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ActionAid: Progress is benefiting women less

By Henry Mwangonde

WOMEN and other marginalized groups in the country, including rural dwellers, still shoulder the heaviest burden of poverty due to harmful practices that lock them out of economic benefits, a review of ActionAid's latest poverty alleviation programme shows.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam yesterday at a Participatory Review and Reflection Process (PRPR), ActionAid Country Director Yaekob Metena said that during implementation of various programmes on poverty eradication, some challenges emerged.

They ranged from cultural resistance and gender based violence, both of which hinder women from optimally accessing economic activities, he said.

"We have analyzed our targets and we will use this input in our future programmes to ensure that we build capacity to ensure that we overcome challenges that we meet at grassroots level. It is reaching out to women, the ones who are mostly left behind," he said.



The gender groups formed need to follow up and question what is allocated in key sectors by monitoring priorities in budget formulation, she emphasised

The agency has a tendency of formulating strategic plans every three years and in the past programme they have managed to make women conversant with their rights and issues that matter to them, he stated.

In her remarks, Mary Nsemwa, the ActionAid country mission board chair said the agency deals with poverty eradication through empowering various community groups which are ready to bring positive change on various matters.

The key areas that the agency works on include gender mainstreaming, by ensuring that women get to know their rights in a particular area through understanding their systemic fundamental rights.

"We have to agree that agriculture is still the main pillar of our economy despite the focus being on industries. Most Tanzanians are engaged in agriculture to feed their families," she pointed out.

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TCRA blocks 1.6 million stolen and fake phones



President John Magufuli exchanges greetings with visiting Qatar's deputy Prime Minister and Foreign minister, Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman al Than, who paid him a call at State House in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: State House

In January, President John Magufuli officiated at the handing over of the monitoring system (TTMS) which the government procured in 2013 to scrutinize mobile communications and related money transfers

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) has blocked a total of 1,682,667 substandard and stolen mobile phones that have been identified through the Telecommunication Traffic Monitoring System (TTMS).

Dr Jones Kilimbe, chairman of the TCRA board of directors told members of the Parliamentary Public Accounts Committee (PAC) in Dar es Salaam yesterday that the number includes phone that used duplicate phone identity code known as IMEI number.

Also rendered useless by the regulators are mobile phones that were reported by original owners as having been stolen, he said.

This means theft of smart mobile phone that has been rampant in the country—in which some criminals made it an occupation is over because once the original owner reports the theft, the gadget is blocked and rendered useless.

The monitoring system has been useful in identifying fraudulent phone traffic including international calls made by service providers that would have been impossible to monitor without the technology, he said.



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"We managed to find illegal routes and reduced the same from 65 per cent in 2013 to below 10 per cent in 2018," he elaborated.

The state-of-the-art technology has also enabled the regulator to ascertain the quality of services given by mobile phone operators to customers, consumers' SIM card profiles as well as applying the Central Equipment Identification Register (CEIR), he stated.

"A Central Equipment Identity Register is a database of the IMEI numbers of blacklisted handsets. ... Once a user reports to their operator about the theft, the mobile device's IMEI number should be entered into the CEIR, supposedly making the device unusable in any network (although this does not always work)," an expert profile indicated.

In January, President John Magufuli officiated at the handing over of the monitoring system (TTMS) which the government procured in 2013 to scrutinize mobile communications and related money transfers.

TCRA Director General James Kilaba told reporters in Dar es Salaam at that time that economic activities related to information and communication technology (ICT) had grown and continued to grow in the country hence the need for a robust monitoring system.

In April 2016, President Magufuli sacked the then TCRA boss Ally Simba and disbanded the

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Burundi dwarfs Tanzania in UN's Happiness Report

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA has been named the world's fourth unhappiest nation for the second year running after being ranked number 153 out of 156 countries in the UN World Happiness Report 2019.

It is only ahead of the conflict-ridden nations of Afghanistan, Central African Republic and South Sudan.

However, neighbouring Burundi which became a laughing stock last year after



In this year's report, Kenya is East Africa Community (EAC) bloc's best performer at 121st place followed by Uganda at 136th

being named the unhappiest country on earth, made impressive progress this year, jumping up 12 places to be ranked 145th. This year, it did better than Rwanda which has been ranked the fifth unhappiest nation at 152nd place globally.

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"Tanzania, Rwanda and Botswana still have anomalous scores, in the sense that

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Wildlife college coaches 508 tour guides

By Correspondent James Lanka, Moshi

THE Moshi-based College of African Wildlife Management-Mweka (CAWM) has provided mountain guiding courses to 508 tour guides in this financial year in a bid to improve services, safety and comfort to tourists scaling Mt. Kilimanjaro.

The tailor-made training for guides from various tour operating firms was provided in



collaboration with tourism sector stakeholders in slots of one-month period per class.

CAWM Coordinator of Guide Training, Fidel Kimario who is also a lecturer at the college said in an interview here yesterday that the training is vital for the sustainable handling of various tourist needs climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro and Meru, and other trekkers.

He named some of the issues they learnt

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entire board for failing to oversee the monitoring of the industry, resulting in the loss of potential tax revenues of 400bn/- (USD182.15 million) a year since 2013 when the system was installed.

From that time, TCRA has taken legal action against individuals or executives of companies suspected to engage in fraudulent traffic and released a quality of service report for mobile phone

operators regularly.

In July, 2017 six telecom companies were hit with a Sh10.9 record fine for violation of simcard registration and other shortcomings. TCRA fined the major telecom operators including Vodacom, Tigo and Airtel for various breaches of regulations including money transfers, where mobile money users in Tanzania grew to 18.08 million during the preceding year, reports indicated.

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their predicted values, based on their performance on the six key variables, would suggest they would rank much higher than shown by the survey answers," says the report.

The report further adds that: "Taking the example of healthy life expectancy, the sub-bar in the case of Tanzania is equal to the number of years by which healthy life expectancy in Tanzania exceeds the world's lowest value, multiplied by the coefficient for the influence of healthy life expectancy on life evaluations."

As for the happiest countries, Finland emerged tops for the second year in a row. Two other Nordic countries came in second and third place, Denmark and Norway, respectively.

The fourth happiest nation is Iceland followed at fifth place by the Netherlands. Switzerland came in sixth place, followed by Sweden, New Zealand, Canada (the only country in the Americas) and Austria.

The United States was ranked at number 19, a slip from last year's 18th spot (which was already down four places from 2017).

The World Happiness Report is released by the Sustainable Development Solutions Network for the United Nations on March 20 annually, the date that the United

Nations has declared to be the International Day of Happiness.

The report ranks 156 countries on six key variables that support well-being: income, freedom, trust, healthy life expectancy, social support and generosity.

Bolstered by population growth, overall world happiness has fallen over the past few years, which has mostly been fueled by a sustained drop in India, which came in 140th place this year (versus 133rd place in 2018).

There has also been an increase of negative emotions, which were also measured and include worry, sadness and anger.



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Vice President Samia Suluhu Hassan in talks with UN Women Representative in Tanzania, Hodan Addou (L), and UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in Tanzania, Alvaro Rodriguez, at State House in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: State House

Wildlife college coaches 508 tour guides

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as general ecology and zonation on mountains particularly on Mount Kilimanjaro, customer care for tourists, the mountain's geological features, wilderness skills, mountain safety and rescue in modern practical ways.

"As you know, tourism is the leading economic sector in Tanzania, currently accounting for 17.2% of GDP, 25 per cent of total foreign exchange earnings and employs nearly two million people directly or indirectly. Tour guides are key frontline players in the tourism industry and play a big role in impacting memories and experiences for tourists visiting our country and marketing this

destination. Currently there are more than five thousand tour guides in the country in categories of safari, mountain, cultural, marine and city guides," the lecturer explained.

He highlighted the fact that the basic training for tour guides comes in different shapes and sizes, conducted by various institutions both private and public, using different curricular as there is a no standardized and harmonized curriculum for tour guides training in the country.

"These guides are currently not registered and furthermore, there is a lack of professional ethics and standard operating procedures (SOPs) in the tour guiding profession. This has led to inconsistent service delivery and

sometimes complaints from tourists in regard to their performance, a situation which hinders the growth of tourism," he further noted.

CAWM-Mweka is going to conduct special courses to tourists' guides since 2018 to join government efforts via plans by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism.

It seeks to undertake a countrywide exercise of tour guides registration, certification and accreditation in compliance with the Tourism Act No. 11 of 2008 section 42, when read together with Tourism (Tour Guides) Regulations of 2013 and the Guidelines on Registration and Licensing of Tourism Operators, he said.

"The law requires that tour guides

be registered, certified and licensed in order to operate in the industry, which is currently not the case in many instances," the coordinator stated.

CAWM-Mweka is going to conduct special courses for guides next month targeted at standardizing the quality of services and working knowledge for mountain guides for sustainable tourism.

Commenting on the special courses, the Kili Meru Mountain Guides Society (KMMGS) chairman Faustine Chombo said that the courses have come at the right time as the society is facing challenges of globalization.

"We are going to use the skills that we obtained here for Mt. Kilimanjaro and Meru sustainable tourism," he stated.



Parliamentary Agriculture, Livestock and Water Committee chairman Mahmoud Mgemwa assists a resident of Longido District, Arusha Region, in carrying a bucket of water as members of the committee inspected a 15.8bn/- water project yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Cynthia Mwilolezi

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sectors by monitoring priorities in budget formulation, she emphasized.

On the World Happiness Report released recently, Nsemwa said there are many issues that make a nation and its people happy, because most people think are continually pressed with what to eat and what to feed their families.

ActionAid: Progress benefits women less

"Women are victims of Gender Based Violence and given the fact that women are the bigger part of the population this makes Tanzania least happy because the majority of the population is not happy," she told the participants. Samuel Misheck, the Coordinator

for Mafia district, said ActionAid in the district is working on poverty alleviation in communities by engaging women in groups.

The programme aims at ensuring that they know the sources of poverty and in this case women accessing basic

human necessities.

"We have managed to sensitize the community on the causes of poverty and let them understand their basic rights because the main cause of poverty is denying some groups from accessing basic necessities," he added.

South Sudan out to form unity govt in May in spite of outstanding issues with opposition

JUBA

SOUTH Sudan said on Wednesday the much-awaited Transitional Unity Government (TGoNU) will be formed in May, amid doubts by the opposition who cite delays in unifying the army and determining number of states and boundaries.

Michael Makuei Lueth, minister of information, told Xinhua that the TGoNU will be formed despite delays by the warring parties to agree on cantonment, unifying of their forces, and number of states and boundaries.

"Even if the unification of forces have not been completed by May, the TGoNU will just go on," he said in Juba.

He said failure to agree with the opposition groups on exact figures of their forces has caused delays in setting up of cantonment sites.

"They (cantonment sites) have not been established for various reasons, including failure of the opposition to give the government exact figures of their forces. The figures which they gave us are not correct," said Makuei.

Manawa Peter Gatkuoth, deputy chairperson of information of the main rebel group, the Sudan People's Liberation Movement-In-Opposition (SPLM-IO), recently said the TGoNU may not be formed in May when the pre-transitional period ends, citing delays in setting up of cantonment sites, training and deployment of the

unified forces.

Gatkuoth also added that it was not viable to form the unity government, without allowing the recently established International Boundaries Commission (IBC) to first determine the number of states and boundaries.

But Makuei disclosed that lack of funds have delayed implementation of the transitional security arrangements which include screening of the forces before they are integrated into the national army.

"The soldiers should have been by now deployed to their respective units," he said.

President Salva Kiir and his former deputy Riek Machar signed the revitalized peace agreement mediated by regional leaders in late September in 2018 in the Ethiopian capital, Addis Ababa to end five years of conflict.

South Sudan descended into civil war in late 2013, and the conflict has created one of the fastest growing refugee crises in the world.

The UN estimates that about four million South Sudanese have been displaced internally and externally.

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National Environment Management Council director general Dr Samuel Gwamaka (L, gesturing) elaborates on the council's role to members of the Parliamentary Industries, Trade and Environment Committee visited the Kihansi Toads' laboratory in Dar es Salaam on Tuesday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

COSTECH, HDIF host 5th Innovation Week

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE Commission of Science and Technology (COSTECH) in collaboration with the Human Development Innovation Fund (HDIF) through UK Aid will be hosting the 5th innovation week to discuss scaling and sustaining of innovations.

The innovation week to be held from March 25th to 30th this year under the theme "Scaling and Sustaining Innovations for human development" will attract more than 3000 innovation stakeholders from different places in the country.

Costech director general, Dr Amos Nungu told reporters in Dar es Salaam yesterday that the week-long series of events of the innovation week, has this time grown bigger and is reaching the innovation ecosystem in two other regions.

Dr Nungu said HDIF, has this time around given the opportunity to organisers in Iringa and Arusha to

host the events for the innovation week 2019.

He said: "Costech is glad to celebrate the 5th innovation week, with increased participation of stakeholders.

"This is a clear indication that the innovation ecosystem is improving each day", he said.

The director noted that the government had instituted restructuring of its institutions, Costech included, was taking on board the new development and lessons learned from the experiences gained through previous innovation weeks as well as hosting the innovation space (Buni hub) and technology incubator (DTBi).

"With these lessons, Costech intends to concentrate more on its key mandates of advisory, coordination and promotion activities in the ecosystem," he explained.

Giving the overview of the innovation week 2019, David

McGinty, the HDIF team leader said "This is the 5th innovation week that HDIF and Costech had put together with support from UKAid, and we are more proud to see the strides that the innovation ecosystem had taken in Tanzania.

This is evident in the 50 per cent year on year growth in attendance and events for innovation week, the government's increased investments in innovation, and the 31 places that Tanzania has climbed in the global innovation index ranking."

Deputy head of UK's Department for International Development (DFID) in Tanzania added that: "Every year innovation week offers an exciting opportunity for innovators; funders; businesses and government get together, share and be inspired.

"I am delighted that the UK has been able to support innovation week for the past five years, and I look forward to this year being better than ever."

By Getrude Mbago, Singida

OVER 600,000 under-five children in the regions of Dodoma and Singida are set to benefit from the decentralised birth registration system which will see children getting their birth certificates for the country's development.

Statistics shows that before the launch of the new system, less than 10 per cent of the children had birth certificates in Dodoma and Singida regions leaving over 90 per cent of them out of birth registration system.

Speaking at the launch event yesterday in Singida town, Minister for Constitutional and Legal Affairs Dr Augustine Mahiga emphasized that it was every child's right to be identified that's why the government is determined to ensure that all births are registered.

Mahiga said that at least 650,000 children under the age of five will

600,000 under-five children due to benefit from decentralised birth registration system

benefit from the programme in the two regions.

He said the government is implementing the new system since 2012 in partnership with UNICEF, Tigo and the Canadian government, which are providing funding.

The roll out in Dodoma and Singida region joins the regions of Lindi, Mtwara, Geita, Shinyanga, Mbeya, Songwe, Mwanza, Iringa, Njombe, Mara and Simiyu which had already been covered reaching 3 million under-five children.

This system is very important because it will also help the government to know the exact number of births

and plan well its development plans and services provision," he added.

He further added that "Tanzanian government has also waived fee for registration under this initiative where the copy of the certificate is given free of charge."

He called upon parents and relatives to make well use of the programme by sending all their children under the age of five to get the certificates.

The decentralised birth registration system moves the points of registration closer to the community. It establishes registration points at health facilities, which provide reproductive and child health services, and at the community

ward executive offices in line with the government policy of decentralisation through devolution.

UNICEF Representative in Tanzania, Maniza Zaman said that "Every child has the right to an identity. A birth certificate is a vital record that documents the birth of a child."

According to her, the programme is reversing the current low level of birth registration which means that millions of children under-five who are "invisible" in the nation's records, will now be 'visible'. This will help more Tanzanian children to claim their rights and be protected.

Acting Chief Executive Officer of

the Registration, Insolvency and Trusteeship Agency (RITA) Emmy Hudson said "We are transforming the system to make it easier for children and their families to access the entitlement of a birth certificate."

According to her, parents can now receive birth certificates from the designated health facilities or through the ward executive offices timely. "The system has helped thousands of children in the regions where the decentralised system is in operation and we plan to replicate this throughout Tanzania mainland in the shortest possible time," she said.

The new system has resulted in

an overall increase of certification of under-fives in these regions from less than 10 per cent to more than 80 per cent. The system has also helped in improving the certification rate for Tanzania mainland from less than 13 per cent to more than 38 per cent in little over five and a half years.

Pamela O'Donnell, High Commissioner for Canada in Tanzania said Canadian government is a firm believer of child rights, upholding that every child needs a permanent visible evidence of their birth as it creates a state's legal recognition of children and their rights. "For every child, a birth certificate provides access to essential human rights. It grants them with a personal identity and is a child's link to education and health care. Providing boys, but especially girls, with legal armor is crucial to protecting them against child trafficking, child labour and early marriage".



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EXPRESS OF INTEREST (EOI)

TENDER TITLE: TRADE FACILITATION ADVISER TO SUPPORT TMEA WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF ITS PROGRAMMING IN ETHIOPIA AND THE HORN OF AFRICA

TENDER NUMBER: PRQ20180310

TradeMark East Africa (TMEA) is an organisation funded by a range of development agencies to promote regional trade and economic integration in East Africa. TMEA is seeking proposals from qualified registered sole proprietors or consultancy firms as trade facilitation adviser to support TMEA with the development of its programming in Ethiopia and the Horn. Firms shall submit only one CV for an individual consultant who shall undertake the assignment.

Terms of reference for this consultancy and the Express of Interest (EOI) document can be obtained at <https://www.trademarkea.com/get-involved/procurement/>. All queries quoting the above Tender Title and Number should be emailed to procurement@trademarkea.com. The closing date for submissions is **Monday, 15 April 2019 at 4.00pm Kenya Time.**

Interested and qualified candidates must submit their proposals through TMEA's mail box using the email address, procurement@trademarkea.com quoting the Tender Title and Number. All attachments must be 5 MBs or less.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

TENDER TITLE: CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO SUPPORT THE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR TRADE TO IMPLEMENT WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION (WTO) TRADE FACILITATION AGREEMENT

TENDER NUMBER: PRQ20180168

Ministry of Industry, Trade and Cooperatives with support from TradeMark East Africa wishes to engage reputable consultancy firms/consortiums to assist the State Department for Trade to implement the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement.

Terms of reference for this consultancy and the Request for Proposals (RFP) document can be obtained at <http://www.trademarkea.com/get-involved/procurement/>. All queries quoting the above Tender Title and Number should be emailed to procurement@trademarkea.com. The closing date for submissions is **Thursday, 11 April 2019.**

Applications are open only to consultancy firms/consortiums. Interested and consultancy firms/consortiums must submit their proposal through TMEA's mail box using the email address, procurement@trademarkea.com. All attachments must be 5 MBs or less.

TMEA cannot answer any query relating to this tender Seven days or less prior to the submission deadline.



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Government budgets 1.4 billion/- to combat mouth-related diseases

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

GUM infections have been reported to affect more than 80 per cent of Tanzanians aged above 45 years, while other mouth related maladies continue to take toll on the remaining citizens.

The government, on the other hand, is budgeting 1.4bn/- to combat mouth related diseases.

That was revealed during the peak of the 'World Oral Health Day,' which climaxed in Arusha with free testing and treatment of mouth related problems for hundreds of city residents here. The event was held here for three days, at the Meru Primary School grounds.

The president of Oral Health Experts Association of Tanzania, Dr Ambege Mwakatobe said; "Gum troubles, despite being serious, are never really being addressed or given the attention they deserve," pointed out the expert.

"Speaking of gum infections, he said also are correlated with other health problems such as diabetes, hypertension, stroke and other heart diseases," said Dr Mwakatobe adding that, majority of the Tanzanians hardly attend medical check-ups generally, which means when it comes to oral screening this is almost non-existent to

people.

According to Dr Mwakatobe, recent researches conducted in 31 countries worldwide, have also shown that gum diseases rank in the sixth position out of the 291 listed maladies, thus deserving to be treated among the leading health problems affecting nations today.

Acting Arusha Regional Medical Officer, Dr Omar Chande said Arusha has 57 oral health experts, while also there are 33 medical stations both public and private, dedicated to provide related mouth diseases treatments and care.

"We recently received medical equipment worth 60 million/- from the central government all devoted to handle oral care, hygiene and treatment of mouth related diseases," stated Dr Chande, adding that the region also boasts of a special oral care medical laboratory built at the cost of 70 million/-

The Arusha Urban District Commissioner, Gabriel Daqarro, who officiated at the free oral medical check-up exercise in Arusha, which has so far reached out to around 50,000 residents, said the government has set aside over 1.4bn/- to cater for the provision of oral health and treatment among Tanzanians.



Kondoa district commissioner Sezeria Makota (L) addresses a meeting in the district yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

2,369 Tanzanians trained in India under ITEC programme - govt

By Guardian Reporter

A total of 2,369 Tanzanians have been trained in India in various priority areas in the past five years under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) programme.

Deputy Permanent Secretary (Science) in the Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Vocational Training, James Mdoe said recently in Dar es Salaam when speaking at function to celebrate the ITEC day at

the residence of the High Commission of India.

Mdoe noted that Tanzania is one of the largest beneficiaries of training slots under the ITEC programme including the India-Tanzania centre of excellence in ICT set up at the Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology (DIT) and at the Nelson Mandela African Institute of Science and Technology in Arusha.

Prof Mdoe noted that India also donated 131,000 secondary school

books for mathematics and science and donation of medicines worth 2bn/- to the government.

He acknowledged the donation of the state of the art telecobalt cancer therapy machine along with a radio therapy simulator, all manufactured in India, which have been installed at the Bugando Medical Centre, in Mwanza Region as grant project by government of India.

"We thank the government and the High Commission of India for this

generous support", he noted.

In his welcoming remarks, High Commissioner of India to Tanzania, Sandeep Arya spoke in detail about the ITEC programme, areas of bilateral cooperation with Tanzania including new initiatives such as e-ITEC, focus on areas of interest for Tanzania such as healthcare, agriculture, entrepreneurship, infrastructure, the much acclaimed water projects under government of India's Lines of Credit.

Arya said that India also supports the e-VBAB tele-education programme in 5 universities and tele-medicine programme in 5 hospitals in Tanzania.

The five ITEC alumni who underwent training programmes in India narrated their experiences of staying and getting trained in India. The ITEC alumni interacted with fellow Tanzanians and recalled great memories of their stay in India.

Young Tanzanians who are

learning Hindi language at the High Commission's Cultural Centre sang popular songs in Hindi from Bollywood films.

The ITEC programme aims to offer capacity building and skills development training to public servants of fellow developing countries. It was introduced by the government of India way back in 1964.

The ITEC day brought together all the alumni who underwent trainings in India in the past.



CALL FOR PROPOSALS TO CARRY OUT END-TERM PROJECT EVALUATION

Heifer International Tanzania is a nonprofit and non-governmental international organization with the mission to alleviate hunger and poverty while caring for the environment through sustainable agriculture practices. It has been operating in Tanzania since 1974 with Reg No. S0. 8367 and its activities have led to improved household nutrition and income by sharing of livestock and knowledge.

Heifer International is implementing a three (3) year project in Zanzibar known as Dairy Hub Model Integration (DHI). The overall goal of the project is to contribute to sustainable livelihoods amongst 3,850 smallholder households (19,250 people), that is 2,100 households (10,500 persons) in Kayonza and Kirehe districts of Rwanda and 1,750 households (8,750 persons) in Unguja and Pemba of Zanzibar, Tanzania. As part of the overall goal, DMHI focuses on two main objectives: (i) Strengthen farmers' organizations to contribute to increased dairy farm production and productivity; and (ii) Improve access to dairy markets thereby contributing to increased household income. As the project is nearing its completion in June 2019, the DHI project is seeking a competent consulting firm to undertake the final project evaluation beginning in May 2019.

2. Objectives of the Project End Evaluation:

Heifer is seeking to hire a consultancy company to undertake a comprehensive End-line survey to inform Heifer and its stakeholders on the status with regards to project goal, objectives and outcomes (answering the indicators of the log frame). The information generated will inform all stakeholders and beneficiaries on how the focus, scope and strategies were full achieved. After measuring the project's status of meeting its objectives and results, an assessment of the evaluation criteria should be made to:

- Examine the effectiveness and efficiency of implementation process of the DHI Project;
- Assess the achievement of expected results of the DHI project as well as to capture the unintended outcomes of the project;
- To assess the actual income of project participants;
- To capture the project related success stories and challenges that HPI and IFAD can build on for devising future intervention plans;
- Identify key success factors arising from the strategies and approaches utilized during project implementation;
- Draw Lessons learned to be utilized for food security and nutrition by increasing dairy productivity for future programming or similar projects.

3. How to apply:

Interested firms may obtain detailed Terms of reference (TOR) for this assignment by sending a request to the following e-mails: Rose.Marandu@heifer.org; Castro.Asel@heifer.org and procurement-rw@heifer.org with subject line "End-Term Project Evaluation"

Deadline

Both Technical and Financial proposals should be submitted to the above-named e-mails on **Friday 5th April 2019**, before 1600hrs COB.

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"I KNOW THAT YOU CAN DO ALL THINGS, NO PLAN OF YOURS
CAN BE THWARTED" (JOB 42:2)

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By Guardian Reporter

EAC to join commemoration of anniversary of Rwanda genocide

THE East African Community (EAC) secretariat in collaboration with various stakeholders and Tanzanian local authorities in Arusha will on Sunday commemorate the 25th anniversary of the genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda.

Stakeholders to the commemoration, which will be held at the EAC headquarters in Arusha, include citizens of Rwanda in Arusha and Moshi, the Embassy of Rwanda in Tanzania, the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals

(IRMCT), religious denominations based in Arusha, representatives of students from high school, universities of the Arusha Region and EAC staffs.

Themed "Remember-Unite-Renew", this year's commemoration will be an

occasion to pay tribute to the more than one million innocent lives lost through the heinous extermination of Tutsis in Rwanda 25 years ago.

A press statement released by EAC yesterday said that this year's

commemoration will focus mainly on the legacy of strength, resilience, and unity that the new generation is called upon to sustain as well as safeguarding the strides Rwanda has been able to make over the past quarter of the century and carry forward the vision for Rwanda's transformation.

Since the 20th commemoration,

EAC has taken a commendable route to support genocide survivors and recognizing genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda as a crime against humanity, first by building a genocide monument in the EAC gardens and further by setting April 7th every year on the EAC calendar as a special day to commemorate the 1994 genocide

against Tutsi in Rwanda.

The EAC commemorate the 25th anniversary of the genocide against the Tutsi by standing against genocide denial and its ideology and recognising the incredible bravery of those who rescued others during the genocide at great risk to themselves and their families.



Vodacom Tanzania communications and events manager Christina Murimi (R) has a word with Jane Nyampwinji, one of the winners of the firm's M-Pesa Tuzo Points campaign, at her hairdressing salon at Tabata in Dar es Salaam yesterday after presenting to her a dummy cheque for 500,000/- in prize money. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



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Minister orders TBS to review actual costs of new building

By Correspondent Felix Andrew

INDUSTRY and Trade minister, Joseph Kakunda has directed the management of Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) to conduct due diligence on the actual costs of its new building which is being constructed at the cost of 19.3bn/-.

Speaking soon after the visit of Parliamentary Committee on Industry, Trade and Environment at TBS offices in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday, Kakunda was concerned with the highest costs of construction for a building which had yet to be completed.

He directed the TBS management to ensure that construction of the new building (test house) is not too high. He queried the costs for installation of electrical gadgets and cooling systems which stood at 6bn/-.

"You have to review the construction agreement for this building, you must look into ways to reduce the unnecessary costs for the benefit of the government", he said adding the government has started to work on challenges facing the bureau.

Kakunda noted that efforts are underway to make sure that TBS recruits at least 1,000 additional staffs. He said the current number of staff at the bureau is not enough as the government plans to establish more ports and formalise unauthorised ports.

Minister Kakunda noted that the government would fulfill its promise to contribute 2bn/- for the construction of the test house before end of this year.

Chairman of Parliamentary Committee on Industry, Trade and Environment, Sadiq Murad challenged TBS to enhance inspections at the Dar es Salaam port to control influx of substandard goods into local markets.

He said Tanzania has been flooded with substandard products despite having quality assurance offic-

ers and inspectors at the ports. He said there are a lot of complaints from the public regarding substandard products which costs the nation dearly.

Speaking soon after he visited TBS last week, Prime Minister Kassim Majalwa issued until the end of this month for five ministers to meet and resolve conflicting areas of duties of institutions under their dockets that regulate and control quality and standards of products.

He said the move is aimed to avoid setbacks in facilitating trade and investment due to existence of unnecessary procedures that traders and investors have been subjected to.

The ministers given the ultimatum are the Minister of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children Ummu Mwalimu, Industry and Trade Minister Joseph Kakunda and Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office, Investment, Angellah Kairuki.

Others are Livestock and Fisheries Minister Luhaga Mpina and Agriculture Minister Japhet Hasunga.

PM insisted that review of the laws governing the entities was crucial particularly on areas of conflicts. He said that recommendations for improvement should be ready by March 30th, 2019.



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A land surveyor makes a briefing on his duties and responsibilities at an event to mark World Land Surveyors Day, held at a national level in Dodoma yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

International Eye Hospital to offer discount on cost of optical services

By Guardian Correspondent

The International Eye Hospital from April 1 to 7th, this year will begin to provide 20 per cent discount on the cost of optical services they offer, including diagnosis and treatment of eye diseases.

Speaking after making discussion with ambassadors from six countries, the hospital manager, Adam Mwatima said the discounted cost is aimed at celebrating World Health Day on April 7.

Ambassadors who visited the hospital are from Comoro, Algerian, Yemen, Saud Arabia, Palestine and Oman.

Mwatima said many Tanzanians are suffering from eye problems so they have to use the opportunity to test and get eye treatments and don't have wait for the final stage.

"Tanzanians should realise that there is no need to go abroad to get optimal services because we offer all services at a cost-effective prices than to increase costs to go China and India," said Mwatima.

He added that, they provide services that involve diabetic eye disease, eye pressure and surgery because they are better equipped with drugs that treat the problems.

He explained that the community

believes in them for their services so they will ensure that they provide better services by training their experts to meet international standards.

"The arrival of these ambassadors motivated us to continue to improve on better services delivery provided by China and India," he explained.

Referring to the arrival of the ambassadors, Mwatima said they would reduce the costs for the ambassadors and their families when they are diagnosed with eye problems at the hospital.

He said many ambassadors have been going to their country for access to optical treatment, while they are

able to access such services while they are in the country.

He stressed that Tanzanians can access such services by using National Health Insurance (NHIF), AAR and other international insurance agencies for eye health testing.

Eye as human body organ is facing different threats from several body conditions. Diabetes, blood hypertension, body allergic reaction, viral and bacterial infections may all cause eye to not function properly.

Eye conditions include cataract, diabetic retinopathy, retina detachments, conjunctivitis, glaucoma, low vision dry eyes and others.



Tanzania National Roads Agency (Tanroads) Kigoma regional manager Narcis Choma (L) addresses a meeting in Kigoma-Ujiji municipality yesterday called by Kigoma regional commissioner Emmanuel Maganga (R) after assessing progress in the construction of a road in the municipality. Looking on is Kigoma district commissioner Samson Hanga. Photo: Correspondent Joctan Ngelly

Zambian High Commissioner Brenda Muntemba dies in Kenya

NAIROBI

Zambia's High Commissioner to Kenya, Brenda Muntemba-Sichilemba, has died here.

Foreign Affairs ministry Principal Secretary Macharia Kamau said yesterday Muntemba succumbed to injuries she sustained in a road crash in Machakos.

Muntemba (49) died while undergoing treatment in a Nairobi hospital after the crash three weeks ago. The diplomat was involved in a road accident on February 26 at Lukenya on Mombasa Road, when her Toyota Prado rammed head-on with an oncoming trailer.

She was accompanied by Botswana's ambassador to Kenya Duke Lephoko.

The two diplomats were returning to

the capital Nairobi when the collision happened. The pair was admitted to Machakos Level 5 Hospital before Muntemba was referred to Nairobi and admitted to the Nairobi Hospital's ICU after she developed internal bleeding.

"Saddened by the passing of Zambian High Commissioner to Kenya and women's right advocate, Amb. Brenda Muntemba-Sichilemba" Nairobi

Women's Representative Esther Passaris mourned her. "My heartfelt condolences to her family and friends and to the People of Zambia. Rest in Peace," said Passaris in a tweet.

Prior to her appointment as High Commissioner, she served as a police commissioner and chief programme officer at Unesco in Lusaka.

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TBL continues to undertake water conservation initiatives

By Guardian Reporter

Tanzania Breweries Limited (TBL Group) has met its environmental goals for water, energy and waste, in large part because of dedicated process controls and technology. Also it will continue to work with stakeholders to support sustainable business practices in the water and agriculture sectors.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam yesterday, during the celebration to mark the World Water Day 2019, Environment Coordinator ABInBev Africa, Anitha Gerald, said the tools at its disposal are the monitoring and targeting software package, as well global benchmark tool that compares best practices and initiatives from other ABINBEV breweries.

Gerald said there is also the weekly loss and waste focusing by the brewery employees that maintains the elevated level of awareness on the need to save water, lots of water saving campaigns and employee engagement programme use to drive world best practices aimed at following 5 years target plan to improve water savings by latest technology investment programme implemented by the company globally.

"Water is more than just the number one ingredient in our beer. Water is a critical resource for the economic, social and environmental well-being of our communities. The farmers that supply us with the raw materials we use in our beers depend on water to cultivate their crops. Our operations from brewing to packaging all depend on water. Great water makes great beer. We therefore brew our beers at the highest level of water efficiency and we continuously challenge ourselves to do even more as we are conscious of the fact that we share this precious commodity with our community", said Gerald.

She emphasised that the company's goal as a global company is to ensure that by 2025, 100 per cent of our communities in high-stress areas will have measurably improved water availability and quality. "In Tanzania, we have implemented various water projects that have provided the community with access to clean water. We are implementing water conservation initiatives in line with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)," said Gerald.

About wastes disposal she said, the company was using environmentally friendly technology in destroying hard and light wastes. She also explained that, TBL Group has as well been collaborating with the government and other stakeholders in environmental and water sources protection campaigns, and tree planting exercises.

She called upon all Tanzanians to conserve the environment especially by planting more trees, protecting water sources and use the available water carefully without wasting a drop.

The theme for World Water Day 2019 is 'Leaving no one behind,' which is the central promise of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: as sustainable development progresses, everyone must benefit.

Sustainable Development Goal 6 (SDG 6) aims to ensure availability and sustainable management of water for all by 2030. This means leaving no one behind.

Today, billions of people are still living without safe water, which means 'safely managed drinking water service': water that is accessible on the premises, available when needed, and free from contamination. Through the households, schools, workplaces, farms and factories struggling to survive and thrive.

Premier lays foundation stone for water project in Misungwi

By Correspondent Rose Jacob, Mwanza

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has laid the foundation stone for a water project to benefit over 50,000 people in Misungwi District, Mwanza Region.

The project constructed by China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation (CCECC) was part of the water projects being implemented by the Tanzanian government under the Lake Victoria Water and Sanitation Programme.

The Premier said the project was being financed by a low interest loan from the European Investment Bank (EIB) and French Development Agency (AFD).

Majaliwa praised CCECC, saying the Chinese construction firm was among

the best with vast experience in China and across the world.

He said: "CCECC has built trust with the government of Tanzania. The Chinese construction firm is undertaking a number of projects in Tanzania, including the Ubungo interchange in Dar es Salaam."

He also instructed security organs including the Tanzania Police Force to ensure working tools for the Chinese contractor are safe all the time during and after construction of the project.

Lake Victoria Water and Sanitation project consists of the upgrading and extension of water and sanitation facilities in the cities of Mwanza, Musoma and Bukoba and other satellite towns of Mwanza, located on the shores of Lake Victoria, which is one of the most

important trans-boundary national resources on the African Continent.

It is a shared resource for several countries (Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda) with multiple economic uses and the sole source of water supply for many communities.

The need to manage the lake and the activities which impinge on its environmental sustainability has emerged as one of the key challenges in East and Northern Africa in view of experiences with past pollution.

A particularly pressing issue is the rapid population growth in the lake zone of the East Africa Community (EAC), which is seven times the African average, as people are attracted to economic opportunities the lake zone offers.



A small trader hunts for customers along the Magomeni Usalama stretch of Dar es Salaam's Morogoro Road yesterday. Photo: John Badi

About 500 persons with disability to benefit from free artificial limbs

By Getrude Mbagu

ABOUT 500 persons with disabilities in the country are set to benefit from free artificial limbs scheduled for May, this year at the Muhimbili Orthopedic Institute (MOI) in Dar es Salaam.

The camp will be run by specialists from India in collaboration with the local ones.

India Higher Commissioner to Tanzania, Sandeep Arya said on Tuesday in Dar es Salaam during the commemoration of India Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) day to celebrate over 400 Tanzanian officials and specialists who benefited from various short courses in India, in this financial year.

According to him, the services will be provided as part of India's continuous support to health sector in Tanzania.

He said during the camp, those with missing arms or legs will be checked and provided free artificial limbs.

"We focus on areas of priority for Tanzania such as health care, Information and Communications Technology, water sources and infrastructures

He said that among the largest Indian projects currently underway is the water supply project from Lake Victoria to Tabora, Nzega, Igunga and 89 villages en route at a cost of 600bn/-.

"Two other water supply projects in Dar es Salaam-Chalinze and in Zanzibar are also going well, and that India has committed further 1.15tr/- for water supply in other 26 towns in the country," he added.

The high commissioner further said that India has also proposed a tele-education programme in five universities as well as a tele-medicine programme in five hospitals in Tanzania wherein the agreement is set to be commenced in the near future.

Speaking on ITEC which covers government officials from various departments, Arya clarified that those technical training and capacity build-

ing courses pertained to areas such as ICT including computer software and services, health care, financial tools, entrepreneurship development, managing water sources, energy and power, technologies, agricultural techniques, small scale industries, rural development, management skills, human resources planning, among others.

Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, Prof James Mdoe commented India for the support it has been providing to Tanzania where through ITEC alone, a number of public officials have been benefited by acquiring free skills and knowledge to improve public service.

He also said that in 2017, the Tanzanian government received 131,000 copies of mathematics and sciences secondary school books from the government of India, which (books) have, to a great extent, improved the learning and teaching infrastructures.

Kenya seeking another Sh368 billion railway loan from China

NAIROBI

The government is negotiating with China for a loan of about Sh370 billion to complete the third phase of the standard gauge railway.

According to Kenya Railways Acting Director Philip Mahinga, the corporation is also holding talks to finance a system that will ensure the railway, its passengers, goods and equipment are secure as they snake through sparsely populated regions in its 974-kilometre journey from Mombasa to Malaba in Busia County.

During a briefing about the status of the multibillion-shilling endeavour at the Chinese embassy in Nairobi on Tuesday, the country's Chargé d'affaires Li Xuhang said the amount would be in form of concessional and hard loans.

"We all know that the first phase of SGR from Mombasa to Nairobi cost Sh327 billion and the second phase Sh150 billion. For phase 2B, negotia-

tions between the two governments are on so I will not give any figure at the moment," Mahinga said.

Mahinga added that the full details would be given during the official opening of the Naivasha terminal in May.

However, an inside source said the interim amount is Sh368 billion. "SGR trains move 6,000 people daily, and we are concerned about our operations and security of the equipment," Mahinga said.

"The movement of trains from Mombasa to western Kenya needs to be secure from terrorists and other challenges. We ask the Chinese government to support us in this area."

It is not clear how much it would cost to secure the railway line.

Kenyans, the International Monetary

Fund and experts have raised questions about the repayment status of the existing loans.

The terms of repayment have also been a subject of debate following revelations a few months ago that the port of Mombasa could be handed over to Chinese if Kenya defaults on the loans.

Xuhang said the Mombasa-Nairobi railway earned \$100 million in the 2017/18 financial year.

"The railway has created more than 50,000 jobs locally and boosted Kenya's economic growth by 1.5 percent," he said during the press briefing attended by officials of SGR management, the National Treasury, Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure and Kenya Railways Corporation.

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CALL FOR CONCEPT NOTES LEGAL EMPOWERMENT OF THE POOR URBAN COMMUNITIES AND IMPROVEMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE FOR REMAND PRISONERS AND POLICE SUSPECTS IN ZANZIBAR

1. Introduction

The Legal Services Facility (LSF) is an organization created in 2011 and was registered as a company limited by guarantee without share capital in October 2013. It is a basket fund created to channel funding on equal opportunity basis to organizations which are providing legal aid and paralegal services in Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar. These services assist individuals to claim their rights, redress grievances and protect their fundamental human rights. The LSF aims to promote and protect human rights for all, particularly for poor women, children, men and the vulnerable, including people living with HIV/AIDS. It works closely with the government at all levels, development partners, organizations involved in the provision of legal aid, including paralegal services, and other stakeholders.

LSF uses human rights and legal empowerment approach to increase access to justice in the country through paralegals works, engagement with LAPs and Government. Since the inception of the program, LSF has contributed immensely to the increase of legal aid services throughout the country by reaching a big number of people who need legal aid services. LSF has strengthened the capacity of its partners so that they become more effective in providing good quality services to the Tanzanians hence becoming driver of development. Through these initiatives, paralegals have become a key driving force of change of the community.

2. What needs to be addressed?

This call invites concept notes for the following themes;

2.1. Legal Empowerment of the poor urban communities in Zanzibar

Under this theme, Civil society organizations both from Unguja and Pemba, working on the provision of legal aid, human rights, education, environment and women rights are invited to submit their concept notes applying for grants to implement Urban legal empowerment programmes in their areas of vicinity.

Urban legal empowerment programme approach was designed in line with the understanding that there is solid and complex connection between rapid growth of urbanization and inequality, socio-economical injustices and increased need for access to justice in the community in particular for women.

The urban poor are usually unable to access entitlements and exercise their basic legal rights such as accessing courts and social services, rampant unemployment and exercising their property rights. This can be attributed to lack of proper education. As a result, the urban poor are excluded from the legal discourse, denying them the opportunity to improve their lives and thereby hampering the country's development.

2.2. Access to Justice for remand prisoners and Police Suspects in Zanzibar

The LSF is also inviting concept notes from Zanzibar for partners who will be able to contribute to timely access to justice for remand prisoners and suspects at the police stations and help decongest remand prisoners. The delays of justice to suspects and suspects has been one of the contributing factors for congestions in remand prisons and at police stations. Alongside the general risk, high rates of pre-trial detention contribute to exacerbating poor prison conditions and heightening the risk of torture and ill-treatment. The excessive and irrational use of pre-trial detention wastes public resources, undermines the rule of law, disrupts families and communities, and endangers public health.

Through this call for concept notes, LSF believe that, legal aid services to the pre-trial detainees is an essential element of a fair, humane and efficient criminal justice system that is based on the rule of law. It is a foundation for the enjoyment of other rights, including the right to a fair trial, as a precondition to exercising such rights and an important safeguard that ensures fundamental fairness and public trust in the criminal justice process.

Many urban poor and marginalized groups' lives and livelihood are guided by informal systems of economy, employment, housing and (frequently) violent social contract that do not allow them to utilize existing legal frameworks to protect their properties, access basic services and social protection to which they are entitled.

It is thus considered that, effective legal empowerment programmes will enhance the community to promote equality, social-economic justice and reduce poverty which results from lacking legal protection. Legal empowerment aims at building the legal capacity of the community so that they are able to effects accountability but also become legally responsible to take their role in fighting injustices that occurs in the community. Through legal empowerment programmes the community becomes more aware of the laws but also the guardian of their rights and other members of the community like women and children

3. Applicants' Eligibility

This call for concept notes is open only to Zanzibar-based non-governmental organisations and or organizations with their strong-base in Zanzibar, which are not for profit and which have been and are involved in promotion and protection of human rights and women rights, provision of legal aid, (public) legal education, including paralegal services and community mobilisation, engaged in other social and economic empowerments interventions.

The organization should have a good track record in working with Local Government Authorities, other formal and informal leaders and have functional linkages with other CSOs and stakeholders beyond legal aid providers. In addition, all applicants for this call for concept note must demonstrate that they;

- Are legally established and are compliant to the rules and regulations through which they have registered specifically in Zanzibar
- Have a solid, transparent and functional governance structure that can be demonstrated during a due diligence process
- Have well established (financial, M&E) management systems, documentation and demonstrable result-based report writing skills.
- Have worked as legal aid provider or in any human right filed for at least 3 years or for the same period with social and economic empowerment of women and adolescent girls, whole for both categories' extensive knowledge of legal empowerment approaches is considered essential and or Organization with strong track record in working with Criminal justice sector and Advocacy related work
- Have experience with productive relations with local government authorities, other formal and informal leaders, other CSOs, the criminal justice sector and beyond legal aid providers.
- Have experience with community mobilisation towards access to justice with the relevant Socio-economic and cultural sensitivity.

4. What will not be considered

No matter how good the concept note will be, the following will not be considered for funding under this call; Credit or loan schemes, Debts and provisions for losses or debts, Purchases of land and buildings, Scholarships, sponsorships and school fees, Cash donations, Political and religious activities and Organisations with LSF grant.

5. How to apply

To assist in the preparation of the concept note,

- LSF have developed a Format for the concept note which is part of this call (Available on our website; www.lsftz.org)
- A clarification meeting will be held on 1st April 2019 at Umoja wa Walemavu Zanzibar (UWZ) offices in Unguja, Zanzibar
- Applications must be submitted in English both in hard copy (one original and two copies) and electronic versions through a flash disk well marked with the name of the applicant organization. Applications via email or other electronic media will not be considered.

6. Deadline and Delivery of the Application

- The deadline for receipt of the Concept Note is **Friday 5th April 2019**
- Delivery after the deadline, regardless of the reason, will lead to immediate disqualification.
- Concept note received before the deadline and deemed by LSF to be compliant with the requirements set out in this call will be evaluated.
- All concept notes have to be submitted in a sealed envelope by registered mail, courier delivery or hand delivered (a signed and dated letter of receipt will be given to the deliverer) to the address below:

Completed concepts submitted in hard copies should be directed to;

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What world should fight: Each year 32 million acres of forests are lost

THE International Day of Forests was established on the 21st day of March, by resolution of the United Nations General Assembly on November 28, 2012. Each year, various events celebrate and raise awareness of the importance of all types of forests, and trees outside forests, for the benefit of current and future generations. Countries are encouraged to undertake efforts to organise local, national, and international activities involving forests and trees, such as tree planting campaigns, on International Day of Forests. The Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests, in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organisation, facilitates the implementation of such events in collaboration with governments, the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, and international, regional and subregional organizations. International Day of Forests was observed for the first time on March 21, 2013.

Each year more than 13 million hectares (32 million acres) of forests are lost, an area roughly the size of England. As go the forests, so grow the plant and animal species that they embrace - 80 per cent of all terrestrial biodiversity. Most importantly, forests play a critical role in climate change including global warming; deforestation results in 12-18 percent of the world's carbon emissions - almost equal to all the CO2 from the global transport sector. Equally crucial, healthy forests are one of the world's primary 'carbon sinks.'

Today, forests cover more than 30 per cent of the world's land and contain more than 60,000 tree species, many as yet unidentified. Forests provide food, fiber, water and medicines for approximately 1.6 billion of the world's poorest people, including indigenous peoples with unique cultures.

In November 1971, the "States members" at the 16th session of the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization, voted to establish

"World Forestry Day" on March 21 of each year. From 2007-2012, the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) convened a series of six Forest Days, in conjunction with annual meetings of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference of Parties. CIFOR organized these events on behalf of and in close cooperation with other members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF). Following the International Year of Forests in 2011, the International Day of Forests was established by resolution of the United Nations

The catalyst for Forest Day was a casual conversation in Oxford, England, in February 2007, between two scientists who felt the world was underestimating the importance of forests in mitigating carbon emissions and saw a glaring need for the latest forestry research and thinking to inform global policy makers and UNFCCC negotiators. They did not foresee that the conference would become one of the most influential global events on forests and climate change today

The inaugural Forest Day was one of the major vents at United nation network Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Conference of the Parties (COP) 13 in Bali, Indonesia on 8 December 2007. More than 800 people participated in Forest Day, including scientists, members of national delegations, and representatives from intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.

A major feature of Forest Day was four parallel panel discussions focusing on cross-cutting themes related to forests and climate change. These well-attended discussions examined such issues as setting baselines and methodological challenges in estimating forest carbon; markets and governance challenges associated with Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+); adaptation to climate change; and equity-efficiency trade-offs.

World Water Day: Water services must meet the needs of marginalised groups

WORLD Water Day is an annual UN observance day (always on 22 March) that highlights the importance of freshwater. Not to be confused with World Water Monitoring Day. The day is used to advocate for the sustainable management of freshwater resources. World Water Day is celebrated around the world with a variety of events. These can be educational, theatrical, musical or lobbying in nature. The day can also include campaigns to raise money for water projects. The first World Water Day, designated by the United Nations, was commemorated in 1993. Each year many countries celebrate World Water Day.

As convener, UN-Water selects a theme for each year in consultation and collaboration with UN organizations that share an interest in that year's focus. The theme for 2019 is "Leaving no one behind" and encourages people to consider marginalised groups as these are often overlooked and discriminated against when they try to access safe water. Previous themes for the years 2014 to 2018 were "Water and energy", "Water and Sustainable Development", "Water and Jobs", "Why waste water?" and "Nature for Water".

The focus on universal access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) is in line with the targets of Sustainable Development Goal 6. The UN World Water Development Report (WWDR) is released each year around World Water Day.

World Water Day is an international observance day. The intention is to inspire people around the world to learn more about water-related issues and to take action to make a difference.

Relevant issues include water scarcity, water pollution, inadequate water supply, lack of sanitation, and

the impacts of climate change (which is set to be the theme of World Water Day 2020). The day brings to light the inequality of access to WASH services and the need to assure the human right to water and sanitation.

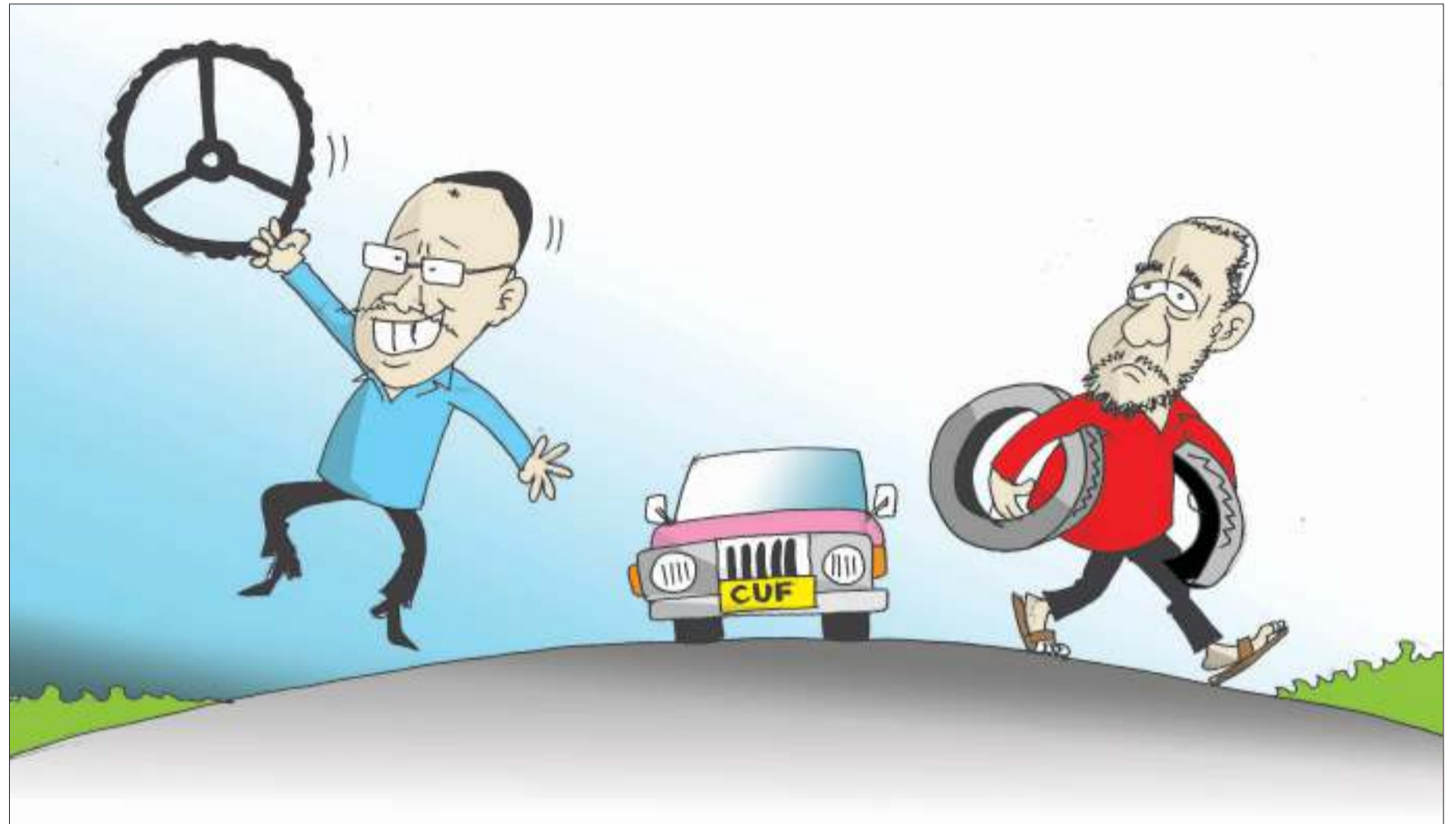
Non-governmental organizations active in the WASH sector, such as UNICEF, WaterAid and Water and Sanitation for the Urban Poor (WSUP), use the day to raise public awareness, get media attention for water issues and inspire action. Activities have included releasing publications and films, as well as organising round tables, seminars and expositions.

End Water Poverty, a global civil society coalition with 250 partner organisations, sponsors Water Action Month each year and offers an event-planning guidebook.

The UN World Water Development Report (WWDR) is released each year on World Water Day. Information related to the annual theme gives decision-makers tools to implement sustainable use of water resources.

More and more initiatives in schools and universities are educating people about the importance of conserving and managing water resources. For example, Michigan State University held a contest for "best World Water Day poster" in 2017. Primary school children in the Philippines participated in a "My School Toilet" contest in 2010.

In 2016, the World Water Day campaign and related publications reached millions of people through social media, dedicated websites and other channels: The UN-Water annual report states that social media engagement (hashtag #WorldWaterDay) had a maximum potential reach of 1.6 billion people worldwide in 2016. Over 500 events in 1000 countries were registered on the World Water Day website that year.



Our beliefs, our undoing!

BY RICHARD MADUKU

THERE is a school of thought that wants African countries to copy something China is doing today.

It is not the way they are controlling their population. We may copy a modified version of it later but for now that should not be our priority.

In fact, there are other things we are going to copy from China in the near future after modifying them to suit our culture. But for now, it should be the many questionable beliefs that are accepted hook line and sinker by the majority in Africa.

It is suggested we purge our populations of these beliefs as China is doing to some of her citizens today through re-education. It doesn't have to be by confining such people inside fortified cities like prisoners as China is reported to have done.

Only a few thousand Africans are free from these beliefs anyway and so it won't be possible to quarantine all the rest of us.

People should remain in their homes and live their normal lives while the re-orientation is carried out through all the mediums of information available to us today.

To our school of thought, these beliefs are one of the main reasons nothing is working well in most African countries despite following the same processes that had worked for other countries.

For instance, fighting corruption especially in the public sector is one of the ways of lifting a nation out of poverty but Nigeria has been doing that for almost four years now without much to show for it.

In fact, Nigeria is actually sinking deeper into poverty since the All Progressive Congress (APC) government headed by General Muhammadu Buhari, a man reputed to have zero tolerance for corrupt practices assumed office and has been valiantly fighting corruption to the best of his abilities.

A new report by the World Poverty Clock actually shows that since the APC government came into power in 2015, Nigeria has overtaken India (with a much higher population) as the country with the most extreme poor people in the world despite the avowed war on corruption! Mass education that removes a people from extreme poverty is also not working for us here in Nigeria.

Though we still have a long way to go in educating all our people especially those in the north, the modest progress we have made in the last thirty to forty years has not improved our lot proportionately.

Like the war against corruption, some would even swear it has lowered



"The less you open your heart to others, the more your heart suffers." ~Deepak Chopra

us deeper into the poverty pit. What with millions of university graduates roaming the streets looking for non-existent jobs!

Nigeria has enough people trained in petroleum, mechanical and electrical engineering but we cannot refine our crude oil and so we import at costs that are prohibitive as they are controversial. We have vast arable land and a multitude of men and women trained to a university level in agriculture still we don't have enough food to feed ourselves and so we have to also import.

We have embraced democracy and religions that lifted other countries from poverty but ours has deepened and it seems we have been jinxed.

According to our school of thought, it is our questionable beliefs that are largely responsible for this state of affairs.

The first questionable belief on the list of the school of thought is the supernatural powers we attribute to witches and wizards.

There is hardly anything negative that befell us or anything we have done wrong that we don't blame on witches. They are behind everything that brings sorrow, pain and shame to us as individuals or as a group.

Deaths, sicknesses, insanity, impotence, bareness, crop failure, accidents, breakup of marriages as well as breakdown of cars (knock engine) or machinery, poverty, unemployment, failure at exam, drunkenness, wastefulness and other negative things too numerous to list in full here we blame on witches - usually from among our family members or neighbours.

Anybody who disagrees with any of these beliefs was usually suspected of also being a witch and in many cases such a person was avoided by many.

Suspected witches are still burnt in some communities up till today!

According to our school of thought, this is one of the reasons nothing is working well for us in Africa especially in Nigeria.

The influence of native doctors over the lives of a good majority of Africans is another reason processes that work well for others don't work the same way in many African countries.

We believe these native doctors have powers comparable to those of witches. But whereas witches are believed to have limitless power to do only evil, we also believe native doctors could do either evil or good depending on what the client wants and her preparedness to pay their bill.

To us, there is no sickness or condition that witches afflict us with (home problem) that a native doctor cannot cure or undo.

Instead of consulting orthodox doctors to prescribe what to take to cure an illness or a condition, most Africans prefer the services of native doctors.

This is not bad per se but the problem is that a good number of them are quacks. They rarely turn anybody who consulted them away on the grounds that the ailment or the condition was beyond them. They claim to have a cure for every illness including AIDS. They have led many to avoidable deaths because people believe in their claims of doing things scientifically deemed as impossible.

For instance, no soldier who has taken part in battles as an infantry man in a conventional war will buy the crap about bullet proof charms. But most Nigerians will doubt the sanity of anyone who tells them that no charm can stop rifle bullets.

Most Africans especially Nigerians including highly educated persons, will also doubt the sanity of anyone who tells them that a native doctor cannot make one to become exceedingly

rich overnight through some weird formulations or exercises.

From time immemorial, many Nigerians believe that one could get rich overnight through charms or rituals such as walking naked at midnight in the cemetery or in a forest while chanting prescribed incantations. Few persons would have quarreled with this if it were to end at incantations. But it does not end there.

The spate of secret killings in which parts of the human body such as the genitals, tongues, breasts or eyes had been removed are due to native doctors who demand such things before preparing money charms for their clients. They also demand parts of hunchbacks and persons with albinism (albino) for their charms.

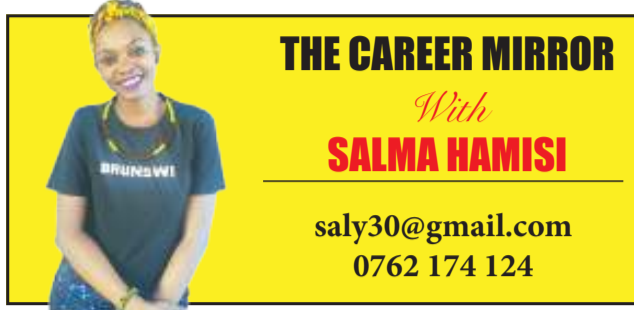
They ask men to make love with their mothers or with corpses in order to become rich overnight! Some pastors are also reported to be murdering people and burying them in their churches with the belief that this will attract multitude to their churches! At one time there was a scare that a man's genitals could disappear when he shook hands with some strangers and people believed it! In Nigeria today, ladies underwear (pants) have joined the list of items native doctors demand before preparing so-called money charms for their potential clients.

Several ladies have been killed by men hunting for ladies' panties. Some Muslims believe killing non-Muslims is a sure way to heaven and they look for opportunities to do just that.

Our hearts have remained receptacles of beliefs that would be considered as crazy in other places.

Our school of thought wants African states to purge their citizens of their mind boggling gullibility. They concluded by warning that we cannot soar and nothing will work well for us if we continue to believe fantasies!

The dreaded question: What's your weakness?



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Last week, I attended a career bootcamp and the greatest set back most job seekers faced was the interview process.

The interview session is just a regular meeting held by the employer and prospective employee.

For the record, getting to the interview stage is already an achievement in itself isn't it?

Can you imagine how many of you applied for the position and couldn't even get a shortlisted email reply? I know you don't always think about that but you should.

Well, a large number of attendees reported to have struggled with this interview question: Your weaknesses.

The HR across the table keenly stares at you and utters that dreaded question: "What's your greatest weaknesses?"

See, that must get you off guard but questions are given to be answered right? so well, you must go head on and face it and in fact come up with a solution to this weaknesses.

Nevertheless, human is to error and having weaknesses is what completes our human nature.

Discussing your weakness in the interview room could be the most tricky and difficult situation for you as a candidate vying for a particular position.

The best way to handle this question is not to deal with the real weakness that

would directly affect your job performance if disclosed in between the session.

First of all think don't think through your personal traits but instead recognise skills that you aren't well conversant with and through those personal traits think through the efforts you have put to minimize and overcome those weakness before answering the question.

It is solely important that you demonstrate authenticity; being yourself.

This is very significant so as to avoid exaggerating and appearing dumb.

In my personal job search journey, I encountered this question in almost two to three interviews and I had a scripted answer, "I am quite forgetful, and in order to minimize this weakness, I ensure I carry along a notebook and a pen or set up an alarm duty reminder" Diana, Procurement Officer, DTB.

Well, it's pretty clear how organized and strategic her response was where she begins mentioning his weakness then the solution comes just after. Its' not that necessary you have a scripted and memorable response but what's more significant is that you remain true to yourself while avoiding an answer that will set a wall between you and your future career.

Always select a trait and come up with a solution to overcome it as the example from Diana above. Avoid mentioning personality shortcomings such as being

a people pleaser, being too judgmental or too critical amongst others instead focus on the professional angel of the question

Talking about your weaknesses and how much you are willing to work towards eradicating and improving yourself as an individual not only makes you appear true to yourself but also a very attractive trait is showcased to the interview panel. Confidence is indeed infectious.

Acting composed and confident while admitting that you are human as humanity comes with imperfections is never underestimated.

The hiring manager is going to be much more impressed with a candidate who has the self-awareness to realize they're not perfect and that they're actively taking the initiative

needed to improve themselves unlike an individual who appears perfect and with has less or no initiative to work on their shortcomings.

While it may feel like your interviewer is just looking to come up with reasons not to hire you, but that's not the case there are many logical reasons why this question is posed.

The significant amongst them is that they want to assess your personality and character so that in case they hire you, they already know what type of person they have on their team.

Unless you are especially lucky, it's very unlikely you'll survive the entire interview session without this question being directed at you in one form or another, it's always best to remain prepared literally!



Firms can play a more active role in corporate social responsibility projects

By Muharram Macatta

Tanzania has a historic opportunity to modernize its economy and ensure inclusive and sustainable development for all. The country has made significant progress in many of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), now Sustainable Development Goals such as reducing poverty and child mortality.

Nevertheless, more remains to be done to achieve sustainable progress in health and education - two vitally important dimensions of human development. Furthermore, overall development progress has an important equity dimension.

Recent economic growth and social progress has disproportionately benefited the bigger cities, while people in rural areas continue to have fewer economic opportunities and only partial access to essential services such as health, education, water and sanitation at best.

Tanzania needs a truly transformational change if it is to overcome these challenges. Such a change cannot be achieved by any one actor.

However, the role of the private sector is essential in driving development; this feature argues that the private sector's contribution to economic growth, technological change and general welfare has yet to be fully harnessed in the United Republic of Tanzania.

The private sector can

have a transformative impact not only on the economic sector but also on social dynamics and on the quality of people's lives.

This aspiration for sustainable and transformative development impacts has become part of the modus operandi of many visionary companies worldwide.

In fact, for many of these companies it has become tantamount to what a resilient business model itself looks like. The current government is working with these businesses to ensure that development occurs through inclusive and equitable economic growth and income generation, respecting rights and ensuring environmental protection, in line with the global compact principles.

The role of the private sector in generating human development transcends that of a tax-payer and a creator of jobs, important though these contributions are.

We hereby present a thoroughly documented review of global and national experience to demonstrate how the private sector can play the role of catalyst for change by promoting new approaches, technologies, services and policy proposals.

We trust these examples will inspire all of our many actors who have a part to play in this and help to drive further the efforts of the Tanzania business community to advance the modernization of the country.

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If you are flying, you should be buying carbon offsets

By Christopher J. Preston

Air travel has a gigantic carbon footprint. And, contrary to popular belief, carbon offsets do make a difference.

You desperately want to book that flight for the family wedding. But the frightening Fourth National Climate Assessment released by the U.S. Global Change Research Program in November has flipped on the guilt switch for you. Climate change used to be a faint background murmur you could ignore when there were fun places to go. But November's report is clear: It's here, and it's bad.

The good news is, you can offset the carbon generated by your air travel. Offsetting is simple and surprisingly cheap to do. While you put greenhouse gases into the atmosphere in one place, somebody else is paid to take them out in another.

Numerous skeptics frown upon this tool, arguing that they are ineffective or even unethical.

The doubts are worth investigating. I have been offsetting my flying for the last few years and, as an environmental ethicist, I want to get this right. So here is how I think the arguments stack up. Argument 1. Offsets just allow the rich to keep on polluting while easing their guilt.

Offsets do allow payers to keep polluting, and they are mostly used by the rich. But think about it. Stopping people from flying is not the primary purpose of the offset. In my case, I'm committed to visiting overseas family from time to time. It's an emissions burden I'm stuck with. By buying offsets, I shrink the harm I cause no matter what. My primary goal is not to lessen the guilt but to lessen the impacts. If an additional policy mechanism were placed on top of the offsets



(for example, a very high price on carbon or an imposition of a carbon emissions cap) then people may feel some economic pressure to fly less. But changing behavior is not the primary purpose of the offset. Reducing harm is. In this regard, they work.

Argument 2. Offsets don't do anything. Do carbon offsets actually reduce harm? It would surprise me if the small amount of money I pay for an offset will actually remove all the carbon I am responsible for emitting during my flight. How can I be sure the carbon removal I'm paying for wouldn't have happened anyway? Or that it's not just temporary or shifted to another location?

To address this, buy offsets that are independently certified to provide precisely these assurances. Standards such as the Gold Standard, the Verified Carbon Standard, and Climate Action

Reserve exist to help individuals buying carbon offsets feel confident their money is doing what they intend it to do. Although providing this reassurance remains complicated and a healthy skepticism is appropriate, I trust that concerned and informed people are working hard to make sure purchased offsets do what they claim.

Argument 3. Carbon offsets contribute to global injustice.

Some argue that by allowing the rich to buy themselves out of their guilt, carbon offsets end up exacerbating the injustice caused by climate change.

The painful reality of climate change is that the people suffering the greatest burdens are typically those who are least responsible for the problem and least economically equipped to adapt to changing and dangerous conditions. And it's true that if all offsets do is to validate pouring more and more

carbon into the atmosphere, they might indeed make poor people's lives worse.

Fortunately, there are reasons to think they do exactly the opposite. Carbon offsets invested in the developing world represent a transfer of wealth - albeit a small one - from the rich to the poor. Such transfers can reduce global injustice if they are invested in infrastructure that improves the lives of those at risk, for example, in forest restoration, renewable energy infrastructure or more efficient cook stoves. To the extent they provide a buffer against the effects of climate harms already occurring, they are on the right side of the moral ledger.

Argument 4. Offsets only serve to indicate how unwilling you are to change your wasteful ways.

Yes and no. Buying a carbon offset is only necessary if you are committed to

carrying on emitting carbon. And the reality is that, with current transportation infrastructure, most of us are.

On the other hand, paying for a carbon offset indicates a willingness to put your money where your mouth is. It can increase renewable energy generation infrastructure and create visible examples of greenhouse gas reduction projects. Restored and protected forests, methane capture projects, and solar and wind farms are a statement about a certain kind of future. If you tell your friends what you are doing, offsetting also creates a social pressure for others to recognize there is a cost to carbon.

A Few Caveats

To be sure you are on the right side of the offsets debate, a few more conditions must be met:

First, any offsetting must be accompanied by continued efforts to reduce your own emissions and to persuade elected officials to pursue a less carbon-intensive path. Buying an offset is a stop-gap measure. Nobody should think this is all they have to do to address climate warming.

Second, even as you purchase offsets, remain skeptical about whether the shockingly small amount they cost is actually enough. To compensate, consider purchasing 25 or 50 percent more offsets than the trip demands.

Third, offsets should not provide an excuse for shifting the burden of climate change mitigation entirely to individuals. Nothing you do is going to come close to what corporations and governments must accomplish on a far larger scale.

With these conditions in place, however, the conclusion is clear. Though not a perfect fix, the moral argument leans strongly toward purchasing offsets. They are absolutely an imperfect tool. But they absolutely make a difference.

Nigeria election and judicial activism

By SAMAMADI

The famous French political philosopher, Alexis Tocqueville, in his classic: Democracy in America, wisely observes that in the United States no sooner does a political controversy arise than it transforms into a legal dispute.

In that disputatious society, the law court is an extension of the public square. Now that the US model of constitutional democracy has traveled across the world and reached Nigeria, we are in the Tocquevillian world where the hooded sages will be asked to determine the most important question of political Nigeria: who should govern?

It is official. Vice President Atiku Abubakar has filed a petition at the Presidential Election Tribunal, seeking to nullify the Independent National Electoral Commission's (INEC) declaration of President Buhari as elected for another four years tenure.

As the elections wind up across the country, so many aggrieved politicians are heading to election tribunals to seek relief from a grossly flawed electoral process. Of course, we are used to flawed elections where the incompetence and corruption of the electoral management body result in the overburdening of the judicial system.

But the 2019 elections are really flawed, even by Nigerian standards.

We have witnessed the court sending away elected governors two or three years into their tenure. We have witnessed tribunals sacking legislators who have almost finished the four-years tenure and requesting them to refund humongous salaries and allowances collected for unlawful duties.

In 2015 there was little litigation on the elections. For the first time there was no case against the winner of the presidential election. The sitting president magnanimously accepted his defeat in an election that many of



With the poor quality of the elections in 2019 and the fact that the defeated presidential candidate has rushed to the tribunal...

his party leaders believed was rigged in favour of the opposition. The nation heaved a sign of relief. As if taking a cue, many politicians who lost legislative and governorship elections refused to challenge their defeat in the tribunals. Perhaps, the far lower number of cases filed against the results of 2015 elections reflects an upgrade in its credibility or a domino effect of President Jonathan's extraordinary sportsmanship. With the poor quality of the elections in 2019 and the fact that the defeated presidential candidate has rushed to the tribunal, we will expect a rich harvest of litigation at the various election tribunals.

Now, the role of the courts in election matters call into question the legitimacy and desirability of judicial review of elections. Elections are part of political discourse and actions by citizens to decide who exercises political authority in the commonwealth. So, elections are political. The conventional conception of the judicial action is that it is both principled and apolitical. By 'principled' it means that its decision draws consistently from general value propositions that have universal validity. By 'apolitical' it is meant that the court stays away from contestation as to who gets power and exercises it. The court deals with corrective justice while the legislature and executive deal with distributive justice. The convention is that the merit of the court is that it shields itself from partisan contest to regain the neutrality and independ-

ence to settle disputes between the contestants. A partisan court loses the credibility and legitimacy to settle disputes between politically misaligned individuals and entities in the society.

So, some have advanced the logic that the judiciary should not insert itself too deep in the political battlefield through electoral disputes because such disputes are, to use the Lon Fuller's word, polycentric, and defies effective resolution through the typical analytical resources of the adjudication.

Therefore, from the foregoing perspective, electoral disputes are inherently non-justiciable. But this assertion is false or exaggerated in many ways. First, conventional conception of adjudication as merely determination of private rights amongst private parties with bipolar interests and where relief flows interdependently from harm has been superseded as the courts responds to the exigence of social justice and stability.

The idea of public interest litigation has shifted the role of judges from merely declaring the rights of contestants to 'legislating' rules that should guide social interaction and distributive justice in society. This has shaped the court as a political institution, albeit one that acts impartially and on principles and reasoned elaborations.

In matter of election, the court ought to embrace its responsibility as a non-partisan political institution. Political scholar, Robert Dahl, in his classic article, The Supreme Court as a National Policymaker, developed the idea of the court as a political institution. According to Dahl, "To consider the Supreme Court of the United States strictly as a legal institution is to underestimate its significance in the American political system, an institution, that is to say, for arriving at decisions on controversial questions of national policy". The court is an 'unusual' political



institution.

It is unusual because it is non-partisan and arrives at decisions in a principled manner without resort to violence and illogic. This is what makes the court legitimate and credible as a political institution to intervene in terms of national crisis.

The last election may bring Nigeria to such a crisis. The reports of daylight brigandage and open manipulations of state institutions by politicians who have access and resources to do so beggars belief. Desperate politicians brushed aside the rules of the game and corrupt and incompetent electoral managers aided and abetted heinous violations. This might probably be our worst election since 1999 as candidates forced returning officers to declare them victors at the threat of loss of life. These candidates cynically challenged the other candidates to go to court, imagining that the arm of the court is too short to retrieve

these stolen mandates in electoral matters. Should the court play dead-brain? Should the court restrict itself to the passive mode of private law litigation or should it step up to the role of an undertaker of democratic stability built on the sanctity of the electoral process in a country where political desperation and institutional manipulation threaten to tip the country over the cliff?

We need to understand what is at stake in the 2019 elections to understand the need for judicial activism. Scholars and political philosophers have tried to distinguish between a mere regime of elections and a democratic polity. It is true that democracy goes beyond periodic elections as has become fashionable in many of the world's pseudo democracies. But there can be no democratic polity without free and fair elections. Where elections are abrogated or cynically reduced to competitive oligarchy then democracy has died.

At orphanage in Nairobi park, baby elephants find a new life



Luggard, a lively three-year-old, limps behind the rest of his ragtag troupe of orphan elephants, halting to graze or rub against a tree. When he was just five months old, Luggard was found struggling to keep up with his herd in Kenya's Tsavo East National Park.

He had been shot twice. One bullet pierced his left front foot, and another shattered his right, hind femur just above the knee joint. The calf was discovered "too late for successful surgery," said Edwin Lusichi, 42, head keeper at the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust (SWT) elephant nursery in Nairobi National Park, Luggard's new

home. With the rest of the gang of 20 elephant babies in this unusual orphanage, Luggard comes charging with great enthusiasm, though hobbling heavily on his deformed leg, out of the bush for a 9:00 am feeding. The calves greedily slurp from oversized "baby bottles", rumbly content-

edly and trumpeting excitedly as they ingest the special mix of human baby formula, water and vitamins. Each calf at the nursery has a tragic story: orphaned by poachers, drought, or in conflict with humans encroaching ever further into the few wild places left. "We rescue them from just a few

days old," DSWT administrator Kirsty Smith told AFP. The youngest elephant in the centre's care is Larro, 10 months. She was found lost and alone in the Maasai Mara game reserve, likely after her family clashed with humans. "Sometimes the elephants get into the communities, farms and homes, people fight them, chase them away, and in the process of the fight they (the babies) get separated from their families," Lusichi explained. Without its mother, an elephant calf will die. They are weaned between the ages of five and 10, when they enter adolescence. Adulthood starts around the age of 18, and left undisturbed, elephants can live to be 70. But poaching claims many prematurely. **KILLING FOR ORNAMENTS** About 20,000 African elephants per year - 55 per day - are killed, mainly for their tusks, according to the WWF. "You're killing a whole elephant just to have the tusks! For what - just to have an ornament?" asks an exasperated Lusichi. He points to Enkesha, a tiny two-year-old. "You see the trunk? She was found trapped in a snare" which all but severed the appendage elephants use to breathe, eat, drink water, and communicate. Enkesha was rescued, stitched up, and after a long rehabilitation, now uses her badly-scarred trunk almost as normal, ripping up grass to eat and sucking up water. The nursery keeps babies like Luggard, Larro and Enkesha until they are about three - the age at which elephants start craving more independence. But until then, they receive 24-7 care with a bottle feeding every three hours. The babies sleep in single wooden rooms at night, and the youngest each have a keeper with them. "It's similar to spending a night in a bedroom with... a human baby," said Julius Shivegha, 43, one of the caretakers. "We have to make sure that they are well-covered with a blanket, to keep them warm... They keep waking up for the milk... We are around for reassur-

ance and for company, just to make sure they don't feel lonely." The bond between animal and human is a close one. During the daytime, the keepers accompany the group as they wander about the savannah, browsing and playing. They call their charges by name, and the elephants respond. As a treat, the keepers prepare mud baths into which the babies dive with abandon, rolling and sliding about, blowing bubbles, and wildly splashing the wet earth around with their trunks. **"SOMETIMES WE JUST CUDDLE"** "We sometimes play soccer with them," said Shivegha of the daily routine. "Sometimes we just cuddle them, we hug them. Some of them will keep on trying to just grab your hands or suck your fingers like a pacifier. All of this makes them really close to us... We are their mothers." This makes for a "bitter-sweet" separation: when the elephants graduate from the nursery, they go to one of three reintegration centres at Tsavo. Here they spend several years learning to live independently, eventually joining a herd or forming their own and setting off into the wider park. For disabled elephants like Luggard, the SWT runs a haven in Kibwezi Forest with abundant food and water all year round, and no human settlements nearby. In 42 years, the trust has rehabilitated more than 230 orphan elephants. Over 120 are living wild and have given birth to 30 known calves, said Smith. Ending attacks on elephants will be difficult in a part of the world where poverty and the danger posed to human life and property by wild elephant herds, are seen as justification. To try and change mindsets, the SWT takes children on excursions to cultivate a love for wildlife and provides schools with books and desks with money raised through its projects. Shivegha called for "everyone's support", in creating alternatives to poaching, such as small business opportunities, for people who live near game reserves. Also, crucially, "let's try and stop the end product market, let's tell people to stop buying (ivory)," he urged.

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How China's eight major initiatives will positively impact African development

By George Muntu

Chinese president Xi Jinping announced Chinese eight major initiatives as strategies to collaborate with Africa. These strategies include; industrial promotion, infrastructure connectivity, trade facilitation, green development, capacity building, healthcare, people-to-people exchange, and peace and security. These define the blueprint for China-Africa relations in the new era and opens up a new ambitious chapter of China-Africa cooperation.

The eight major initiatives, guided by Xi Jinping are based on the Chinese drive to be socially connected to not only African countries but also the world, with different and specific objectives. They are also based on cantering around building a new type of international relations and a community of shared future for mankind. The motive is to engineer and display good relations based on the principle of sincerity, real results, amity and good faith, of pursuing the greater good and shared interests and based on the opinions and suggestions collected in breadth and depth from all quarters in China and Africa. They also, reflect the theme of the Beijing Summit: "China and Africa: Toward an Even Stronger Community with a Shared Future through Win-Win Cooperation".

In as much as these initiatives will increase Chinese influence, they will also greatly help African countries meet their development goals of UN 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, AU Agenda 2063, and the development strategies of individual African countries. They also place emphasis on fostering indigenous growth capacity for Africa, create new ideas and ways of cooperation that will bring China-Africa cooperation to new heights.

The first initiative on industrial promotion is meant to speed up the establishment of industries and



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modernized agriculture will help to accelerate economic change in African countries, and completely eradicate poverty and build a very strong base for self-reliance of each and every African. To achieve this initiative, African nations must partner with China, the only nation with open policies and real plans of bringing about development and economic reform in Africa. This Chinese initiative will help bring industrial revolution, modern agriculture and it will increase productivity as well as alleviate hunger and food shortage in the African continent. In this program, China has promised to provide professional and technology-based training in practical, administrative training as well as providing workshop materials.

Through this program, African companies will benefit directly and will be able to sell their products to Chinese markets. This program will help increase employment in many African countries; it will also increase income for many Africans and will help alleviate poverty at family level. In addition to that, it will help African nations generate more revenue from tax collection. China has also promised to provide material support for building business areas (Economic Zones) that will help Chinese and African owned companies find a place to sell their products. From 2019 to 2021, China has promised to implement 50 agricultural assistance programs that will help Africa

increase the output of corn, rice, wheat, cassava, and cotton.

For a modern agricultural plan to be successful, China promised to send 500 senior agriculture experts to Africa to train and provide technical knowledge to locals in respective countries. This program will enhance the skills and expertise of many young Africans and will enable them to develop modern agriculture in their countries. It should also be noted that, this is one of Chinese Government's strategic plans to transfer its professionals and technologies to assist African countries to achieve their development goals and to build economic dependence. China has also promised to participate fully in the development of social programs such as water supply, road construction, education and sanitation, community service, and humanitarian assistance. This will help improve local livelihood and social development.

In the Second initiative of infrastructure connectivity; China has promised to expand more cooperation with African states in the management of alternatives ways to increase construction of infrastructure projects to ensure African countries are well connected through road networks, rail and functional trains. China has also promised to encourage its aviation businesses and financial institutions to participate in building a single African Air Transport Market to support to enhance connectivity among African countries. At the same time, China supports aviation businesses from both sides in opening more direct flights as per market principles, to facilitate two-way trade flow and strengthen the bond between China and Africa.

Tanzania has revived its national airline Air Tanzania Limited (ATCL). Tanzania will be therefore among African countries that will benefit



A cross-section of African leaders at FOCAC Summit in Beijing, on September 2018. File photo

directly from this opportunity. This is therefore a call for Tanzania and African countries to cooperate with China to benefit from these opportunities. Africans should also be grateful and accept China's contribution made to the development of our countries; this is because China is the only saviour of African problems.

China has also made commitments to invest in telecommunication businesses in Africa with the aim of helping Africa access easy telecommunication infrastructure especially mobile and internet connectivity.

This will benefit both China and Africa with new jobs for Chinese and Africans at different income levels and financial profitability and infrastructure connectivity respectively.

China has promised to increase the exportation of Chinese products to Africa, and encourage African companies to import and sell their products in Chinese markets and participate in Chinese trade expo.

This is a Trade facilitation initiative to help African countries access Chinese markets. This will entail the fact that all African companies that will participate in the exhibition

will not be charged with product fees and or participation free. China has also promised to implement 50 trade facilitation programs for Africa, as a way to deepen cooperation with Africa. Some of these trade facilitation programs include standard promotion, market access and personnel training just to mention a few.

These plans are aimed at empowering African companies to access Chinese markets and local markets and will also enable African companies to have a definite part of selling their products that will result in maximizing profits.

The co-operation between China and Africa is crucial and beneficial to promoting economic growth in the continent.

Green development initiative is the third initiative which will implement 50 green developments, ecological and environmental protection assistance projects.

These projects will focus on reinforcing joint research, technical exchanges and project cooperation.

The AU urges Mozambique to get its act together to uphold democracy

Mozambique is under fire for not upholding democratic principles such as the separation of powers and for the continued political violence in the country. A new report by the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM), an African Union (AU) organ, says the country is marked by "the prevalence of allegedly politically motivated intimidation, violence and killings".

This is despite "significant progress" made to improve electoral systems since 2010, and "constitutes a major threat to peacebuilding".

Following local elections in 2014, the opposition Mozambican National Resistance (Renamo) waged a low-level war against government forces. Renamo is unhappy about the centralisation of power in the hands of the ruling Mozambique Liberation Front (Frelimo), despite Renamo's victory in several central and northern regions. Negotiations around a political solution in the run-up to presidential elections in October are ongoing.

This report comes as the country tries to show progress in its fight against corruption - a failure noted by the APRM report. On 16 February, Ndambi Guebuza, son of former president Armando Guebuza, was arrested in connection with a \$2-billion corruption scandal that left the country heavily indebted through the purchase of fishing and naval vessels it couldn't afford.

At the end of last year, former finance minister Manuel Chang



was arrested in South Africa on a United States (US) arrest warrant related to the matter. Mozambique has asked for him to stand trial at home, rather than being sent to the US.

This could limit the fallout from the scandal allegedly linked to high-ranking government officials. The US accuses Chang of accepting \$12-million of bribes to facilitate dodgy deals between Mozambican companies and a French-based shipping company.

There remains some doubt, however, whether this crackdown by Mozambican authorities will go all the way or if it's just to impress the International Monetary Fund, which must decide whether to give



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new loans to Mozambique. Budget support to Mozambique was suspended after the discovery of the 2016 debt scandal.

The February 2019 APRM report

on Mozambique is based on a visit by the APRM at the end of 2018 and was released at the 32nd AU summit in Addis Ababa. The report notes the threat of the insurgency that has plagued northern Mozambique since the end of 2017. It also notes the detrimental effect of the \$2-billion debt scandal on the country's economy.

It states that its investigative team "was left in no doubt that the judiciary and the legislature lack the combination of the administrative, human, financial and infrastructural capacity" needed for them to "exercise and undertake their respective constitutional countervailing and oversight powers and functions under the separation of

Young children carry FRELIMO posters as part of a party rally in the run-up to municipal elections in Gorongosa village, Sofala Province, Mozambique. File photo

powers effectively".

Despite the AU's criticism, Mozambique deserves some credit for opening itself up to continental scrutiny. It is one of the few APRM member states to undergo a second country review after the first one in 2009.

According to the APRM report, 62% of Mozambique's citizens live below the poverty line of \$1.90 a day, down from 69% in 2008. Obstacles to improving economic conditions across the board include regional inequalities and a "demographic explosion". The Mozambican population almost doubled in the past decade - to 28-million.

This confirms the findings of an Institute for Security Studies' African Futures report that rapid population growth is one of the main obstacles to Mozambique pulling itself out of underdevelopment. This is despite the promise of huge new investments thanks to major offshore gas finds in the north of the country.

The APRM has embarked on a new strategy to become more relevant and integrate its work with other AU structures. The timely publication of the Mozambique report, together with one on Côte d'Ivoire, is a clear step in the right direction. The APRM also produced a "state of governance" report to heads of state at the AU summit.

The two country reports were discussed in Addis Ababa in the presence of Mozambique's President Filipe Nyusi, President Alasane Ouattara of Côte d'Ivoire, and a handful of leaders. This defeated the core purpose of the APRM - the peer reviewing of reports by all heads of state rather than just three

or four of those who are implicated or interested in the process.

It can also be asked what will change from one country review to the next. Also, does the government really open up to AU investigators to such an extent that they can provide sufficient early warning of trouble that might be brewing?

The Mozambique document says a National Programme of Action from 2019 to 2024 has been drawn up by the government to address the challenges noted by the APRM. Many of the issues plaguing Mozambique, however, depend on political change.

Poverty and marginalisation in large parts of the country will probably continue if there is no real progress on the peace talks with Renamo, where the demobilisation and reintegration of fighters into the regular army hasn't yet started.

Development plans could also be derailed if there is large-scale contestation in the run-up to the October elections. Conflict has arisen over the proposed new regional representation structures that would ensure centralised control, regardless of the outcomes of the polls in those regions.

The insurgency in the north, which some suspect is fuelled by illegal trafficking of HYPERLINK "https://enactafrica.org/research/policy-briefs/tackling-heroin-trafficking-on-the-east-african-coast" \t "blank" heroin, timber, wildlife and rubies in the region, is also worrying. The radical jihadist groups steadily increased their attacks against Mozambicans throughout 2018.

SHANTA GOLD LTD ANNUAL PRODUCTION TO REACH 100,000 OUNCES WHEN SINGIDA MINE OPERATIONAL

By PropertyWatch Reporter

ANNUAL gold production will reach 100,000 ounces once Singida gold mine becomes operational in the near future, Shanta Gold Limited has said.

Shanta Mining's Board Chairman, Anthony Durrant said in the company's annual report for 2018 that currently the London Stock Exchange listed company is reviewing options to fast-track the development of Singida having announced the project economics in the final quarter of 2018.

"Singida will be separated into a new company for funding by third parties at the asset level. We remain optimistic that Singida will progress to production in the near future," Durrant said.

He said the development of Singida could take Shanta's consolidated production to over 100,000 ounces per annum once operational saying in 2019, the company is expected to repay a significant portion of its outstanding debt including a partial repurchase of the convertible notes.

The Shanta Board Chairman whose company also owns the Mbeya based New Luika Gold Mine, said Singida is a potential major contributor of value for shareholders and 2018 marked a year of steady progress towards realising the asset's full potential.

"Key successes included the definition of a new Joint Ore Reserve Committee compliant resource estimate, which signalled a 56 percent increase in measured resource," Durrant added.

Seconding the chairman's observation, Shanta CEO, Eric Zurrin said the total measured and indicated resources at Singida increased to 381 kilo ounces at 2.08 gram per tonne. Zurrin said physical works at the site were conducted throughout the period with key infrastructure in place and included the ability to connect to the government-owned power grid, sustainable water provisions in situ and completion of resettlement facilities and housing.

"During 2018 the group embarked on a corporate restructuring process to transfer Singida mining licences and assets into a new company, which is 100 percent owned by our Tanzanian operating company Shanta Mining Company Limited," he noted.

The Shanta CEO further explained that the move paves the ground for a potential future asset level financing and as a result, the group announced its project economics during the period resulting in a net production



Shanta Gold Plc's New Luika Gold Mine. File photo.

value of US\$31 million and investment rate of return of 67 percent.

"These are based on an average annual production from open pit mining of 26 koz for an initial six year period, life of mine cash costs of US\$794/oz and a pre-production capital requirement of US\$19 million," he added.

Last year, Shanta Gold through its local subsidiary, Shanta Mining Company Limited's annual results and audited accounts indicated that total mill feed was 639,678 tonnes at an average grade of 4.4 grams per tonne for the production of 81,872 ounces of gold.

As a result, the company's turnover for the year from

sales of gold amounted to US\$103.8 million (over 241.4bn/-), compared to US\$101.5 million made in 2017 which represented an increase of 2.3 percent. The report said the turnover increase was largely due to a proportional increase in ounces sold, with the average selling price realised for the year being slightly lower than that of 2017.

West Africa solar firm raises \$25 million for expansion of services

ACCRA

PEG Africa, a West Africa-based pay-as-you-go (PAYG) solar company, has raised a US\$25-million Series C funding round, taking its funding total to US\$50-million, to expand service delivery to the region.

The company provides credit for useful and productive assets, such as solar home systems, to underserved households in West Africa via its PAYG financing model. This enables its customers to replace their perpetual spending on poor-quality polluting fuels such as kerosene with solar energy, according to a statement released by the company.

The company plans to use this latest round of investment to cement its position, specifically in markets where it has operations including Ghana, Cote d'Ivoire and Senegal.

According to its statement, US\$20-million of this round is in debt, with CDC Group, the UK's development finance institution arranging a \$15M multi-currency facility. CDC is joined by existing lenders SunFunder and ResponsAbility.

"The remaining US\$5 million comes in the form of equity investments from existing investors, Energy Access Ventures, Blue Haven Initiative, I&P Afrique Entrepreneurs (a fund managed by Investisseur & Partenaires) and Acumen Fund, as well as from new investors, Total Energy Ventures and the Renewable Energy Performance Platform (REPP). PEG was advised in the transaction by Nixon Peabody LLP."

PEG CEO, Hugh Whalan, said, "As the first PAYG financing company to set up in West Africa, we have always felt that we could build a large, profitable business by being laser focused on financing the solar needs of underserved customers in this region. Our solar solutions deliver better, cleaner and cheaper energy to our customers, and we have been successful at expanding rapidly and profitably while improving the lives of some of the poorest and most vulnerable in the countries we operate in. More than 50 per cent of PEG's customers earn less than US\$3 per day, while 89 per cent do not have access to the national electricity grid, and 82 per cent never received financing or access to credit before PEG entered their lives."

Property and Home Expo opens in Kigali

KIGALI

ABOUT 20 exhibitors from different housing and real estate companies are exhibiting their products at the fifth annual Property and Home Show that opened at Kigali Conference and Exhibition Village's Kigali Hall (Camp Kigali) on Wednesday March 20.

Themed 'The Key To Your Home', the four-day exhibition is organized by Property & Home Show in partnership with Rwanda Housing Authority and intends to bring together key players in the local housing and real estate sector including government agencies, developers, architects, real estate agents and investors, construction, finance and insurance companies, designers and home builders and the public to learn about property and how to invest in the sector.

While officially opening the exhibition on Wednesday, Eric Serubibi, the Director General of Rwanda Housing Authority (RHA), said the exhibition is key to proving the quality and competence local construction materials and interior items are made with while calling for more investment in the housing sector.

"The expo can help much in mobilization of investors, developers, and producers of local construction materials to play a big role in the development of the local housing sector. Participation in this show will increase more investment opportunities in the housing sector and local construction material promotion. We have seen here [at the expo] good, locally made materials. This proves that we do not need to go and import such materials like interior designs from outside the



Kigali Conference and Exhibition Village's Kigali Hall.

country while we can find them in the local market," Serubibi said.

Serubibi appealed to the private sector and other stakeholders to scale up their support to ensure efficiency and advance the capacity in development of the sector.

"We always expect the private sector to get more involved in this sector because it is a sector of opportunities. The products exhibited at the expo are showing us, clients, that we do not need to go outside, and that we have something we need locally, at an affordable cost. Our target is that in the near future we have good and competent construction materials made in Rwanda at our disposal," he added.

Jati Evora Biague said the expo was organized to give a platform to exhibitors from the real estate sector to showcase products that people tend to buy from abroad because they don't know they are available in the local market.

"People, therefore, need to come to the expo and buy locally made products at an affordable price and support the local market and their own local producers.

I would like to invite them to come to the expo, visit us, see how project developers are doing an amazing job in offering affordable housing in Kigali and Rwanda, in general. They may also go to the banks, talk to them and see how they can advise people that they can have their own homes."

she added. The expo will end on Saturday March 23.

Amanda Wu, the Sales Manager of Phoenix Plaza, a real estate company investing in real estate project development in Kanombe said the expo is an opportunity to show the expo goers the best of their products at affordable prices.

"We would like to show people in Rwanda that we have a beautiful building environment. There is high speed development in Kigali and you can see why we are interested in investing in Kigali and creating many opportunities for Rwandans. At this expo, we want to show them how we can build a high-end living housing unit at an affordable price," she said.

AMINEX, ARA PETROLEUM FARM-OUT DEAL CONCLUSION PUSHED BACK TO NEXT JULY

By Property Watch Reporter

A FARM-OUT agreement between Aminex Plc and ARA Petroleum Tanzania Limited for Ruvuma license Chikumbi-1 Well has been pushed back to next July as the companies continue to engage with government for approval.

In a statement issued earlier this week, Aminex Plc's CEO, Jay Bhattacharjee said the two companies have agreed that the previously announced Ruvuma farm-out agreement be given an extension to the longest date of 31 July 2019.

"Aminex and APT have had positive meetings with the Tanzania government regarding the Ruvuma farm-out and look forward to the continued support of the authorities in closing out these remaining conditions and, in so doing, facilitating the progression of the Ntorya Development and specifically the drilling of the Chikumbi-1 well," Bhattacharjee said in a statement.

Aminex and ARA Petroleum Tanzania Limited have made good progress on closing out the conditions precedent, including all joint venture partner approvals, and are actively engaged with the government to close out the remaining conditions.

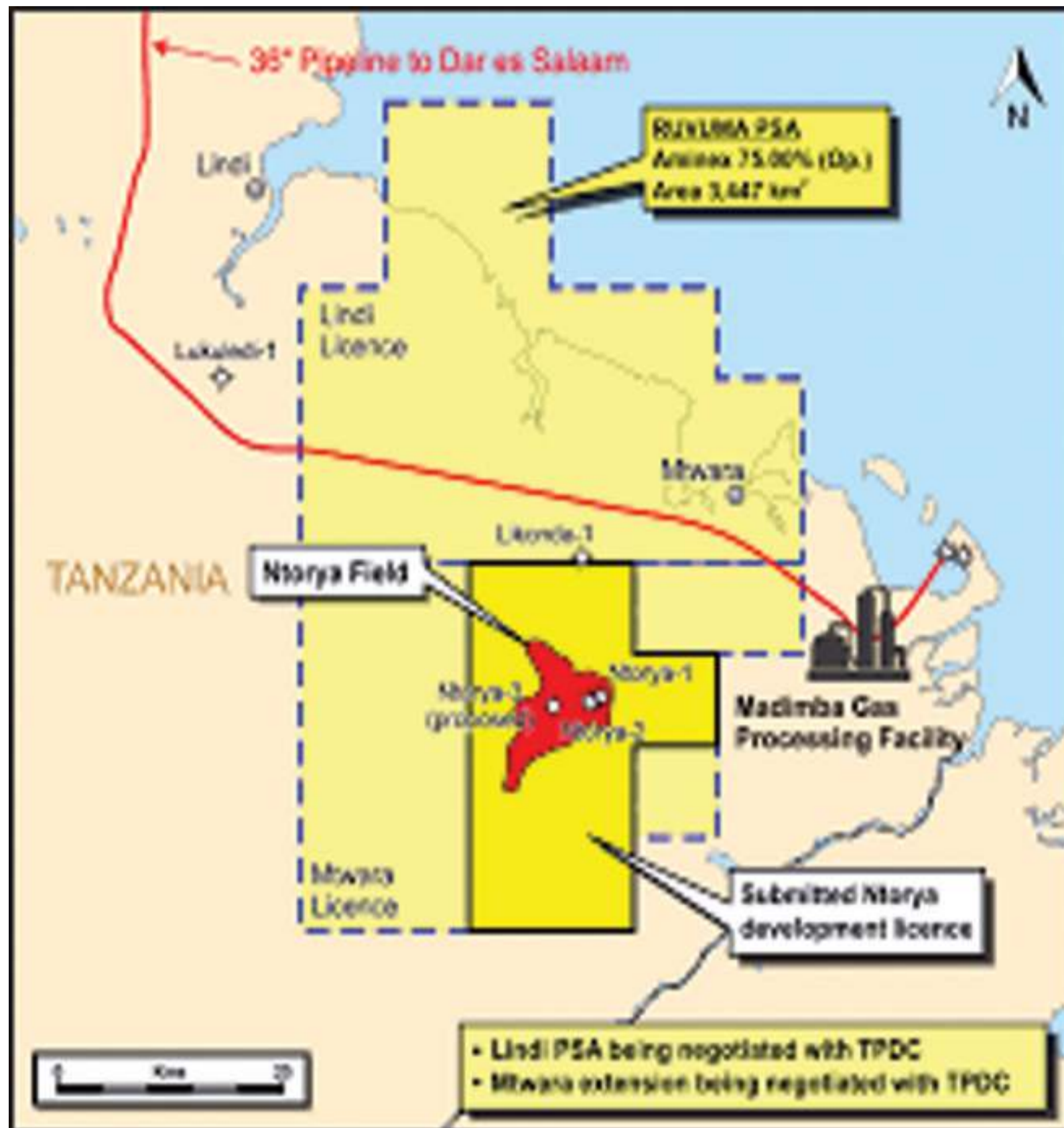
The principal conditions still to be met are the extension of the Mtwara Licence and approval by the government of the transfer of the interest and operatorship. The London Stock Exchange listed company further stated that together with APT, they continue to work closely with the authorities to close out the conditions as soon as possible.

Last year, Aminex and ARA Petroleum Tanzania which is an affiliate of Eclipse Investments, the largest shareholder in Zubair Corporation will take over operatorship of the Ruvuma PSA after Ndovu Resources signed a binding farm-out agreement with the Zubair Corporation.

According to Aminex which wholly-owns subsidiary Ndovu Resources following the farm-out, it is intended that the move will accelerate the development of the Ntorya project, including carrying Aminex through to a minimum gross production rate of 40 million standard cubic feet per day of gas and be self-funded through a full field development project.

Among other things, ARA Petroleum will drill, complete, and test Chikumbi-1 (formally Ntorya-3) as soon as reasonably practicable; acquire, process and interpret 3D seismic over a minimum of 200 square kilometres within the Ntorya area and establish an early production system to achieve accelerated first gas to a minimum gross rate of 40 MMcf/d.

The company was also expected to pay Aminex \$5 million cash in two tranches, \$3 million payable on closing and the remaining \$2 million 180 days later and fully carry Aminex for its share of costs up to \$35 million in respect of its remaining 25 percent interest.



Map depicting Ruvuma production sharing agreement area. File photo.

Investor appetite seen growing for Casablanca's stable real estate market

RABAT

CASABLANCA'S hospitality sector will continue to witness positive sentiment with new international developments entering the market, said Craig.

Casablanca's Market remains active with new projects announced in 2018 across the hospitality, retail and industrial sectors.

Performance across Casablanca's real estate market remained relatively stable throughout 2018 with the announcement of new projects also enhancing investor sentiment across all sectors, outlines JLL's 2018 Year in Review report.

Oxford Economics predicts Morocco's real GDP will increase by 3.3% in 2019, owing to the expansion of the industrial sector, increased tourism and higher levels of capital spending. As a result, the hospitality and retail sectors continued to remain active in 2018 with new projects set to enter the market in 2019.

There was also a notable 8.5% increase in tourist arrivals* in 2018 compared to the previous year, according to Morocco's National Tourism Office (ONMT).

The hotel performance remained largely stable in 2018 with the sector now maturing due to the entry of new international operators. With increased spending in this sector, Casablanca aims to position itself as a leading destination for MICE and business tourism in the region which is also being supported by improved infrastructure.

"The government is focused on improving tourism sites and the infrastructure of the city, and several rehabilitation projects are currently un-



Casablanca skyline.

derway including the cable stayed bridge of Sidi Maarouf, the Grand Theatre and redevelopment of coastal sites.

Casablanca's hospitality sector will continue to witness positive sentiment with new international developments entering the market," said Craig Plumb, Head of Research, JLL MENA, added.

The retail sector continues to transform in relation to evolving consumer preferences. Retail developers are now responding to the change in demand by offering integrated retail parks housing additional leisure and entertain-

ment facilities.

Performance across the retail sector remained stable over 2018, paving the way for increased mall-based retail space entering the market giving tenants a diversified choice in the future.

After its strong performance in the first half of 2018, Casablanca's commercial real estate market was relatively subdued in the latter half of 2018. Overall, the average rents remained generally stable in prime locations over the last six months.

The issuance of the 600 MAD bond by the

commercial real estate company Aradei Capital and the success of the Imorente's IPO earlier in the year, confirms investors' confidence in this sector. With new real estate investment funds entering the economy, the commercial market is due to remain active in the future.

With the refurbishment of the infrastructure underway, Casablanca's industrial sector continues to attract operators due to its well-established road network, port and air infrastructure. Average industrial rents have continued to remain stable, encouraging new investors and occupiers to enter the market.

Anadarko to continue moving Mozambique project toward FID

MAPUTO

OIL company Anadarko said today that the attack in which a worker of a Portuguese subcontractor in northern Mozambique died did not target natural gas investments in the region, Lusa reports.

The US company also said in a statement that in view of the Government's guarantees - security has already been reinforced - works are expected to continue.

"The evidence to date indicates both the convoy and a car belonging to a contractor encountered an existing event, which did not directly target our contract personnel, nor the LNG project, nor airstrip," Anadarko announced (read the full statement below).

The company says that the Mozambican government "recognises security in the region requires additional attention and action" and that it "providing additional security resources in the area." "Given this response and other ongoing security measures, we expect to continue moving the project toward FID according to our current schedule," it concluded.

Today's communique, which the company says will be its final update on the matter, comes after it has "more fully assessed the Feb. 21 security event that occurred at a village on the road from Palma to Mocimboa da Praia approximately 20 kilometres away from the site of its future LNG facility," currently under construction.

The first attack was carried out by about 15 men dressed in black, who fired at the convoy of the oil company, intercepted on the road, causing non-lethal injuries to six workers. In the second attack, on the same road, a Mozambican driver from the Portuguese company Gabriel Couto hired to construct an airstrip for the project was murdered.

These were the first attacks that affected the consortium led by Anadarko, two days after the company's statement that it had been able to close sufficient gas supply contracts to formally announce the investment in exploration - expected to start producing liquefied gas in four to five years.

A company's source told Lusa a month ago that the works were already being carried out under "enhanced security" following an attack on Maganja, a village a few kilometres distant from the construction zone, which was looted in a raid where one resident died and several houses were torched.

Kenya waives building approval fees for affordable housing projects

NAIROBI

KENYA'S Nairobi City has waived building approval fees for affordable housing projects as a move to attract more investors into the city as it gears to achieve President Uhuru's Big 4 Agenda on affordable housing.

Nairobi Governor Mike Sonko said the move by his administration will pave way for the county and national government to start construction of housing units to meet the 200,000 set target in 4 years time.

"My cabinet has approved waiving of building fees for all housing projects in Nairobi as our commitment to support affordable housing programme. This applies to projects being undertaken by private investors, county and national government", said the governor during a groundbreaking ceremony by Edermann Property in Ngara Estate where they seek to construct affordable houses.

The affordable housing Programme aims to construct 500,000 housing units across the country by 2022. Nairobi will launch phase one of the affordable housing programme this year in estates such as New and Old Ngara, Jevanjee, Ngong Road, Pangani and Suna road. Phase two of the project will include Bondeni, Lumumba, Shauri Moyo, Bahati, Ziwani, Gorofani and Jericho. President Uhuru Kenyatta will soon launch the national government affordable housing programme on Park Road Estate, Nairobi.

PROPERTY MARKETS

CHINA'S TOP 100 DEVELOPERS NOW OCCUPY A 58.1PC MARKET SHARE



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BEIJING

GROWTH in China's real estate market slowed in 2018, due to tighter credit and stricter policies, but the changing environment may have been tougher on smaller developers than on the largest builders, according to new research released this week.

A joint report by the Development Research Center of China's State Council, the Tsinghua University Real Estate Research Center and Fang.com's China Index Academy showed that in 2018, China's top 100 home builders controlled a combined 58.1 percent of the market, increasing their share of the country's property pie by 10.6 percentage points compared to the previous year.

The market study indicates a trend toward greater consolidation in the industry, as smaller developers struggle to obtain the credit necessary to compete amidst a slowing sales environment.

Top 100 players grow by over 33%

The 2019 edition of the China Top 100 Real Estate Developers report, which was jointly compiled by the three institutions, indicated that as of the end of 2018, the top 100 developers achieved total contract sales of RMB 8.72 trillion, up by 33.2 percent compared to the preceding 12 months. During the same period, property sales by floor area reached 662 million square meters, up by 32 percent from the previous year.

That upswing in contracts for the top players came despite market-wide sales growth of just 1.3 percent during 2018, according to figures from China's National Bureau of Statistics. Achieving that 33 percent expansion in a slowing market required picking up market share, with the top 100's 58.1 percent slice of total industry sales representing an increase of 23 percentage points from the 2014 industry-wide results.

China Index Academy director and Fang.com founder Vincent Mo told the local media that during the 16 years that the three institutions have been tracking China's top 100 developers, the total assets the real estate giants accumulated grew 76 times, from an average of RMB 2.7 billion when they issued the first edition of the survey to RMB 200 billion in the 2019 report.

Smaller cities produced big numbers

During 2018 the top developers achieved their increase in sales largely thanks to activity in China's third and fourth tier cities, Bai Yanjun, general manager of China Index Academy told the local press. During last year, these smaller cities accounted for 65 percent of total property sales by floor area, while second tier cities contributed 32.5 percent and first tier cities only 2.5 percent, Bai said.

Although China's overall real estate market slowed down in the last few months of the year as the Chinese government readjusted its property policy amid a deleveraging campaign, the high levels of activity in third and fourth tier

cities during the first three quarters allowed many developers to post strong years despite weak fourth quarters.

In 2018, total sales by the top developers in third and fourth tier cities increased four percent, accounting for 45 percent of the total contract value, said the report.

Profits also on the rise for top companies

The top players' operating margin also increased in the last year with their average net profit growing 28.2 percent to RMB 6.44 billion while average net profit margins rose by 0.2 percent points to 11.5 percent and returns on equity rose an average 0.9 percent points to 17.2 percent, the report showed.

"The developers have readjusted their pace of investment in a timely manner and identified multiple channels for fund raising, at the same time that they increased their operation efficiency to expand the profit margin," explained Bai.

In January, a report by the China Index Academy's rivals at China Real Estate Information Corp (CRIC) showed that Guangdong-based Country Garden was China's top developer in 2018, as measured by sales contracts, maintaining its hold on the top spot for the second consecutive year with RMB 728.69 billion in sales. China Vanke and Evergrande - both of which have held the top sales spot in previous years - placed second and third in the developer race with Vanke boosting its sales by 15.8 percent to total RMB 606.92 billion for the year and Evergrande placing third with RMB 551.1 billion in contracts, up 7.4 percent from its 2017 total.

The report by the CRIC, which is a unit of mainland real estate agency E-House showed that China's ten largest developers averaged 20 percent growth in contracted sales in 2018.



The Leela Palace Hotel in Bengaluru

Brookfield buys India's Leela Hotels for \$576m

NEW DELHI

CANADA'S Brookfield Asset Management has agreed to purchase a set of four hotels, a hospitality development project and branding rights to one of India's elite hotel chains from Hotel Leela Venture for INR 39.5 billion (\$576 million), according to a stock exchange filing today by the Indian company.

The transaction is the latest in a multi-year series of disposals for one of India's prestige hotel groups, which had defaulted on INR 21.2 million in interest payments to a creditor in September after building an INR 36.6 billion debt mountain.

The acquisition allows Brookfield to add one hotel each in the Indian cities of Bengaluru, Chennai, Delhi and Udaipur, along with the development project in Agra, less than two months after it reached a \$15 billion final close on its largest ever global real estate investment fund.

Grabbing distressed hotels
 Hotel Leela Venture, which is the holding company for Indian hotel brand Leela Palaces and Resorts Ltd, said that it was selling the five assets, along with the rights to use the "Leela" brand for hospitality businesses to Brookfield. The Indian firm, which has legal action pending against its Mumbai hotel, will retain that property, as well as real estate assets in Hyderabad and Bengaluru.

The four existing hospitality venues brought Hotel Leela Venture INR 5.91 billion in income during the 2017-2018 financial year, according to the statement.

Hotel Leela Venture was advised in

the transaction, which it expects to complete in three to six months, by Indian investment bank JM Financial, a unit of which had taken over Hotel Leela's loans after a 2014 restructuring effort had failed.

Betting on Indian real estate across sectors

Brookfield won its India hotel prize after Thailand's Minor Group, which owns the Anantara chain in its home country as well as having purchased HNA's interest in Spain's NH Hotels last year for \$723 million, had backed out of a race for the haute hotel assets in January this year.

The Canadian private equity firm already has around \$3.5 billion of assets under management in India, including 25 million square feet (2.3 million square metres) of office space.

The firm entered India in 2014 with its INR 35 billion acquisition of four office projects and stakes in two more assets, from Unitech Corporate Parks. Then in 2016, Brookfield agreed to pay INR 67 billion to buy 4.5 million square feet of office space in the Mumbai area from Hiranandani Group.

Still shopping for more deals
 Brookfield senior vice president Ankur Gupta said in interviews earlier this year that the company will also look for opportunities in rental housing and logistics real estate projects in the country.

An official notice today from conglomerate Reliance Industries revealed that Brookfield has also just acquired the Indian firm's East-West pipeline, a major artery for natural gas transport, for \$1.87 billion.

Demand for prime UAE real estate strong despite headwinds, says Knight Frank

DUBAI

INVESTOR appetite for quality UAE real estate remains strong despite broader market challenges, with primary office, logistics and healthcare assets most in demand, according to a report by global property consultancy Knight Frank.

"We expect a fairly resilient market for well-let, institutional quality, single-ownership assets, which will continue to attract investor interest," Knight Frank's UAE investment market report for 2019, published on Sunday, said.

Over the course of 2018, UAE real estate investment yields were subject to upward pressure, led by higher financing rates and diminished investor risk appetite.

The UAE property market in general has undergone a softening in the past four years due to lower oil prices, which crimped consumer purchasing power and sparked a fight for affordability across all sectors. This has created a tenant's



Dubai CBD office blocks.

market where landlords prefer to negotiate on rents rather than have an empty unit. It has also increased the price divide between quality assets in prime locations,

and secondary assets in less sought-after places.

The office sector has seen a particularly marked widening in yields between prime

and secondary real estate over the past year, Knight Frank's report noted. Well located, best-in-class assets are still commanding a premium to the wider market

and continuing to attract robust interest from investors.

"The divergence between prime yields and secondary continues to widen, reflecting the fact that investors are willing to pay a premium for assets seen as lower risk, in core locations and with credit-worthy tenants," said Joseph Morris, partner, Middle East capital markets, at Knight Frank.

Corporates are also exploring sale and leasebacks as a way of freeing up capital for core business activities, adding a new component to the market.

Other sub-sectors of real estate are witnessing healthy demand even as challenges remain, the report said. Investment in logistics and industrial assets continues to be perceived as an attractive proposition, but there was minimal transaction activity in this sector last year due to "a dearth of credible investment opportunities".

Education and healthcare also are attractive targets, partly due to the extended lease structures on offer, which are not prevalent in other sectors.

However, recent insolvencies in this sector and other market pressures have led investors to be more selective about the covenant strength of the tenant, according to the report.

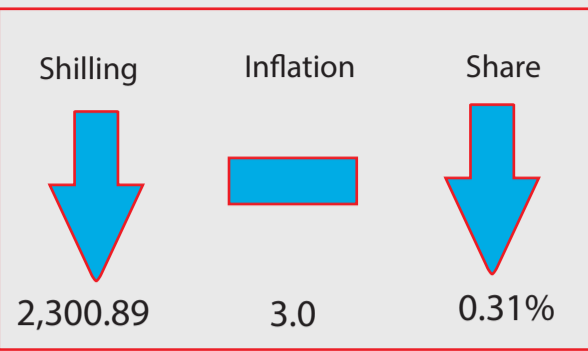
Meanwhile, the retail and hospitality sectors continue to face headwinds due to falling retail sales and average daily hotel rates. However, "we see a divergence between the wider retail market and well-located community retail with established catchments, which continue to perform reasonably well", Knight Frank said.

Overall, there remains a significant amount of unallocated real estate capital in the region because of a lack of quality assets available for investment, it added.

Buyer demographics have changed over the past two years with regional family offices - traditionally an active real estate investor - retreating as they pursue more cautious investment strategies in a lower oil price environment.

However, this has been offset by a number of new institutional investors entering the market, with the intention of creating real estate funds (real estate investment trusts, or REITs), both private and listed.

"Positively, over the last 12-18 months we have witnessed the bid-ask spread narrowing as sellers adjust expectations given current market conditions and as a result are becoming more realistic to the pricing levels that can be achieved," Knight Frank added. "We envisage this trend to continue during 2019."



Total Market Capitalization

TZS 19,911.50 bln (USD 8,735.36 mln)

Indices March 20, 2019

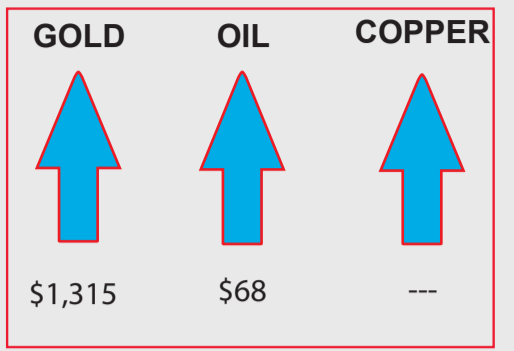
TSI	3,481.50	-0.13
DSEI	2,065.75	+4.99

AVERAGE PRICES FOR FOOD CROPS TSH/100KG

Maize	52200.00	Finger Millet	141100.00
Rice	184166.67	Wheat	128666.67
Sorghum	78761.90	Beans	175208.33
Bulrush Millet	80333.33	Round potatoes	73583.33

Exchange Rates (DSE)

Currency	Buying	Selling
EUR	2,591.28	2,617.65
USD	2,268.07	2,290.76
KES	22.38	22.56
GBP	2,947.82	2,977.52



Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange

Date: Mar 20, 2019

Company	Closing	Prev	Chg (%)
ACA	6,000.00	6,100.00	-1.64
CRDB	125	125.00	0
DCB	340	340	0
DSE	1,300	1,300	0
EABL	4,660.00	4,540.00	2.64
JHL	9,250.00	9,300.00	-0.54
KA	115.00	115.00	0
KCB	1,020.00	1,020.00	0
MBP	490.00	490.00	0
MCB	500.00	500.00	0
MKCB	800.00	800.00	0
MUCOB	400.00	400.00	0
NICO	165.00	170.00	-2.94
NMB	2,340.00	2,340.00	0
NMG	1,400.00	1,400.00	0
PAL	400.00	400.00	0
SWALA	490.00	490.00	0
SWIS	2,000.00	2,000.00	0
TBL	11,400.00	11,400.00	0
TCC	17,000	17,000.00	0
TCCL	600.00	600.00	0
TICL	385	385.00	0
TOL	660.00	660.00	0
TPCC	2,020.00	2,020.00	0
TTP	120.00	120.00	0
USL	10.00	15.00	-33.33
VODA	800.00	800.00	0
YETU	600.00	600.00	0

DSE MARKET SUMMARY

TSI	3,481.50	-0.13
DSEI	2,065.75	+4.99

TRADING STATS

Market Cap (bln)	19,911.50
Equity Turnover	84,632,700.00
Total Volume	625,309
Total Deals	19

TOP MOVERS

CRDB	125	604,800
NICO	165	15,000
DSE	1,300	3,760

GAINERS & LOSERS

Company	Price	Change
ACA	6,000	-1.64%
JHL	9,250	-0.54%
NICO	165	-2.94%
USL	10	-33.33%
EABL	4,660	+2.64%

Interbank Foreign Exchange Market (IFEM)

Date	Amount Traded (Mn USD)	High	Low	Weighted Average
20/Mar/2019	3.50	2,316.00	2,298.75	2,300.89
19/Mar/2019	4.00	2,315.00	2,298.80	2,300.87
18/Mar/2019	3.67	2,315.00	2,298.90	2,300.34
15/Mar/2019	4.50	2,310.00	2,298.90	2,300.09
14/Mar/2019	4.30	2,310.00	2,298.92	2,300.09
13/Mar/2019	4.60	2,312.65	2,298.94	2,300.14
12/Mar/2019	3.15	2,315.00	2,298.93	2,300.16

Inter-bank Local Money Markets

Date	Volume (million-TZS)	High	Low	Weighted Average Rate (WAR)
20/Mar/2019	66,450	6.50	5.00	5.68
19/Mar/2019	15,650	6.50	4.00	5.70
19/Mar/2019	15,650	6.50	4.00	5.70
15/Mar/2019	41,250	6.50	4.50	5.49
14/Mar/2019	31,700	6.50	5.20	5.41

Tanzania Shilling On Average bases

The USDZTS decreased 4.0000 or 0.17% to 2,336.0000 on Thursday March 21 from 2,340.0000 in the previous trading session. Historically, the Tanzania Shilling reached an all time high of 2360 in March of 2019 and a record low of 1014.30 in December of 2004.

Gold hits 3-week high as Fed stalls 2019 rate hikes

* Gold on track for fifth session of gains
* Palladium hit all-time high of \$1,620.53/oz
* Platinum jumps to a three-week high

LONDON, March 21 (Reuters) - Gold prices rose to a three-week high on Thursday, after the U.S. Federal Reserve abandoned plans to raise interest rates for the year, while a cut in its U.S. growth forecast exacerbated worries of a global economic slowdown.

Palladium rose to a fresh record high of \$1,620.53 an ounce on sustained supply deficit amid increased demand for the auto-catalyst metal.

Spot gold gained 0.2 percent to \$1,314.87 per ounce as of 1112 GMT, having earlier touched a peak since Feb. 28 at \$1,320.22. U.S. gold futures rose 1 percent to \$1,314.60.

In addition to bringing its three-year drive to tighten monetary policy to an abrupt end, the Fed also downgraded the U.S. growth, unemployment and inflation forecasts, fuelling concerns about an economic slowdown.

"Markets had been expecting the Fed to be dovish but not to this extent," said Hussein Sayed, chief market strategist at FXTM.

"We also had economic projections being downgraded, which also contributed to more gold buying. We expect gold will be above \$1,400 an ounce by the year end."

The dollar index fell sharply, while the benchmark 10-year yield fell to a 14-month low after Fed's decision on Wednesday.

Lower U.S. interest rates tend to pressure the dollar and bond yields, making greenback-denominated gold less expensive for holders of other currencies and increasing

the appeal of non-yielding assets such as bullion.

Gold prices have gained over 13 percent since touching more than 1-1/2 year lows in August last year, mainly driven by a dovish Fed, global growth concerns and geopolitical worries.

British Prime Minister Theresa May on Wednesday appealed to lawmakers to support her after the European Union said it could only grant her request to delay Brexit for three months if parliament next week backed her plans for leaving.

Among other precious metals, spot palladium rose 0.1 percent to \$1,604.30 per ounce, after touching an all-time high of \$1,620.53 earlier in the session.

"Concerns related to supply risks have ratcheted up a little bit more and that is giving a lift to (palladium) prices," said Cameron Alexander, an analyst with Refinitiv-owned metals consultancy GFMS.

The risk of a ban on exports of precious metals scrap and tailings from major producer Russia added to concerns in an already tight market and pushed prices to record levels, analysts said.

The potential ban also helped platinum mark its highest level since March 1 at \$871.66 per ounce. The metal was on track for a fifth straight session of gains, rising 0.7 percent to \$865.10.

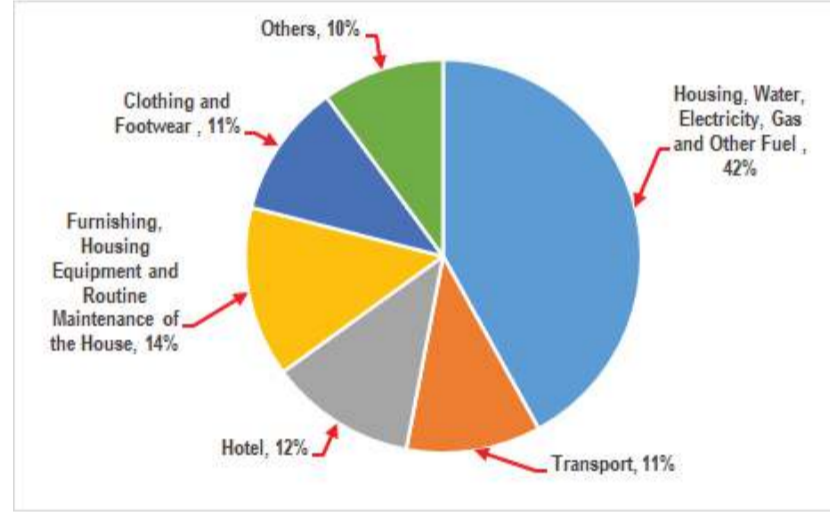
Silver, meanwhile, gained about 0.7 percent to \$15.56 an ounce.

All Share Index :19 March 2019

Africa	Actual	Change	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Yearly
NSE-All Share	30,924	117	-0.38%	-1.39%	-5.05%	-25.72%
FTSE/JSE TOP 40	49,828	647.55	-1.28%	0.49%	1.26%	-1.37%
JALSH-All Share	56,146	704.00	-1.24%	0.57%	1.19%	-1.89%
Egypt EGX 30	14,724	78.87	0.54%	-2.65%	-2.79%	-13.71%
Casablanca CFG 25	11,155	42.40	0.38%	0.36%	-2.00%	-14.33%
NSE All Share	160	1.33	0.84%	3.76%	3.44%	-15.85%
Nairobi 20	2,872	20.49	-0.71%	-0.14%	-4.43%	-25.64%
DSEI	2,066	4.99	0.24%	-0.59%	-4.94%	-12.10%
TUN	6,788	43.06	-0.63%	-2.73%	-5.22%	-3.06%
GGSECI	2,401	19.50	-0.81%	-0.71%	-1.09%	-26.72%
Gaborone	7,878	0.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.06%	-8.87%
NSX Overall	1,313	14.67	-1.10%	-0.66%	-3.08%	-6.65%
SEMDEX	2,183	4.42	-0.20%	-0.35%	-1.16%	-4.96%
Zimbabwe Industrial Index424	8.93	-2.06%	-4.38%	-16.99%	46.17%	

DSEI decreased 21 points or 1.00% to 2061 on Tuesday March 19 from 2082 in the previous trading session. Historically, the Tanzania All Share Index DSEI reached an all time high of 3686.97 in January of 2019 and a record low of 1161.30 in December of 2010.

Inflation 3.0% - February 2019: Top Movers



Fluctuation of a Shilling



Oil slips but holds near 2019 peak as supplies tighten

SINGAPORE 21 (Reuters) - Oil edged lower on Thursday but held near 2019 highs, supported by a sharp tightening of global stocks, OPEC production cuts and U.S. sanctions on key producers Iran and Venezuela.

International Brent crude oil futures were down 30 cents at \$68.30 a barrel by 1102 GMT, having hit their highest since Nov. 13 at \$68.69 earlier in the session.

U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures were at \$59.95 per barrel, down 28 cents. WTI reached its highest since Nov. 12 earlier in the day, at \$60.33 per barrel.

Crude prices have been pushed up by almost a third since the start of 2019 by supply cuts led by the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, as well as sanctions against Iranian and Venezuela by the United States.

The drop in production has led to a tightening in global inventories. Vienna-based consultancy JBC Energy estimated stocks had run down by a "solid" 40 million barrels since mid-January.

That followed a 10-million-barrel fall in U.S. crude stocks last week, the largest drop since July, due to strong export and refining demand, according to the U.S. government's Energy Information Administration

The rapid decline in inventories comes despite many refineries undergoing seasonal maintenance work ahead of peak summer demand.

However, global trade tensions remain a worry.

"Why are oil prices not rallying through the roof? We suspect

Fuel Wef. Wednesday, 6th Mar 2019

Town	Petrol (TZS/Litre)	Diesel (TZS/Litre)	Kerosene (TZS/Litre)
Dar es Salaam	2,098	2,131	2,096
Arusha	2,191	2,195	2,286
Pwani	2,102	2,135	2,101
Dodoma	2,157	2,189	2,155
Geita	2,263	2,296	2,262
Iringa	2,162	2,195	2,161
Kagera (Bukoba)	2,313	2,346	2,312
Katavi (Mpanda)	2,306	2,339	2,304
Kigoma	2,329	2,362	2,328
Moshi	2,181	2,185	2,276
Lindi	2,141	2,236	2,155
Manyara	2,225	2,229	2,320
Mara	2,276	2,309	2,275
Mbeya	2,205	2,238	2,204
Morogoro	2,123	2,156	2,121
Mtwara	2,127	2,222	2,169
Mwanza	2,248	2,281	2,247
Njombe	2,190	2,223	2,189
Rukwa (S'wanga)	2,271	2,304	2,269
Ruvuma (Songea)	2,213	2,308	2,220
Shinyanga	2,227	2,260	2,225
Singida	2,188	2,221	2,187
Songwe (Vwawa)	2,214	2,247	2,213
Tabora	2,252	2,285	2,251

Foreign Exchange- Mar 21

	Actual	Chg	%Chg
EURUSD	1.13908	0.00202	-0.18%
GBPUSD	1.31394	0.00566	-0.43%
AUDUSD	0.71272	0.00122	0.17%
NZDUSD	0.68968	0.00148	0.22%
USDJPY	110.52	0.17	-0.15%
USDCNY	6.92823	0.00683	0.10%
USDCHF	0.99293	0.00043	0.04%
USDCAD	1.33426	0.00386	0.29%
USDMXN	18.818	0.0102	-0.05%
USDINR	68.554	0.225	-0.33%
USDBRL	3.775	0.0006	-0.02%
USDRUB	63.666	0.148	-0.23%
US Dollar	96.19	0.43	0.45%
BTCUSD	4,033.43	2	0.05%

Exchange Rates for 21 / March /2019

Currency in 100 Units	Spot	Buying	Spot	Selling
EAST AFRICAN CURRENCIES				
Kenya SHS	2,256.67		2,274.73	
Uganda SHS	57.83		61.97	
Rwandan Franc	252.52		255.36	
Burundi Franc	218.12		219.76	
OTHER SELECTED CURRENCIES				
USD	227,810.89		230,089.00	
Pound STG	299,708.01		302,797.12	
EURO	258,679.27		261,312.08	
Canadian \$	170,977.85		172,635.80	
Switz. Franc	228,153.12		230,365.44	
Japanese YEN	2,043.70		2,063.95	
Swedish Kronor	24,806.81		25,043.97	
Norweg. Kronor	26,700.45		26,951.66	
Danish Kronor	34,671.25		35,012.63	
Australian \$	161,631.83		163,340.18	
Indian RPS	3,311.25		3,343.30	
Pakistan RPS	1,553.96		1,631.84	
Zambian Kwacha	18,810.07		19,110.38	
Malawian Kwacha	291.65		310.84	
Mozambique-MET	3,621.79		3,652.21	
Zimbabwe \$	42.63		43.49	
SDR	317,598.00		320,773.98	
Gold (T/O)	297,996.670.12		301,034,159.07	
S. African Rand	15,798.26		15,934.14	
UAE Dirham	62,026.49		62,634.82	
Singapore \$	168,711.32		170,335.36	
Hong Kong \$	29,021.60		29,310.33	
Saud Arabian Rial	60,746.33		61,350.52	
Kuwait Dinar	750,488.85		757,719.16	
Botswana Pula	21,186.41		21,582.35	
Chinese Yuan	34,031.09		34,364.21	
Malaysia Ringgit	56,042.04		56,546.82	
South Korea Won	201.95		203.61	
Newzealand	156,096.02		157,749.02	

World Commodities (\$) 19 March 2019

Energy	Price	Day	Weekly	Monthly	Yearly
Crude Oil Brent	59.3189	0.52%	4.31%	4.22%	-6.43%
Natural gas	68.1333	0.76%	2.17%	1.54%	1.03%
Gasoline	2.8825	1.16%	3.58%	9.39%	9.39%
Heating oil	1.8939	0.48%	4.31%	18.50%	-3.67%
Ethanol	1.9961	1.17%	0.50%	-1.12%	2.37%
Naphtha	1.4131	-0.77%	7.79%	6.49%	-3.34%
Propane	534.62	0.45%	1.89		



This handout photo released by the Emirates Nuclear Energy Corporation (ENEC) on June 1, 2017 shows part of the Barakah nuclear power plant under construction near al-Hamra, west of Abu Dhabi, in May 2017. (AFP)

Qatar sees UAE nuclear plant a 'threat', seeks IAEA help

PARIS/ABU DHABI

QATAR has called on the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to intervene in a dispute over a US\$24 billion nuclear power plant which the United Arab Emirates (UAE) is building.

Relations between Qatar and its neighbour are already strained after the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Bahrain severed diplomatic, trade and transport ties with Doha in June 2017 over allegations that it supports terrorism, a charge Qatar denies.

In a letter to the IAEA, which was seen by Reuters, Qatar says the Barakah plant poses a serious threat to regional stability and the environment and calls for a framework to ensure the safe operation of nuclear energy in the Gulf.

Qatar said that a radioactive plume from an accidental discharge could reach its capital Doha in five to 13 hours and a radiation leak would have a devastating effect on the region's water supply because of its reliance on desalination plants.

"Qatar believes that the lack of any international co-operation with neighbouring states regarding disaster planning, health and safety and the protection of the environment pose a serious threat to the stability of the region and its environment," the letter from Qatar's Foreign Affairs ministry to IAEA Director General Yukiya Amano reads.

Qatar also said that the technology is relatively untested as there is only one other commercial reactor of this type in operation in South Korea.

The UAE said on Wednesday that its nuclear energy program conforms to IAEA standards and international best practices.

"The United Arab Emirates ... adheres to its commitment to the highest standards of nuclear safety, security and non-proliferation," Hamad Al

Kaabi, UAE Permanent Representative to the IAEA, said in a statement to Reuters.

He added that Barakah, the Arab world's first nuclear plant which was originally set to come online in 2017, was now expected to begin operation by 2020.

The IAEA, a Vienna-based organization which is the world's top nuclear safety authority, declined to comment on exchanges with its member states.

Qatar said regional concerns about nuclear safety will be amplified when the Saudi Arabian civil nuclear program comes on stream. The Kingdom has invited bids from the world's top nuclear firms to build reactors.

FURTHER DELAY

The UAE's Nawah Energy Company said in May 2018 that Barakah, the world's largest nuclear plant under construction, should start operations between end 2019 and early 2020.

Barakah is being built by Korea Electric Power Corporation (KEPCO), but problems with training enough local staff have delayed the startup of its first reactor several times and in November Nawah signed a deal with French utility EDF to operate the plant.

Since the 1986 Chernobyl accident, when a Russian-design reactor in Ukraine spread radiation over large parts of Europe, the potential cross-border impact of nuclear accidents has led to several disputes between neighbours.

Earlier this month, the Barakah plant's owner Emirates Nuclear Energy Corporation (ENEC) said voids had been discovered in the concrete of reactors 2 and 3, although it said these posed no safety risk and would not delay the start-up.

The repair works on the third reactor were due to be completed by the end of last year, while the UAE's FANR regulator reviews plans to repair smaller voids in unit 2. **Agencies**

NATO's actions violate security indivisibility principle - Lavrov

SAN MARINO

NATO's actions close to Russia's borders violate the principle of the indivisibility of security, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said in the Grand and General Council (parliament) of San Marino yesterday.

"It is no secret that the situation on our common continent continues to be complicated. We see the ongoing policy aimed at stepping up NATO's

military and political activities and bringing the alliance's military infrastructure closer to Russia's borders," Lavrov noted.

"We observe violations of the principle of the indivisibility of security despite the fact that commitments not to bolster one's security at the expense of others were enshrined in OSCE and NATO-Russia Council documents approved by consensus at the top level," he said.

Brexit delay 'great personal regret for me', British PM says

LONDON

BRITISH Prime Minister Theresa May on Wednesday said that the proposed Brexit delay is "a matter of great personal regret for me", adding that it is "high time" for MPs to make a decision on her Brexit deal.

The prime minister, in a live televised speech from Downing Street after her Brexit delay request, told the British people nationwide that "I am on your side".

"This delay is a matter of great personal regret for me. It is high time we made a decision" over Brexit, May (pictured) said, passionately asking MPs to back her Brexit deal, which was rejected twice in the parliament since January.

Meanwhile, the prime minister criticized hostile MPs for blocking the agreement on Brexit in the parliament, which leads to the Brexit delay.

MPs have been "unable to agree on the way to implement the UK's withdrawal", she said. "As a result, we will now not leave (the EU) on time on the 29th of March."

Earlier Wednesday, May wrote to European Council President Donald

Tusk for a delay to the Brexit process to June 30, saying that she needs more time to get her withdrawal agreement passed by the House of Commons.

In response, Tusk said that a short Brexit delay is possible only if MPs back May's Brexit deal. Britain hopes to get a short delay from the European Union (EU) while the regional bloc wishes London would agree to a longer extension of Article 50.

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The prime minister said that she was not prepared for the EU divorce beyond June 30. "I'm not prepared to delay Brexit any further," she said.

Any Brexit delay requires a unanimous approval from remaining 27 EU countries. May will meet with EU leaders on Thursday when she is in Brussels for a summit. **Agencies**



Algeria tensions: Governing party chief backs protesters

ALGIERS, Algeria

THE acting head of Algeria's governing party says it is throwing its support behind protests against President Abdelaziz Bouteflika.

Critics viewed the move Wednesday as an effort to save the reputation of the FLN party, or National Liberation Front, amid increasing disillusionment with Algeria's power structure.

FLN interim leader Moab Bouchareb told a meeting of party leaders that the party "supports the popular movement." But he also appeared to support Bouteflika's "roadmap" for political reforms.

Bouchareb himself has been criticized as representing a leadership considered corrupt and out of touch with Algeria's struggling youth. The FLN is Bouteflika's party.

On Wednesday, foreign affairs minister Ramtane Lamamra said the Algerian government is "ready for dialogue" with demonstrators.

"As I see it, the demonstrations have only grown more numerous, and there will be no solution except through dialogue," he said in a press conference in Berlin.

"The Algerian government is ready for dialogue, and beyond that, they are prepared to welcome the representatives of the opposition and civil society in the new government which is currently being formed."

Algerian Prime Minister Noureddine Bedoui has been struggling to form a new government as candidates sought to keep their distance from Bouteflika. Bedoui, who was appointed last week, had promised to create a new cabinet within days to respond to the demands of Algeria's demonstrating youth.

Separately, the Protestant Church of Algeria issued a statement supporting



Algerians march with banners and flags during a protest in Algiers, Algeria, on Tuesday. (AP)

the protests. The Church, whose exact number of members is not precisely known in the largely Muslim country, said it "fully shares the aspirations and legitimate claims of the Algerian people."

Algeria's union for imams and the Islamic High Council, a consultative body, had previously expressed their support for the protests.

Protesters want the ailing Bouteflika

to step down after 20 years in power. Bouteflika responded by abandoning plans for a fifth term and promising reforms, but also delayed presidential elections indefinitely.

Demonstrators have demanded the government quit at the technical end of its mandate in April, along with the president who has rarely been seen since a 2013 stroke.

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Chinese, Kenyan firms partner to build 'friendship city' in Nairobi

NAIROBI

DAMEI Investment of China and Kenya's Zuri Group Global announced on Wednesday that they will partner to build a "friendship city" in the east African nation.

Jiannan Bao, director of Damei Investment, told Xinhua in Nairobi that construction of the proposed "friendship city," which will be located in the outskirts of capital city Nairobi, will begin before the end of 2019.

Bobby Kamani, managing director of Zuri Group Global, said that the

"friendship city" is a comprehensive Special Economic Zone (SEZ) and Township, covering an area of 1,200 acres with five separate functional parks.

The project will lead to an initial foreign direct investment into Kenya of about 200 billion shilling (2 billion U.S. dollars), with a potential of up to 7.5 billion dollars by the time the entire development is complete, Kamani told the Wuxi-Kenya Business Forum.

The forum was organized by International Trade Center's Partnership for Investment and Growth in Africa

and the Kenya Investment Authority, and co-organized by Jiangsu Business Development Association Kenya.

Business people from Wuxi city, in southern China's Jiangsu Province, who are seeking investment opportunities in Kenya, attended the gathering.

Kamani said the "friendship city" could potentially create 150,000 jobs directly and 500,000 jobs indirectly. He noted the major selling point of SEZs in Kenya is the tax shields offered within the confines of an SEZ.

Moscow regrets redeployment of US B-52 bombers to Europe

MOSCOW

THE redeployment of six US strategic bombers B-52 to Europe breeds tensions, the Kremlin believes.

"It goes without saying that such actions by the United States by no means strengthen the climate of security and stability in a region adjoining Russia," presidential spokesman Dmitry Peskov told the media on Thursday. "On the contrary, this breeds more tensions."

"We find such actions by Washington regrettable," Peskov stated, adding that "only Russian military specialists were in the position to comment on the redeployment of bombers 'from the military and tactical point of view.'"

The US television network CNN said on Wednesday that six B-52 bombers were redeployed from Louisiana to Europe for "theater integration and flying training" in cooperation with NATO allies and partners. The CNN said the redeployment was a message to Russia on the occasion of the 5th anniversary of Crimea's unification with it.

A bomber task force of B-52 Stratofortresses, airmen and support equipment from the 2nd Bomb Wing based out of Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, arrived at RAF Fairford late last week and has been participating in various training missions across Europe, the CNN said.

On Monday, four B-52s "conducted flights to several places in Europe, including to the Norwegian Sea, the Baltic Sea/Estonia and the Mediterranean Sea/Greece," the broadcaster quotes the US Air Force as saying. **Agencies**

China calls for more countries to attach importance to Africa

BEIJING

CHINA reiterated its stance on China-Africa cooperation on Wednesday, calling for more countries to think highly of Africa.

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Geng Shuang made the remarks at a press briefing in response to the groundless accusations made against China's policy towards Africa, such as the Mombasa-Nairobi Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) Project in Kenya will put the country in debt.

Geng cited Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta as saying that "in recent years, Kenya-China relations have become closer and closer, and cooperation between the two countries has become tighter in such fields as industry and infrastructure construction."

The SGR is one of the most ambitious infrastructure projects in Africa and has brought great changes to the lives of the Kenyan people, the president said.

Geng said China appreciates that the leaders of many African countries, including Djibouti and Kenya, and people of insight from all walks of life have a fair evaluation of China-Africa relations and China-Africa cooperation.

Xinhua

US may soon pause preparations for delivering F-35s to Turkey

WASHINGTON

THE United States could soon freeze preparations for delivering F-35 fighter jets to Turkey, officials told Reuters, in what would be the strongest signal yet by Washington that Ankara cannot have both the advanced aircraft and Russia's S-400 air defense system.

The United States is nearing an inflection point in a years-long

standoff with Turkey, a NATO ally, after so far failing to sway President Tayyip Erdogan that buying a Russian air defense system would compromise the security of F-35 aircraft.

"The S-400 is a computer. The F-35 is a computer. You don't hook your computer to your adversary's computer and that's basically what we would be doing," Katie Wheelbarger, acting

assistant secretary of defense for international security affairs, told Reuters.

While no decision has been made yet, US officials confirmed that Washington was considering halting steps now underway to ready Turkey to receive the F-35, which is built by Lockheed Martin Corp.

"There (are) decisions that come up constantly about things

being delivered in anticipation of them eventually taking custody of the planes," said Wheelbarger.

"So there's a lot of things in train that can be paused to send signals to them (that we're serious)," she added, without detailing those steps.

However, another US official said one of the measures the United States was looking at was alternatives to an engine depot in

Turkey, without giving more details. The official said any potential alternatives would likely be somewhere in Western Europe. Turkey is home to an F-35 engine overhaul depot in the western city of Eskisehir.

If Turkey was removed from the F-35 program, it would be the most serious crisis in the relationship between the two allies in decades, according to Bulent

Aliriza, director of the Turkey project at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

The strains on ties between Washington and Ankara already extend beyond the F-35 to include strategy in Syria, Iran sanctions and the detention of US consular staff.

"This (the F-35 standoff) is really a symptom, not a cause of the problem between the two coun-

tries," Aliriza said.

Many US officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, worry that Turkey is drifting away from NATO and watch improving relations between Ankara and Moscow with concern. The prospect of Russian contractors or officials on Turkish bases that also are home to the F-35 is unfathomable to many US officials. **Agencies**

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This image released by HBO shows a young Wade Robson shaking hands with pop icon Michael Jackson in 1987, in a scene from the documentary "Leaving Neverland." A trio of high-profile child sexual abuse documentaries have generated intense scrutiny of parents. But what critics with no experience of their own may not realize, experts say, is parents of young victims can be groomed by perpetrators along with their children. (AP)

Trio of child-sex documentaries puts a spotlight on parents

NEW YORK

THE mothers of the two accusers in HBO's "Leaving Neverland" said they were lured by Michael Jackson's forlorn demeanor and fairytale world when they allowed him to take their boys into his bed.

An aunt who introduced her underage niece to R. Kelly and suspects abuse said in the six-part "Surviving R. Kelly" docuseries on Lifetime that she hoped he would propel the teen's music career. She alleges the girl wound up on a sex tape instead.

The parents of a 12-year-old girl kidnapped twice and abused over several years by a trusted neighbor in Idaho called themselves "naive" in the Netflix documentary on the bizarre 1970s ordeal, "Abducted in Plain Sight."

The trio of high-profile cases, the latest in a long line of media fare focused on child abuse, have generated intense scrutiny of the people who should matter most to kids: their parents.

For those in these sad and painful documentaries, support and understanding have been abundant among strangers, abuse survivors and advocates fighting sexual violence. However, some viewers and commenters online, likely many who know nothing of how sexual abusers groom their victims, can't fathom how any parent could allow a child to be placed in the intensely vulnerable situations depicted.

There were missed red flags. Mistakes made. There were professional ambitions to be pursued, murky monetary payments and plenty of perks. And there was lots of regret once their children disclosed.

Experts, abuse survivors and their supporters said that when young victims are groomed by perpetrators so, too, are their parents in a vast majority of cases that don't include such crimes committed by parents themselves.

"The basic facts are that somebody who's intent on sexually abusing a child does actually groom both a child and a caregiver," said Esther Deblinger-Sosland, who has written two books on the subject and is a psychology professor and co-director of the Child Abuse Research Education Service Institute at Rowan University in Glassboro, New Jersey.

"They're looking for situations and families that they can exploit. Any child can be sexually abused. That has to be put out there. It really could happen to any child. But when an offender is really looking to target a child, they do look for a child that might be more vulnerable, from a family that they think they might be able to manipulate in some way," she said.

Parents may be coping with stresses and adversities that distract them, Deblinger-Sosland explained, but at the same time, "most people don't assume anyone who talks articulately, who appears to be friendly and caring, is a sex offender."

Child sex offenders, she said, are often viewed by society as the "most heinous criminals," she said. "If you have that image of a sex offender then it's unlikely, whoever you are, to just look at someone and assume that they're going to sexually abuse your child. And that's what's so difficult."

Jackson, who died in 2009, was found not guilty in a 2005 trial of 14 charges alleging he had molested a boy, at times in the presence of the boy's brother. While acknowledging that he befriended numerous children, including some he invited into his bed, he denied molesting

any. His two accusers in "Leaving Neverland" allege that they were 7 and 10 when the abuse began. Now in their 30s, they appear in the docuseries with their mothers.

Loyal Jackson relatives and fans object to the one-sided nature of the unsparing two-part film, which aired March 3-4 and is HBO's third most-watched documentary of the past decade.

The R. Kelly series aired over three nights in January. By late February, he had turned himself in on 10 counts of aggravated sexual abuse involving four victims, including at least three between the ages of 13 and 17. He denies the charges. A jury in 2008 acquitted Kelly of 14 counts of child pornography after concluding they couldn't verify a female in a sex video with the singer was underage.

Two women currently live with Kelly in Chicago and have said they are his girlfriends, including 21-year-old Azriel Clary. Both also have said in interviews they are willingly by his side, but their parents remain unconvinced.

"I feel like I failed my daughter because I should have saw different signs," Clary's father, Angelo Clary, told Gayle King on "CBS This Morning."

He added: "I should have saw the change in my baby girl instead of the love that we instilled in her, that she was showing us and putting on a charade. So, guess what? We can take responsibility. But to the world, how much responsibility did R. Kelly take?"

As for Jan Broberg Felt, the now 56-year-old survivor who appears with her parents in "Abducted in Plain Sight," the neighbor who sexually abused her died in an apparent suicide decades later. During her teen years, he slowly drew both of her small-town, churchgoing parents into situations he knew they would be ashamed to reveal, including having sex with the mother and convincing the father to perform a sex act on him.

Shaming or condemning the parents of child victims is one of those things "offenders exactly want to happen," said Deblinger-Sosland and other experts. "They want the blame to be not on them."

A majority of offenders are known to child victims and their families. When a child discloses sexual abuse, Deblinger-Sosland said, they often do so to their mothers. Years after that happened in the case of James Safechuck, one of the Jackson accusers, his mother, Stephanie Safechuck, said in "Leaving Neverland" of their years in the superstar's life:

"This was all so overwhelming, and like a fairytale, and I got lost in it. And I know my husband got lost in it, too."

Although statistics vary, generally 1 in 9 girls and 1 in 53 boys under the age of 18 experience sexual abuse or assault by an adult, according to the nonprofit RAINN, for the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network.

In fiscal year 2016 alone, child protective services agencies substantiated or found strong evidence to indicate that more than 57,000 children were victims of sexual abuse in the U.S., the organization said. That, researchers said, is just a small portion of cases overall.

Psychologist David Wolfe of the Centre for Research and Education on Violence Against Women and Children at Western University in London, Ontario, also works as an expert witness in mostly civil court cases involving child sexual abuse allegations. **AP**



Taifa Stars' players attend training at the Estádio Nacional de Cabo Verde in Praia to shape up for the 2019 AFCON Qualifiers game against Cape Verde that took place at the venue last year.

Last chance for Taifa Stars

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TANZANIA's senior national soccer team, Taifa Stars, will lock horns with Uganda in a crucial 2019 African Cup of Nations qualifier at the National Stadium on Sunday evening.

Taifa Stars will need to be as tough as an elephant's hide in this do or die encounter.

Ahead of this important encounter, we recommend five things the team must do to beat the already qualified Uganda Cranes team.

Amunike should get his formation right

Coach Emmanuel Amunike is a believer in various variations of 3-5-2 formation.

The results have been mixed. The formation was quite okay against Uganda in the first leg but turned out to be a disaster against Cape Verde and Lesotho.

He wanted to maximise both the defensive and offensive power but it seemed the fullbacks were not much effective. Both fullbacks did not overlap as much as possible and there was collusion of positions among the three central defenders and the fullbacks.

Maybe the coach should just switch to a flat 4-4-2 against Uganda to avoid confusion in the defence.

Players must show urgency

One of the key flaws noted in the team's loss to Cape Verde and Lesotho was their lack of urgency. The team had a lacklustre first half and only showed urgency when they were chasing the game.

In both losses and even the away draw against Uganda, they

kept passing the ball backwards and rarely venture forward until dire circumstances forced them to do so.

On Sunday, they will need to show a lot of grit and determination to win the game from the first minute. There is no room for complacency.

Play without fear

Uganda sealed their place at the tournament in Cameroon next year, with a 1-0 win against Cape Verde in November. They may have qualified but they have not lost their sense of pride. Moreover, they have nothing to lose and so are likely to be composed.

The danger for Tanzania is to play with the inherent fear of losing such a crucial tie. It will not be an easy task in front of an unexpected big crowd and I am sure that come the day some players can succumb to a bout of nervousness.

The ability to focus on the match will be key to Taifa Stars' chances of success. If our players are focussed, disciplined and remember what is asked of them and do the best they can, we will get the result we are looking for.

It will be a footballing battle of the bravest and the proudest. Our players must play without any fear in their hearts.

Defend set pieces better

Poor defending in set piece situation was our main undoing against Cape Verde and Lesotho. We conceded from corners. Aishi Manula was not well covered and he was also at fault for failing to command his defence and making strong clearance.

This time, set pieces should be a concern. The entire team must find a way of stopping Uganda Cranes forward from wreaking havoc from such situations.

Amunike should avoid controversial calls. Quite a number of the players failed to make much impact against Lesotho with obvious good options on the bench. The likes of Mudathir Yahya and Ally Mtoni were poor all through.

To get a positive result against Uganda, Amunike must not hesitate to drop any of them and bring in good replacements.

He is expected to retain the majority of the players who did duty against Lesotho, but most importantly, packing the midfield could go a long way in ensuring that Taifa Stars gets that needed victory.

A three-man central midfield, which could consist of Erasto Nyoni, Himid Mao and Mudathir Yahya will no doubt offer the Stars defence some sort of protection, while allowing their forwards to have freedom going forward.

Barclays announces grand winner of superfansunited campaign



Barclays Bank Tanzania Head of Marketing and Corporate Relations, Aron Luhanga (L), makes a phone call to a winner of the bank's English Premier League #superfansunited campaign in Dar es Salaam yesterday. A bank's Mikochei Branch customer, Catherine Arcene, won a full paid trip to United Kingdom, spend time with an English Premier League legend and watch a live match on the English Premier League. Other seven winners won range of token prizes. On his left are Barclays Bank Tanzania Head of Retail Banking, Oscar Mwamfwagasi, and Gaming Board of Tanzania Inspector, Bakari Maggid. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

By Guardian Reporter

BARCLAYS Bank Tanzania, under Absa Group Limited, one of Africa's largest financial services providers, yesterday announced the grand winner their English Premier League #superfansunited promotional campaign, which

ended on March 10.

The lucky winner, Catherine Arcene from the bank's Mikochei branch in Dar es Salaam, will enjoy a full paid trip to the UK to enjoy a true club house experience. She is expected to fly to the UK in the first week of May and is scheduled to spend a week there.

Other seven joint runners-up were also announced, they will have token package featuring being put up in one of the classic hotels in Dar es Salaam, watch live English Premier League in a superfans clubhouse replica in the city, cash prize of 300,000/- each, a cap and a T-shirt of an EPL outfit of their like.

The seven winners, who will convene in Dar es Salaam on April 20 this year, are Mwanahamisi Salum, Majid Omary, Sharifu Bashiru, Yuda Thadey, Frederick Edward all from Dar es Salaam, Suleiman Nassor from Zanzibar and Godfrey Mollel from Arusha.

The campaign was launched in November 2018 and has run for three months.

Addressing the press yesterday, the Head of Marketing and Corporate Relations, Aron Luhanga, commented: "Our lucky winner will travel to United Kingdom, spend time with an English Premier League legend, watch a live match on the English Premier League and have a total new experience for being part of a great #superfansunited campaign."

He added: "We appeal to all other customers to join Barclays Bank and be part of a great bank. Our focus is to help customers achieve their ambitions in the right way."

Head of Retail Banking, Oscar Mwamfwagasi, disclosed: "This campaign was opened to all our customers who Bank with Barclays. A customer needed to make either five transactions or more using their Barclays card, and get into the draw to stand a chance to win a fully paid trip to United Kingdom to experience the superfansunited live."

He added that customers, who switch to Barclays Bank, have multiple reasons to do so including but not limited to their being attracted by the bank's wide range of exciting products and exceptional services from friendly staff.

Pogba: 'Dream' to join Real Madrid but happy 'for now'

PARIS

FRANCE and Manchester United midfielder Paul Pogba has said it's his dream to play for Real Madrid one day but is happy at Old Trafford "for now."

Since Zinedine Zidane returned to the Merengues' bench, there has been speculation about the transfers Madrid are looking to make in the summer. They are expected to spend heavily on revamping their squad and are likely to sign at least one "Galactico."

Zidane himself is a long-time admirer of Pogba, who could inject new blood in a midfield that currently has the underperforming Luka Modric and Toni Kroos. Asked on Wednesday about the return of Zidane at the Bernabeu and a possible move to the La Liga side, the Pogba didn't hide his feelings.

"I have always said it. Real Madrid is a dream for everyone. It is one of the biggest clubs in the world. Zidane is the manager there. It is a dream for every child and every player," the former Juventus star said in a news conference at Clairefontaine, the France training camp in the south of Paris.

"Now, I am happy in Manchester. I play, we have a new manager. For now, I am at Manchester. Later, we don't know what the future holds."

Sources have told ESPN FC that Pogba's agent, Mino Raiola, has often been in touch with Madrid president Florentino Perez over the past few

years about the former United academy product, who is in his third season at Old Trafford.

Pogba won't be easy to prize away from Manchester, however. After paying a then-record €105 million to sign him from Juventus in the summer of 2016, and with a contract running until June 2021, United are in a strong position should Madrid come calling.

Pogba was also asked about the sacking of former United manager Jose Mourinho, with whom he had a stormy relationship during his time at Old Trafford.

"It is an interesting question. What was wrong? We were not winning. That's why they changed managers. Without going into details, that's why. Only results matter. If we had been winning and the results had been more positive, the manager would have stayed," Pogba said with a smile.

Pogba and France are preparing for the start of their Euro 2020 qualifiers on Friday in Moldova. The team has been together at Clairefontaine since Monday and head coach Didier Deschamps has warned his players against complacency.

"The manager wants us to keep winning. We know that it's not easy to keep going after winning a World Cup. But we are ambitious and we really want to finish top of our group and qualify for the Euros" Pogba said.

Andorra, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Albania and Turkey are also in France's group.

REUTERS

Chelsea's Giroud seeks France return to boost game time

PARIS

CHELSEA striker Olivier Giroud wants to move back to France when his contract expires at the end of the season after growing frustrated by a lack of playing time under manager Maurizio Sarri.

Giroud has not started a Premier League game for Chelsea since the club signed Argentina international striker Gonzalo Higuain in January.

"The future may be hectic this summer," Giroud told French radio station RTL. "I'm not afraid to go down a level to have more playing time. It could be I end my career in France."

The striker, who won the World Cup with France last year, scored 33 goals in 73 league appearances for Montpellier before moving to Arsenal in 2012, and has attracted interest from Olympique Lyonnais, according to reports in the French media.

The 32-year-old has been used mainly in the Europa League by Sarri and is the competition's top scorer this season with nine goals in nine appearances, but does not believe he can force his way into the Italian coach's Premier League plans.

"Today, I have the impression there's clearly no competition (for places in attack) since January. It's like that, I know that I will only play in the Europa League," Giroud added.

"I try to do what it takes to be as effective and as important as I can for the team."

Chelsea are sixth in the Premier League, three points below the fourth and final Champions League qualification place currently occupied by Arsenal.

Sarri's side could also secure Champions League football for next season by winning the Europa League, where they face Slavia Prague in the quarter-finals.

Meanwhile, France's trip to face Moldova in Chisinau may be far from the glitter of a World Cup but they will be just as motivated for their first Euro 2020 qualifier, midfielder Paul Pogba said on Wednesday.

Le Bleus have played six games - four in the Nations League - since beating Croatia 4-2 to win the 2018 World Cup but Friday's Group H opener will be their first leading to a major competition.

"It's true that it's not so easy to come back and to have new goals right away after winning the World Cup," Pogba told a news conference on Wednesday.

"But we have to, it's our job. And we have to remain professional. But now we're going right into the competition, it's the qualifiers. We want to win, we want to be the first in the group."

France were drawn with Moldova, Albania, Turkey, Andorra and Iceland, who they face at the Stade de France on Monday.

The top two qualify for the finals, which are being staged across 12 countries.

REUTERS

Navas slams 'ugly' Solari treatment, could quit

MADRID

REAL Madrid goalkeeper Keylor Navas has described treatment by former boss Santiago Solari as "ugly," and hinted he could leave in the summer if he is not first choice next season.

Navas, 32, started as Madrid won the Champions League in each of the last three seasons before Julen Lopetegui and then Santiago Solari preferred summer signing Thibaut Courtois between the posts.

And, after accepting a reduced role in the first team, Navas said he was disappointed not to be selected in a heavily rotated starting XI for a game against CSKA Moscow.

"The last game of the Champions League group stages was a pretty ugly day," Navas told radio show El Partidazo. "We were already qualified, so almost all my teammates got a chance to play, but I did not."

"Obviously it was difficult to accept. But I looked forward and kept working. It has been a pretty difficult season. I spoke very little with Solari, but I knew that I would not play no mat-

ter what I did. I always had faith that things would change."

In his first match back as manager, Zinedine Zidane gave Navas just his second La Liga start in six months in against Celta Vigo last weekend.

The Frenchman said after the 2-0 victory that both his senior goalkeepers will start games over the remainder of the campaign and "then we will see" what happens in the summer.

Asked if it was possible to have two keepers of the same level in the same dressing room next season, Navas suggested he would prefer to move on than spend more time sitting on the bench.

"I don't know," he said. "Competition is always healthy - I have no problem getting on with anyone."

"My relationship [with Courtois] is normal. I have a contract and have always said my dream was to play at Real Madrid. But I would not like to have another year like this one."

"I know that Zidane will tell me the truth, he is a great coach who gives a chance to all his players."

(AGENCIES)

Manchester City's Sterling treated differently by British media-Pogba

LONDON

FRANCE midfielder Paul Pogba believes England's Raheem Sterling is sometimes treated differently by the British media because he is black and does not get the recognition he deserves for his achievements.

Speaking ahead of France's Euro 2020 qualifier against Moldova on Friday, the Manchester United midfielder also said Sterling was unfairly criticised for what he does off the field.

Manchester City forward Sterling said in December that newspapers were helping "fuel racism" with their portrayal of young black players, highlighting how they were treated differently to young white players by the media.

"Sometimes it happens," Pogba told Sky Sports when asked whether the media treated Sterling differently because of the colour of his skin.

"What I've been seeing is he's been criticised for houses and what I've been hearing things about, but nobody talks about what he's been doing on the pitch."

"He has ridiculous stats, he's scored goals and made a hat-trick not long ago. He's been top with City. Maybe if he was somebody else, it would be different."

"I always say racism in football shouldn't happen, because football is a sport, a beautiful sport and makes people happy. When somebody is doing a great job, he should deserve the same reward as somebody else who does the same job."

Sterling, who has 19 goals for City in all competitions this season, was also supported by England team mate Danny Rose.

"Raheem was only saying what we all say in the dressing room. It's sad really but he's 100 percent spot on with what he said," Rose told BBC Sport ahead of England's Euro qualifier against Czech Republic.

"The stick he used to get from the media was bang out of order. When he put the



Raheem Sterling

(Instagram) post up about the media, we were all over the moon with that because we all agree. Fair play to Raheem."

Meanwhile, Manchester United interim boss Ole Gunnar Solskjaer has restored the confidence and freedom they lacked towards the end of Jose Mourinho's tenure and the Norwegian deserves to take over full time, midfielder Paul Pogba has said.

Former United striker Solskjaer has rejuvenated the team since replacing the sacked Mourinho in December, helping them win 10 out of the 13 Premier League games since his appointment and reaching the Champions League quarter-finals.

"We want him to stay. The results have been great. I have a great relationship with

him, he has a great relationship with the players," Pogba told Sky Sports.

"When a player is happy, he wants to keep being happy. Solskjaer deserves it. He knows the club, he knows everything about the club. He is a really happy coach that gave confidence back to the players."

"This gave us the freedom to play and enjoy football again because maybe we lost that with the results that we had before."

Despite winning the World Cup with France last year, Pogba struggled for form under Mourinho who benched him, but the 26-year-old is back to his best under Solskjaer with nine goals and seven assists in all competitions.

"Maybe we lost confidence, maybe things went wrong. A lot of talking outside that we weren't used to," Pogba said, reflecting on the final part of Mourinho's tenure.

"I don't like to talk about the past. I like to talk about the future because that's what matters. We're better now and the results have been brilliant."

United are fifth in the Premier League with 58 points from 30 matches and within three points of third-placed Tottenham Hotspur. They take on Barcelona in the last-eight of the Champions League next month.

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New-look Germany make promising start with Serbia draw

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GERMANY's new-look team made a promising return to the international stage with a 1-1 draw against Serbia in a friendly on Wednesday, showing signs of improvement following a disastrous 2018.

The Germans, knocked out of the World Cup in the group stage and relegated in the Nations League last year, had only one player from their 2014 World Cup victory in the starting line-up and their oldest outfield player was aged 24.

More aggressive and quicker than in recent games, with Kai Havertz, Julian Brandt and Leroy Sane playing behind forward Timo Werner, the hosts needed only three minutes to get a shot on target with Havertz firing the ball at Serbia keeper Marko Dmitrovic following a quick passing move.

Coach Joachim Loew sent world champions Mats Hummels, Jerome Boateng and Thomas Mueller into international retirement in a surprise decision last week as his team prepare to launch their Euro 2020 qualification campaign against the Netherlands on Sunday.

Serbia went forward after 11 minutes and their first corner bounced off the back of two players to land perfectly for Luka Jovic to head in for his first international goal.

The 21-year-old, who has scored 22 goals in 35 appearances for Eintracht Frankfurt this season, is likely to be among the biggest transfer targets this summer, with Real Madrid and Barcelona among clubs reportedly interested.

Werner twice went close to an equaliser before Serbia, who won promotion in the Nations League after an undefeated run in their group, wasted a chance when Adem Ljajic fired a shot over the bar.

But the Germans kept their foot firmly on the gas and wasted several chances in the second half before substitute Leon Goretzka grabbed a deserved equaliser in the 69th minute.

"In the first half the automation in this new team, playing together for the first time, did not function that well," Loew told reporters.

"In the second half the team sent a very good signal that we can increase pressure and we can increase the tempo. We had a lot of chances and we missed the final touch a bit. That is also part of the learning experience."

"Overall, I am very satisfied with the mentality, the pressure we created."

Serbia, who had Dmitrovic to thank for hanging on to the draw as the keeper



Germany's Marco Reus in action with Serbia's Marko Dmitrovic during their international friendly at Volkswagen Arena in Wolfsburg, Germany on Wednesday. REUTERS

made several saves to deny the Germans a second goal, were left with 10 players when Milan Pavlov was sent off for a reckless challenge on Sane.

The Manchester City winger was taken off but Loew said his injury was not too serious and he would be fit for Sunday.

"It was a vicious foul. Sane was lucky and got

away with not getting hurt but such fouls can break bones."

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Gwiji by David Chikoko



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**Man City's Sterling treated differently
by British media, says Pogba**

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Athletes battle it out in this year's National Open Athletics Championships at the Sheikh Amri Abeid Stadium in Arusha. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

National athletics team preps for IAAF World Cross-Country Championships in top gear

Correspondent Renatha Msungu

NATIONAL athletics team's preparations for the IAAF World Cross-Country Championships, slated for March 30 in Aarhus, Denmark, are in top gear. Athletics Tanzania (AT) has disclosed.

The squad is currently attending training in Arusha under sponsorship from the Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority (NCAA), shaping up for the showpiece.

Wilhelm Gidabuday, AT secretary general, disclosed the preparations are almost complete.

Gidabuday pointed out that processing passports and visas for the athletes had been his association's major task.

"We appreciate the task, which turned out to be tough, is over. The documents for the remaining batch of athletes have been processed and the athletes have returned to Arusha to attend the drills," he said.

"Accessing the documents has been a challenging task to our athletes given most of them that are in junior category did not have the passports and other documents that could have smoothen the acquisition of the documents."

"The situation made it difficult for some of them to complete the process on time, but we have learnt from the whole issue."

The AT official disclosed his association has opted to continue processing passports for athletes so they can avoid the ordeal in future.

He said the squad is winding up preparations before going for a farewell ceremony in Arusha next week and thereafter travel to Denmark.

He noted the ceremony's guest of honour will be announced shortly after the completion of the procedures.

Gidabuday insisted AT believes the preparations will pay off and he expressed regards to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority and DSTV Company for a huge support for the squad.

The AT official disclosed the country's contingent for the World Cross-Country Championships will consist of 16 athletes and officials led by AT second vice-president (Technical) Hamad Ndee.

Other officials are head coach, Meta Petro, assistant coach, Madai Jambau and team matron, Marcelina Gwandu.

Men's category athletes in the national team are Marko Monko, Joseph Panga 'Mti Mkavu', Faraja Damas, Emmanuel Giniki, Gabriel Geay, Francis Damiano and Yohana Elisante.

Women category athletes are Failuna Matanga, Magdalena Shauri, Angelina Tsere, Sisilia Ginoka, Maryselina Mbuu, Amina Mgo, Anastazia Dolomongo, Aisha Magelani and Natalia Elisante.

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Dar tennis players set to miss out on Africa Junior Championship

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA tennis association (TTA) has said it will not send players to Tunisia for this year's Africa Junior Championship, slated for next month, as the association is strapped for cash.

Speaking on Wednesday, TTA president, Dennis Makoi, said the championship is slated for April 8-13 in Tunisia and Tanzania was to send four players to the championship.

Makoi said the trip to Tunisia is very expensive mainly because there is no local direct flight to Tunis.

He said expenses for each player is 800 US Dollars and the association does not have money as it mainly depends on handouts from well-wishers.

"If we could get a sponsor then we could plan to send our team to Tunisia for the junior championship, but there is no direct flight from here (Tanzania) to Tunisia, we need to go through Dubai which is expensive to us," he said.

The TTA president then appealed to well-wishers to help the association so that it can send the players to the event which he said is important.

The country's tennis governing body, as many other sports associations, has often failed to send athletes to international events due to lack of finances as most of them depend on financial support from well-wishers.

This has led to many sports enthusiasts to advise the associations to treat sports as a serious business, not as a pass time activity.

Arusha United FC ditches First Division League

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

ARUSHA United FC, nicknamed Wana-Utalii, have decided to jettison from the First Division League (FDL), like the Biblical Jonah, complaining against chaos that have marred the tournament.

Due to that, Arusha's hopes of winning promotion to the next season's Premier League have been dashed after the region's only potential team, Arusha United, announced to pull out of the final qualifying stage of the FDL.

The shocking news was confirmed here on Thursday, just a few days after the controversial football match which took place in Moshi, where Arusha United were beaten 1-0 by Police Tanzania, which is based in Kilimanjaro, and during the game some fracas occurred.

Arusha United's executive officer, Otte Beda, said in a press meeting here that, the team's board of directors sat to discuss the last weekend's chaos in Moshi and concluded that they no longer want to continue participating in the FDL because all the rough moves against the team, according to him, seem to be pre-arranged.

The official disclosed Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) as well as the Tanzania Premier League Board should be blamed for the ongoing fracas in the league and that unless other authorities intervene, the games will continue to be spiked.

Beda listed a series of alleged chaos, including the last weekend match in Moshi, previous game between Arusha United and Rhino Rangers in Tabora as well as the match between Arusha United and Transit Camp which was played in Dar es Salaam.



Simba players celebrate a goal the outfit recorded in the 2018/19 CAF Champions League encounter with Algeria's JS Saoura in Dar es Salaam in January. Simba won 3-0. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TFF

Simba SC urged to make the most of home venue

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA's soccer giants, Simba SC, has been advised to fully utilize the home ground advantage when the club faces Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) giants, TP Mazembe, in the quarterfinals of the 2018/19 CAF Champions League slated for next month.

Simba, as per the competition's draw for the quarterfinals, which was held in Cairo, Egypt, on Wednesday, will host TP Mazembe at the National Stadium in Dar es Salaam on April 6 before a return leg match in Lubumbashi two weeks later.

Local football commentator, Michael Msemakweli, said for Simba to reach the semi-final stage, they need to utilize home ground advantage before the return leg in DRC.

He said Simba must score as many goals as possible at home.

"I am confident Simba can upset the highly rated TP Mazembe and advance to the next stage, but the only thing the team must avoid is conceding at home, instead they score more goals," he said.

John Semwanza, a football fan, also shared the same views, saying Simba must use home advantage for them to reach the semi-final stage.

He said having played against AS Vita Club of DRC in the group stage of the tournament, Simba are very familiar with football style of DRC.

"This is the stage where Simba must make use of the home ground by scoring many goals and avoid conceding away," he said.

Simba won all of the games at home, scoring six goals at the National Stadium,

to make it to the last eight stage of the tournament. The team started with a 3-0 win against Algeria giants, JS Saoura, and then posted 1-0 and 2-1 wins over Al Ahly of Egypt and AS Vita Club respectively.

But the Msimbazi Street-based side has a bad record playing away as they conceded 12 goals.

They went down 5-0 to AS Vita Club and lost to Al Ahly by the same margin and thereafter conceded 2-0 loss to JS Saoura.

Simba's information officer, Haji Manara, said meeting TP Mazembe is not a problem to his team as they have a plan in place on how to beat the DRC side.

However, he said he will be in a better position to disclose many details on the assignment after the must win game of senior national team, Taifa Stars, against Uganda Cranes, penned for Sunday.

Flexibles by David Chikoko



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