the 2018 side. "They lost some great players, Cristiano [Ronaldo], one of the best in history, they lost someone scoring a lot of goals."

"They signed [Eden] Hazard, and he was unlucky with injuries. The team now is still in the quarterfinals without this great player. They lost goals from Ronaldo. I can't say which one is better."

Madrid host Liverpool in the first leg of their quarterfinal clash on Tuesday April 6, before the return leg at Anfield on April 14.

(Agencies)

## Henry on quitting all social media: It is not safe

LONDON

ARSENAL and France legend Thierry Henry said the time was right for him to leave social media in the wake of increasing instances of footballers receiving racist abuse online, telling the BBC on Monday that "it is not a safe place."

Henry announced last week that he will no longer be using social media until the platforms do more to tackle racism and bullying online as footballers such as Marcus Rashford, Anthony Martial, Axel Tuanzebe (twice) and Lauren James have all been subjected to racist abuse over the past few months. "It was time to make a stand," Henry said on BBC programme Newsnight.

"Things I used to hear in the stadiums and the streets are coming

more and more into social media, especially in my community, and the sport I love the most, football.

"I thought it was time to make a stand and time to make people realise it is not OK to get abused online, it's not OK to be bullied or harassed online. "The impact it can have on your mental health is second to none, we know people are committing suicides because of it. Enough is enough. We need actions."

"It is too easy to get an account and get away with it at times."

The English Football Association has also called on social media companies to introduce strategies to curb online abuse on their platforms. Last month, Instagram announced a series of measures to address the problem but Henry suggested more reforms need to be enacted.

# Who could Man City sign to replace Aguero long-term?

LONDON

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FAVOURITES to regain the Premier League title this season, Manchester City have won 22 of their 30 games in the Premier League and are 14 points clear. Yet one area where they have not been as dominant as in recent years is in front of goal. They've averaged above 2.5 goals per game in each of the past three league campaigns, yet this season it's down to 2.1.

One reason is the frequent absence of the club's record goal scorer, Sergio Aguero. But with the injury-hit Argentina international confirming that he will depart on a free transfer in the summer, and Gabriel Jesus less than convincing as a replacement, having scored 12 league goals in 30 appearances in all competitions, City will look to land a new striker in the next transfer window.

The COVID-19 pandemic has shaken the global economy and no one is really sure of the short-term implications, let alone longer term. Even the biggest clubs are strained financially. Although City's Abu Dhabi-based billionaire owners seem to operate in a different environment to the rest, they may still feel the pinch. In July 2020, the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) overturned City's two-year ban from European football that was imposed for breaching UEFA's financial fair play (FFP) regulations, and focus on their finances has never been sharper.

Indeed, manager Pep Guardiola claimed in October that "if you decide to buy a striker, it has to be a striker in the league of Gabriel and Sergio, but we cannot afford it. That is the reality." Yet this is a club that has spent close to £1.5 billion on players over the last decade and even managed over £120m last summer on Ruben Dias, Nathan Ake and Ferran Torres.

Although Guardiola has reorganised his attacking set-up to become less dependent on a classic centre-forward, a world-class addition in that position is still tempting given Aguero's success over the years. With the caveat that Barcelona's Lionel Messi is too old (at 34) and most likely too expensive (in terms of wage demands) to make a long-term impact at City, here are five star forwards who could help City back to their free-scoring ways.

### Erling Haaland (Borussia Dortmund)

Possibly the defining "power forward" of this decade, Haaland is a veritable goal machine whose remarkable numbers speak for themselves: 21 goals from 21 Bundesliga matches with 10 from six Champions League outings this season. While the Norway international doesn't appear quite the refined, elegant, technically gifted striker that Guardiola tends to favour, logically City are likely to seriously discuss the option of signing him, especially given his father Alf-Inge's history with the club as a player.

There's no question that Haaland has improved his link-up play over the past year (one aspect, along with his aerial ability, which needed work). Sure, the 20-year-old is still developing, but the evidence shows he should be able to score, contribute and prosper regardless of footballing style or system. Moreover, from a commercial viewpoint, Haaland is potentially one of the most marketable players in the world (particularly for the post-Cristiano Ronaldo/Messi era), which is another plus point for any top Premier League club. Sources told ESPN that Haaland can leave Borussia Dortmund for €180m this summer, and reportedly has



Sergio Aguero

a release clause of €75m which comes into effect in 2022, but City would be wise to get in early before the competition heats up.

### Harry Kane (Tottenham)

Tottenham have no desire to let their star striker leave and recent reports that they have set a £150m valuation are wide of the mark, but the club look increasingly likely to miss out on the Champions League next season after a poor campaign under Jose Mourinho. They may find it more challenging to hold out if City come calling this summer.

Kane turns 28 in the summer and it might make business sense to consider offers as his contract expires in 2024, though Tottenham would be loath to let him leave for a Premier League rival. From City's perspective, Kane's skill set and track record as a world-class "No. 9" mean Guardiola would look beyond any tiny technical shortcom-

ings he might have when playing in City's system. Though equally, the club may question paying such a large amount to sign a player who is already at his peak and may not develop much further.

### Kylian Mbappe (Paris Saint-Germain)

It's generally been assumed that the PSG superstar will eventually join Real Madrid, and City haven't really been suggested as an option in the media. However, as Madrid struggle financially, City have surely weighed up a move as the 22-year-old's contract expires in the summer of 2022.

Signed for €145m (with further bonus payments of €35m potentially due to Monaco) in 2017, the 2018 World Cup winner with France is still weighing up his options. Should he stay in Ligue 1 (an extension is said to have been tabled) or settle in the more high-profile envi-

ronment of the Premier League or La Liga? Aside from the theoretically awkward prospect of PSG's Qatari ownership letting their biggest star move to an UAE-owned rival, the multi-talented Mbappe would obviously improve any club he ends up joining, but City may find themselves out of the loop on this one.

### Romelu Lukaku (Inter Milan)

Lukaku has stacked up an impressive 42 goals from 62 Serie A games since leaving Manchester United in summer 2019 for around €80m. Inter look on course to win their first Scudetto in over a decade, though the club may face changes at ownership level soon. Such potentially disruptive developments may have a bearing on the club's ability to hang on to their most valuable players and Lukaku is certainly one of those.

The Belgium international's main forte is his pace and power, but he now appears a better link-up player than when he left the Premier League. In addition, he seems more comfortable using his right foot and also appears more aware in his tactical decision making. At 27, he is at a similar point in his career to Kane, but his history at City's local rivals United may limit his (or the club's) desire for a deal.

### Joao Felix (Atletico Madrid)

Surely the most Guardiola-esque player of the lot, the Portugal international is more of a drifting forward than a penalty-area poacher. Signed for €126m from Benfica in 2019, Felix is still some way off justifying that fee (though he's enjoying a fine La Liga season), but at 21, still has time to make good on his immense potential.

Equipped with a lovely touch on the ball, his movements are as sharp as they are fluid and he has an outstanding natural understanding of the game, making him perfectly cut out for City's patient but incisive attacking game.

Typically fielded in a deeper second striker role by Atletico manager Diego Simeone, he's also able to play as a false No. 9, dropping deep to create space and involve the wide and attacking midfielders. Atletico won't want to let him go, and he signed a contract through to June 2026 when he joined so the ball is in their court, but Felix could offer City a different kind of option to the rest.

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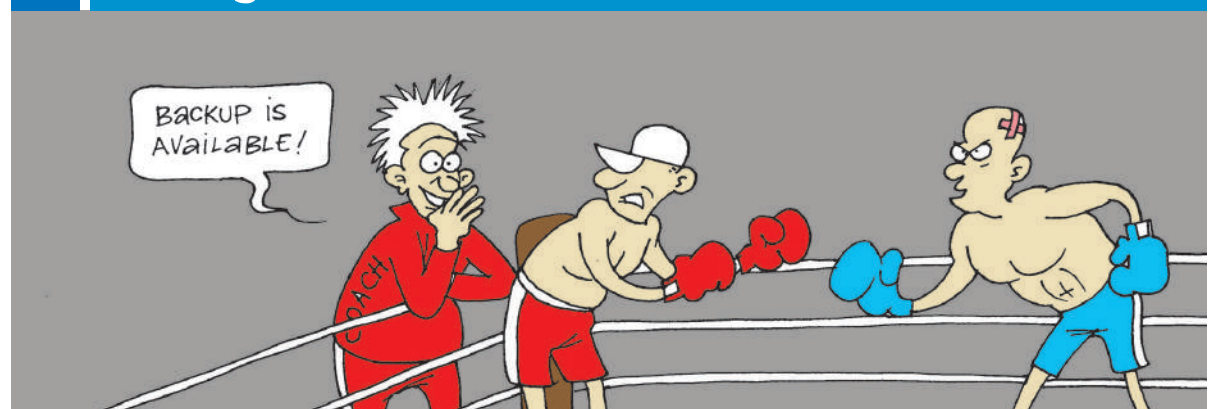


Erling Haaland



Kylian Mbappe

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Yanga's Acting Secretary General, Haji Mfikirwa (R), shakes hands with the side's goalkeepers' coach, Razak Siwa, during the tactician's introduction in Dar es Salaam recently. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

## Yanga unveil keepers' coach

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

RAZAK Siwa, a Kenyan national, has been officially introduced by Tanzania's football big guns Yanga as their goalkeepers' coach.

Yanga had offloaded their technical bench, which included Burundian coach Cedric Kaze, for what was described as the team's poor performance.

Siwa is coming to take over from Vladimir Niyonkuru, who was coaching Yanga keepers Metacha Mnata, Faroukh Shikalo and Ramadhan Kabwili.

The new tactician has a duty to sharpen the keepers as they have been conceding goals.

Shikalo, for example, leaked two goals when Yanga lost 2-1 to Coastal Union of Tanga in a Vodacom Premier League clash, which took place at Mkwakwani Stadium.

In a Premier League match against Polisi Tanzania, which took place at Sheikh Amri Abeid Stadium in Arusha, Mnata conceded a late goal to see his side register 1-1 draw with the Kilimanjaro side.

The shot stopper failed to parry away Polisi Tanzania forward Pius Buswita's effort, which went in and saw the team draw level.

Yanga's management moreover stated that it has not received any offer from Kaizer Chiefs of South Africa over the former's defensive midfielder Mukoko Tonombe.

The statement was released a few days since rumors circulated about the midfielder, who joined Yanga this season from AS Vita Club of Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), joining Kaizer Chiefs.

Recently chief scout of Kaizer Chiefs, Walter Steenbok, landed in Tanzania and went to visit Yanga's offices and see for himself how the side was faring after receiving reports from Tonombe and compatriot Tuisila Kisinda joining the club this season.

Yanga's Information Officer, Hassan Bumbuli, said that no talks had taken place between Kaizer Chiefs and Yanga regarding Tonombe.

Bumbuli said that what is happening now is a good relationship, which has been built recently between Yanga and Kaizer Chiefs, targeting to scale great heights.

He added that Yanga have no problem, so they are ready to receive an offer for any of their players from any club that will need the performers.

He noted: "No talks have taken place between Yanga and Chiefs, let alone welcoming clubs that will need our players."

"Yanga are among the teams that have made good signings of many of the best players, that is very clear and that is why we are leading the league," Bumbuli noted.

The process of finding a head coach at Yanga is in progress, with French coach Sebastian Mingne being mostly mentioned as a strong contender for the job.

Yanga are enjoying the driver's seat in the Premier League with 50 points after playing a total of 23 matches.

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## Simba SC midfielder set to miss AS Vita Club clash

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

TANZANIA'S Simba SC is likely to miss the services of defensive midfielder, Thadeo Lwanga, in the outfit's CAF Champions League's Group A clash against Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)'s AS Vita Club, slated for Saturday in Dar es Salaam.

The Ugandan player is part of Uganda's national team squad, which confronted Malawi in Africa Cup of Nations qualifiers.

A response from a laboratory in Malawi confirmed Lwanga and two other Uganda national team players have contracted coronavirus.

The midfielder could be missing after COVID-19 tests showed he was among three Ugandan players infected with the disease, with goalkeeper Denis Onyango and midfielder Farouk Miya.

The results of the trio, including Lwanga, was issued shortly before the African Cup of Nations' qualifiers' match between hosts Malawi and Uganda scheduled to be played in Lilongwe.

However, the Uganda Football Federation (FUFA) expressed its dismay and disagreement with the response to the tests, claiming that Lwanga was not infected with COVID-19.

The FUFA revealed: "We are closely monitoring the mistakes made by our team of doctors on Thadeo Lwanga's COVID-19 tests."

"Two tests have produced two different responses. We have written to CAF on this matter," the FUFA statement said.

According to Malawi's immigration system, a person diagnosed with COVID-19 infection should be quarantined for seven days and then tested again.

As a result, Lwanga is set to miss the Simba SC v AS Vita Club match, which will take place at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium.



Thadeo Lwanga

## Simba SC now steps up preps for AS Vita Club tie



Simba SC's head coach Didier Gomes Da Rosa.

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIA'S Simba SC's head coach, Didier Gomes Da Rosa, has promised to use the remaining time to study videos of AS Vita Club ahead of their CAF Champions League's Group A fixture, slated for Saturday in Dar es Salaam.

The Msimbazi Street giants will host the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) outfit at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in the day, seeking a draw to advance to the quarterfinals of the competition for the second time in the club's history.

However, with three days remaining before the teams' face-off, coach Da Rosa has bemoaned missing some of his key players who travelled to various countries to represent their respective national teams in Africa Cup of Nations qualifiers.

It is the reason the French tactician has said with limited time on his side, that he will have to opt to classes with his squad when they return, so they can study their rivals ahead of the vital clash on Saturday.

"Given the limited time we have to be with my full squad I have decided

to organise a class with all my players and my assistants," Da Rosa said.

He disclosed: "In that class, we will be looking at various videos of matches that AS Vita have played in the group stage including the one against us so we can remind ourselves where we are and what we need to do."

He added: "Personally I have done that and there are things I have discovered but now I want to show my players so they understand what to do in the 90 minutes of the game against AS Vita."

He revealed: "After watching the videos on April 2 [Good Friday], we will practice lightly on the field with the same actions we saw through the video from AS Vita on how to stop and attack them."

The tactician disclosed: "From the training program I have set one thing I know we will have to devise other ways of stopping them and we will not approach them as we did in the first meeting when we beat them away, my plan is to attack them from the first whistle and we must create chances to score, so we can finish them earlier enough."

Gomes further admitted they will face obstinate AS Vita who are also looking to win the game to revive their chances of making it to the quarterfinals.

The AS Vita Club will as well not like to lose twice to the same opponents.

"If we had enough time it would mean we could put our many plans together but it doesn't matter how the situation is we will prepare the team to go and reap three points in the match," Gomes continued.

Gomes urged Simba's fans not to worry even if they do not enter the stadium.

The CAF has already communicated to Simba that fans will not be allowed to attend the match owing to COVID-19 restrictions.

It will be the second time in the competition that Simba will play minus their fans at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium.

Simba first played behind closed doors in the clash against Al Merreikh of Sudan, which ended with the hosts hammering the visitors 3-0.

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