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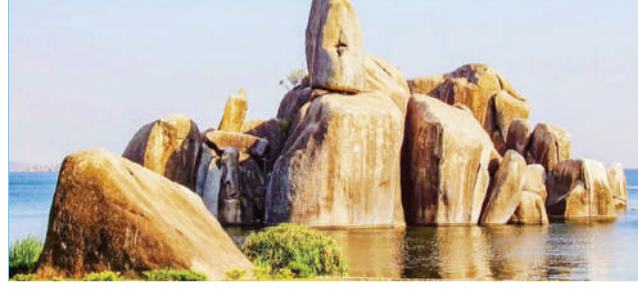
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President Samia Suluhu Hassan and United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi exchange views in New York on Monday. Photo: State House

Climate shifts, corona effect derailing all goals - Samia

By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has said that countries must work together to counter effects of climate change and COVID-19 that have so far derailed decades of progress against poverty. Addressing the United Nations General Assembly during the climate week on Monday in New York, the president said nations can ignore the two challenges at their own peril. The meeting was a precursor to the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference, also known as COP26 slated for November in Glasgow, Scotland. The Directorate of Presidential Communications said in a statement yesterday that President Samia dwelt on the effects of climate change affecting the entire world, stressing the importance of taking up further efforts to mitigate consequent

disasters. "We are in a period in which as we fight the effects of climate change, we still suffer from huge ongoing challenge - the Covid-19 pandemic that has greatly contributed to the drop of the economy, wiping out achievements made for decades," she said. The president cautioned that even though many people take lightly the rising global temperatures as one of the effects of climate change, the situation is pathetic for a country like Tanzania, causing drought that impacts sectors that depend on rains like farming, fishing and forestry. These activities contribute 30 per cent of national income and affect more than 60 per cent of the population, she stated. Participants stressed the need to take steps against climate change that is sweeping the world as its effects on the environment

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Burundi rocked by worsening violence

●Five dead, 50 injured in series of bomb blasts

BUJUMBURA

AT least five people were reportedly dead as of yesterday and dozens injured in a series of explosions in Burundi's economic capital, Bujumbura. Two grenade explosions hit a bus parking lot in the city centre Monday night, according to eyewitnesses, while a third blast hit Jabe market in the Bwiza neighbourhood, and a fourth grenade exploded near a packed bus in the suburbs. This came only a day after a deadly grenade explosion in a bar in the political capital, Gitega, on Sunday and a mortar attack at Bujumbura airport on Saturday, which a rebel group (RED-Tabara) said it

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Minister wants 24-hour works on Wami Bridge

By Guardian Correspondent, Chalinze

WORKS and Transport minister Prof Makame Mbarawa has ordered the contractor for the new Wami Bridge to operate 24 hours for the project to be completed on time. The key infrastructure project was set for

completion and handing over this month, but the work slumbered in the past few months, compelling the minister to direct round the clock, when inspecting the work being carried out by Power Construction Corporation of China. After listening to reasons given by the contractors and ministry officials for

the delays, the minister—who seemed displeased—ordered that work time be doubled. He said the construction of the bridge which started in October 2018 was expected to end this month, but has been delayed due to various challenges including what the contractor said were complications occasioned by the Covid-19 pandemic. The minister urged the contractor to ensure the quality of the project, while

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Five new ferries to take up 21bn/-

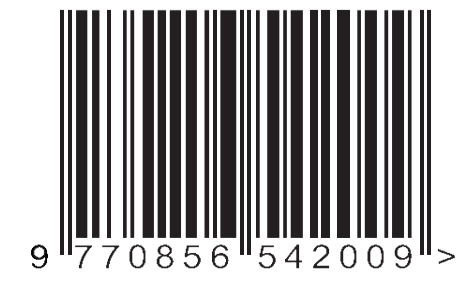
By Guardian Reporter, Mwanza

A TOTAL of 21.4bn/- has been set aside for the construction of five new ferries, the Tanzania Electrical, Mechanical and Electronics Services Agency (TEMESA) said yesterday. Lukombe King'ombe (pictured), the TEMESA acting construction and repairs manager for ferries, told reporters here yesterday that the money has been budgeted in this 2021/22 financial year elaborating that building work shall start soon. Ministerial data shows that areas topping the list of those in need for ferry services include Nyamisati on Mafia Island in Coast Region, Mwanza, Geita Regions and Kisorya Rugezi in Mara Region, he said, noting that the money will also be used for overdue repairs plus construction of infrastructures for the ferries, including waiting rooms for passengers. Other places where new ferries will be constructed include the Nyakarilo Kome area since its existing ferry - MV Kome has narrow capacity, owing to vast increases in numbers of passengers and goods, he stated. A new ferry is also slated for Magu District, Ijanga-Kahangala area, as it is already budgeted for in this financial year, he elaborated, highlighting also a ferry planned

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Members of the late Prof Matthew Luhanga's family pay their last respects to the former University of Dar es Salaam vice chancellor during a requiem mass at a Dar es Salaam church yesterday. He died in a hospital in the city on Thursday (Sept 16). Photo: Correspondent Mirali Msala





Happiness Mfinanga, Tanzania Women Lawyers Association (Tawla) coordinator in Arusha Region, takes residents of Babati in Mamnyara Region yesterday on the basics of writing wills - and the benefits of having the documents. Photo: Correspondent Gift Thadey

WFP boosts food production and builds resilience to climate change in Malawi

LILONGWE

UN World Food Programme's (WFP) activities in Malawi between 2015 to 2020 have helped communities adapt to a changing climate and enabled them to break out of the cycle of hunger, confirms a recent independent evaluation.

The evaluation, conducted by Information, Training and Development (ITAD), highlights that 95 percent of participating households reported increased crop production thanks to climate-

smart agriculture with 75 percent of households harvesting over 200 kg of maize in 2020 compared to 43 percent in 2019. In addition, 90 percent of the participants reported being better prepared to face natural disasters.

"Now more than ever, in the wake of the pandemic and the increasingly devastating consequences of climate change we must continue empowering communities," said Marco Cavalcante, WFP's Country Director and Representative (a.i.) in Malawi. "We will continue working together to improve food

security and promote sustainable agriculture."

WFP's food assistance for assets (FFA) interventions have been supporting 128,000 households in the districts of Balaka, Blantyre, Chikwawa, Machinga, Mangochi, Nsanje, Phalombe, and Zomba. Under FFA, families build and maintain community gardens and irrigation systems and reforest land to support their livelihoods, create healthier environments and reduce the impacts of climate shocks.

WFP provides assistance using

food or cash transfers to cover immediate food needs while asset creation builds community resilience over time. As food security improves, communities continue building assets but without food or cash transfers. WFP also supports them through radio weather forecasts, community-based micro-credit schemes and crop insurance. Training to reduce post-harvest losses is imparted and their access to markets is increased by linking farmers cooperatives to local supermarkets and school feeding interventions.

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for Bwira Bukondo also in Magu District.

People using TEMESA-run ferries should have confidence in the agency as it has adequate experts to

make sure the ferries are safe all the time they are in use, he emphasised.

TEMESA operates 33 ferries in 22 centres countrywide, with construction of the new ferries set to raise their number to 38, he added.

Majaliwa: Govt out to end water woes in Bukoba District

By Guardian Reporter

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has said the government has put up robust strategies aiming to end challenges facing the supply of clean and safe water in all villages in Bukoba District, Kagera Region.

He said the government continues to implement President Samia Suluhu Hassan's campaign to relieve women of water woes, to ensure women and youth in various areas in the country, in particular villages get ample time to engage themselves in development activities.

The PM made the remarks yesterday as he addressed residents of Kemondo Ward after inspecting the Kemondo-Maruku Water Project during his official visit in Kagera Region to inspect development projects.

He said the government has put in place strategies to end water supply challenges in the area, adding that people should remain patient until the project's completion.

Earlier, Acting Bukoba Region RUWASA Manager Eng Evaristo Mgaya said the project aims to supply water to five wards of Bukoba District, and one of Muleba District.

He said the project's first phase will involve Kemondo and Maruku wards at a cost of 6.8bn/-.

"The project will solve water woes in villages of Kemondo, Maruku, Nyangereko, Bujugo and Katerero wards in Bukoba District, as well as Muhutwe Ward of Muleba District and upon completion it will benefit 117,461 residents at a cost of 15.9bn/-," he added.

After inspecting the water project, Majaliwa also inspected the construction of Bukoba District Hospital at Bujungoma Ward where he instructed Kagera regional and district officials to make sure they closely supervise the project.

"Kagera RC and Bukoba District DC make sure you closely supervise all projects whose building should be of quality standards. Make sure you take stern measures against procurement officers who purchase substandard equipment," he said.

According to the Bukoba DC, the construction of the hospital is being done in phases whereas the first phase involves seven buildings for outpatients, laboratory, mother and child, X-ray, administration, laundry and medical stores all to cost 1.8bn/-.

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Immediate former Communications and Information and Technology minister Dr Faustine Ndagulile (L) hands over office documents to his successor, Dr Ashatu Kijaji, in Dodoma city yesterday. Looking on is permanent secretary Dr Zainab Chaula. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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carried out.

Five people were killed and about 50 injured, a health worker helping to care for the injured told Reuters news agency yesterday.

The Gitega attack killed two, according to local media but the rebel group did not claim responsibility for that attack.

An airport worker confirmed that

there had been an attack on the Bujumbura airport on Saturday. He declined to say what weapons were used and said the building had not been damaged.

Congo-based rebel group Red Tabara claimed responsibility for the airport attack in a statement on Twitter. It said it fired mortars as the president prepared to travel to the United Nations General Assembly meeting in New York.

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speeding up the work to observe the November 22 deadline.

The first bridge was constructed in 1959 and no longer has capacity to accommodate large vehicles to northern regions and neighboring countries, with the vast increase in vehicles.

Andrea Kasamwa, the regional manager for the Tanzania National Roads Agency (TanRoads) said the bridge will upon completion cost about 72bn/-It will be 510 metres long and 11.85 meters, being built some 670 meters distance from the old bridge it is replacing, he said.

Ilshin Co. of South Korea was working with Advanced Engineering Solutions (T) Ltd to supervise the work, he stated, elaborating that the project has so far reached 61 percent after 35 months of work.

The new bridge project involves the construction of two roads 3.82 kilometres on either side of the bridge, joining the new bridge with the Chalinze-Segera highway.

The current bridge over Wami River was constructed by the British in 1959, measuring 88.75 meters

in length and riddled with sharp corners, steep slopes and unsafe curves to enter and leave the bridge. An array of accidents occur at the bridge and within its approaches each year, as it has scant room for two big vehicles to pass on different directions at the same time.

Wami Bridge is a key feature in the country's transport landscape, linking Dar es Salaam with northern regions. The new bridge at Wami will avoid the unsafe curves and steep slopes for safety enhancement, the official added.



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reduce economic growth and threaten public security.

The climate gathering was a special meeting called at the apex of the 76th United Nations General Assembly annual conference whose slogan focuses on creating patience through hope, to eradicate Covid-19, work on global needs, respect human lives and to improve the United Nations, the statement indicated.

Meanwhile, President Samia yesterday held talks with the President of Comoros, Azali Asoumani and Vice President of South Sudan, Rebecca Nyandeng

Garang at which they discussed mutual ties.

She also held talks with Filippo Grandi, head of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), seeking to find means of consolidating ties between Tanzania and UNHCR, in extending assistance to refugees within the country.

Grandi thanked Tanzania for devoting considerable attention to refugees since independence, recommending a meeting of experts between UNHCR and the relevant ministries, that is Home and Foreign Affairs ministries to work on current challenges in serving refugees, a request that the president granted, it added.



Oldonyowas Secondary School students Linda Joseph (2nd-L) and Venancia Julius demonstrate their 'wizardry' in Biology and Chemistry to Arusha City Council officials on a tour of the school at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Woinde Shizza

Ndugai to legislators: Use your constituency development funds to speed up development

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

PARLIAMENT Speaker Job Ndugai has called on Members of Parliament to increase the development pace in their constituencies through the Constituency Development Funds.

Ndugai made the remarks yesterday as he addressed CCM leaders including Members of the House of Representatives in Unguja North Region where he is the party patron.

He said the responsibilities of officials in the constituencies including legislators and councilors is to speed up development by enhancing creativity in development projects in collaboration with other government officials.

He said the people have high hopes in their elected leaders in speeding up development through various projects.

"The main task for us leaders in constituencies is to mobilise our people for development by creating projects that would help to eradicate poverty," he added.

The speaker was pleased by the development pace in communication and transport sectors for the people in Unguja North Region after visiting big development projects including the construction of Kigunda Airport at Nungwi and the new Mkokotoni Port.

He said the projects, to a large extent will raise government revenue by increasing goods transportation to the port from neighbouring Tanzania Mainland regions.

For his part, Unguja North MP, Ayoub Mohamed Mahmoud said MPs in the region must maintain good cooperation in pushing for development, including supervision of schools and health centres projects.

Some MPs in the region expressed their pleasure by the speaker's visit and promised to work closer with the residents in the supervision of development projects through the Constituencies Development Funds.

Member of Parliament for Bumbwini, Mbarouk Khatib said MPs have mobilized themselves to make sure all existing challenges in their areas are dealt with to bring social and economic development.



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Govt to build 480 million/- worth dam for herders in Liwale District

By Guardian Reporter, Liwale

DEPUTY Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Abdallah Ulega has said that in its FY 2021/22 budget, the government will construct a water dam for livestock, expected to cost 480m/- at Kimambi Village in Liwale District, Lindi Region.

He made the remarks on Monday this week during his visit in Liwale District to listen to complaints from livestock keepers and farmers.

He said the construction of the dip will help to solve water challenges faced by herders for their animals as well as finding solution to conflict pitting

between livestock keepers and farmers in the district.

Ulega stressed that the funds provided will be spent on the dam to provide water for livestock and called on district officials to make sure the money is well spent.

He added that the government has also constructed two cattle dips at Kimambi

and Liwale districts.

For his part, Liwale Member of Parliament, Zuberi Kuchauka used the occasion to thank President Samia Suluhu Hassan for setting aside the funds saying when completed, the water dam will see the end of conflicts in the villages set aside for herders in the district.

US govt marks fifth year of taking care of orphans and vulnerable children, while empowering youth

By Guardian Reporter

REPRESENTATIVES from the US government and Tanzania participated in a conference to celebrate achievements of the US Agency for International Development's (USAID) KizaziKipya - New Generation activity.

Participants discussed opportunities to further improve care for orphans and vulnerable children (OVCs) and effective approaches to empowering young people. Dr Grace Maghembe, the Deputy Permanent Secretary for PORALG was the guest of honor.

The estimated number of OVCs in Tanzania is 3.2 million; and a quarter of all 5-14-year-olds are working, some in the worst forms of child labor. Family is the foremost protective asset for children, but the linked forces of poverty and disease undermine families' ability to care for children. As a result, many children under-five experience high rates of preventable illness, stunting, and other development delays.

The five-year \$163.3 million KizaziKipya activity enabled Tanzanian OVCs, young people affected by HIV, and their caregivers to utilize age-appropriate HIV-related services and improved health, nutrition, education, protection, livelihoods, and psychosocial wellbeing services. The activity generated a sustainable demand for HIV services, reduced barriers to access and uptake of HIV services, and ensured tracking to reduce the number of people living with HIV who discontinue treatment. Over the last five years, KizaziKipya worked with the government of Tanzania and local

partners to support 1.2 million OVCs and approximately 470,000 caregivers to ensure that these youth received age-appropriate HIV-related service as well as services to improve their overall quality of life.

For example, through KizaziKipya, more than 12,200 savings and lending groups, namely WORTH Yetu, were created. To date, these groups have a cumulative savings of 26.6 bn/- (US\$11.6million). By accessing these savings, families were able to overcome the economic barriers that often preclude children from getting the basic services they need to lead healthy and positive lives.

USAID Mission Director Kate Somvongsiri remarked: "When children are healthy, well-nourished, educated, and supported by their caregivers and communities, they will have the necessary foundational skills to become productive young adults, well-positioned to pursue and achieve their aspirations. This is a priority for the governments of both Tanzania and the United States."

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Leokadia Justin (R), a beneficiary of Shinyanga Region's Kizazi Kipya Project, pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday briefing Dr Grace Magembe (L), Deputy Permanent Secretary (Health Services) in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments), at a meeting on the project. The former, an electrician, said she has received a set of working tools in assistance from Pact Tanzania and various other agencies. Pact's work in Tanzania focuses on improving the lives of orphans and the vulnerable. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR'S Fisheries and Blue Economy Minister Abdallah Hussein Kombo has said a centre for the production of fish fingerlings and sea millipedes has started operating and called of fish farmers to collect them for farming in their farms.

Kombo was speaking in the Zanzibar House of Representatives as he was responding to a question posed by Kojani representative Hassan Omar Hamad who wanted to know when the centre would start

Beit-el-Ras fingerling production centre now operational - minister

operating.

Kombo said the centre built from Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) has already begun production after a brief stoppage due to some expertise shortcomings.

He said the fingerlings currently being produced include sea

millipedes, crabs and catfish.

He called on fish farmers to come up to collect the fingerlings for farming, adding that in regard to sea millipedes, these were on high demand.

He explained that the main work being done by the Fisheries

Development Department is to provide education on fish farming to various groups in both Unguja and Pemba.

Adding: "Fish farmers should come to the centre at Beit-el-Ras to collect the fingerlings of various kinds that it has started producing."



Specialists in the teaching of Chinese language at the University of Dar es Salaam's Confucius Institute pose for a group yesterday after receiving prizes from the Director of the Chinese Cultural Centre in Tanzania, Wang Siping, as part of China's mid-autumn cultural festival celebrations. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Isack Yohana, TUDARCO

Man in court for allegedly raping teenage girl in Dar

A 33-year-old man, Julius Nyaki, on Monday appeared before resident magistrate Lilian Silayo of the Dar es Salaam's Kinondoni District Court charged with raping a teenage girl.

State attorney Benson Mwaitenda told the court that the man committed the offense between June and July, this year in Kibwegere suburb on the outskirts of Dar es Salaam.

The prosecutor claimed that investigations regarding the case have been concluded, insisting that the court should

set a preliminary hearing. The man pleaded not guilty and was released after fulfilling bail conditions, which include having two sureties who signed a bond of 2m/-, with IDs and warrant letters as instructed by the court. The case was adjourned for September 27, this year.

Meanwhile, Athumani Ally (31) a resident of Kijitonyama, Kinondoni

District in the city was arraigned in order to get the property.

The respondent pleaded not guilty to the charge and the state attorney told the court that the investigation of the case was completed and asked the court to set a date for the preliminary hearing.

The accused remained in custody and the case will come for mention on October 4, this year.

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UN praises Tanzania for promoting peace, pledges continued support

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE United Nations (UN) has applauded Tanzania for promoting peace in the region and beyond, promising continued support to make the country sustainable and equitable.

UN system appreciates that Tanzania has been a bedrock of peace and stability, with a rich history of bringing countries together and helping to build peace in neighbouring countries in the regions of East and Southern Africa.

The observation was made here yesterday by the United Nations Resident Coordinator, Zlatan Milisic while speaking at the event to mark International Day of Peace, nationally held in Dodoma.

He said this has contributed to the country's economy consistently growing at a very high rate over the years and should also make it easier for Tanzania to build back better.

Milisic stated that UN recognize and thank the government for contributing UN Peacekeepers, who are risking their lives in support of peacekeeping missions all over the world, and for generously hosting over 300,000 refugees who fled violence and conflict from the Democratic Republic of Congo and Burundi.

"I reaffirm the UN's commitment to continue working with all partners to support the government and people of Tanzania to maintain and promote peace, achieve the SDGs and recover better for a more sustainable and equitable Tanzania," said the UN representative.

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The theme for this year's commemoration is, 'Recovering better for an equitable and sustainable world'.

Milisic observed that the theme reminds people that as they all take precaution and work to overcome the COVID-19 pandemic, they should be inspired to think creatively and collectively about how to help everyone recover better, how to build resilience, and how to

transform our world into one that is healthier, more equal, inclusive, and sustainable.

According to the UN representative, as the world begins to recover from the pandemic there are many issues that countries face to get back on track to achieve our development agenda.

In Tanzania, he said this means getting back on track to achieve five-year national development priorities, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the African Union (AU) Agenda 2063.

He also observed that in countries all over the world inequalities have been exacerbated and we have seen more people experiencing hunger and falling back into poverty.

He noted that the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) recognize that peace and stability are crucial for us to achieve social, economic and environmental goals of development.

Conflict and instability leads in the opposite direction, often resulting in more poverty and hunger, more violations of human and women's right and less access to services such as education and health.

He relayed UN Secretary-General, Antonio Gutierrez's statement for this special day, which said, "This year's International Day of Peace comes at a crisis point for humanity. COVID-19 has turned our world upside-down. Conflicts are spinning out of control. The climate emergency is worsening.

Inequality and poverty are deepening. And mistrust and division are driving people apart at a time when solidarity and collaboration are needed more than ever... Peace is not a naïve dream. It's a light in the darkness.

Guiding us to the only pathway to a better future for humanity. Let's walk the pathway of peace as if our lives depended on it. Because they do."

Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office, Union Affairs and Environment, Selemani Jafo, who was the guest at the celebrations called on Tanzanians to embrace peace since they have no other place to run to when conflicts erupt given that many neighbouring countries are not at peace.

He called on religious leaders to continue preaching peace to their believers, adding that while Tanzania has for a long time been haven of peace, some countries may not be happy with this and could be tempted to tamper with it.

"As we mark this day, it is important to remember that there are countries torn apart and children do not go to school as other services are also paralyzed," he said, adding that Tanzanians should not take existing peace for granted.



Prince Bagenda, a political science guru and media practice veteran, pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday standing as a facilitator at a workshop meant to make journalists better placed to report on the East African Crude Oil Pipeline expected to run from Hoima in Uganda to Tanzania's Tanga Port. It was jointly organised by Equator Communications Limited and the Tanzania Shipping Agencies Corporation. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

'Tanzania fifth most innovative nation in sub-Saharan Africa'

By Geoffrey Tusime, TUDARCO

TANZANIA has been ranked the fifth most innovative economy in sub-Saharan Africa.

The Global Innovation Index 2021 released yesterday also listed Tanzania 90th globally.

Only Kenya and Tanzania have been firmly in the top 100 innovative economies and improved their performance over time.

Mauritius, South Africa, Kenya, Cape Verde lead the pack in that order. Globally, Switzerland, Sweden, U.S. and U.K. continue to lead the innovation landscape ranking, and have all ranked in the top 5 in the

past three years.

Scientific output, expenditures in research and development (R&D), intellectual property filings and venture capital (VC) deals continued to grow in 2020, building on strong pre-crisis performance. Notably, R&D expenditures showed greater resilience during the pandemic-linked economic downturn than in previous slumps.

According to the index, governments and enterprises in many parts of the world scaled up investments in innovation amid the massive human and economic toll of the COVID-19 pandemic, illustrating a growing acknowledgement that

new ideas are critical for overcoming the pandemic and for ensuring post-pandemic economic growth.

"This year's Global Innovation Index shows us that in spite of the massive impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on lives and livelihoods, many sectors have shown remarkable resilience - especially those that have embraced digitalization, technology and innovation", said WIPO Director General Daren Tang.

Tang noted that as the world looks to rebuild from the pandemic, innovation is integral to overcoming the common challenges that faced and to construct a better future.

Selected middle income economies, including China, Turkey, Viet Nam, India, the Philippines, are catching up and changing the innovation landscape.

Northern America and Europe continue to lead the global innovation landscape as regions by far. The innovation performance of South East Asia, East Asia, and Oceania has been the most dynamic in the past decade.

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EU: We're happy with agri-connect project outcomes

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya,

Iringa

THE European Union (EU) has expressed satisfaction with outcomes of a 277bn/- agri-connect project aimed at improving value chains for coffee, tea and horticulture crops implemented countrywide.

EU ambassador Manfredo Fanti made the remarks in Iringa when he led a delegation of envoys from the economic bloc's member states to inspect implementation of the projects in the southern highlands zone.

Fanti said this was the largest project funded by the EU in the country adding that it has two components including supporting farmers to improve the quality and quantity of production and access to markets. "The second component of the programme in cooperation with Tanzania rural and urban roads agency (TARURA) involves improving rural roads to enable the farmers transport their crops to markets hence improving the quality life of farmers," he said.

The envoy said the aim of the tour

was to identify challenges and work on the issues that slower the project in the future.

He advised that there is need for adding value to products from Tanzania before they are exported to foreign markets, adding that this can only be solved by working together the government and other stakeholders.

For his part, the chairman of the Iringa Press Club (IPC) Frank Leonard and the former UTPC President Kenneth Simbaya hailed Swedish embassy for the support rendered to journalists in the country through UTPC.

He said that for many years the Swedish embassy has been supporting UTPC to run various operational costs.

Also, Member of Parliament for Kalenga Constituency in Iringa Region Jackson Kiswaga commended the European Union for carrying out various projects in the southern highlands including Iringa region.

The EU delegation included ambassadors from the European Union (EU), Belgium, Denmark, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Spain and Sweden.



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Note that, Customs Bond Securities with three years or more from the date of this public notice shall not be renewed, or Execute a relevant Customs bond security (for new applicants prior to issuance of license).

- xi) A certified copy of title deed or lease agreement for a suitable office for the company which should be equipped with computing facilities capable of connecting to the Tanzania Customs Integrated System (TANCIS) – to be subjected to verification prior to granting of license;
- xii) Non-existence of any outstanding Customs matters i.e. audit query, long standing unpaid or incomplete TANSADs, outstanding transit transactions or any other unresolved Customs issues.
- xiii) A letter from the Business Registration and Licensing Agency (BRELA) stating the current status of the company's Directors and Shareholders; (for new applicants and for renewal where there are changes);

B. SPECIFIC CONDITIONS (for Customs Agents)

1. Application for both NEW and RENEWAL of licenses will be received and processed ONLINE through TANCIS. New applicants for Customs Agency Licenses will be required to comply the following: -

- i) Obtain Company password which will be needed during the process of application. PASSWORD APPLICATION FORMS are available at TRA website www.tra.go.tz under EAC Customs Forms (Customs License Management System user access form). The form should be filled in duplicate and submitted to Customs registry at MAPATO HOUSE, room 129 and the applicants shall be invited for online application training. The Training program for NEW APPLICANTS IS SCHEDULED TO BE CONDUCTED FROM 27th September 2021 TO 08th October 2021 AT MAPATO HOUSE, TANCIS training Room No. 212.
- ii) Apply online for Customs Agency License, then
- iii) Make Payment of United States Dollar fifty (USD 50) application fees (no-refundable), then
- iv) Obtain Customs Agent's License Application Form (C.20) available on TRA Website (www.tra.go.tz). The form must be duly filled in, signed by Director of the Company and submitted to the Commissioner, accompanied by certified documents as listed under item A and B above.
- v) Have at least two competent employees in charge of clearance with a certificate in East African Customs Clearing and Freight Forwarding Practicing Certificate. Other employees should have at least a diploma or certificate in Customs Management from a recognized institute or a minimum of five-year experience in customs operations.
- vi) Submit two copies of introduction letter each affixed with passport size photograph of a competent staff that will represent the Company in the Interview. The letter should also contain email address and telephone contact of applicants.

The Candidate should meet the following conditions; -

- a. She/ he should be a director or a permanent staff of the Company and
- b. She/he should possess the East African Customs Clearing

- and Freight Forwarding Practicing Certificate mentioned under (v) above, and
- c. She/he has never been a director of a company whose Customs Agency License has been revoked or employee/director of existing licensed company, and
- d. No candidate who previously successfully sat for an interview with another company will be allowed to seat for the interview
- vii) Submit a signed declaration from Commissioner for Oaths with the following details: -

- a. That none of the directors of the company has previously been a director of any licensed company whose license has been revoked in the last five years
- b. That none of the directors of the company is a director of an existing licensed company.
- c. That none of the directors or shareholders of the company is an employee of TRA.
- d. That the Company will undertake provision of basic Customs services on a 24/7 work arrangement.

Note: Any person who previously sat for interview for a licensed company shall not be eligible to sit for this interview for another company.

- viii) New Applicants shall execute a Customs Bond Security of Tshs. One Hundred million (100,000,000/=) and submit the same after passing the examination.

2. Application for Renewal of Customs Agent's Licenses will be received and processed through TANCIS and must be accompanied with:

- a) Payment of non-refundable application fee of United States Dollar fifty (USD 50)
- b) Certificate of Registration for clearing and forwarding issued by TASAC
- c) Proof of affiliation or membership to a recognized clearing and forwarding association
- d) Valid Customs Agency License for the preceding year

NB: ONLY SHORTLISTED APPLICANTS FOR CUSTOMS AGENCY LICENSES WILL BE CONTACTED THROUGH TANCIS AND PUBLIC NOTICE FOR WRITTEN INTERVIEW.

C. SPECIFIC CONDITIONS (For Customs Bonded Warehouses (CBW) and Manufacture Under Bond (MUB) Licenses

1. Applicants for a license to operate as Customs Bonded Warehouses and Manufacture under Bond facility who meet general conditions as specified in (A) above must also comply with the following:

- i) Obtain Application form for license of premises to be used as a Bonded Warehouse/Bonded Factory (C.18) available at TRA website (www.tra.go.tz). The form must be duly filled in and signed by a director of the Company. The form should be accompanied by application letter and certified documents as listed under item A (General Conditions for all license Categories).
- ii) Submit a site plan professionally drawn showing size and location of the premises in relation to other premises and thoroughfares;
- iii) Meet the minimum area coverage i.e. square meters 1000 and 2000 for private bonded warehouse and general bonded warehouse/Manufacture Under Bond respectively;
- iv) Premises should be either in a Commercial area or Industrial area
- v) Submit certified copy of the rental contract whose duration is longer than the duration of the license applied and furnish proof of ownership of the premise;
- vi) The yard or storage area shall be made of rigid pavements, tarmacked or made of concrete finishing.
- vii) The premises shall have a parking space commensurate to the operations of the premises as the Commissioner may deem fit.
- viii) The premises shall be well secured with three-meter-high perimeter fence with an electric wire on top and lighting system.
- ix) The premises shall be well secured with 24hours security including security guards and electronic surveillance.
- x) The premises shall be equipped with a fire fighting system and conspicuous "NO SMOKING" signs
- xi) Submit production formulae approved by Tanzania Bureau of Standards and other competent Authority (for Manufacturing under Bond).
- xii) Submit Industrial License issued by the Ministry of Trade and Industry (for Manufacturing under Bond).

2. Upon fulfillment of the above, be able to execute bond security using the Customs Bond Form by a licensed and approved guarantor as follows;

- For a private bonded warehouse – a minimum of shillings 500,000,000
- For a general bonded warehouse – a minimum of shillings 1,000,000,000
- For MUB – a minimum of shillings 2,000,000,000

3. In addition to the above bond securities, successful applicants will be required to execute an appropriate revolving Customs Bond to cover the removal of cargo to and from the respective Bonded Warehouses/ MUB at a minimum of shillings 100,000,000.00

4. Applications for renewal of licenses to operate CBW and MUB will be done online through TANCIS.

D. SPECIFIC CONDITIONS (for Transporters of Goods under Customs Control)

All Applicants for Transporter's and Vehicle Licenses must observe the following additional conditions:

- i) Execute a Customs Security bond of Tanzanian shillings ten million (10,000,000) for C.28, C.40 or both (C.28 and C.40) licenses. This is also applicable for 2021 licenses with effect from the date of this public notice.
- ii) Submit LATRA Motor vehicle carrier's License.
- iii) Persons who directly handle Customs documents or transact with Customs shall be only the directors/owners/employees as per General Conditions in Part A;
- iv) Proof of affiliation or membership to a recognized relevant association;
- v) Apply for Certificate of Transporters (COT);
- vi) Each individual carrying unit shall have to be licensed using form C.28 or C.40 upon payment of license fee of United States Dollar Two Hundred (USD 200) as per East African Community Customs Management Regulations, 2010

E. SPECIFIC CONDITIONS (for Inland Container Depot and Container Freight Stations)

Applications for ICDs and CFSs shall be made on the prescribed form (C.18). Applications for renewal of licenses to operate ICD and CFS will be done online through TANCIS.

New applicants must submit a site plan professionally drawn showing size and location of the premises in relation to other premises and thoroughfares; also observe the following conditions: -

- i. **Fencing:** concrete wall at least 3- metres high perimeter fence, with an electric wire on top
- ii. **Entry/ Exit gates:** there should be two separate entry/exit gate
- iii. **Security:** 24hours security including security guards and electronics surveillance
- iv. **Parking space:** an ICD/CFS is a customs restricted area. It may allow vehicles in and out for the purpose of loading and discharging. Hence the parking space shall be outside the ICD/CFS boundaries for trucks waiting for loading.
- v. **Cladding/ paving:** for the purpose of strength and durability, paving of the yard shall be with concrete strong enough to withstand traction of heavy trucks.
- vi. **Demarcation:** Clear demarcation to separate imports, exports, verified goods and empty container
- vii. **Examination area:** Should be roofed and with a capacity of handling at least 10 containers at a time.
- viii. **Transit shed:** This is mainly for goods which cannot fit back into containers after being unloaded for examination. The shed should be of a reasonable size.
- ix. **Customs warehouse:** The size of customs warehouse should be at least 300 square meters.
- x. **Customs office:** this should be able to accommodate at least five (5) Customs staff and should be suitably furnished, installed with computers, ventilated, and with appropriate lighting, telephone, hygienic and other necessary facilities.
- xi. **Equipment:** There must be appropriate equipment for cargo handling, stacking, examination, measurement etc. in addition there must be at least two reach stackers for smooth operations just in case one of them breaks down.
- xii. **Security bonds:** Upon fulfillment of the above conditions and prior to issuance of a license, applicants shall have to execute customs security bond as follows:
 - CB2 to be at least Tanzanian shillings 500,000,000
 - CB13 at least Tanzanian shillings 2,000,000,000
- xiii. **Labour availability:** the ICD/CFS should be able to engage sufficient labour force at all times during operations.
- xiv. **Size of ICD/CFS:** The size should be at least 40,000 square meters for ICD and 10,000 square meters for CFS.
- xv. **Rail linkage:** ICD/CFS should preferably have rail linkages
- xvi. **Land lease:** the ICD/CFS operator should hold a valid title deed and a lease agreement whose duration is longer than the duration of the license applied
- xviii) **Working hours:** Licensee shall operate 24/7 hours work arrangement.
- xix) **Lighting:** Floodlights should be installed to light up the entire surface area to facilitate 24hours operation
- xx) **TASAC:** Submit TASAC License for ICD/CFS Operations. (For both new applicants and renewal)
- xxi) **TANROADS:** Submit Clearance Letter from TANROADS. (For new applicants)

Applications must be submitted to the undersigned on or before 25th October 2021:

Commissioner for Customs and Excise,
Customs and Excise Department,
Tanzania Revenue Authority,
TPA Tower, Sokoine Drive
P. O. Box 9053
DAR ES SALAAM

NB: Please note that applications received after the deadline shall not be processed.

All licensees are reminded that 2021 licenses shall expire on 31st December 2021 and shall be automatically suspended in our system by 01st January 2022 if they are not renewed. You are therefore advised to renew your licenses on or before 31st December 2021.

"Together We Build Our Nation"

Said Athumani
COMMISSIONER FOR CUSTOMS AND EXCISE

Ascertain number of students expelled for doing below average, Mwanza officials told

By Correspondent Wilhelm Mulinda, Mwanza

MWANZA city council has been urged to ascertain the number of students that have been expelled from schools in the region on grounds of underperformance in their continuous assessments.

Igoma Ward Councilor (CCM), Musa Ngollo recently made the call here in a meeting when speaking to councilors about the development of education.

He noted that a system has emerged in recent days in the area whereby some teachers expel students who perform poorly in examinations given by the schools.

According to him, that is not the proper way to help students for their future and development of the nation as teachers are required to know academic problems facing the students and come up with a plan to have them solved and not otherwise.

Ngollo also said that teachers are in schools to make sure that schools do not have students who are likely to score division zero in the national examinations; he therefore urged them to make certain that they prepare them properly.

“If this trend is left unchecked it will delay development of education in the locality and even the entire nation,” he warned.

On his part Isamilo Ward Councilor (CCM), Charles Nyamasiriri expressed his dissatisfaction with the way relevant executives supervise construction of council buildings.

He said that there is a time when contractors or technicians are paid contrary to regulations and principles governing public funds.

“You find that sometimes technicians are paid even before completing work, a situation that may cause loss of public funds as they can even not complete the work,” he mentioned.

Nyamasiriri suggested that some disciplinary measures be taken in such cases against those authorizing the payments so as to ensure public funds are used as required to push forward development of people.



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Customers enjoy access to banking services through Amana Bank App

By Guardian Reporter

A NEWLY launched digital banking app by Amana Bank has started paying off with customers expressing their satisfaction saying it was a step further in financial inclusivity.

The bank enables customers to make transactions and access online banking.

Some of the bank's customers said in an interview that the app was a great innovation in making life easier and also has its own uniqueness due to also targeting customers who need Islamic banking services.

Dodoma resident Hassan Mabuye, one of the users of the service said that the Amana Bank App; is a service that simplifies life as it can make payments through its mobile phone anywhere and anytime and is users friendly.

Another customer of the bank, Natty Natty, said she uses this service through her Masterpass QR number to pay for various services including paying for fuel, grocery stores, restaurants, pharmacies, hospitals and many other service providers.

“The Amana Bank App is designed to cater to customers who need to keep their money in line with Islamic banking services guidelines and is a new bridge to connect customers who need Halal banking, where they can open a deposit bank account instantaneous,” said Sherally.

Amana Bank's Head of Marketing Dasso Mussa, said, “We are happy to see that our customers have received this service well. Amana Bank has always been at the forefront of introducing and pioneering innovations that allows customers banking options that are guided by Islamic principles.

He added, in line with this rich tradition, we introduced the country's first Halal Digital Wallet back in 2018, which allowed people to save within their mobile wallets and receive halal profits; He said, our initiatives are geared to ensure we increase financial inclusion through product offerings that are fully sharia compliant”.

He further mentioned other services provided by the bank as mobile banking which can be accessed by dialing *150*12; Amana Bank Mastercard which allows customers to withdraw cash from anywhere in the world; a Virtual Card which can be accessed through the Mobile App and allows customers to do online transactions through their MasterCard and agency banking whereas customers can do transactions, open accounts and pay bills through Amana street agent kiosks.



Job Opportunities

TANZANIA MAJI NA USAFI WA MAZINGIRA (MUM) ACTIVITY

The Tanzania Maji na Usafi wa Mazingira (MUM) Activity funded by USAID/Tanzania and implemented by Tetra Tech International Development (<http://www.tetratech.com/intdev>) is currently accepting expressions of interest for qualified candidates to fill various positions. The purpose of Maji na Usafi wa Mazingira (MUM) Activity is to expand and sustain the provision and governance of WASH services by increasing access to sustainable water services; increasing access to finance for water, sanitation, and hygiene; Strengthening the market for sanitation products and services; and Strengthening basin water boards and water user associations for stewardship of water resources.

Tetra Tech seeks experienced candidates for the following positions:

<p>Office and Logistics Assistant (1 Post)- Based in Iringa</p>	<p>Working under the direction of the Administration Manager, the Office and Logistics Assistant will be;</p>	<p>compliance with Tetra Tech's Travel Policy and Procedures Information Management roles. Ensure all project equipment are in excellent working condition and coordinate with the US-based IT teams on the status of IT equipment and general computer systems; provides assistance to staff to enable effective communication and provides expertise to partners and stakeholders. Ensure all staff are connected to networked computer systems; maintain information management and administration systems; including efficient use of Egnety information sharing system as needed;</p>	<p>sectors; Demonstrated experience managing engineering and construction teams, supervising office and field staff, managing budgets, etc. Experience leading detailed work planning and reporting;</p>
<p>Responsible for the logistics and planning of special events or meetings in support of project goals including support to identification of vendors, organizing invitations, and other tasks as needed; Support compliant application of procurement processes including updating the inventory, applying inventory stickers and managing equipment; Provide support for the daily management of the MUM office and administration of the petty cash in accordance with Tetra Tech policies; Support project operations including property management, travel support, and partner coordination as assigned by and in close coordination with the Administration manager; Assist in the coordination of domestic and international travel arrangements;</p> <p>Qualifications: Education: University degree in accounting, finance, business administration, or other relevant discipline.</p> <p>Experience: Minimum of 3 years' experience in an equivalent position providing administrative support to international donor-funded projects.</p>	<p>Human Resource Management Roles: HR Specialist will provide human resources support for the MUM Activity, managing recruitment process and ensuring efficient personnel operations and management of MUM staff and consultants in compliance with Tetra Tech policies and practices.</p> <p>Qualifications: Education: University degree in accounting, finance, business administration, or other relevant discipline.</p> <p>Experience: Minimum of 4 years' experience in Office management, information technology management or equivalent position. Experience working in a similar position for an international organization is preferred.</p>	<p>Organizational Performance Improvement Specialist (1 Post)- Based in Iringa</p> <p>The Organizational Performance Improvement Specialist will be an integral part of a multi-person component team on a USAID funded development activity to increase access to sustainable water services managed by the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency (RUWASA) and urban water supply and sanitation authorities (UWSSAs). The candidate will provide technical assistance to RUWASA, CBWSOs, and WSSAs to develop and implement organizational improvements and support to district-level national water policy implementation. The candidate should have demonstrated experience carrying out capacity development and institutional strengthening within the Tanzanian WASH sector, particularly with RUWASA and UWSSAs, related to the results listed below. Experience with similar donor funded activities is desired. This position reports to the Water Services Team Lead and will be based in Iringa town with travel to activity districts in Rukwa, Njombe, Iringa, and Morogoro regions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve RUWASA's institutional, operational, administrative, and management capacity; Improve institutional capacity to monitor water services at district, regional and national levels; Support capacity development efforts to implement innovative operations and maintenance models, such as PPPs, to professionalize rural and urban water service delivery; Improve UWSSA performance, financial viability, and operational capacity; Design and construction management of targeted rural/urban water supply infrastructure; <p>Qualifications: Education: Advanced degree relevant in a specific area of specialization such as public administration, engineering, community development, business administration or similar;</p> <p>Professional Experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum 8 years of experience directly involved or leading institutional strengthening and capacity development activities within the TZ WASH (or related) sectors; Demonstrated experience supporting the design and implementation of complex public sector organizational strengthening activities to improve performance; Experience leading detailed work planning and reporting; 	
<p>Accountant Assistant (1 Post)- Based in Iringa</p>	<p>Working under the direction of the Director of Administration and finance, the Accountant Assistant will be -</p>	<p>Financial Planning & Performance Specialist (1 Post) Based in Iringa</p>	<p>The Financial Planning & Performance Specialist will be an integral part of a multi-person component team on a USAID funded development activity to increase access to sustainable WASH services managed by the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency (RUWASA) and urban water supply and sanitation authorities (UWSSAs), and will support efforts to expand access to finance for small-town water utilities, community-based water management organizations, and other water and sanitation service enterprises. Potential sources of finance include the Tanzania National Water Fund, commercial banks, microfinance institutions, development banks, and local governments. The candidate will support development/improvement of financial management and business models for RUWASA, WSSAs and BWBs, and WASH SMEs and CBWSOs to prepare financial projections and business plans, improve financial and operational performance, and facilitate access to finance, and will support efforts to improve water and sanitation service provider business performance and planning, cost/fee recovery and address other constraints to credit-worthiness. The position will report to the WASH Finances team Lead, supervise two enterprise support specialists, and be based in Iringa town with travel to activity districts in Rukwa, Njombe, Iringa, and Morogoro regions.</p>
<p>Responsible for executing GFRA accounting and financial control systems and ensuring that adequate and appropriate internal controls are in place to meet Tetra Tech ARD accounting standards. The Accountant Assistant will assist with all bookkeeping, bank accounts and cash flow to ensure sufficient funds are available for effective and efficient implementation. Specific areas of responsibility include financial report preparation, payroll preparation, review and submission to Tetra Tech ARD Home Office, cash flow management. The accountant assistant will maintain and update accounting and financial control systems in accordance with USAID regulations (expenses are reasonable, allowable and allocable) such that Tetra Tech ARD policy transactions are conducted, processed and recorded as stipulated by the system</p> <p>Qualifications: Education: University degree in accounting, finance, business administration, or other relevant discipline.</p> <p>Experience: Minimum of 4 years' experience in accounting or equivalent position. Experience working in a similar position for an international organization is preferred. Knowledge of QuickBooks is required</p>	<p>The candidate will have demonstrated experience in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designing and implementing financial and operational performance improvement plans for community or utility-scale water and sanitation service providers. Strong experience and results in a related sector will be considered. Linking financial institutions to promising businesses that provide water and sanitation products or services. Developing and delivering relevant capacity building programs for public sector entities <p>Qualifications: Education: Advanced degree relevant to a specific area of specialization (public administration, finance, economics, business, or related field);</p> <p>Professional Experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum of ten (10) years of experience under similar projects providing assistance on large donor-funded projects with similar scope; Demonstrated experience providing technical input and/or advisory services related to WASH financing; 	<p>Enterprise Support Specialist (1 Post)- Based in Iringa</p> <p>The Enterprise Support Specialist will be an integral part of a multi-person component team on a USAID funded development activity to increase access to sustainable WASH services managed by the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency (RUWASA) and urban water supply and sanitation authorities (UWSSAs), and will support Community-Based Water Supply Organizations (CBWSOs) and Small and Medium Enterprises(SMEs) to improve business/operational performance to qualify for finance and achieve revenue goals, forming part of a team to support efforts to expand access to finance for small-town water utilities, community-based water management organizations, and other water and sanitation service enterprises. Potential sources of finance include the Tanzania National Water Fund, commercial banks, microfinance institutions, development banks, and local governments. The candidate will support efforts to improve financial and operational performance, facilitate access to finance, and improve water and sanitation service provider business performance and planning, cost/fee recovery and address other constraints to creditworthiness. This position will report to the Sanitation and Hygiene Market Team Lead and will be based in Iringa town with travel to activity districts in Rukwa, Njombe, Iringa, and Morogoro regions.</p> <p>The candidate will have demonstrated experience in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designing and implementing financial and operational performance improvement plans for community, utility-scale water and sanitation service providers, and WASH SMEs (strong experience and results in a related sector will be considered). Carrying out market analysis and business assessments, particularly in the WASH sector. Linking financial institutions to promising businesses that provide water and sanitation products or services. Developing and delivering relevant capacity building programs for private sector service providers, particularly within the water and sanitation sectors. <p>Qualifications: Education: Advanced degree relevant to a specific area of specialization (public administration, finance, economics, business, or related field);</p> <p>Professional Experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum of ten (10) years of experience providing assistance on large donor-funded projects with similar scope; Demonstrated experience providing technical input and/or advisory services to improve business/operational performance of SMEs to qualify for finance and achieve revenue goals related to WASH financing; 	
<p>Driver: (9 Posts) Based in Iringa and Sumbawanga</p>	<p>Under the supervisor of Administration Manager, the driver will be responsible for driving staff and other authorized passengers for business trips, transporting goods and services (information). Transport is not limited to Iringa and will require frequent trips to rural areas, predominantly Dar Es Salaam, Sumbawanga and Nyasa Basin. Overnight stays will be required at times • Alcohol must not be consumed or present whilst on duty • Ensuring vehicles are maintained in excellent mechanical and clean conditions, regularly checking oil, water, brakes, and brake liquid, tire pressure, battery levels, and the entire vehicle, monthly or every 5,000 km (whichever is first), headlights, brakes, bodywork for dents, etc. Calculates monthly petrol, oil, and lubricant consumption for the daily cash fund and for forwarding monthly vouchers to cost accounting. Runs errands for the project, programme or office, e.g. sending letters and messages, paying bills, and buying smaller quantities of office supplies. Completes the vehicle logs correctly and conscientiously in accordance with Tetra Tech ARD requirements.</p>	<p>Social Behavior Change Communication Specialist (SBCC) (1 Post based in Iringa)</p> <p>The SBCC Specialist will be an integral part of a multi-person component team on a USAID funded development activity to increase access to sustainable WASH services managed by the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency (RUWASA) and urban water supply and sanitation authorities (UWSSAs), and will be responsible for developing and supporting efforts around behavior change strategies and communications to ensure that hygiene and sanitation behaviors are improving, and communities achieve access to sanitation and open defecation free (ODF) status. Designs behavioral change and marketing interventions and supports WASH enterprises in engaging with their own SBCC messaging in collaboration with the Marketing and Business Development Specialists. The candidate will facilitate capacity development tailored to women and youth groups and will analyze & recommend collaborative partnerships to engage social media and innovative SBCC strategies as well as provide on-going mentoring and training for local partners and SMEs. This position will report to the Sanitation and Hygiene Market specialist and will be based in Iringa town with travel to activity districts in Rukwa, Njombe, Iringa, and Morogoro regions.</p> <p>Qualifications: Education: University degree, preferably at Masters' level, in social sciences, communications, psychology or a related discipline.</p> <p>Professional Experience: Minimum of 5 years' experience working in Social and Behavior Change and Communication (SBCC). Experience working in the water and sanitation sector on donor-funded projects, especially with Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) is preferable.</p>	
<p>Grants Specialist (1 Post)- Based in Iringa</p> <p>Under the overall supervision of the Grants Manager, the Grants Specialist will be responsible for administrative duties and services in the project office for assisting with all aspects of implementing and managing the grants program. He/ She will Assist in the development and issuance of solicitations, Monitor the collection of grantee applications, Support the Grants Manager in the Review and Evaluation Committee process by taking notes and alerting applicants of the status of their application. Conducting pre-award risk assessments with the Grants Manager and Technical Team. Reviewing various accounting transactions, e. g., grantees' payroll, financial reports, quotations, etc., to ensure correctness of disbursements and adherence to relevant staff rules, financial regulations and rules, administrative instructions and practices.</p> <p>Qualification: Education: University degree in accounting, finance, business administration, or other relevant discipline.</p> <p>Professional Experience: Minimum of 4 years' experience in accounting or equivalent position. Experience working in a similar position for an international organization is preferred. Previous experience managing or implementing grants under contract, especially on budget/finance aspect, for donor-financed projects strongly is preferred. Knowledge of USAID grant making regulations and processes, and Conducting pre-award risk assessments with the Grants</p>	<p>Lead Engineer- (2 Post) one based in Sumbawanga and 1 based in Nyasa Basin</p> <p>The Lead Engineer will be an integral part of a multi-person component team of a USAID funded development activity to increase access to sustainable water services managed by the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency (RUWASA) and urban water supply and sanitation authorities (UWSSAs). The candidate will provide direct support to RUWASA implementation of water supply and sanitation projects and be responsible for design and construction management for infrastructure procured by USAID. The position guides strengthening of O&M practices and capacity building and oversees two site-based Project Engineers. The position is responsible for all infrastructure design and construction management and QA/QC, and related institutional capacity building, and will be based in Iringa town with travel to activity districts in Rukwa, Njombe, Iringa, and Morogoro regions.</p> <p>Qualifications: Education: Advanced degree in civil engineering or ordinary degree/diploma in civil engineering and advanced degree in a specific area of specialization such as construction management, water resources management, or similar;</p> <p>Professional Experience: Minimum 8 years of experience directly involved or leading implementation of water delivery infrastructure, including hydraulic design, development of tender documents (plans, bills of quantities, and technical specifications), and construction management within the TZ WASH</p>	<p>Marketing and Business Development Specialist- (1 Post) Based in Iringa</p> <p>The Marketing and Business Development Specialist will be an integral part of a multi-person component team on a USAID funded development activity to increase access to sustainable WASH services managed by the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency (RUWASA) and urban water supply and sanitation authorities (UWSSAs) and will work collaboratively with the SBCC Specialist to develop market research and to support WASH enterprises with the marketing and business development. Using the market research data, the candidate will provide technical assistance on business development, marketing, and management to sanitation and hygiene SMEs and partners. This position will report to the Sanitation and Hygiene Market specialist and will be based in Iringa with travel to activity districts in Rukwa, Njombe, Iringa, and Morogoro regions.</p> <p>Qualifications: Education: Bachelor's degree in business, economics, international development, or related field of study, graduate degree preferred.</p> <p>Professional Experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum of seven (7) years of relevant professional experience. Previous economic development experience in an international donor program setting, experience with international donors such as USAID strongly preferred. Relevant technical background in TZ business sector and experience conducting market research and analysis, particularly in the WASH sector. Familiarity with the key industries and socio-economic landscape of Tanzania. 	

To apply through ARD.recruitment.TZMUM@tetratech.com with a cover letter and current curriculum vitae (CV) in reverse chronological order format. Please list the title of the position in the email subject line

General Qualifications:

- Must be computer literate (in Microsoft Office applications such as Excel, Word, PowerPoint, etc.).
- Excellent interpersonal skills, including patience, diplomacy, willingness to listen and respect for colleagues.
- Ability to work individually and as part of a team. Must also be able to work effectively in a team environment.
- Professional fluency in English and Swahili is required for verbal and written communication.
- Experience delivering services in Tanzania, working successfully within a team environment;
- Please note: Only Tanzanian citizens are eligible for this position.

Only Short-listed candidates will be contacted for an interview. No phone calls will be accepted about these positions. **Deadline for submission of applications is September 28, 2021.**

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Issue of cost of Kyerwa's Tanesco complex is yet another eye-opener

LEADING officials at the public power supply monopoly, Tanesco, must have had a nasty moment on Monday when Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa refused to inaugurate the firm's office complex in Kyerwa District, Kagera Region.

The PM's reaction was on account of the construction costs being visibly too high relative to the quality and overall nature of the structures he was shown. It was all on a matter of principle.

Anyone listening to Tanesco officials would easily get the idea that they actually knew there was a problem. For, otherwise, how is it explained that the implementation of the project was begun on September 11, 2018 and completed February 8, 2020 but the prime minister is being asked to inaugurate it a whole one and half years later?

The stated cost of 483.4m/-, as affirmed by a senior official from the Tanesco headquarters who read the construction report, indicates that the matter was widely known and was not just district level blundering.

On the basis of what the premier said, that the 500m/- or so spent on the spot is sufficient to build a fairly complex health centre, it can be said that the work did not have to cost above 100m/-. With that, there must have been a "loss" of nearly 400m/- in that project alone.

Yet, if 400m/- is put in a commercial bank as a long-term deposit thereafter loaned out in bits and pieces to individuals who then repay so that others borrow, it could have helped in the development of Kyerwa District.

It will remain really hard fighting corruption under such conditions,

as it is evident that there was no push whatsoever on the issue from accounting officials or corruption agencies.

When the public sector (state firms, district authorities, executive agencies) dominates economic activities, it makes it extremely difficult for the leadership to efficiently supervise policy implementation and solving technical problems by enabling dialogue between all the relevant parties.

It takes needlessly long fiddling with figures and false impressions of what this or that building costs, whether or not this list of employees is right or some people are stealing money, etc.

Resistance to further reforms - abandoned in 1996 except for the selling off of the remaining loss-making state firms - is tied to wishing to enjoy the cash trafficking.

The PM stated categorically while on his Kagera region tour that the government intends to build an economy based on individuals, basically meaning small economic ventures.

We tend to think of large sectors like energy, infrastructure and water as naturally in the public sector while, if they were in the private sector, they would elicit bank credit with recovery on the basis of sales of services.

This would cut down the national debt and enable the government to save plenty for improving social services, while rendering it unnecessary for top officials to sniff out corrupt deals every passing day. It is that simple - so let it be done, with full force and without any further delay.

Fighting crime in Lake Victoria: Police vigilance will help, but...

POLICE are making frantic efforts to eradicate crime in Lake Victoria, going by recent remarks made in Mwanza Region by long-serving Commissioner of Police Liberatus Sabas.

The head of operations and training at police headquarters told a meeting that ending crime in the lake was an important area of action calling for cooperation and coordination from police operational units and detachments in the area.

He warned that it would otherwise be increasingly hard for fishermen to engage in their activities peacefully with a definite implication for public security.

Details on the plan were given at a meeting Commander Sabas had with regional police commanders, regional CID officers, officers commanding districts (OCDs), fisheries officers and representatives of fishermen, and other stakeholders.

The representation reflected the fact that crime in the lake is a cross-cutting issue. Officers took time exchanging ideas and experiences on how to eradicate criminal activities in the lake widely blamed for disrupting fishing and endangering public security.

To an extent, the violence in the lake is an illustration of pockets of lawlessness tied to relatively primitive modes of economy.

When informal activity guided only by communal habits prevails, chances of relative breakdown of the law are plentiful.

Trying to take stock of how security breaches rise by the day in most African countries, even when they thought they were stable, is disturbing.

This is because law and order becomes some form of an extended fire and rescue force - reacting to emergencies all the time.

An evident reason is the army of unemployed youths in urban areas and rural residents whose lives are ruined by falling prices of crops and at times drought and lack of part-time rural labour opportunities. Without regular income, youths get wild and get busy hunting for shortcuts.

Commissioner Sabas said the prevalence of criminal incidents in Lake Victoria has gone down but they need to be eradicated so that people conduct their businesses without unending fear.

That was somewhat pleasant in that it implies that police already have workable law-enforcement strategies in the area - but it did not preclude the need for the task force meeting.

Police will strive to make sure that they work together with other stakeholders in sampling as much relevant information on crime as practicable so as to identify and close all hideouts or escape routes for culprits.

Police look determined to become especially active, but will this do in taming the tide of crime, if you will?

Host RPC Ramadhan Ng'anzi aptly said security in the lake concerns all stakeholders, as crime doesn't discriminate and can pounce on anyone.

Representatives of the Tanzania Fishermen's Union (TAFU) sounded somewhat scared, saying virtually each island has an evil-minded and far from well-intentioned gang 'in control of the situation'.

Were it that these islands are put on long leases for individuals who can develop income-generating facilities without overfishing in the lake, their security would be enhanced, the gangs thrown out.

Going forward, it is hoped that options like this will also come under consideration so that the relevant authorities decide the modalities of implementing them.

World Peace Day



'Ensure bold African solutions, speak with a single, strong voice at COP26'



By Special Correspondent

THE Prime Minister of Cabo Verde, Ulisses Correia e Silva, has made an impassioned appeal to

African countries without exception to go to the 26th United Nations climate change conference (COP26) more united than ever before and with bold African solutions for global efforts to tackle the issues at hand.

He made the call as he presided over the official opening of the Ninth Climate Change and Development in Africa (CCDA-IX) conference.

CCDA-IX is Africa's premier climate summit convened jointly by the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), the African Union Commission (AUC) and the African Development Bank in collaboration with the Cabo Verde government.

As he welcomed participants to Sal Island, in his Atlantic Ocean island nation, Correia appealed to the participants to adequately prepare the African continent's position and ensure "a single, strong and unified voice in COP26".

CCDA-IX takes place six weeks before the world converges in Glasgow, the UK, for the global 26th Conference of Parties (COP26) of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Correia outlined three critical areas that he said call for significant attention during the conference. These include the invaluable role played by

African states in the reduction of greenhouse gases through ambitious nationally determined commitments.

Among the other areas are increased adoption of renewable energies by African states and the concept of development through climate financing. "Africa's climate financing agenda should not be jeopardized," Correia said.

"Towards a just transition that delivers jobs, prosperity and climate resilience in Africa: Leveraging the green and blue economy" is the theme for CCDA-IX, which is expected to amalgamate the tone while also bolstering Africa's position and participation in the forthcoming UN climate talks in Glasgow.

The importance of Africa's position at the COP26 negotiations was accorded the prime slot during the CCDA-IX opening ceremony, as all the speakers who addressed the high-level segment of the opening session of the conference called for a coherent and robust posture by African countries in the much-awaited COP26.

Josefa Sacko, the African Union (AU) Commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment, gave the key-note address.

The ambassador noted that CCDA-IX adds great value not just for the African climate conversation but also in preparation for COP26.

Sacko also outlined three key framework strategies being pursued by the AU on climate change: blue

economy and meteorology weather and climate services that are collectively aimed at "strengthening and mainstreaming climate governance in Africa".

Vera Songwe, the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) & United Nations Under-Secretary-General, also addressed the high-level segment.

She acknowledged that the theme of the conference was timely and appropriate for the current times and offers a suitable platform to concretise Africa's key messages to COP26.

According to Songwe, the quest for a just transition for the continent would benefit immensely from the participation of the private sector - "which must be included at the centre of Africa's green recovery agenda".

She applauded Cape Verde's uptake of renewable energy pathways with the aim of reaching 30 per cent of the country's electricity from renewables by 2025. "Africa needs to be at the forefront of finding solutions to the climate challenge," the UNECA chief said.

She repeated her call for the uptake of blended finance in green and blue bonds which have so far offered sustainable development solutions in several countries in Africa as case studies done by ECA revealed.

According to Songwe, it is of fundamental importance that more attention be placed on carbon-pricing and African peatlands and

forests which are essential carbon sinks to boost emission targets in the race to Net-Zero by 2050 while at the same time offering Africa a climate-smart revenue stream.

CCDA-IX brings together a wide and diverse coalition of stakeholders and other interested constituencies, including policymakers, technocrats, parliamentarians, and the African Group of Negotiators on climate change.

Among the others are academia, climate scientists, civil societies, women's groups, youth and even indigenous representation.

Other notable stakeholders expected to grace the conference include development partners, sister UN agencies, local municipalities, humanitarian actors, multilateral development agencies, international organisations and private sector representatives.

"Africa's just transition to carbon neutral and resilient economies must be gradual with adequate consideration to access to finance, technology and capacity," Al-Hamdou Dorsuma of the African Development Banks said.

Dorsuma further noted that all these are all critical for the attainment of the transformational change required to achieve the Paris Agreement and the 17 global sustainable development goals (SDGs) in Africa, adding: "As we move towards COP26, we look forward to the positive outcomes that will lead to the just transition needed for Africa."

How US-waged wars have traumatised its own soldiers, veterans

WASHINGTON

"WE killed two innocent men and a charger," a U.S. drone pilot wrote in his personal journal after a strike cell he was part of carried out an attack in Helmand Province, Afghanistan, on Feb. 26, 2019. "Charger," a military slang, stands for a child.

"My productivity today was derailed," the pilot of a Scan Eagle surveillance drone noted. Although he didn't share much more how he was feeling, his remarks reflected a sense of frustration over the assault, one of at least 13,000 airstrikes that U.S. armed forces had launched against targets in Afghanistan.

Earlier in the day, the strike cell, according to an investigation recently published by the U.S. website Connecting Vets, followed an Afghan man that it had considered suspicious for multiple hours. When the man was riding a motorbike on an empty stretch of a road, a Gray Eagle drone launched the strike.

As a missile was approaching the man, another motorcycle carrying two adult riders and a toddler popped up.

There was no way to call off the strike, which missed the target, ultimately. "He rode right through the blast and kept going," the Scan Eagle drone operator described.

The pilot had to continue watching the scene for an "after-action report," an allegedly common practice in U.S. drone strikes to see who show up to claim the bodies and where they are taken.

"I watched a passer-by load the bodies into a truck and drive them to a hospital," he said of the civilian casualties. "They are all dead." It was unclear to what extent the operation had affected the drone pilot and others in the strike cell psychologically but researchers have found that soldiers who had inflicted harm on civilians were much likely to develop post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), a mental health condition that may occur in people who have experienced or witnessed a terrifying event.

A second drone pilot that Connecting Vets spoke to also shared a scene that had been seared into his memory, in which a Hellfire missile, an air-to-ground precision weapon, hit an Afghan man with a handheld radio, leaving behind a ragged body. The killing also happened in 2019.

"An old lady comes running out of the compound. She comes down on her hands and knees next to this dude and you can see the despair, she is pounding on the ground, hitting herself," the pilot recalled.

"She was on her knees next to this guy with balled fists out at the sky, shaking her fists at me," Connecting Vets revealed in the investigative report that "some of those involved in drone operations in Afghanistan during 2019 were so disgusted that they quit their jobs and now want nothing to do with the military or aviation" and that "they struggle with the moral injury of being involved in targeting and killing unarmed Afghans."

The investigation came as the United States was pull-



A paratrooper conducts security at Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Aug. 29, 2021. (U.S. Army photo by Master Sgt. Alexander Burnett/Handout via Xinhua)

ing out its troops from Afghanistan.

The hasty, bungled evacuations, completed by the end of last month, had been briefly punctuated by attacks from ISIS-K, an Afghanistan-based offshoot of the Islamic State, including a suicide bomb explosion at a Kabul airport, killing more than 170 Afghan civilians and 13 U.S. service members. In retaliation, the U.S. military launched drone strikes against what it called ISIS-K targets in Afghanistan, but the Pentagon has admitted one of the operations wrongly killed as many as 10 civilians, including seven children, in Kabul. Calling it "a tragic mistake," Kenneth McKenzie, commander of the U.S. Central Command, told reporters last week that he's "fully responsible for this strike."

The drone program, primarily run by the Central Intelligence Agency of the United States and the military's Joint Special Operations Command for targeted killings, has long denounced by human rights watchers as extrajudicial existence that inadvertently take

civilian lives, which has been partly responsible for mental and moral injuries for some operators flying the machine remotely.

Such attacks have killed 300-909 civilians in Afghanistan since January 2004, according to the Bureau of Investigative Journalism, a British media organization. Pundits have pointed out that due to a lack of transparency from the U.S. government, civilian casualties from its unchecked drone strikes have been understated. It is also difficult to estimate how drone pilots involved in those operations have been traumatized.

The mistaken drone strike in late August added another gruesome episode to the final days of U.S. military presence in Afghanistan, 20 years after it declared a "War on Terror" and later invaded the landlocked Asian country in response to major suicide attacks orchestrated by Islamic extremist group al-Qaida on America's soil on Sept. 11, 2001, which killed almost 3,000 people in a single day.

During the war in Afghanistan, the United States lost a total of 2,461 troops, an official tally showed. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, in remarks marking the end of America's "longest war" on Aug. 30, said, "tens of thousands of others suffered wounds, seen and unseen," and "the scars of combat don't heal easily, and often never heal at all."

According to a Pew Research Center survey in late 2019, post-9/11 U.S. veterans were more likely than their predecessors to bear some of the physical and psychological scars of combat -- roughly half of post-9/11 veterans said they had emotionally traumatic or distressing experiences related to their military service, compared with one-quarter of pre-9/11 veterans.

More than a third of post-9/11 veterans said they had sought professional help to deal with those experiences, and a similar share said that they think they have suffered from post-traumatic stress, the poll showed.

Meanwhile, the majority of veterans said the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq

were not worth fighting.

"The United States launched misguided wars and implemented misguided policies that led to the sacrifice of thousands of American soldiers, the deaths of hundreds of thousands of Iraqi and Afghan civilians," wrote David Corn, an American political commentator and Washington, D.C. bureau chief of magazine Mother Jones, in an article published earlier this month.

Over the past two decades, America's "War on Terror" has cost itself at least 8 trillion dollars and resulted in over 929,000 deaths, including more than 387,000 civilians and approximately 7,000 U.S. troops, according to studies from the Costs of War project at Brown University.

Hundreds of thousands more U.S. and allied service members have been wounded in combat or have died indirectly as a result of injuries sustained in the war zones, one of the studies showed.

The U.S. military suicide rate has climbed significantly since 2004: four times as many service members have died by suicide as in combat in the post-9/11 wars, signaling a widespread mental health crisis.

Kirsten Fontenrose, director of the Scowcroft Middle East Security Initiative in the Atlantic Council's Middle East Programs, wrote in an article published last month that "the defeatist narrative dominating even domestic discussions about the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan is going to have a tragic impact at home."

"Conditions now put service members and veterans at risk for debilitating mental health problems and suicide," Fontenrose warned. "What was it all for? Was it worth it? Why did we bother? These questions are triggering post-traumatic stress disorder in our men and women who served in Afghanistan."

The Veterans Crisis Line, a U.S. hotline for veterans in crisis and their families and friends, has reportedly seen a sharp uptick in calls since the Taliban took control of Kabul in mid-August, a sign which experts said suggested that veterans experienced significant stress.

Carl Castro, director of the Military and Veterans Programs at University of Southern California, echoed the assessment, telling the university's website recently that he believes U.S. veterans just returning from Afghanistan will suffer a host of confusing emotions.

"It ranges from anger, frustration, grief, and in some ways happiness that we're out," Castro said. "Some are going to feel a sense of

Ozone layer protection a 'success,' but more cooperation needed, says UN expert

GENEVA

AS the world marked the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer on Thursday, a leading scientist hailed recent efforts to protect this thin part of the Earth's atmosphere vital for the survival of mankind as a rare "success story," but urged more international cooperation to tackle climate change.

"The Montreal Protocol was actually extremely successful, so

the ozone layer is back on its way to recover," Dr. Zita Sebesvari, deputy director at the United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security based in Bonn, Germany, told Xinhua.

"One of the largest holes was above the Antarctic, and WMO (World Meteorological Organization) recently reported that that hole is closed by now so that's one of the recent developments," said Sebesvari.

The WMO declared in January that the record-breaking 2020

Antarctic ozone hole finally closed.

It was the longest-lasting and one of the largest and deepest holes since the ozone layer monitoring began 40 years ago.

In 1994, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed Sept. 16 as the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer, commemorating the date of the signing, in 1987, of the Montreal Protocol.

It is a landmark multilateral environmental agreement that regulates the production and

consumption of nearly 100 chemicals referred to as ozone depleting substances (ODS).

"We really succeeded with the Montreal Protocol to stop the production and consumption of these harmful gases and with that we are on a very good way to actually recover the ozone layer. It's not yet there but it's on a very good way," Sebesvari said.

The ozone layer, a fragile shield of gas, protects the Earth from harmful ultraviolet radiation from the sun, thus helping preserve life on the planet. Hu-

man activity has damaged this protective layer of the stratosphere and while ozone layer health has improved, there's still much to be done.

"The ozone layer is a layer in the atmosphere around 15 to 30 kilometres above the Earth's surface with a high concentration of ozone and it's protecting us, and generally life on Earth from the harmful impacts of UVB waves," said Sebesvari, also one of the lead authors of the recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report.

"It's filtering out around 97 percent, 99 percent of these UVB waves. That means that it has an incredible impact on life on

Earth. If the ozone layer would be depleted or missing, there would be no life on Earth, in fact."

"In the 70s, scientists raised awareness that we are depleting our ozone layer by using substances which are aggressive to the ozone layer.

I think the subsequent international action, and the Montreal Protocol is a really good example how international cooperation can actually help to solve a major global issue and to have society to actually survive," she said.

NO TIME TO REST

Sebesvari also emphasized the impact of the protection of the ozone layer on climate change.

"There's a very recent paper published in Nature from this year, which shows based on modelling that if the Montreal Protocol wouldn't have been put in place, we would have seen an additional global warming of 2.5 degrees Celsius by the end of this century."

"This shows that taking action in one specific area, like here for the ozone layer, was extremely beneficial for halting climate change and that international action can actually be successful," the expert said. "We do not have too many success stories, but this is definitely one."

Asked about China's efforts to reduce CO2 emissions and how the country could help to further mitigate the impact, she said, "it's important that we do not forget about how important it is to further observe and respect the Montreal Protocol, and also monitor if such ozone depleting gases are still produced or still omitted." "We can't just rest on the success. We need to continue following and respecting the protocol and monitor our emissions.

All countries need to do more, in terms of curbing further our greenhouse gas emissions. China is within the boat, but not alone there so the entire international community needs to increase ambition."

The theme of World Ozone Day 2021 is "Ozone for Life: 36 Years of Ozone Layer Protection." It comes as the crucial 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference, also known as COP26, will be held in the British city of Glasgow in November.



How Jamaica got youth climate action engagement right

DOMINICA

WHEN the NDC Partnership, the alliance which helps governments to determine and achieve their climate goals, held its first-ever Global Youth Engagement Forum in July, several segments were underpinned by Jamaica's model of engaging young people and sustaining youth interest in climate initiatives.

The Caribbean country, a co-chair of the NDC Partnership, has committed to ensuring that youth have a say on national climate programs, through representation on boards such as the Climate Advisory Body and the NDC Partnership.

Environment and Climate Change Minister Pearnal Charles Jr told IPS that policymakers are committed to a well-defined and permanent space for young people in climate change decision-making.

He spoke to IPS on Jamaica's blueprint for youth engagement, how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted plans for an on-the-ground campaign to meet youth at primary, secondary, and tertiary education institutions and why engagement must be universal and equitable.

Excerpts of the interview follow:

Inter Press Service (IPS): Why is it so important for you that space at the center of climate discussion and action is dedicated to young people?

Pearnal Charles Jr (PC): The best use of our time and energy and the best investment that we can make is in building the capacity of our young people. It's a sensible, strategic decision based on the fact that they will very soon control the policy, legislation, and decisions of the country.

It is also the right decision as young people can have a wider impact than most because of their energy, creativity, innovation, and interest. We don't have issues with having to inform the youth as much as we think. That is not the issue. They are informed and in large part involved, but they do not get enough avenues to shine or platforms to perform and be engaged. My responsibility is to create platforms for them to simply express themselves, learn more, and become more aware of how they can play a greater role and influence others around them.

I have found in the several roles that I have had that whenever I have targeted the young, it has not been just because they are young. Once you get youth on board, they will not only influence the younger generation, but they become soldiers in their homes and communities. They speak to the elders, urge them to conserve, and suggest new methods for sustainable action.

It is also easier to change behavior at an early stage. Those of us who are over 35 are set in our ways, in a pattern of life. Science teaches that it is more difficult to change behavior after a certain time. So again, I think it is a sensible and sustainable decision and why I always get young people involved, engaged, and energized.

IPS: Jamaica is often highlighted for its youth engagement in climate change. How do you ensure that young people are part of decision-making?

PC: As it relates to the climate change portfolio, I have a climate change advisory board. It is led by a distinguished professor, the principal of the University of West Indies, but what I have ensured is that on that high-level board, we have strong youth representation. It is not one person, not token youth representation. I have about three or four young leaders on the board. I have also ensured that there is gender equity in addition to strong youth representation.

We also have youth who are always engaged in consultations taking place in our ministry. We keep connected and ask for their views on policy decisions and how best to execute in communities.

We have two representatives on the NDC Partnership Youth Taskforce, which is significant. They play a role in how that global partnership impacts the world and how we create an arena where young people can feel safe to speak up.

We make sure to include young people in everything. Sometimes they host events, other times they moderate panel discussions. They are leading the conversation, as opposed to being attached to the conversation.

We have the Jamaica Climate Change Youth Council, which is an affiliate of my advisory board. The Council

raises awareness about climate change and its effects on young Jamaicans aged 15 to 35. The members drive advocacy in that regard.

We also have the Caribbean Youth Environment Council and we have environment and climate change clubs in schools which help to coordinate and get the message out to students.

PS: How has COVID-19 impacted your activities?

PC: COVID has handicapped the capacity to have in-person meetings and initially, I intended to go from school to school and university to university, to create forums and opportunities for the youth to be able to not just be engaged, but exposed to cutting edge climate change issues and also to share their solutions, whether they have invented something or researched an issue and have a hypothesis, but I have not been able to do that.

I do intend to once the circumstances change and if I am still in this position, to drive a robust campaign across all of our tertiary, secondary, and even primary institutions, to raise awareness and directly allow our youth and children to learn and be involved in climate action.

IPS: In terms of success stories, are you buoyed by the climate discussions and initiatives of young people in Jamaica?

PC: You know, young people are bold. They are not afraid to be offensive in telling you what they think. It may not always be correct, but they will give you the truth, as opposed to saying, "yes, Minister," so even outside of the public space where everybody's watching, I always rely on the interrogation of young minds. I appreciate the criticism that they have.

We have created platforms where young people get an opportunity to not just speak, but to create solutions and that is one of the things that I am very happy for, that from the public or private sector, we have initiatives that allow them to display their skills in creating solutions, whether it is to reduce the carbon footprint or through entrepreneurship by cultivating some type of plant or whatever sustainable practice



Jamaica is increasingly cited as a model of meaningful youth engagement. Here Environment and Climate Change Minister Pearnal Charles Jr plants trees with a young environmentalist. Credit: NDC Partnership

that we are trying to advance.

When we create an opportunity for them to do that, it not only raises awareness, but it provides them with a long-term avenue for participation and it is the best type of participation, as they are gaining profit from promoting sustainability.

I still stand as a youth representative for UNESCO although I am not in the youth category anymore. Recently, I had a meeting with one or two of my representatives on the UNESCO Ambassador Programme, an initiative I created where young people can become representatives of the sustainable development movement. We intend to use that group as an avenue to carry out online engagements, educate

youth on climate change and environment issues and give them an opportunity to ask questions, share their thoughts and recommendations.

IPS: The recently held Global Youth Engagement Forum was a landmark event for the NDC Partnership's Steering Committee and its Youth Task Force. What do you think it achieved?

PC: It was a genuinely safe and open space for youth to participate, strengthen their commitment to being ambassadors for climate action, share best practices, and ultimately, build capacity.

What we have done with this engage-

ment is build the ability of our youth to take charge of their actions and drive the participation of others around them in the policies that we have designed to advance sustainable development.

We have failed over the years to truly advance sustainable practices. It is the youth who will do it, they are doing it.

I do not have to call. I get calls from young people saying, "minister, we want to do a beach cleanup," and I have to remind them that this is not possible during COVID. But it shows that they are not wasting time. They have organized beach cleanups, recycling drives, they are picking up plastics, they are designing climate-smart communities and we don't have to beg them, we only need to provide a platform for them.

So, I think that the youth you know that engagement for all is critical. It is a critical roadmap of participation on a wide level for our youth and for them now to drive implementation of the policies and practices that we need across the country and region.

Also, it speaks to the level of consultation and dialogue that has to continue. It is not about having one engagement and feeling comfortable. The need for consistency in our communication to ensure that we continue to have meaningful youth engagement. The meaningful must come before the youth engagement it has to be designed to really know the youth inclusive approach, where you're speaking to them, getting them involved, you have an opportunity to bend and shape policy.



Environment and Climate Change Minister Pearnal Charles Jr believes it's important to create platforms for young people to interact with environmental issues. Credit: NDC Partnership

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RATIBA YA VIPINDI JUMATATU - JUMAPILI

Rescuers pull villagers from flood waters in Xingyang city in China's Henan Province.

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Harriet Naddumba at her poultry farm in Kyotera Town Council.

School director reaps from poultry farming

By Ambrose Musasizi

THREE H. Model Nursery and Day Care School in Kyotera Town Council, Kyotera District, Central Region of Uganda was operating like any other school before the lockdown.

But when schools closed in March 2020 as one way of curbing the spread of Covid-19 pandemic, Harriet Naddumba, the school director, sought about another business to keep ends meet --She ventured into a poultry farming.

Naddumba says venturing into poultry farming had never crossed her mind, but redundancy caused by the Covid-19 induced-lockdown forced her since she had accumulated debts.

“Three months before the closure of schools, I had acquired a loan from Centenary Bank and another one from Stanbic Bank with an aim of constructing more structures for my pupils. Little did I know that the loans would turn out to be a burden to me,” she says.

By the time the government closed schools, Ms Naddumba says she had registered about 370 pupils from Baby to Top Class and all were day pupils.

As the situation became unbearable, Ms Naddumba reveals that in June last year, she decided to utilise some classrooms to start up a productive business since her home had limited space to house the chicken.

She bought 200 broilers and

200 kuroilers to kick-start the project.

“I have never tried poultry farming before, but I had no option. When I realised that schools could be closed for a long period, I decided to seek advice from other farmers who had been in the business for long and they have been guiding me,” she says.

Naddumba says she does not regret venturing into poultry farming.

“When we were told to stay home, I was spending much of the time in my poultry farm. I currently enjoy the business because looking at the hens and cocks keeps me smiling. I consider it a physical exercise when I move around collecting eggs and filling the feeding troughs of my birds,” she

boasts.

The mother of five says on average, she gets Sh.1 million from the poultry per month although most of the money is still being reinvested into feeds.

Naddumba says the business has enabled her children attain skills in farming.

“I am glad that my children have utilized this long forced holiday very well. They have gained experience in poultry farming and I am sure they will always do it as a side business even when they grow up,” she adds.

The school director explains that the two major challenges she has encountered are diseases and limited market.

Naddumba says the school

business will continue once schools reopen.

“We are already preparing another place where we plan to put the poultry farm when schools reopen. We will fumigate the classrooms and do some painting before the pupils report,” she says

Naddumba, however, fears that once the schools reopen, it may be difficult to find teachers because most of them are fed up with the profession. “Most of the private teachers are struggling with life unlike their colleagues in public schools who continue earning salaries,” she explains. She advises the government to reopen the schools and emphasize enforcement of Standard Operating Procedures.

82 Mbarali villages now connected to electricity - TANESCO

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbarali

A TOTAL of 82 villages out of 102 in Mbarali District, Mbeya Region have been connected to electricity whereas the process for the 20 remaining villages was underway.

This was revealed here on Monday by Mbarali District TANESCO manager, Nicodemus Kapange who said they continue to mobilize people to avoid masquerading people acting TANESCO staff who go round wooing them to be connected to power at great cost He said the indicative connection fee was only 27,000/- per household and it takes only 30 days for a house to be connected after payment.

He advised people to pay the connection fees at TANESCO offices and not handing the money to any Tanesco staff in the streets.

He said so far they have changed 232 power poles of 12 metres each at the main 234km transmission line to ensure power cuts in the district becomes history. Mbarali District Commissioner Reuben Mfune called on Tanesco Manager to continue improving power infrastructures to minimize power outages.

Meanwhile DC Mfune said the government has provided 500m/- for the construction of three wards at Mbarali District Hospital.

He said the construction of the wards will reduce the challenges from the shortage of wards for patients at the hospital and assured people better medical services.

Mbarali District Medical Officer Dr. Godfrey Mwakalila stressed that people to take precautions against the Covid-19 infections, calling on them to abide by all health guidelines, including the wearing of masks, avoid unnecessary assemblies and to do frequent exercises.

Africa Finance Corporation out to address climate adaptation needs

By Special Correspondent

THE Africa Finance Corporation is creating an independent asset management arm, AFC Capital Partners, which will debut with a \$500million Infrastructure Climate Resilient Fund (ICRF).

AFC Capital Partners plans to raise \$500m in the next year and \$200billion over the next three years. They envisage the CIRF will act as a direct investor and co-investment fund to enhance the quality of African ports, roads, bridges, rail, telecommunications, clean energy and logistics.

Samaila Zubaira, Africa Finance Corporation (AFC) CEO and president said AFC Capital Partners will enhance their firepower to drive integrated infrastructure solutions that are core to Africa's development post-COVID-19. “The Infrastructure Climate Resilient Fund will enable us to support climate adaptation as well as projects that reduce carbon emissions and catalyze our continent to build back better, with more climate-resilient and sustainable infrastructure.”

AFC Capital Partners will be led by Ayaan Zeinab Adams as CEO. The former leader of the private

sector arm of the Green Climate Fund under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, as well as a form CIO and Senior manager of the World Bank Group's IFC. Adams brings in 27-years of experience in climate response and investment to her new role.

She played a key role in building the mandate of the Green Climate Fund Private Sector Facility and rapidly scaled its portfolio within three years to \$21billion invested across Africa, Asia-Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean. She previously also served as UK-based CDC Group's MD of Africa Funds.

Africa has contributed the least to climate change but is the continent most exposed because of housing, transport, industrial and energy structures unsuited to surviving storms, floods, droughts, wildfires and other hazards caused by extreme weather patterns.

The UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction gauges that without urgent intervention, the cost of structural damage caused by natural disasters will increase to \$415billion annually by 2030, from between \$250-300bn right now.



Development and upgrading of infrastructure is key to attracting investment into Africa.

Damage to rail tracks, roads, bridges, seaports and power grids will add to an infrastructure deficit currently sitting at \$130-170bn a year. The UN Conference on Trade and Development estimates a total of \$2.3trillion worth of infrastructure is needed across Africa.

“Significant financing is urgently required to build physical infrastructure that will survive the forces of climate change. The good news is that much of this investment is compatible with competitive returns for investors through leveraging the expertise, relationships and blended finance models that have been tried assessed for many years by Africa Finance Corporation.

The mandate of AFC Capital Partners is aligned to AFC's in offering attractive investment opportunities to the global development finance and commercial investor community seeking long-term returns through structures that protect African built infrastructure from climate risks. The newly created fund, incorporated in Mauritius, will employ traditional project finance and private equity structures, supported by a blend of concessional finance, grants and 'soft equity'.

“Our objective is to stay true to AFC's track record, competency and investor interest without compromising on the ability to provide timely exits and a seamless entry by new investors on an arm's length basis,” said Adams.

CSOs set strategy for effective participation in global climate conference

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

ABOUT 50 representatives of Civil Society Organisations met in Morogoro Region recently to deliberate their participation in the process that leads to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) conference in Glasgow in November this year. Some government Officials also participated in the meeting.

The representatives discussed not only their contribution to the process, but also their engagement with other stakeholders and ultimately their participation in the climate change conference (COP26). The key of the dialogue was how best to present the voices of communities that are most affected by impacts of climate change and get

commitment from the parties on how to reduce the impacts by taking appropriate action.

“CSOs work with grassroots communities. We know how they are affected by impacts of climate change and their inability to adapt to these and build resilience. We have to speak for them and demand action that would stave off more severe impacts by, among other things, reducing greenhouse gas emissions,” explained Executive Director for Tanzania Natural Resources Forum (TNRF) Zachariah Faustini.

Giving an overview of the session, a representative from FORUMCC, Sarah Ngoy said that CSOs must build a united front in order to have a strong voice during negotiations at COP26. “We are going to team up with government delegates and

other partners, but in order to build a strong voice for Tanzania, we have to speak with one voice on issues that require action from local as well as international partners.” She explained, adding that it was the responsibility of CSOs to engage other stakeholders to the Glasgow meeting so that the agreements reached during the meeting are translated into action as soon as possible.

The urgency for action to deal with climate change is based on the fact that climate change is no longer a story of the future; it is happening now. “Neither is it a story of the rich or the poor. It is about what is happening now and everyone is being affected in their own way. Urban communities, rural communities, children, the youth and the elderly... all are suffering from the impacts of

climate change,” said a representative of Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, Fazal Issa. He explained that the need for CSOs to unite does not arise from the COP26 meeting but by situations on the ground that calls for unity in order to tackle them.

“You just have to look around to find out why this is an urgent issues. Despite rising global temperatures coal plants are still running and more are opening up. Deforestation is on the rise and the pace to adopt clean energy is still very slow. We must close the gap between the current situation and our ambition to limit greenhouse gas emissions by taking appropriate action now,” he said.

Opening the session on behalf of Morogoro Regional Administrative

Secretary, Morogoro District Commissioner, Albert Msando said there is a need for effective climate communication. “For climate messages to be delivered, understood and become effective, they must be in a language that the targeted audience can easily understand. Climate change messages must be understood for people to make informed decisions and take action.

It would appear that only a few people are left to take measures to fight climate change while it remains business as usual for others. “Only a few people are left to deal with many impacts of climate change facing communities. We need to take action so as to build resilience among the most vulnerable communities and, under the circumstances, authorities must be held accountable

for their inaction on climate change issues,” said Dr. Sixbert Mwanga, Executive Director of Climate Action Network Tanzania.

The CSOs agreed to advocate action on, among other things, adaptation, mitigation, collaboration and finance. They have scheduled a meeting with government officials in order to align the national agenda to be negotiated at the Glasgow meeting.

The two day's meeting was sponsored by Climate Action Network Tanzania, Tanzania Natural Resources Forum, FORUMCC, PINGO's Forum, and Care. Other sponsors were Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office and Irish Aid. It also drew participants from pastoralists, small farmers, hunters and gatherers.

Population of green peafowl sees steady recovery in China

By Liu Yi

IN recent years, China has significantly improved the habitats of green peafowl and made notable progress in protecting the species through measures including establishing and improving nature reserve system, launching special rescue projects, carrying out research and monitoring, and strengthening public awareness of green peafowl conservation.

Green peafowl, the only peafowl species native to China, is under first-class national protection in China. It is also one of the rarest and most endangered wild animal species.

The animal is only found in the central, western, and southern areas of southwest China's Yunnan province. Their habitats are mainly highlands in basins of the Nujiang, Lancang, and Honghe rivers. It is categorized as species with extremely small population by China and Yunnan province.

Lately, infrared cameras installed at a green peafowl's habitat located in the upper and middle reaches of the Honghe River captured scenes of six baby green peafowl foraging in forests.

This year, brooding has gone well in major home ranges of green peafowl in Yunnan, and some home ranges of the species have expanded, according to the forestry and grassland administration of the province.

In 2007, Yunnan formulated a plan for biodiversity conservation, specifying protection measures for species with extremely small populations. Two years later, the province issued a guideline and an emergency action plan targeting species with extremely small populations, which included green peafowl as one of the 20 key species for protection.

In 2018, the province included the habitats of 26 rare species, including green peafowl, into its ecological protection red line.

Yunnan also rolled out special implementation plans to step up efforts to protect green peafowl. As of last year, it had invested over 23 million yuan (about \$3.57 mil-

lion) in rescuing the species.

Green peafowl are found and protected as one of the key species in many of the nature reserves in Yunnan, including the Honghe National Nature Reserve, Yongde Snow Mountain Nature Reserve, Konglonghe Nature Reserve and Yubaiding Nature Reserve, said Xiang Ruwu, head of wildlife conservation division of the forestry and grassland administration of the province.

With natural resources effectively protected and ecological functions continuously enhanced, these nature reserves are offering a more hospitable living environment to green peafowl.

The provincial government of Yunnan has also set up an artificial breeding base for green peafowl and carried out relevant research together with research institutions, including the Kunming Institute of Zoology in the province, since 2019.

The 21 green peahens gathered by the government and research institutions have laid more than 100 eggs, with 27 chicks hatching out. A genomics-identified pure-bred population of green peafowl cultivated through artificial propagation has been initially established.

According to Xiang, the forestry and grassland administration, research institutes, non-profit organizations in Yunnan have explored many feasible approaches to green peafowl population monitoring, habitat management and protection, as well as rescue and protection-oriented manual intervention.

Through years of efforts, peafowl conservation areas in the province have all observed newborn baby peafowl. The annual number of peachicks procreated naturally has increased from 23 to 41.

The population of green peafowl has remained stable and risen in recent years, Xiang pointed out. Latest data from the forestry and grassland administration of Yunnan show its population stands around 555 to 600, which signifies the province's progress in green peafowl habitat conservation as well as improvement in the population and distribution of the



Green peafowl

species.

At the Konglonghe Nature Reserve situated in Shuangbai county, Chuxiong Yi autonomous prefecture of Yunnan, green peafowl were only found in two areas of the reserve in 2015, when their population was less than 40.

In 2019, monitoring results indicated that green peafowl were found at all the suitable areas of the reserve, including some areas in the headwaters of the Lishejiang River where no green peafowl was found before. Besides, the population of the species at the reserve re-

mained stable at above 100.

The population of green peafowl at the Yubaiding Nature Reserve and Honghe National Nature Reserve is also recovering steadily.

People's Daily

BRICS enterprises sight opportunities amid new industrial revolution

XIAMEN

ARIANA Guedes de Oliveira, international affairs advisor of Brazil's Mato Grosso state, brought about 10 agricultural enterprises from her state to the 2021 BRICS Exhibition on New Industrial Revolution, which opened Wednesday in the eastern Chinese city of Xiamen. "At least two cooperation programs will be reached with Chinese enterprises," she said. "Of course, the more the better."

The BRICS countries, namely Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, are home to over 40 percent of the world's population and about a quarter of the world economy. The BRICS Partnership on New Industrial Revolution Innovation Center was launched in Xiamen in December last year. At the center's inauguration ceremony on Tuesday, 28 projects with a total investment of over 13.4 billion yuan (about 2.07 billion U.S. dollars) were inked by BRICS enterprises. "It is encouraging. We value

the position of Xiamen as a technology, innovation and international trade hub in China," Oliveira said. "The innovation center in Xiamen provides lots of opportunities for enterprises both in China and Brazil in fields such as biotechnology, nanotechnology, new materials, green economy and smart manufacturing," she added.

Xiamen ITG Group Co., Ltd., a Chinese company based in Xiamen, signed two projects with Brazil on the importation of soy beans and pulp, with a total invest-

ment of more than 2 billion yuan. Cai Yingbin, deputy president of Xiamen ITG Group, said that the company enjoyed in-depth cooperation with other BRICS enterprises on coal, textiles and agricultural products, with the scale of both import and export increasing in recent years. "With the development of the innovation center, we have more new programs finalized. I hope we can have more cooperation with supply chain enterprises from BRICS countries and contribute to the development of eco-

nomic and trade interaction among BRICS countries," Cai said.

Evgeny Kosolapov, a representative of the Skolkovo innovation center in Russia, which signed a cooperation contract with Xiamen Torch Development Zone for High Technology Industries at the ceremony, said that one major area on which they are focusing is "Industry 4.0." "I believe Xiamen is a good place for new industries to come to China because of its good logistics and business environment," he said. "I think

the innovation center has a very good future and we would be happy to contribute ourselves to the center's development." According to the data from the municipal government of Xiamen, the innovation center has built seven new-industrial-revolution enabling platforms, and launched the first batch of 39 new-industrial-revolution demonstration projects. From January to July of 2021, the number of new enterprises established in Xiamen by Brazil, Russia, India and South Africa is three times that of the same

period in previous years, data shows.

Alexey Dakhnovskiy, trade representative of Russia in China, said that the innovation center aims to promote partnership and productivity among the BRICS countries, which will create market, employment and business opportunities for them. "We are sure that through our joint efforts, the BRICS countries will have a better future in terms of digitalization, standardization and industrialization," Dakhnovskiy said.



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Media houses challenged to investigate and report more on EACOP project

By Francis Kajubi

JOURNALISTS have been challenged to provide coverage of construction of East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) project and its impacts on lives of communities along its path from Hoima on the shores of Lake Albert to Chongoleani in Tanga.

Speaking at a one day seminar held in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Equator Communication's Managing Director, Deogratias Kishombo said that since the project has a lot of national interests at stake, it is important for the mainstream media to cover it regularly and in detail. "The mainstream media must be involved from early stage of the project execution rather than engaging only community outlets as the project is of

national interest. The general public would like to know how individuals will benefit from the project and not just reporting on what the government will solely earn," Kishombo said.

The seminar which was held under sponsorship of the Tanzania Shipping Agencies Corporation (TASAC), was aimed at taking journalists through key areas of public interest that they can pitch investigative journalism ideas and write people centred stories.

A Political and economic analyst based in Dar es Salaam, Dr Prince Bagenda who was a main presenter at the seminar, said that there is weakness either by journalists themselves or the media houses to undertake investigative stories especially for covering mega-projects of the government.



Dr Medard Kalemani addresses legislators when he was Energy minister.

"The public need to be informed on the pros and cons of all ongoing mega projects implemented in the country

because people have a right to know how the public will benefit directly from such projects be it economically or socially," Dr

Bagenda said.

In supporting smooth execution of the project, Parliament passed the Written Laws Mis-

cellaneous Amendments No 3 Act 2021 in June which endorsed small amendments in 14 laws of the Act, targeting at facilitating mutual implementation of all strategic projects that the government has signed with multinational companies, the EACOP inclusive.

The \$3.5 billion EACOP pipeline project has so far witnessed about five agreements signed between Tanzania and Uganda since 2016. The then Minister of Energy Dr Medard Kalemani said the ministry had already formed a special facilitation team to help the project in terms of fast-tracking permit clearance processes and solving tax exemption related matters.

According to him, local companies will take part in the project with not less than 25 percent of participation. "The ministry is hoping that more than 15,000 youth will be employed in the project directly and indirectly. All construction materials of the project will be procured from the local market," Dr Kalemani told lawmakers.

Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation owns 15 percent stake that enables the government to collect about 60 percent of revenue through taxation. Other stakeholders are Uganda (15 percent) while CNOOC has eight percent and the rest belongs to foreign investors. Of the 1,443-kms pipeline, 1,147km will pass through the country's eight regions and 24 districts to Tanga Port.



Tanzania Commercial Bank's CEO, Sabasaba Moshingi (4th R), listens to a Turkish contractor of the Standard Gauge Railway, Yapi Merkez, at Dar es Salaam's main station during a visit on Monday. The top management of the bank, which is a strategic partner in the mega project, was on a familiarisation visit while also seeking to get an update on the project's implementation. Photo courtesy of TCB.

NTBS

Indians seek cap on cheap Kenyan tea imports amid glut

NAIROBI

INDIAN tea producers and exporters want their government to limit shipments of low priced Kenyan tea into the Asian country to stem glut that has hit farmers.

The Kolkata based Indian Tea Association (ITA) whose members represent over 60 percent of India's total tea production Monday urged the Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's administration to introduce a minimal import value for teas coming from Kenya.

India is among the world's largest producer of black tea alongside China. But compared to Kenya, India's tea export growth in global markets

has been slow trailing Kenya. Kenya has especially been giving a tough competition to India's black tea exporters by offloading the commodity at a much cheaper price since its production has gone up significantly.

The association said Kenyan tea imported into India was selling at \$1.7 (Sh187) per kilo compared with India's \$2.5 (Sh275) for the same quantity. It claimed while the imported teas from Kenya are meant for re-exports, a significant portion are being mixed with Indian teas and circulated in the domestic market at cheaper rates, undercutting Indian producers.

"We have to find out the real reason behind the import of such low-

priced and substandard tea. It is a pity that a giant and renowned tea producer like India is buying the morning cuppa from countries like Kenya (6.9 million kilos in 2020)," ITA secretary Sujit Patra, was quoted saying in local Indian press. The Business Daily could not immediately reach Kenyan Agriculture ministry officials for comment on the clamour for restrictions.

The move to put quotas on Kenyan tea, if effected, would deal a blow to the Kenyan tea farmers at a time the President Uhuru Kenyatta administration has been courting countries like India to grow and diversify Kenya's export markets for tea amid production glut.

CENSURE

Tower companies feel the wrath of COMESA

LUSAKA

THE Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (Comesa) Competition Commission (CCC) has fined Malawi Telecom Towers, Helios Towers Limited and Madagascar Towers SA a combined total of 0.05% of their turnover in the Common Market in the financial year of 2020 for failure to notify the organisation of their proposed acquisition on time.

The CCC said the parties failed to inform the Commission of Helios Towers Limited's intention to acquire shares in Malawi Towers Limited and Madagascar Towers SA. Malawi Towers Limited is incorporated in Malawi and is a subsidiary of Airtel Malawi Holdings, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Airtel Africa.

The Commission said article 24 (1) of the Comesa Competition Regulation of 2004 requires a party to a notifiable merger to notify the Commission in writing as soon as it is practicable but not later than 30 days of the parties decision to merger which, according to the organisation, the three companies failed to do.

The Commission said the Committee Responsible for Initial Determination (CID) observed that the decision to merge was executed on 23 March 2021, being the date the Share Sale and Purchase Agreement for the proposed transaction was signed, but that the proposed merger was only notified to the Commission on 2 July, 2021.

In view of this, the Commission said the CID considered Article 24 (4) of the Regulations which con-

fer jurisdiction upon the Commission to impose penalties where parties to a merger fail to give notice as required by the Regulations. The primary objective of the penalty, the Commission said, is to deter future violations by the undertakings concerned and other would-be offenders.

The Commission's Registrar Meti Disasa has since cautioned undertakings operating in the Common Market to comply with all parts of the Regulations especially with respect to anti-competitive conduct as the Commission shall not take lightly any breaches of the regional competition law.

"The fine was the first of a kind for breach of the Regulations. The

Commission therefore wishes to remind undertakings in the Common Market to be cautious of the prescribed timeline for notifying mergers in under Articles 24 (1) of the Regulations," said Disasa. Madagascar Towers owns telecommunication infrastructure assets that are used mainly by Airtel Madagascar to provide mobile telecommunication services to Airtel Madagascar Plc customers.

In March this year, Airtel Africa sold its 1,229 tower units in Madagascar and Malawi to Helios Towers for US\$108-million. Additionally, the company also announced that it would sale its towers assets in Chad and Gabon to Helios Towers.



PROGRESS

Walkabout CEO says Lindi graphite project due to start in Q2 2022

By Geoffrey Tusiime, TUDARCO

AUSTRALIAN Stock Exchange (ASX) listed Walkabout Resources has said development of its flagship Lindi Jumbo Graphite Project in the country is on track, maintaining that production at the site will commence in the second quarter next year.

In a statement, Walkabout's CEO, Andrew Cunningham said the company has already signed the first contract for the site with local contractor TNR Engineering

to undertake the site preparation. "The value of the contract is about a third of the total Capex needed to get us into production. It includes bulk earthworks and civil and get the plant to get the plant directed on site which is currently under construction in China," Cunningham said. He said the company has already procured equipment worth one million dollars that is currently under storage in China, which will be shipped to Tanzania. Cunningham said the Lindi



Walkabout's CEO, Andrew Cunningham.

Jumbo project is an exceptional project in the graphite space being high-grade with free concentrate and 24 years life of mine. "We are currently working around the clock to get a social license to operate from local communities surrounding the project," he said.

Last month, Walkabout Resources announced that it progressed into the construction phase, with CRDB-approved independent project manager completing site visits and bulk earthmoving contractor TNR

commencing mobilisation.

The statement further noted that several government dignitaries including Prime Minister, Kasim Majaliwa and Deputy Minister of Minerals, Professor Shukrani Manya have already visited the project.

Under the US\$20 million project debt agreement, an Independent Project Manager (IPM) is required to be appointed to approve the payment of project funds from either the companion equity or the project debt.

A total of US\$8 million of companion equity funds has already been deposited with CRDB in Tanzania. The final US\$4 million of companion equity is expected next week, subject to approval by shareholders.

As announced in July, TNR was appointed to undertake site earthworks and civil engineering work. As these activities form a critical pathway of the project development schedule, full mobilisation was subject to IPM approval of the mobilisation payment.

BULLISH

Nicol Investment sees its share price at DSE increase by over 40pc

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

NICOL Investment Plc's share prices at Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange increased by over 40 percent from 170/- each to 250/- during trading this week.

NICOL's CEO, Erasto Ngamila urged the public to buy the blue-chip company's shares so that they can make profit and own part of the country's economy. NICOL's half year results published in recently indicate the company's profit up to 68 percent.

"We assure our members that the company is doing better and better

and we promise to continue with this trend so that shareholders should expect good dividend at the end of this year," Ngamila said. He said profit came as a result of the increment of revenue from various investments made in different companies and government securities.

Ngamila further noted that NICOL also managed to reduce operational cost by over 37 percent thanks to improvements in corporate governance and a better strategic plan. He pointed out that NICOL's strategic plan is to continue with investment in various profitable listed companies and government securities with



NICOL Investment Plc's emblem.

7.6bn/- invested so far in treasury bills which is due to be increased to 15bn/-.

"Investment in profitable ventures will help to improve revenues for the company hence dividend to shareholders," he said while pledging to increase the value of the company and increase its share prices at DSE.

The NICOL CEO also commended the company's board of directors for supporting management and endorsing strategies aimed at speeding up growth. "The role being played by the board is very import to the company's sustained growth and profitability," he noted saying investment in Treasury bills which account for 15 percent of annual profits.

"We are working to review our strategic investment plan that will cover 2022/25 which is expected to start next year," he stated adding that this year's dividend will be decided by a shareholders annual general meeting due later this year

INVITATION

Tanzanians urged to apply for Emirates Airlines jobs

By Guardian Reporter

LOCAL aviation personnel with necessary qualifications and experience to work for a global airline have a chance to join Dubai based Emirates Airlines which is seeking to recruit 3,000 cabin crew and 500 airport services employees.

In a statement last week,

the airline said it wants to recruit the 3,500 staff members to ramp-up its global business full throttle resumption.

"This is great news for Tanzanians seeking employment in Dubai with the upcoming Expo 2020 set to start on 1 October 2021," said the statement which added that Emirates has begun a

worldwide campaign to recruit new staff who will join its Dubai hub over the next six months.

"These roles are Dubai-based positions and front-line customer-facing roles, and both jobs offer exciting opportunities for friendly, energetic, and service-oriented people to meet and interact with the world as

Emirates' brand ambassadors," the statement said.

It further noted that interested candidates for either positions need to get details from the airline's website where application forms and job requirements are available on: www.emirates-groupcareers.com.

Emirates has gradually restored its network opera-

tions in line with the easing of travel restrictions around the world, and over the past months, it has been recalling pilots, cabin crew and other operational employees who were stood down when the pandemic forced a drastic reduction in flights last year, the statement noted.

"The airline currently flies to over 120 cities, represent-

ing 90 percent of its pre-pandemic network, and it plans to restore 70 percent of its capacity by the end of the year, including bringing back more of its iconic A380 aircraft into active service," the statement stated.

One of the most dynamic global cities, Dubai has also led the world in its response to the coronavirus pandem-

ic thanks to its strong leadership and public-private sector cooperation. "The rapid vaccination roll-out in the United Arab Emirates, and clear pandemic protocols have enabled Dubai to quickly and safely re-open to international tourism and business activities since July 2020," Emirates Airlines said in its statement.



Emirates Airlines cabin crew members.

INVESTMENT

Nigerian fintech Infibranches secures US\$4bn from Shell-backed company

LAGOS

FINTech startups in Nigeria are mainly focused on enabling money transfers and providing financial services to the unbanked or the underbanked. For a fintech like Infibranches, their approach is different even though they offer digital payment services to solar energy providers.

This is perhaps the first fintech to offer this kind of service in Nigeria. Today, Infibranches is announcing that it has raised a \$2 million investment from Shell-backed All On, an independent, off-grid energy impact investment company.

Olusola Owoyemi, Infibranches CEO, said "Through this investment, Infibranches plans to speed up customer acquisition in its current markets. This will also improve existing products like Omnibranches, which has served over a million customers, and introduce new products and services to address energy distribution issues."

The platform also supports agent banking businesses, enabling them to provide services such as cash payments and withdrawals, money transfers, utility and telco pay-

ments to name a few. Shell Foundation CEO Sam Parker said: "The initiative's work with Infibranches has shown how important it is to continue addressing market barriers, enabling enterprises to more quickly expand their life-changing energy solutions to households and SMEs across Nigeria."

All On's investment will trigger the next phase of Infibranches' growth by financing inventory and agent acquisition, product and technology development, and provide working capital for business operations towards the company's distribution of Solar Home Systems for households and commercial users across Nigeria with a special focus in the Niger Delta.

"We are particularly thrilled about this deal because it's an innovative business model that solves the payments and collections problems that Solar Home System distributors and mini-grid developers face across Nigeria," said Dr. Wiebe Boer, All On CEO. "This partnership merges fintech and renewables in a way we haven't seen in Nigeria before and will enable tens of thousands of new electricity connections."

DIVERSIFICATION

Namibia's MTC to list in November

WINDHOEK

NAMIBIA'S largest telecommunications operator Mobile Telecommunications Company (MTC) says it will list on the local Stock Exchange (NSX) by the end of November.

The company said it will make available 367.5 million shares to the general public and would release its prospectus on 20 September 2021 detailing the cost of the shares. According to MTC the listing will provide an opportunity for stakeholders, including customers, staff and existing shareholders, to participate in the ownership of the company.

In an event that the public offer is oversubscribed, the company said historically disadvantaged Namibians will get first priority in acquiring shares in the company, then MTC staff and customers and finally to Namibian institutions, Southern African Development Community (SADC) and international investors in that order. According to the company, the offer to subscribe for shares is expected to close on 1 No-

vember at 12 noon.

It added that the Namibian government will retain majority shareholding in the company through the Namibia Post and Telecommunications Holdings Limited (NPTH) which, after the listing, will keep a minimum of 51% of MTC.

Company chairperson Theo Mberirua said the company expects to generate between N\$3-billion and N\$3.5-billion from the public sale of shares. Namibia's Minister of Public Enterprise Leon Jooste said, "This will be the first public enterprise that will be listed on NSX and that indications are that it will be the largest listing in the history of the country."

MTC has 91% market share of the local telecommunications market with almost 2.6 million subscribers, while its mobile network covers 97% of the population with mobile broadband penetration standing at 87%. According to the company's annual report for the year 2020, it recorded a 2% growth in active customer numbers and a 22% growth in data revenue.



Namibia's minister of public enterprise, Leon Jooste.

Angolan oil giant Sonangol lost US\$4.1bn last year in pandemic

LUANDA

Angolan state oil giant Sonangol registered a \$4.1bn net loss in 2020 as the Covid-19 pandemic hollowed out sales and the company struggles to lighten its large debt with asset sales, according to its annual results published this week.

The company is the engine of Angola's economy and central to a state drive to lift its people out of poverty and alleviate the country's vast debts to China and other lenders. Sonangol's total liabilities stood at \$26.8bn at the end of 2020, using the official average exchange rate for the year, while debt repayments alone cost it \$2bn, the 238-page annual results showed.

The company took out two new bank loans totalling \$1.5bn in 2020, while another for \$850m was agreed this year with an option to borrow a further \$450m. Sonangol said debts to Western oil companies operating its oilfields were not reflected in its results. Such liabilities could amount to about \$1bn, sources have previously told Reuters, though the company has not commented on that figure.

The company said the disappointing performance in 2020 was "a result of drastic reduction in revenues from sales of crude oil" due to the pandemic, despite Angolan annual oil output being slightly higher than in 2019. It cited a global glut in oil as travel restrictions hampered demand, as well as weaker buying by its main customer China. Even before the pandemic, in 2019, Sonangol registered no profit from its core oil business and only a modest overall profit of \$25m.

The company announced a sale of stakes in eight flagship offshore oil blocks in June to help alleviate debt, but no announcement of any buyers has been forthcoming. Sonangol has made little progress toward plans to privatise non-core aspects of its businesses, culminating in a listing of a 30% stake in the company itself. It sold its loss-making trading arm Puma Energy to Trafigura for \$600m this year.

DEPRECIATION

Evergrande tumbles further after S&P says default is likely

HONG KONG

CHINA Evergrande Group slid deeper in equity and credit markets Tuesday, fuelling concerns about broader contagion after S&P Global Ratings said the developer is on the brink of default.

The distressed developer's shares in Hong Kong dropped as much as 7% after closing Monday at the lowest in about a decade. Its 8.25% dollar bond due 2022 fell 0.3 cent to 24.9 cents, leaving it down some 75% since late May, according to prices compiled by Bloomberg. The junk-rated company is the biggest issuer of high-yield notes in Asia.

"We believe Beijing would only be compelled to step in if there is a far-reaching contagion causing multiple major developers to fail and posing systemic risks to the economy," according to an S&P report dated September 20. "Evergrande failing alone would unlikely result in such a scenario."

Still, troubles could further hit investor confidence in China's property sector and junk-rated credit markets more broadly, the credit assessor said. Contagion has fueled a global selloff. In Asia Tuesday, even high-grade dollar bonds slumped, leaving spreads set for the worst two-day expansion since April. A drop in stocks also continued, though pockets of the market including property shares in Hong Kong bounced after plunging Monday.

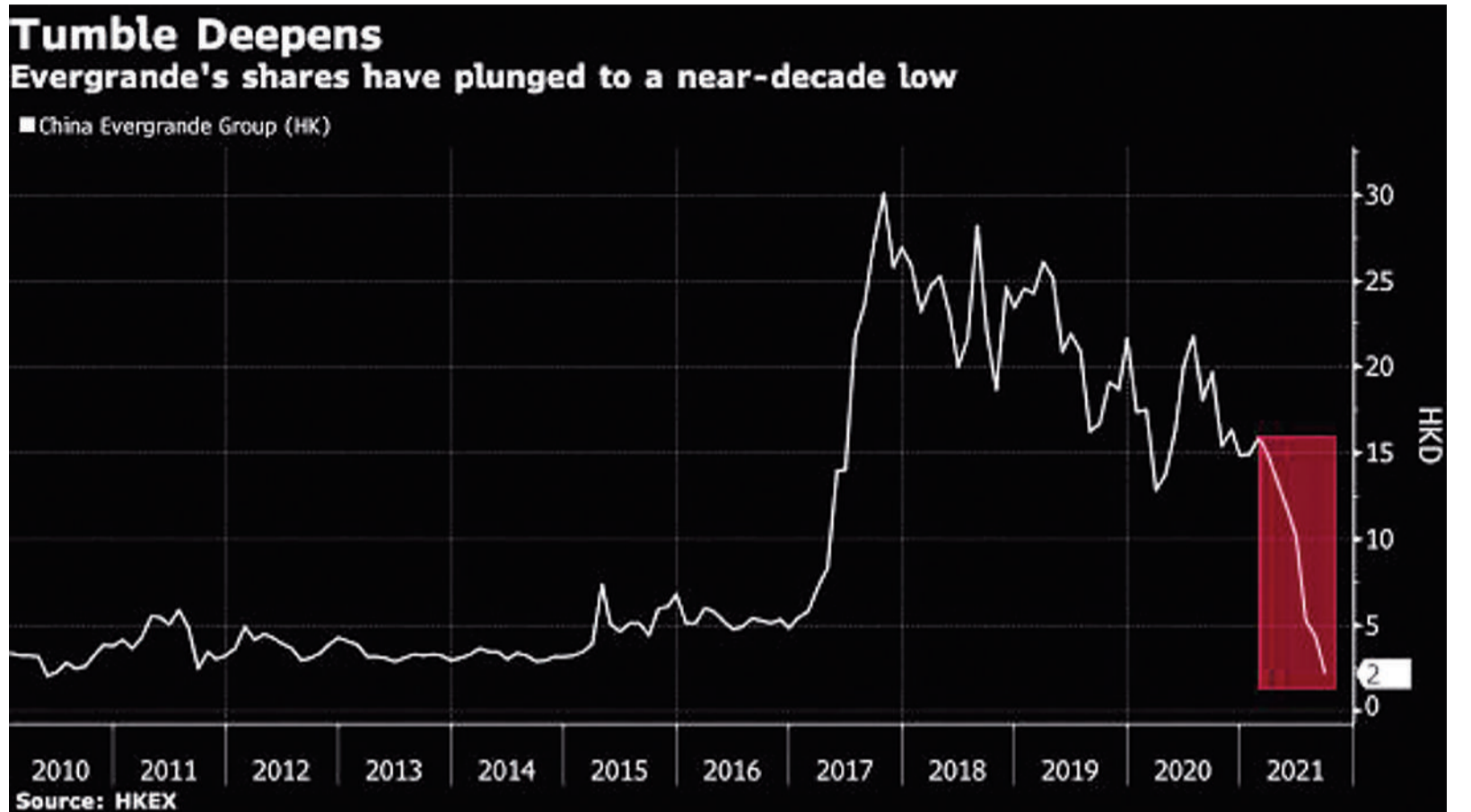
Evergrande Chairman Hui Ka Yan told staff that he firmly believes the company will step out of the darkest moment soon, Securities Times reported, citing a company letter. The developer will accelerate full-on resumption of construction to ensure handing over of buildings, it said. An Evergrande spokesperson confirmed the authenticity of the letter.

Investors are weighing policy tightening in China that's hit the property sector in the past year through the "three red lines" effort to restrain debt growth. Debate has spread about how much the government may help as markets reel, after it took months for plans to emerge for China Huarong Asset Management Co., one of the country's major managers of distressed assets.

Evergrande's saga is coming to a head at a time when liquidity is low amid public holidays in China and other countries in Asia. Chinese authorities previously told major lenders not to expect repayment of interest on bank loans due this week. Interest also comes due Thursday on two of the developer's bonds.

Here are views on what's next for Evergrande: Citigroup

Beijing will take action to prevent the Evergrande crisis from becoming a "Lehman Moment" for the nation, but some banks may become victims, analysts including Judy Zhang wrote in a note. "Policy makers will likely uphold the bottom line of preventing systematic risk to buyers for resolving



Evergrande's share value graph.

the debt risk, and push forward marginal easing for the overall credit environment."

Barclays

Ajay Rajadhyaksha, head of macro research, and Jian Chang, chief China economist, and others at Barclays also said in a note that a possible Evergrande default would be far from being China's Lehman moment, even as it could be a drag on the property sector.

"We don't believe the business model of Chinese property firms is on the whole broken," they wrote. "Evergrande is in worse shape than most, both in terms of leverage and its business model, as seen by it breaching all three 'red lines.'"

Oxford economics

"While we think the government doesn't want to be seen as engineering a bail out, we expect it

to step in to conduct a managed restructuring of the firm's debt to prevent disorderly debt recovery efforts, reduce systemic risk, and contain economic disruption," lead economist Tommy Wu and head of Asia economics Louis Kuijs wrote in a note.

But, financial conditions for the broader property sector will remain tense for some time, with some spill-over into wider financial sector stress, they said.

ECO-FRIENDLY

Uber CEO aims for 'fully green' food delivery business

BRUSSELS

UBER Technologies wants to expand its zero-emissions pledge to food delivery and make the business environmentally sustainable, but CEO Dara Khosrowshahi stopped short of committing to do so by a 2030 deadline for its ride-hailing arm. The CEO said in an interview that food deliveries Uber makes in Europe are typically carried on scooters and bikes, so it prioritised cars for its green ambitions.

"We wanted to start with our mainline mobility business, and then based on our learnings there, we will absolutely apply them to delivery as well," Khosrowshahi said. "I don't know if it'll be included in the 2030 target, but we're absolutely going to look to drive delivery to be fully green as well."

Ahead of two weeks of climate talks between world leaders – known as COP26 – several transportation-focused technology firms called for sped-up sustainability targets and expanded urban mobility options.

In a manifesto organised by European city network Polis and backed by Uber, e-scooter operator Lime, air-taxi company Lilium and several others, they called for Europe to bring forward zero-emissions targets for mobility to 2035. The European Union has previously said it aims to be carbon neutral by 2050.

'Good level of ambition'

William Totds, executive director of Transport and Environment, an advocacy group, said the manifesto reflects a "good level of ambition" but added that he thought transportation inside major cities should be emissions-free by 2025, and that regulators should impose rules mandating food delivery be emissions free.

"If you create new economic activity you shouldn't be adding more pollution at this stage," he added. There have also been issues for mobility companies pursuing greener businesses. Uber and Lyft's 2030 deadline to transition entirely to electric vehicles in North America and Europe has come with a tentative and incomplete approach thus far that trailed broader adoption of electric vehicles in the US's passenger fleet.

In their manifesto, the companies said cities should prioritise public transportation, embrace artificial intelligence to reduce crashes and introduce regulation to help deploy self-driving vehicles. Some of the companies have adopted faster timelines to de-carbonise parts of their business, such as Uber and Lime, which target 2030 to achieve net zero emissions on part or all of their businesses.

In 2020, Uber reported that its total emissions stood at more than three million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent. Lime's disclosures excluded Scope 3 emissions, which are emissions that come from its value chain and are likely the biggest portion of its total.



If you create new economic activity you shouldn't be adding more pollution at this stage

ITV PGM SCHEDULE

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WORLD

Sudan thwarts attempted coup, situation under control, army says



This picture taken on Sept 21, 2021 shows a view of the skyline of Sudan's capital Khartoum by the Blue Nile river and the Tuti bridge connecting the city with the nearby Tuti island, at the confluence of the White and Blue Nile branches. Sudanese authorities have foiled an attempted coup, the army said yesterday, warding off a challenge to a civilian-military council that has run the country since Omar al-Bashir was overthrown in 2019. AFP

KHARTOUM

SUDANESE authorities have foiled an attempted coup, the army said yesterday, warding off a challenge to a civilian-military council that has run the country since Omar al-Bashir was overthrown in 2019.

A civilian member of the ruling council told Reuters the situation was under control after the attempted coup overnight had been contained. Interrogation of suspects was due to begin, the council member, spokesman Mohamed Al Faki Suleiman said.

The ruling body known as the Sovereign Council has run Sudan under a power-sharing deal between the military and civilians following Bashir's overthrow.

It plans to hold free elections in 2024. "The military has defeated the coup attempt and the situation is completely under control," the media advisor to Sovereign Council head, General Abdelfattah al-Burhan, told state news agency SUNA.

A government source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the coup attempt had involved an effort to take control of state radio in Omdurman, across the River Nile from the capital Khartoum.

Measures were being taken to contain a limited number of people involved, the source said. All those implicated had been arrested, SUNA reported.

A witness said that military units loyal to the council had used tanks to close a bridge

connecting Khartoum with Omdurman early on Tuesday morning.

It was not the first challenge to the transitional authorities, who say they have foiled or detected previous coup attempts linked to factions loyal to Bashir, who was deposed by the army after months of protests against his rule.

In 2020, Prime Minister Ab-

dalla Hamdok survived an assassination attempt targeting his convoy as he headed to work in Khartoum.

Sudan has gradually been welcomed into the international fold since the overthrow of Bashir, who ruled Sudan for almost 30 years.

Bashir is presently in prison in Khartoum, where he faces several trials.

Tunisian president declares transitional rules, new electoral law

TUNIS

TUNISIAN President Kais Saied said on Monday he had instituted transitional governing rules and would introduce a new electoral law, in a speech that came eight weeks after he seized executive power in a move his foes called a coup.

Addressing supporters in Sidi Bouzid, the crucible of Tunisia's 2011 revolution that brought democracy and triggered the "Arab spring", Saied also spoke against what he called strife and sedition days after the first protest against him.

Saied dismissed the prime minister, suspended parliament and assumed all govern-

ing powers on July 25 but he has yet to name a new premier or declare a roadmap for the future, raising concerns over his intentions.

He did not give any details on the transitional governing rules or the new electoral law, something that could signal preparations for elections to replace the frozen parliament.

Habib Khedher, an official in the moderate Islamist Ennahda, which is the biggest party in parliament and opposes Saied, said on Facebook that implementing transitional rules was equivalent to suspending the constitution.

This month a Saied adviser told Reuters he was planning to suspend the constitution



President Kais Saied

and offer a new version to a referendum, comments that prompted immediate pushback from the powerful labour union and numerous political parties.

In a fiery speech that was of-

ten interrupted by the shouts and chants of supporters, he said his actions were in line with the constitution and added that "we are in a corrective revolutionary movement".

A series of arrests and travel

bans have prompted fears for the rights won in the 2011 uprising, and Saied said freedoms would be respected and he repeated a frequent promise since July 25 to appoint a new prime minister.

His comments came after the first protest on Saturday against his intervention, when several hundred people demonstrated in central Tunis. Another protest has been called for this Saturday.

However, his moves have so far proven popular after years of economic stagnation and political paralysis that had made the governing elite, principally the parliament, deeply unpopular.

Agencies

Trudeau wins another minority in 'status quo' election

MONTREAL/OTTAWA

CANADIAN Prime Minister Justin Trudeau hung onto power on Monday as his main rival conceded defeat, but his Liberals fell short of his goal for a majority win.

Trudeau, in power since 2015 and governing with a minority of House of Commons seats since 2019, decided to gamble on an early vote and capitalize on his government's handling of the pandemic, which included massive spending to support individuals and businesses and a push for high vaccination rates.

Instead, he will end up where he started after an unexpectedly tight election race characterized by a lackluster campaign and voter anger at an election during a pandemic.

Conservative Leader Erin O'Toole, whose party placed second, conceded defeat as results trickled in late into the night.

CBC and CTV projected that Trudeau's Liberal government would hold a minority of seats in the House of Commons, meaning he will need another party's support to govern.

Elections Canada showed the Liberals leading in 156 electoral districts nationally, one more than they held before the election, including 111 in vote-rich Ontario and Quebec.

"It's a Groundhog Day election," said Gerald Baier, a professor of political science at University of British Columbia. "It seems that ambivalence has stayed (from the 2019 election)." The House of Commons holds 338 seats and a party needs to win 170 to hold a majority. The Conservatives led in 121 districts.

The Conservatives looked on track to win the popular vote, attracting 34 percent support to the Liberals' 32 percent, but Liberal support is centered around urban areas where there are more seats.

"Our support has grown, it's grown across the country, but clearly there is more work for us to do to earn the trust of Canadians," O'Toole told supporters, while suggesting that he planned to stay on as leader. "My family and I are resolutely committed to continuing this journey for Canada."

Polls reported results much more slowly than usual, with



Canadian Prime Minister and Liberal Party leader Justin Trudeau casts his vote as the family looks on in the 2021 Canadian election in Montreal, Quebec on Monday. AFP

some stations forced to limit occupancy due to COVID-19 restrictions. Long lines forced some electors to wait hours to vote in southern Ontario, a critical battleground.

The Canadian dollar strengthened against its US counterpart in Asian trading on Tuesday, in part as a projected election win for Trudeau's Liberal party reassured investors that economic support would continue.

Status Quo
Trudeau, 49, a progressive and son of former Liberal Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau,

swept to power in 2015. But the Liberals dropped to a minority in 2019 after Trudeau was damaged in part by disclosures that he had worn blackface years ago.

Amid a fourth wave of COVID-19, Trudeau backed vaccine mandates while O'Toole, 48, opposed them, preferring a combination of voluntary vaccinations and rapid testing to stop the spread of the virus.

Trudeau had said he needed a new mandate to ensure Canadians approve of his plan for getting the country past the coronavirus pandemic. The Liberals, whose fiscal policy support

for the pandemic exceed 23 percent of GDP, plan billions in new spending to support economic recovery if re-elected.

Cambridge Global Payments Chief Strategist Karl Schamotta said the election result "essentially preserves the status quo and ensures that the fiscal spending plans that have supported the economy for the last year and half are likely to continue."

A delay in counting mail-in votes could further hold up results in tight races.

Elections Canada will not start counting roughly 800,000 mail-in ballots until Tuesday, after it is able to verify them against in-person votes. Those could help to determine the outcome in at least two Atlantic districts and many more across Canada.

A second minority government will mean Trudeau's Liberals will have to rely again on opposition parties, such as the left-leaning New Democratic Party, to pass legislation.

"A win's a win, and time in office and power is when you get to make change," said John Duffy, a former Liberal adviser.

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America's obsession with poisoning the well of China

BEIJING

SOON after Chinese regulators fined a few foreign enterprises for falsely advertising goods or services in China, several U.S. media outlets jumped up and down to stigmatize China's lawful act, accusing such moves of probably fueling a wave of nationalist consumption.

The recent manipulation of these media outlets has offered a glimpse of how anti-China forces in the United States abuse their sway to mislead global public opinion on China: First, put a label on China; then, quote anti-China radicals, who pretend to be authoritative China observers, to prove their ill-founded argument.

The United States seems to have long been obsessed with poisoning the well of China. It has been peddling completely fabricated claims about Xinjiang such as the so-called "genocide" and "forced labor," while the truth is that the region has witnessed remarkable progress in recent years: Living standards have significantly improved; and citizens' right to freedom of religious belief is fully guaranteed as well.

In fact, the Uygur population continues to grow. There are more than 24,000 mosques in the region, more than 10 times the number in the United States.

Some China-hardliners in Washington used to call the violent acts by rioters in Hong Kong "a beautiful sight to behold." They have also been active in interfering in China's domestic affairs by falsely accusing the country of crippling "democracy" and suppressing "press freedom" in Hong Kong. The truth is that the city has seen growing social stability and tranquility more than a year after a national security law came into force.

On origins tracing of the novel coronavirus, the United States has also been hyping up the so-called "Wuhan lab leak" conspiracy theory. Yet the fact is that more and more political leaders, experts and media outlets worldwide have rejected such a highly politicized theory.

In fact, the international community has more than once said no to Washington's politicization of the scientific issue. Earlier this year, more than 300 political parties, social societies and think tanks from over 100 countries and regions opposed politicizing the disease's origins in a joint statement sent to the World Health Organization Secretariat.

The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) has also been one of Washington's targets to slander. While some American politicians and press groups love to smear the BRI as "debt traps," the initiative has actually brought about development opportunities for all who jump aboard.

According to a report from the World Bank, BRI transport projects could by 2030 help lift 7.6 million people out of extreme poverty and 32 million out of moderate poverty globally. And this is part of the reason why some 140 countries have joined the initiative.

For the United States, poisoning the well of China is rather low-cost and relatively stealthy. Just as German author Michael Lueders has revealed in his book "The Hypocritical Superpower," the U.S. government and its interest groups are apt at influencing and shaping public opinion by selecting information and polarizing the public's views.

One key reason that America's such manipulative efforts could work at times is because of some long-standing prejudice, even ignorance, about China, in the West. **Xinhua**

French top diplomat set to discuss Iran, Afghanistan and Ukraine with Russia's Lavrov

NEW YORK

FRENCH Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian plans to meet for talks with Russia's top diplomat Sergey Lavrov during the UN General Assembly in New York this week to discuss the Iranian nuclear deal as well as the recent developments in Ukraine and Afghanistan.

Speaking at a news conference in New York late on Monday, Le Drian said he intended to discuss the Iranian nuclear deal with China and Russia, particularly, with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov at their meeting this week.

Developments in Afghanistan and Ukraine are also planned to be discussed with Lavrov, according to the French foreign minister.

The talks involving Iran and five world powers (Russia, the United Kingdom, Germany, China, and France) on restoring the nuclear deal in its original form have been underway in Vienna since April.

The agenda includes issues related to the lifting of US sanctions on Iran, Tehran's implementation of its nuclear obligations and Washington's return to the JCPOA.

The nuclear deal's participants are also holding separate consultations with the US, which don't involve Iran. The delegations initially had intended to wrap up the endeavor by late May.

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US returns Haitian migrants

Mexico to stop traffic across the bridge as a security measure.

Later, the CBP announced that the port of entry at Del Rio border bridge is temporarily closed.

"This temporary closure and shift is necessary in order for CBP to respond to urgent safety and security needs presented by an influx of migrants into Del Rio and is effective immediately," the agency said in a statement on Friday.

The border traffic has been rerouted from Del Rio to Ea-

gle Pass, which is about 90 kilometers away to ensure uninterrupted flow of trade and travel.

The Department of Homeland Security said in a statement on Saturday that the 400 border agents would be deployed within 24 to 48 hours. If additional staff is needed, more will be sent.

Haitian Prime Minister Ariel Henry wrote on Twitter on Saturday that "arrangements have already been made to offer them a better welcome on their return to the country and that they will not be left

behind".

"I share their suffering, while saying welcome to them. Home is home," Henry continued.

National Public Radio reported that some Haitian migrants remain undeterred to seek asylum after being told of the US' plan to send them back, saying they were afraid to return to a country that seems more unstable than when they left.

"In Haiti, there is no security," said Fabricio Jean, a 38-year-old Haitian who came

with his wife and two daughters, to NPR. "The country is in a political crisis."

More than 320 migrants arrived in Port-au-Prince on three flights on Sunday, and Haiti said six flights were expected on Tuesday.

Inhumane treatment

"Biden knows well what is happening, but he doesn't care," said one woman with tears streaming down her face as she described her time at a US migrant detention facility in Texas.

"He treated us, us and our children, worse than animals," she said.

Fellow returnee Garry Momplaisir, who spent five days at the same facility, said that those held there had been forced to sleep on a concrete floor under thin plastic tarps.

"We weren't able to shower. There were toilets, but no space to bathe ourselves," the 26-year-old added, who was deported with his wife and their five-year-old daughter.

As they waited for Haitian authorities to complete their reentry paperwork, many of the returned migrants took the opportunity to give their children a basic wash.

Agencies

US COVID-19 deaths top 1918 flu estimates as vaccine, mask battles continue

WASHINGTON

U.S. COVID-19-related deaths on Monday surpassed 675,000, the estimated U.S. fatalities from the 1918 influenza pandemic, while battles over vaccines and masks continue as the country staggers into the 19th month of the pandemic.

As of 4:21 p.m. ET (2021 GMT) on Monday, 675,446 Americans were killed due to COVID-19, with the total caseload exceeding 42 million, according to a tally by Johns Hopkins University.

The fatalities are expected to continue to rise as the country is currently experiencing another wave of new infections, fueled by the fast-spreading Delta variant.

"We cannot become hardened to the continuing, and largely preventable, tragedy," Tom Frieden, the former head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), tweeted earlier this month, noting deaths from COVID-19 in the United States would surpass the toll of the 1918 flu pandemic.

The dismal milestone of surpassing the 1918 death toll came as Americans are still divided over mask and vaccine mandates.

Early this month, U.S. President Joe Biden announced a six-pronged national strategy as a path to ending the pandemic.

As of Monday, over 181.7 million Americans, or 54.7 percent of the U.S. population, have been fully in-

oculated, according to the CDC.

Expressing his frustration with the roughly 80 million Americans who are eligible for shots but have not gotten them, Biden is requiring all businesses with 100 or more employees to ensure their workers are either vaccinated or tested weekly.

Biden's new vaccine mandates, which could apply to as many as 100 million Americans, or almost two-thirds of the American workforce, have spawned a strong pushback from quite a few Republican states and unions.

Also, many Americans believe whether to get vaccinated should be a personal decision, instead of a government mandate.

Polls show that those who reject vaccines are more worried about possible side effects of the vaccines than they are about COVID-19. Social media are also rife with conspiracy theories about vaccines.

Nationwide, American parents are torn apart by the conflicts among school boards, Republican states and the Biden administration over how to make schools open and safe.

As of Sept. 16, over 5.5 million children and adolescents had tested positive for COVID-19 since the onset of the pandemic, according to the latest report by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

The U.S. Education Department has recently announced it is investigating the state of Florida over its



ban on mask mandates in the state's public schools, after an appeals court in the state reversed a lower court's ruling and allowed the ban to stay.

Florida's Republican Governor Ron DeSantis issued an executive order on July 30, banning mask mandates at public schools to ensure parents' freedom to choose. The order includes a policy of withholding funds from school districts that defy the governor's order.

However, 13 of Florida's 67 school districts have strict mask requirements, in defiance of the state, local newspaper Miami Herald reported. Biden's administration has offered financial aid for schools in Florida affected by DeSantis' policy.

In addition to Florida, Texas, Nebraska and quite a few other Republican states have issued a mask mandates ban, contradicting the CDC guidance of universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to K-12 schools.

Emma Cheng, a mother of two young boys at Marengo Elementary School in east Los Angeles, California, gave her full and unwavering support to the school's mask mandate. "We must follow the science, and it is that simple," Cheng told Xinhua.

"We support the school mask mandate especially since our little ones cannot be vaccinated yet," said Hector Lopez, who has a seven-year-old boy at the school.

Cheng joined over 150 others to sign a petition called "Vaccinate SPUSD (South Pasadena Unified School District)" to demand that their school district vaccinate teachers of children under 12 years old.

Many private schools have implemented a mask policy long before the states' order was announced. With mask requirements in place, Notre Dame Academy, a private Catholic school for girls in New York, has managed to stay open throughout the entire pandemic.

"Masking is not a thing that bothers parents or a challenge to their parenting rights," said Y.C. Hoerle, who has a high school freshman at the school.

Xinhua

European Parliament's attempts to lecture Russian people are insulting, says envoy

BRUSSELS

EUROPEAN Parliament's (EP) attempts to lecture the Russian people are being perceived as an insult to its intelligence and its ability to think independently, Russian Permanent Representative to the EU Vladimir Chizhov told journalists, commenting on the recent EP resolution on Russia Sunday. He also underscored that EU countries could learn how to organize elections and ensure their transparency from Russia.

"This entire resolution's lead idea is that [Russia] has an evil government, president and parliament. And then there is some good, democracy-seeking Russian people whom the MEPs wish to help find a 'way to the light'.

Such arrogant attitude, I am sure, will be perceived by many in our country as an insult to their intelligence and ability to think independently," the Russian envoy said. "If someone in Brussels believes that such resolutions can nudge Russians to anti-governmental rallies or can rock the situation in our country in some different fashion, then I will say that they know Russia and the Russian people poorly. Our compatriots are responsible and politically educated enough to buy such calls."

Online shopping festival held to promote integration of Greater Bay Area

THE first online shopping festival of China's Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (Greater Bay Area) has embraced a warm response from the market since it kicked off on Sept. 2.

It is bringing over 13 million products from 298,000 renowned brands and 800,000 merchants in the Greater Bay Area, closer to consumers.

Comprehensively demonstrating the innovation and vitality of local brands in the Greater Bay Area, the shopping festival promotes the integration of the region and further drives consumption upgrade.

The shopping festival is an excellent chance for time-honored brands in Guangdong, said an executive of a time-honored company based in Xinhui District, Jiangmen, south China's Guangdong province that produces chenpi, or sun-dried mandarin orange peel used as a traditional seasoning in Chinese cooking and traditional medicine. The executive believes that the shopping festival will introduce Xinhui's food culture to more consumers.

According to him, the sales volume of the company's chenpi stored for 5 to 15 years had surged 50 percent as of Sept. 6. "Through the online platform established by the shopping festival, Xinhui's chenpi is going out of the Greater Bay Area and welcomed by more consumers," he said.

The cultures of Guangdong, Hong Kong, and Macao started from the same origin. The time-honored brands in these places, carrying the memories and nostalgia of generations of people, are inheritors of exquisite crafts



A week-long shopping festival for Macao products is held in Shanghai. Photo shows Shanghai citizens go shopping at the event, June 4, 2021. File photo

forged through decades and even hundreds of years of practice.

Multiple time-honored brands in Guangdong, Hong Kong, and Macao are present at the shopping festival, including Hong Kong MX Mooncakes, drug producer Ma Pak Leung, Kee Wah Bakery, Yeng Kee Bakery, Wing-fai, and Guangdong's tea drink brand Wanglaoji.

Shiu Ka Fai, Hong Kong's Legislative Council member of Functional Constituency - Wholesale & Retail, noted that the shopping festival brings great products closer to consumers in the Greater Bay Area and promotes cultural exchanges. It benefits all the residents in the Greater Bay Area, he added.

According to statistics, five time-honored moon cake brands in the region, including MX Mooncakes, Wing Wah, Guangzhou Restaurant, and Wingfai, have sold a total of over 1.6 million items on Tmall, an online shopping platform of Chinese e-commerce giant Alibaba, since the shopping festival commenced.

The Greater Bay Area has witnessed increasingly improving trade liberalization and facilitation of personnel

and commodity exchanges. To buy cosmetics and snacks from the Chinese mainland on Chinese online shopping platforms is no longer something new for Hong Kong and Macao residents.

"This shopping festival, with a bunch of promotional activities and heavy discounts, helps me discover many featured products from the cities in the Greater Bay Area, and this is fascinating," said Macao citizen Li Huiyin who has spent thousands of yuan shopping online during the festival.

This shopping festival offered an opportunity for many time-honored brands in Hong Kong and Macao to enter the Chinese mainland market.

Vivian Tang, executive director of Wai Yuen Tong, a traditional Chinese medicine manufacturer that boasts multiple production lines including patent drugs, tonics, and dietary supplements, told People's Daily that apart from the Greater Bay Area, Wai Yuen Tong's client bases are expanding in Beijing, Shanghai, and Nanjing, too.

Multiple other time-honored brands in the Greater Bay Area, through online channels, especially the

Greater Bay Area online shopping festival, are going into the broad Chinese mainland market. For instance, Ma Pak Leung opened a flagship store on Tmall last year. As of Sept. 10, the store's sales volume had increased by 160 percent from a year ago.

"I hope this shopping festival can mobilize more Hong Kong enterprises to upgrade their business mode and encourage more Hong Kong products to enter the cities in the Chinese mainland," said Wong Wai Hung, executive committee member of the Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong. In March this year, the Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong has launched an entrepreneurship campaign with multiple organizations to help Hong Kong enterprises expand the e-commerce market in the Chinese mainland through livestream marketing.

According to statistics, nearly 100 brands from Macao have launched their products during the shopping festival by Sept. 15, achieving a total turnover of nine million yuan (\$1.39 million). Besides, over 20,000 Hong Kong brands showed up during the event, selling nearly 3.4 billion yuan of their products. The event has been joined by 1.07 million consumers from Hong Kong and Macao. They bought more than 4.18 million products, up 16 percent and 11 percent from a year ago, respectively.

The shopping festival is an opportunity for two-way exchanges of quality products. It drives new demands and further promotes the transformation and upgrading of businesses and industries in the Greater Bay Area with the digital economy.

People's Daily

US President Biden, UN chief Guterres discuss fight against COVID-19, says White House



UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres (L) and US President Joe Biden

WASHINGTON

US President Joe Biden and United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres had a meeting late on Monday night discussing the fight against the spread of COVID-19, measures to combat climate change, as well as joint efforts to thwart international conflicts, the White House said in a statement.

"They reaffirmed the strong partnership between the United States and the United Nations which, in particular, is based on common values that include respect for universal human rights, fundamental freedoms, and international law," the statement reads.

"Specifically, they spoke of the urgency to work together, along with Member

States of the United Nations, to end the COVID-19 pandemic, prepare for future health security threats, combat climate change, strengthen food systems and food security, address humanitarian needs, prevent and mitigate conflict, and promote and defend human rights worldwide."

"The President reaffirmed that complex, global challenges can only be addressed by genuinely global solutions, an approach reflected in the President's vision of building back better, and he emphasized the unique role of the United Nations in delivering prosperity, peace and security for everyone," the statement added.

In late December 2019, Chinese officials notified the World Health Organization (WHO) about the outbreak of

previously unknown pneumonia in the city of Wuhan, in central China. Since then, cases of the novel coronavirus - named COVID-19 by the WHO - have been reported in every corner of the globe, including Russia. On March 11, 2020, the WHO declared the coronavirus outbreak a pandemic.



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EU backs France in submarine dispute, asking: Is America back?

UNITED NATIONS

EUROPEAN Union foreign ministers expressed support and solidarity with France on Monday during a meeting in New York to discuss Australia's scrapping of a US\$40 billion submarine order with Paris in favor of a US and British deal.

Speaking after the closed-door meeting on the sidelines annual UN gathering of world leaders, EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell said "more cooperation, more coordination, less fragmentation" was

needed to achieve a stable and peaceful Indo-Pacific region.

Australia said last week it would cancel an order for conventional submarines from France and instead build at least eight nuclear-powered submarines with US and British technology after striking a security partnership with those countries under the name AUKUS.

"Certainly, we were

caught by surprise by this announcement," Borrell said.

The decision enraged France and earlier on Monday in New York French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian accused US President Joe Biden's administration of continuing his predecessor Donald Trump's trends of "unilateralism, unpredictability, brutality and not respecting your partner."

The United States has sought to assuage the anger in France, a NATO ally. French President Emmanuel Macron and US President Joe Biden are due to speak on the phone in the next few days.

"We are allies, we talk and don't hide elaborate different strategies. That's why there is a crisis in confidence," Le Drian said. "So all that needs clarifications and explanations. It may

take time."

White House spokeswoman Jen Psaki said on Monday that she expected Biden to "reaffirm our commitment to working with one of our oldest and closest partners on a range of challenges that the global community is facing" when he speaks with Macron.

It is not clear if the dispute will have implications for the next round of EU-Australia trade talks, sched-

uled for Oct 12. Borrell met with Australian Foreign Minister Marise Payne in New York on Monday.

European Council President Charles Michel said that he found it difficult to understand the move by Australia, Britain and the United States.

"Why? Because with the new Joe Biden administration, America is back. This was the historic message sent by this new admin-

istration and now we have questions. What does it mean - America is back? Is America back in America or somewhere else? We don't know," he told reporters in New York.

Top officials from the United States and European Union are due to meet in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, later this month for the inaugural meeting of the newly established US-EU Trade and Technology Council, but Michel said some EU members were pushing for this to be postponed.

SPORT

China Mid-Autumn Festival now celebrated online



Chinese nationals in action at this season's Mid-Autumn Festival which is taking place in China.

By Correspondent Faustine Feliciano

THE 2021 China Mid-Autumn Festival, also known as 'Moon Cake Festival' or 'Moon Festival', gets underway today, China's Embassy in Tanzania has stated.

Speaking to the press, China's Embassy in Tanzania's Cultural Councilor, Wang Siping, said that Mid-Autumn Festival is held on the 15th day of the eighth month of the Chinese lunar calendar, which is in either September or early October in the Gregorian calendar.

Siping, who also serves as China Cultural Centre in Tanzania's Director, disclosed Chinese people have a three-day public holiday on the Mid-Autumn Festival.

The official pointed out due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's Mid-Autumn Festival will not be celebrated at the China Cultural Center in Tanzania as was the case in the past, instead, it will be celebrated online.

"Children and adults from various sectors will record videos giving congratulatory greetings related to the

festival, which will be posted on our website, this is because of COVID-19 pandemic," Siping disclosed.

The official said the common customs of the Mid-Autumn Festival in China include family members eating dinner together, just like a Thanksgiving dinner, sharing moon cakes, worshipping the moon with gifts, displaying lanterns, and regional activities.

Siping revealed in the past, the Mid-Autumn Festival was celebrated at harvest time. Ancient Chinese emperors worshipped the moon in autumn to thank it for the harvest.

The ordinary people took the Mid-Autumn Festival to be a celebration of their hard work and harvest, the official noted.

Siping stated: "Nowadays, people mainly celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival as the time for a family reunion."

"Moon cakes are the must-eat Mid-Autumn food in China.

They are a traditional Chinese pastry, Chinese people see in the roundness of moon cakes a symbol of He said here in Tanzania to celebrate the festival, Chinese nationals in the country will hand over some gifts to the orphanage center and people with needs.

Tanzanian government officials and friends will moreover receive moon cakes from the China Cultural Center in Tanzania as gifts, which represent love, unity, and cooperation between China and Tanzania.

Simba SC play CAF Champions League debutants in second round

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIA Premier League champions Simba SC will begin their CAF Champions League second-round match away against Botswana side Jwaneng Galaxy on October 15 before the reverse fixture on October 22 at home.

Jwaneng Galaxy successfully sailed through to the second round by beating Central African Republic champions, DFC Arrondissement, by aggregate 2-1.

In the first leg, Jwaneng Galaxy notched a 2-0 win through new players Lucky Mokwena and Wendell Rudath, DFC Arrondissement cruised to 1-0 win in the second leg tie.

The second leg match pitting Simba SC against Jwaneng Galaxy is expected to be played on October 22 at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium where it will be the final match to determine who is going to the CAF Champions League group stage.

The one-time Botswana champions were founded in 2015 after two local clubs merged, the Jwaneng Comets and the Debswana Youngsters.

Galaxy was promoted to the Botswana Premier League for the first time in 2015, winning the First Division South with a match to spare.

The outfit made it to the Premier League thanks to their 2019/20 domestic success, in which they were handed the Premier League title with 10 games still left to play.

Jwaneng Galaxy will once again carry the nation's hopes into continental battle as they face a much bigger test against Simba.

The Msimbazi Street giants are among 10 teams did not feature in the first preliminary round due to point gained from last season continental contest. Simba has also continued to dominate East African football after scooping position 14 out of 40 on the latest best club rankings released by the Confederation of Africa Football (CAF).

The Msimbazi Street giants have gathered 402 points to move up to 14th place beating several great clubs on the continent like AS Vita, Kaizer Chiefs, and Orlando Pirates.

Previously, the Msimbazi Street outfit occupied 28th place meaning that they have climbed up 14 places which is good news symbolizing that the country's football is advancing.

The good performance shown by Simba in the 2020/21 CAF Champions League, marching into the quarterfinals, is the fueling factor to see them do well in the region.



Simba SC head coach Didier Gomes Da Rosa

SPORTS

Tanzania's football fans should fully support

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

FANS in the world are divided into two types, the loyal fans and the bandwagons, it is really hard to know an individual's fanaticism, especially when a team is doing fantastic.

If a team had absolutely no fans, the side would go out of business. Fans are that important.

Some fans have been known to bother the fans of the opponents or their favourite teams' rivals.

Also, some fans only care about their team and nothing else (including family, special services, etc.). That is not good.

It is good to have enthusiastic fans, but not fans who bother other people for what jersey, hat, T-shirt, etc. they have donned.

However, no one blames an individual or group of people in the world for identifying themselves as football followers.

A soccer fanatic is the one who knows everything about football. That is, he is more knowledgeable than any coach, player, or professional. We know ourselves and mind you it is very okay.

Even before the match starts, a football follower has played the match in his head and has his results in his pocket.

This is what happens in both our local league and in Europe. But here in Tanzania, there are still major weaknesses that do not match the status or grace we have in our football.

Fans are the most important part of the team because they are the reason why the players, staff, and coaches make money.

They give the players confidence, and whoever their favourite team is, they love that team.

There is a difference between loyal fans and bandwagon fans. Loyal fans rally behind their team during both good and bad seasons, support their club in the big games.

The enthusiasts always stay abreast of their teams' activities, following the sides by watching the squad's TV, listening on the radio, being at the game, browsing the internet, having messages being sent to their phones, etc.

Some fans travel to see their teams play when they are away because they love that team.

Bandwagon fans are terrible fans because they only like the team that is doing well.



Mbeya City FC's attacker, Selemani Ibrahim (R), battles for possession with Ihefu FC's forward, Shaban Iddi, when the two teams met in the 2020/21 Mainland Premier League tie at Sokoine Stadium in Mbeya recently. PHOTO: COURTESY OF MBEYA CITY FC

If a team is not doing well, they say they hate that team, or they are not going to support it.

Tanzanian fans do not know how to cheer or lit their players. They do not know how to support their teams when they are on the field be it in Simba and Yanga, Namungo FC, Mwa-dui FC even in the national team's fixtures.

In Tanzania, a fan becomes a friend of the player during the good days. In places like Rwanda, Uganda, or even Europe, let us take the example of Liverpool, Newcastle United, Real Madrid.

They have a variety of songs and great ways to lit it up and cheer the stadium and raise the spirits of their players.

Whether the team loses, is attacked, or leads all the time, the enthusiasts are behind their players cheering and even yelling at their opponents. As long as the players are excited and do not feel lonely.

But for Tanzania with the motivation we have,

this does not exist. Fans do not know how to support their players on the field.

Fans just cheer for particular events, they sometimes just sit quietly on the stands as if nothing is going on.

I think there is a need for fans to change from now on and learn from other countries' fanatics, the best way to support players especially at this time when the leagues are about to start.

It is the fan's responsibility to be the 12th player, to play the game and get what he wants from the player rather than just blaming.

It is believed that if 60,000 fans rally behind Simba, Azam FC, or Biashara United at any of the continental competitions no visiting team will want to step on Benjamin Mkapa Stadium or even Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

Some fans' behaviour has sometimes given the opposing teams a chance for no apparent reason to win here.

Fans should look at the best way from now on to change and support their respective squads.

This will boost the morale of the players and they will feel more guilty than ever being blamed.

But also this is the time to support their clubs economically by buying jerseys, various equipment and going to the stadiums in large numbers to boost the clubs' economy and help them develop economically as the real situation of Tanzanian teams are known.

Everyone should re-evaluate themselves, the fans have a greater chance of entertaining the game than ending up heaping blame on squads.

Tanzanian fans should change and learn to not only understand the game but also report our players in trouble and pleasure.

The technical aspect of the outfits has to be left to the coaches and officials.

Jwaneng Galaxy: CAF Champions League underdogs that should not be underrated

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIA'S Simba SC has finished its pre-season at the culmination of the 'Simba Day' festival, at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam, on Sunday.

The side should know that in the international tournament they will start the season in the first round against a Botswana outfit, Jwaneng Galaxy.

Simba lost 1-0 to a highly resurrected TP Mazembe in a friendly in the city on Sunday but that is now in the past.

The Msimbazi Street club's much bigger test is the perceived underdog, Jwaneng Galaxy.

Simba will go into the assignment as the 'Goalith' against modest opponents.

Yes, Jwaneng Galaxy qualified for the first round after beating DFC Bene Arrondissement of the Central African Republic 2-1 on aggregate, cruising to a 2-0 victory in Gaborone and losing 1-0 away.

The Botswana giants will host Simba in their first leg match which is expected to be played between October 15-16 and the clubs will face off a week later between October 22-23 in Dar es Salaam to decide the ones set to move to the group stage and a squad heading to the play-off.

Simba's good performance in the 2020/21 season, which witnessed the club make it to the continental showpiece quarterfinals, is the reason why the squad started the second round alongside other greats, including Egypt's Al Ahly and South African outfit, Mamelodi Sundowns.

The Jwaneng Galaxy, sponsored by the owners of a gold mine in Botswana, has made it to the round after excelling in the preliminary round matches, as the home victory carried them despite losing 1-0 away.

What is the secret to the success of the Jwaneng Galaxy despite being a small team that was formed six years ago?

Where is their strength and how can Simba overcome the hurdle ahead



Botswana's Jwaneng Galaxy Football Club.

of them and re-challenge the group stage of the CAF Champions League for the second season in a row. This is an analysis that has the answers to all those questions.

Jwaneng Galaxy's history

Jwaneng Galaxy was formed in 2015 after the two clubs decided to merge the forces of Jwaneng Comets and Debswana Youngsters.

The two clubs' merger helped them become more competitive in the country's top-tier football unlike in previous years.

Within the year, the Galaxy showed their dominance in the Botswana First Division and advanced to the Premier League, gradually building their squad to have a competitive team in front of former Botswana champions, BDF IX, who once had Tanzanian forward, Rashid Mandawa, Township Rollers, and Gaborone United Sporting Club.

It started by claiming second place in the Botswana Premier League for three consecutive years which is 2017, 2018, 2019 before last season, 2019/20 to win the Premier League, which is now popularly known as BTC Premiership.

In addition to their one-time BTC Premiership title, the outfit lifted the other two top honours, Mascom Top 8, which were won in 2016-17 and 2018-19 seasons.

Jwaneng Galaxy has a financial arrogance boasting of the existence of sponsorship of gold mine owners in the country so the officials have been fighting for the club to revolutionize football.

It is stated that the first goal was to do well in their domestic football and after achieving that they want to be among successful clubs in Africa so Simba should be

alert in the second round game due to the former's commitment.

Even though some say the club's performance is due to the economic downturn in some clubs in the country due to the Coronavirus epidemic, Simba should not underestimate their opponents because if they do so, they will face a shocker.

In 2018, Jwaneng Galaxy got a chance to participate for the first time in the CAF Confederation Cup.

They ended up in the preliminary stage as they suffered a 1-0 defeat in both home and away games against Costa do Sol of Mozambique.

Their first win in the international tournament has been attained this season against DFC Beme Arrondissement again at home.

Overall in the four games, they have played internationally they have lost three and won one.

Troubled Koeman: It's not the same Barcelona

BARCELONA

RONALD Koeman said he doesn't have the players to implement Barcelona's renowned style of football as pressure increased on his job following Monday's 1-1 draw with lowly Granada.

Barcelona were missing Ousmane Dembele, Martin Braithwaite, Pedri, Jordi Alba, Sergio Agüero and Ansu Fati for Monday's match, and fell behind after just 88 seconds at Camp Nou. They needed a header from defender Ronald Araujo in the final minutes to salvage a draw against a team yet to win a game in LaLiga this season.

Koeman's men are in seventh, five points behind leaders Real Madrid, with only 27,000 out of a possible 40,000 in attendance at the match. The 1-1 draw with Granada, who are 17th, followed a 3-0 humbling at the hands of Bayern Munich in the Champions League last week.

When asked about the team's style of play, Koeman candidly said this wasn't the Barca team of old.

"It depends on what we have available," Koeman said after the match. "How are we going to play tiki tiki [sic] if there is no space? Look at the squad. We did what we have to do. With a bit more time, we would have won."

"Today's Barcelona is not the Barca of eight years ago. We play the Barca way, but we don't have players to play one-on-one or with pace. You can't be unhappy with the team's attitude."

FIFA sets talks with soccer leaders on biennial World Cup

ZURICH

FIFA will finally start speaking to soccer clubs, leagues and players' unions this month in the latest steps announced Monday in its push to organize a men's World Cup every two years.

All 211 member federations have also been invited to online talks on Sept. 30 as part of consulting on the future of national team soccer, including a biennial men's World Cup.

FIFA first sought approval this month from retired players, including World Cup winners who went to Qatar for a two-day conference, and commissioned surveys of fans in selected countries.

That process was criticized as flawed by FIFPRO, the global union for active players, which is now set to get a meeting with FIFA.

A "new phase of consultation" will start with organizations representing players, clubs, leagues and the six continental governing bodies, FIFA said Monday in a statement.

European soccer body UEFA has warned it could boycott if the World Cup moves from its historic four-year cycle, and South American counterpart CONMEBOL is also opposed. Their members dominate World Cups on the field but combine for fewer than one-third of the 211 federations who vote.

FIFA argues biennial World Cups will give more players and teams the chance to compete in meaningful games, improve talent globally and raise more money to fuel development programs.

AP

Solskjaer wants GK fight for No. 1 spot - sources

LONDON

OLE Gunnar Solskjaer will not tell David De Gea he is Manchester United No. 1 despite his dramatic penalty save against West Ham United and expects Dean Henderson to challenge for the job once he regains full fitness, sources have told ESPN.

De Gea has started the season in good form and earned United victory at the London Stadium on Sunday with a stoppage-time penalty save from Mark Noble.

Solskjaer has been impressed with De Gea's application in training after the Spain international chose to return early following the European Championship but sources have told ESPN that Henderson has also been given encouragement the gloves remain up for grabs.

Solskjaer has been urged by pundits including Gary Neville to settle on a first-choice goalkeeper since Henderson's return to the club at the beginning of last season but sources have told ESPN the Norwegian believes the competition is beneficial to both players.

He is expecting to play between 50 and 60 games this season and has told De Gea, Henderson and Tom Heaton they will all play a role.

De Gea is set to sit out Wednesday's Carabao Cup tie with West Ham at Old Trafford with either Henderson or Heaton taking over.

"We played 4-3-3, but we didn't have pace out wide. Neither Coutinho nor Demir are that player. They're not Ansu [Fati] or [Ousmane] Dembele, so we have to look for another way."

Amid a turbulent summer in which the club lost Lionel Messi to Paris Saint-Germain after financial difficulties meant they could not register his new contract, Koeman's job was under threat as president Joan Laporta pondered alternatives.

Koeman and Laporta have both insisted that their relationship is fine but tensions have spilled into the media in recent weeks. Laporta intimated Koeman didn't have complete control of playing issues, which led the coach to complain in an interview with the Dutch media.

"Something happened that I don't think is right," Koeman told NOS. "[Laporta] was suggesting that the coach doesn't have all the power. He spoke too much and was not wise."

Previously, Koeman has said he was upset by Laporta's behaviour in the summer, too, when he created uncertainty around his future at the club.

Koeman's contract runs until the end of the season but sources have told ESPN there are some board members that are unsure it would be wise to keep him in place until then.

*Information from ESPN's Sam Marsden and Moises Llorens was used in this report.

Guardiola fumes at fans, but his real issue is with his attacking options

By Mark Ogden, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

THERE doesn't appear to be much wrong with Manchester City, but manager Pep Guardiola is wearing the expression of a man who fears that the roof is about to cave in at any moment. Last season's Premier League champions have started this campaign with 17 goals in six games across all competitions and they sit three points behind title rivals Chelsea, Liverpool and Manchester United with the race barely into its first lap.

A 6-3 win against RB Leipzig in the Champions League last week put City in control of Group A following Paris Saint-Germain's surprise 1-1 draw against Club Brugge. If City can win at Parc des Princes next week, five months after a 2-1 victory in Paris in last season's semifinal first leg, they will have one foot in the knockout stages before the autumn leaves have started to fall.

But Guardiola is not at ease with his team's situation right now, and perhaps that is because of the trio of crucial games that they must negotiate over the next 13 days. The consequences of City's failure to sign Harry Kane or Cristiano Ronaldo to replace Sergio Agüero as the focal point of their attack might be about to hit home.

After what should be the formality of a Carabao Cup third-round tie at home to League One side Wycombe on Tuesday (Stream LIVE on ESPN+ from 2.30 p.m. ET), City embark on three away games that could shape their season.

Saturday's Premier League trip to Chelsea is followed by that clash against PSG three days later. And then comes a visit to Liverpool on Oct. 3 for a renewal of the rivalry with Jurgen Klopp's in-form team at Anfield.

City are more than capable of winning all three of those games and banishing the negativity that has begun to creep in since Guardiola lit a fuse by highlighting the need for more supporters to get behind his team after 38,062 turned up for the Leipzig fixture. Saturday's 0-0 draw at home to Southampton was watched by 52,698



Pep Guardiola

fans, but the final result, after City had managed only one attempt on target, merely added to Guardiola's frustration.

"Always when the game is not good I feel bad," Guardiola said after the game. "[The fans] come to see a show, to see a game. When it doesn't happen, I feel a bit guilty because we didn't play good."

Publicly, Guardiola has insisted that missing out on Kane and Ronaldo has not affected his team's ability to score goals and win games, but most football managers are smart when it comes to picking their battles, and the former Barcelona and Bayern Munich coach is not naive enough to criticise City's owners for failing to deliver the centre-forward his team clearly needs.

Jose Mourinho is a rarity in that respect. He has regularly complained about unsatisfactory recruitment at previous clubs and the end result has usually always ended with him leaving the club fairly soon afterward. Others, such as Klopp or Sir Alex Ferguson during his time at United, focus their anger or annoyance on referees or opponents, knowing that targeting owners or players is often a recipe for big-

ger problems.

By criticising City's fan base, Guardiola used a proxy to air his frustrations and maybe even his fears over what lies ahead. His team face an acid test of their credentials over the course of the next two weeks, and they are not ready.

City climbed from mid-table last season to win the title, ultimately topping the table with a 12-point margin, but the field is much stronger this time around, and Guardiola knows that his team cannot allow Chelsea, Liverpool and United to pull clear. A defeat at Stamford Bridge at the weekend would leave City six points behind Thomas Tuchel's team and intensify the pressure ahead of the trip to Anfield, but Guardiola has no obvious solution to his centre-forward problem.

Raheem Sterling, who started as a false No. 9 against Southampton, has scored just two goals in his past 22 appearances in all competitions, while Kevin De Bruyne has yet to score this season as he makes a tentative return to action from a troublesome ankle injury. Gabriel Jesus, the only recognised striker in the squad, has scored just twice in six appearances this season – the same

return as Ferran Torres, though Torres has been favoured in the No. 9 role more.

Ronaldo, meanwhile, has shown the true value of a goal scorer by netting three in two league games for United since rejecting City to return to Old Trafford from Juventus last month. And at Chelsea, Romelu Lukaku's three goals in four games are a big reason why the club sit on top of the Premier League right now. As for Liverpool, Mohamed Salah continues to show why he is arguably the most reliable and consistent scorer in the league with four in five games so far.

City don't have a Ronaldo, Lukaku or Salah. They have plenty of threat in attacking positions, of course, but all top teams need a player who will score at least 20 league goals in a season, and Guardiola knows he doesn't have one of those. However, rather than complain about it in public, he has chosen instead to let off steam by singling out the club's supporters.

Time will tell whether Guardiola's mood will change, but you can bet that the outcome of City's next three away games will play a big part in shaping his demeanour.

Fearsome in attack, Dortmund again has problems in defense

BERLIN

BORUSSIA Dortmund's defensive frailties are keeping expectations in check despite the team's fearsome attack.

Dortmund has already conceded 11 goals in five Bundesliga games – the fifth worst record in the league – to take the shine off outstanding play from Erling Haaland, Marco Reus and Jude Bellingham.

Only Hertha Berlin, Stuttgart and the two promoted teams have a worse defensive record so far, and Sunday's 4-2 win over Union Berlin was a lot closer than the scoreline suggests. Dortmund was leading 3-0 before Union fought back to 3-2. Haaland extended the lead with his seventh league goal – his 11th in seven games for Dortmund this season.

But Haaland's extraordinary scoring record hides the reality of the team's troubles. Without the 21-year-old Norwegian's goals, Dortmund would only have three points from its last three Bundesliga games instead of nine.

"We have to work on it as soon as possible, because that's how we lose out and undo all the good work we've invested in the first 60 or 70 minutes," Dortmund captain Marco Reus said of his team's propensity to allow rivals to fight back.

"It can't go on like this. We have to be much cleverer, to be more grown up in our play, and improve especially when defending against set-pieces. It's inexplicable. We will and have to talk about it."

The problem is not a new one for Dortmund, which has been capable of dazzling attacks while crumbling in defense since Jurgen Klopp's last season as coach in 2015, when Dortmund finished seventh. A lack of consistency has led to repeated setbacks since.

"We know the problem for two years and three months, since I've been here," Dortmund defender Mats Hummels said. "But we're still finding it difficult to address it."

Hummels returned to Dortmund in 2019 after three seasons at Bayern Munich. He was previously Dortmund captain in a mostly successful spell from 2008-16.

"If you look at the one big difference between Bayern Munich and us, then



Dortmund's head coach Marco Rose gives indications to his players during the German Bundesliga soccer match between Borussia Dortmund and Union Berlin at the Signal Iduna Park Stadium, in Dortmund, Germany, Sunday, Sept. 19, 2021. (AP Photo)

it's that at Bayern, 11 players are fired up and playing for success, the whole time," Hummels said.

Bayern, which is going for a record-extending 10th consecutive league title, routed promoted Bochum 7-0 on Saturday to take the Bundesliga lead. Wolfsburg is second on goal difference after dropping its first points in a draw with Eintracht Frankfurt on Sunday and Dortmund is third, a point behind the top two.

Dortmund next plays at Borussia Mönchengladbach on Saturday, where the home fans are sure to let Dortmund coach Marco Rose know how they feel about his switch between the clubs in the offseason.

Rose had a successful spell with Gladbach until he told the club that he wanted to leave for Dortmund. It triggered a negative run that led to the team missing out on European

qualification when it had been a candidate for reaching the Champions League.

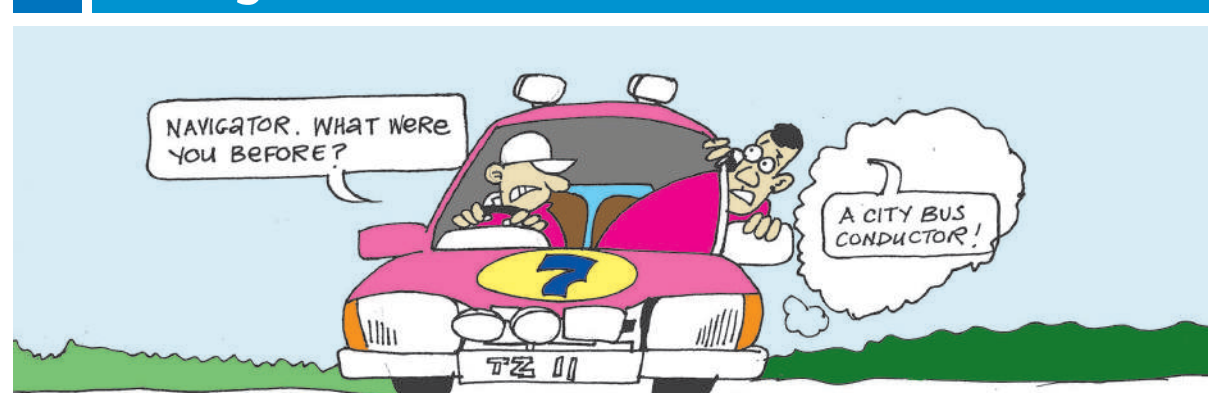
Rose's successor, former Eintracht Frankfurt coach Adi Hütter, is finding it hard to get Gladbach back on track. The team has only one win from its first five Bundesliga games and was unlucky to lose 1-0 in Augsburg on Saturday.

Rose attempted to diffuse what's sure to be a heated atmosphere at his former club.

"I'm looking forward to seeing people that I got to appreciate over two years," the Dortmund coach said. "It's a great club with great people who are doing outstanding work. Rainer Bonhof, Hans Meyer, Max Eberl – they're all people I'm very much looking forward to seeing."

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Gwiji by David Chikoko



SPORT

Guardiola fumes at fans, but his real issue is with his attacking options

Swimming Association set to deploy FINA rules in National Championship

By Guardian Reporter

THIS season's National Open swimming championship will be hosted under International Swimming Federation (FINA) rules.

National Open swimming championship organizers, Tanzania Swimming Association (TSA), disclosed the rules will be applied to pick the winners.

The championship will be held on Saturday and Sunday at the Dar es Salaam Gymkhana swimming pool with the participation of more than 150 swimmers from various clubs in Mainland Tanzania.

Speaking yesterday, TSA's chairperson of the organizing committee, Hadija Shebe, said they have decided to use the FINA rules aiming to gauge the swimmers' skills ahead of the various international competitions in the event.

Sapphire Hotel, Samsa logistics, Selcom Tanzania, Travelport, Azam, Gymkhana Club, Tarmal Industries Ltd, Tanpack Tissues Ltd, Flames Restaurant, Knight Support, and ITV are the showpiece's sponsors.

Hadija said that they have decided to use the rules to gauge the swimmers' skills before competing internationally.

She said that Tanzania will take part in the famous African swimming competition (CANA) that follows FINA's rules and urged coaches to consider this in the selection of their swimmers.

Meanwhile, various sponsors have come forward to put their weight behind the two-day tournament which is drawing closer.

Sapphire and Samsa Logistics Managing Director Abdi Fatah said they are proud to contribute to the development of the sport in the country and believe they will achieve their goal.

Fatah said they are impressed with the talent displayed by the young swimmers and decided to give them the motivation to go further.

The Travelport Marketing Manager, Samwel Makundi, said that they have decided to sponsor the tournament to add motivation to the game which is currently coming up.

Executive Director of Selcom Tanzania, Sameer Hirji, said the company has decided to sponsor the game to encourage swimmers to raise standards for international competitions including the Commonwealth and the Olympics.

The official revealed: "As Selcom, we are always looking for suitable opportunities to participate in long-term impact causes that are measurable and have a lasting social impact, and therefore do not have to be associated with our line of business."

"Africa has the youngest population on the planet and therefore investing in the youth is probably the most appropriate way in which we can participate in the growth and prosperity of our future generations on the continent," Hirji stated.

He said: "As mentioned above if the cause is justified and we can establish a noticeable, measurable improvement in growth, performance, and accolades then we will continue being involved if requested to do so".

Hirji said that they are hoping to see Tanzania swimmers competently make their presence felt in international competitions and win medals.

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Harab Motors Pak Stars' cricketer, Zafar Khan (L), receives Colourflex Man of the Match prize from Bilal Ahmad of Harab Motors once the squad confronted Aruti Aces squad in this season's Petrofuel Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup tournament's clash, which took place last Sunday. PHOTO: COURTESY OF CARAVANS CRICKET CLUB

Harab Motors Pak Stars outplay Aruti Aces in DC Caravans T20 Cup

By Guardian Reporter

THE second week of the Petrofuel Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup attracted the attention of the entire cricket fraternity, with their eyes glued to one particular fixture between the two tournament favourites, Aruti Aces and Harab Motors Pak Stars.

Harab Motors Pak Stars won the toss and elected to bat first, ending with 151 runs dropping nine wickets in 20 overs.

They were dealt a blow after losing their in-form batsman Nisar Ahmed for a duck, his exit did raise the stakes.

However, the experienced Zafar Khan played a stellar innings scoring 63 in just 35 balls to take the total score to 151-9 in 20 overs.

Gifted cricketer, Abdullah Jabiri, made his presence felt after posting 28 runs, fellow cricketer Zamoyoni Ramadhani chipped in with 20 runs.

For Aruti Aces, the outfit's pacy Ally Mpeka proved his worth given the cricketer posted five wickets.

His latest exploits boosted his wickets tally to 10 in the tournament so far, ensuring that he heads into the third week as the Petrofuel Purple Cap holder.

Aruti Aces had a shaky start to the chase losing opener Ankit Baghel for a golden duck while Jumanne Masquater tried to hold down the fort with a well-made 38 runs in 28.

The loss of wickets at regular intervals impacted the chase, all-rounders, Ally Mpeka and Salum Jumbe, did try to swing the match in their outfit's favour scoring 22 runs and 27 runs respectively.

The two performers' spirited displays could not make an impact on the balance of the game with Harab Motors Pak Stars winning the contest by 12 runs and cementing their position at the top of Group A as a result.

Abdulrahman Akida stood out of fellow Harab Motors Pak Stars bowlers, as he ended with four wickets, Ahmed wound up with two wickets, Muhammad Mudasser as well recorded two wickets.

The Colourflex Man of the Match prize went to Zafar Khan who also ended the week as the TATA Orange Cap holder.

The DC Caravans T20 Cup has been held annually since 2015. Petrofuel Limited is the title sponsor of this year's tournament and is joined by Colourflex, TATA International, and Pepsi as the co-sponsors.

This year's tournament features the top 10 teams in the country playing under the franchise model with each team being backed by top corporates in the country.

The teams include Aurobindo Aga Khan SC, Horizon Teleports Annadil Burhani, Honest Logistics SKLPSC, Balakrishna Strikers and hosts, Alliance Caravans.

Aruti Aces, Kaon Lions, Harab Motors Pak Stars, NTS Bosch Gymkhana, and FMED Upanga are the other contenders.

Other sponsors of the tournament include NGK Gathani, Jihusu, Flashnet, RAS Logistics, Mlimani City, AOne Bottlers, Kishen Enterprises, Samaki Samaki, Delta Africa, DeepHeat, and G1 Security.

TFF now confirms Simba SC, Yanga match's ticketing information



Yanga players participate in training in Dar es Salaam recently to shape up for 2021/22 Mainland Premier League, and Federation Cup. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TICKETING information for the 2021/22 season's Community Shield match involving Yanga and Simba, which will be staged at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Saturday, has been provided by the Tanzania Football Federation (TFF).

Clifford Ndimbo, TFF information officer, said tickets for the match are already on sale.

He urged fans to buy tickets early to avoid matchday inconveniences.

He assured football lovers that there will be maximum security during the clash, which is slated to kick off at 5 pm.

VIP B tickets will each cost 30,000/-, while VIP C tickets will trade at 20,000 each. Popular tickets will be available outside the stadium on match day.

The 'Dar Derby' is the one fixture on the Tanzanian football calendar that brings the country to a standstill, as fans prepare to fill the 60, 000-seater Benjamin Mkapa Stadium for the latest chapter in the archrivals' rich history.

The latest instalment of rivalry will be no less eagerly anticipated than usual despite it being the first time the two sides meet this season.

Both teams regard the Community Shield as a trophy worth winning and an opportunity to land an early psychological blow on rivals for the title.

The Community Shield which is treated as the curtain-raiser to the season is played between the Premier League champions and Federation Cup winners.

Last season Simba achieved the Premier League and Federa-

tion Cup double and thus are facing the league runners-up, Yanga. Simba has the most wins, lifting the Community Shield on six different occasions. Yanga stands second in the all-time table with five wins.

Saturday will see the two clubs both playing in their fourth Community Shield derby.

Azam FC and Yanga also hold the record for most defeats in the Community Shield with four losses each.

Both Simba and Yanga will go into the match looking for redemption after suffering 1-0 losses last weekend.

Simba lost 1-0 to DR Congo's TP Mazembe in a friendly clash on Sunday during the Simba Day festival while Yanga lost 1-0 to Rivers United FC of Nigeria to bow out of this season's CAF Champions League.

Flexibles by David Chikoko



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