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## Minister says police will ensure peaceful campaigns, voting

By Guardian Correspondent, Kigoma

HOME Affairs minister George Simbachawene (pictured) yesterday warned political parties to ensure their aspirants vying for various posts in the forthcoming general election adhere to the country's laws and promote peace throughout the campaigns.

He directed the police force to ensure peaceful elections by taking stern action against anyone violating the law, ordering police officers at ward, district and regional level to immediately take action instead of waiting for orders from above.

Addressing delegates of the defence and security committee for Kigoma Region, the minister asserted that the police will take action against any candidate regardless of the political party he or she belongs. While in the region, the minister is expected to visit the various refugee camps.

"The law must take its course. We



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are much experienced in conducting democratic elections over the years. We cannot let people die during election campaigns since they are worth more than anything else," he said.

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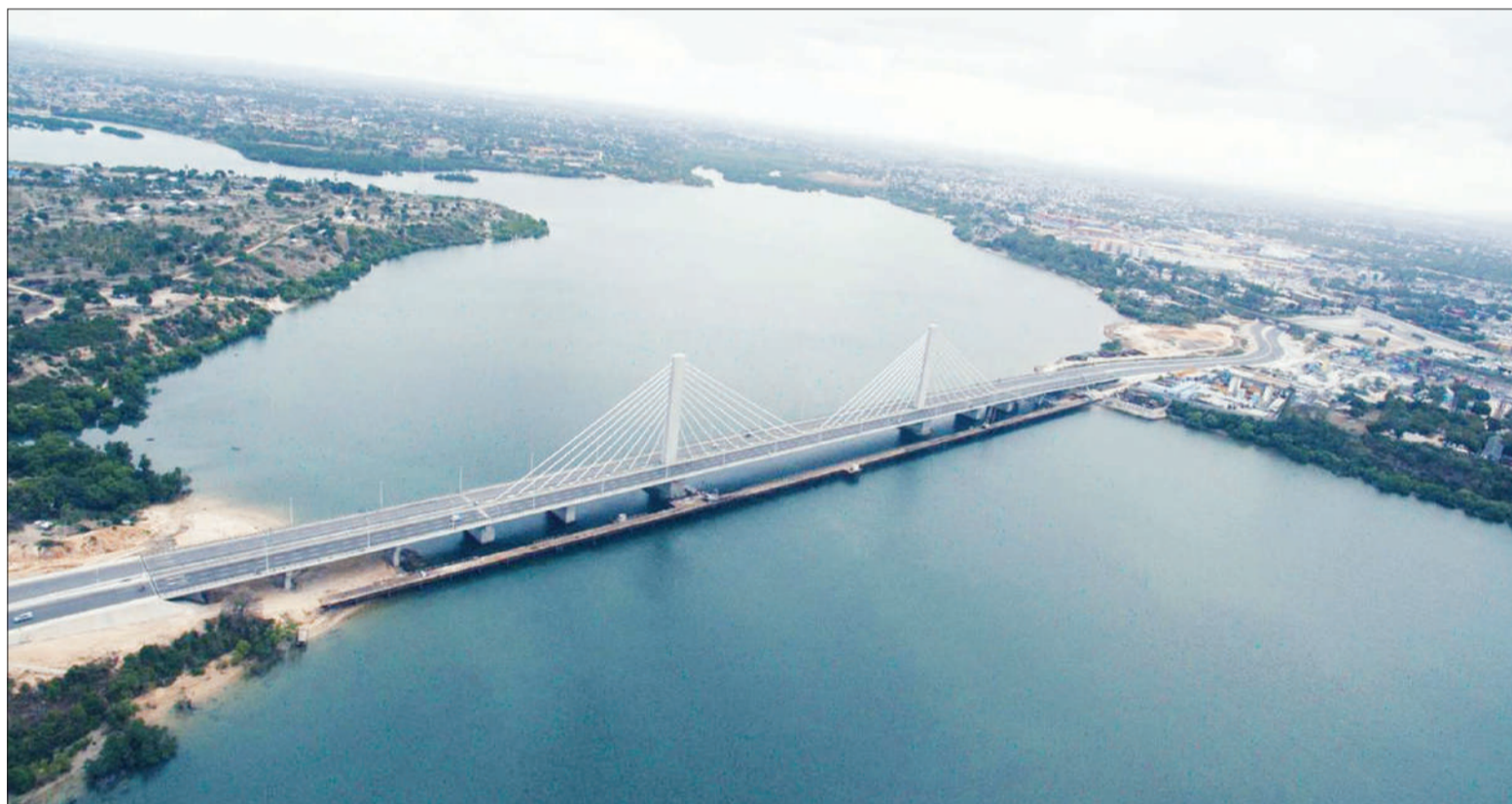
"The number includes those residing in houses or in camps. We have given nationality to many of them while others voluntarily returned to their home countries, but crossed the borders back to Tanzania after a few months," he said.

He stressed the need for Tanzania, in collaboration with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the Burundian authorities to come up with strategic plans to safely repatriate the refugees since their country is now safe.

Simbachawene emphasized that he

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# Dar port upgrading: Giant ships docking



The Chinese-built Nyerere Bridge, a joint venture project between the National Social Security Fund (60%) and the Tanzanian Government (40%), links Dar es Salaam's central business area to Kigamboni District across the Kurasini creek. It is acknowledged as the largest cable-stayed cross-sea bridge in sub-Saharan Africa. The 680-meter-long and 32-meter-wide bridge comprises six vehicle and two pedestrian lanes. Construction began in January 2012 and was completed on April 19, 2016. When officially inaugurating it, President John Magufuli renamed it from the Kigamboni Bridge to the Nyerere Bridge, in honour of Founding Father Mwalimu Julius Nyerere. File photo

## NSSF-financed Kigamboni road set for handing over

By Guardian Reporter

RESIDENTS of Kigamboni District in Dar es Salaam are joyous as the road that links the headland to the state-of-the-art Nyerere Bridge reaches final stages.

Jenista Mhagama, the Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Parliamentary Affairs, Labour, Employment, Youth and the Disabled) inspected construction work yesterday, declaring that the road will soon be open for use.

The minister was accompanied by top officials



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of the National Social Security Fund (NSSF), with residents in the area expressing joy, commending the fifth-phase government for quick execution of the project.

The road will serve as a redeemer in their lives and economic activity as it eases up transportation, improving service delivery and spearheading development in the area and the city at large.

As retired army officer, Adiel Kaaya described the project as unlocking development prospects in the area, "one of the good projects implemented at

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## PM wants land surveyed to raise value, attract investors

By Guardian Reporter

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa (pictured) has urged Tanzanians who own land to survey the parcels so as to add their value and attract investments.

Speaking in Ruangwa District, Lindi Region yesterday, the premier said it is easy to convince



investors to put up projects on surveyed land as opposed to parcels whose demarcations and ownership are not clear.

"Even when it comes to selling, those with surveyed plots stand a better chance of finding buyers than those with undocumented parcels," he said.

The premier made the call shortly after laying a foundation stone for a saw mill and furniture processing factories. He also inspected the construction of a cashew nut processing factory.

Majaliwa said the furniture factory is the first to be built in the district, urging residents of

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By Guardian Reporter

LARGE tonnage ships from around the world have begun docking at the port of Dar es Salaam following the construction of modern roll on-roll off (ro-ro) terminal in the ongoing upgrade of the facility.

Touring the port yesterday, Works, Transport and Communication minister Isack Kamwelwe said this brings to an end the tedious process where large ships with cargo destined to Tanzania had to dock at the port of Mombasa for freight to be reloaded onto smaller vessels for Dar es Salaam port.

"We are going to save a lot of money by stopping transshipment. We have already received large ships from Europe and Asia," the elated minister noted.

The ro-ro terminal allows the docking of large tonnage ships carrying vehicles, which can be driven on and off the ship on their own wheels or using a platform vehicle. This is a shift from the port's lift off-lift on (lo-lo) model, which mostly used cranes thereby limiting its capacity and efficiency.

Kamwelwe said that works to deepen the port's berths from eight metres to 15



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was going on well, affirming that when completed, the port of Dar es Salaam will serve as a strategic facility for regional trading blocs.

"When the ongoing expansion works are completed, our vehicle storage capacity at a go will increase from the current 170,000 units to 300, 000," he stated.

Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA) Director General Deusdedit Kakonko said the number of vessels docking at the port per month has increased from 180 at the end of last year to 250.

In his 2017/18 budget proposals, Finance and Planning Minister Philip Mpango scrapped value added tax on transit goods. The move was intended to win back importers from landlocked countries who saw this tax as an additional cost to their business.

Under the port upgrade contract, which is funded by a World Bank loan, the construction of the ro-ro terminal will come along with the ongoing deepening of Dar es Salaam port's seven berths in order to accommodate larger container ships.





# 'Mozambique strong enough to fight terrorism'

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THE Mozambican state is strong enough to fight against terrorism in Mozambique, particularly in the northern province of Cabo Delgado, where a jihadist group with ties to the self-styled "Islamic State" is operating, declared Defence Minister Jaime Neto on Thursday.

Speaking at a Maputo press conference with Interior Minister Amade Miquidade, Neto said that the foreign aid Mozambique needed is surveillance of the borders "to prevent bandits from entering our territory".

He denied that the terrorists have effective control over the town and port of Mocimboa da Praia. What had happened, he claimed, was that terrorist groups had infiltrated some neighbourhoods in the town.

They had slipped into the town disguised as civilians, and Neto admitted that they had received support from some of the local population. Then, from positions inside the town, they attacked the units of the defence and security forces stationed in Mocimboa da Praia.

"The result was the vandalism of the infrastructures of Mocimboa town", said Neto. "Right now the defence and security forces are trying to control the situation. The situation remains tense and fluid, and the entire Mozambican state should be committed to normalising the lives of people who have been so devastated by terror".

He stressed that the Mozambican forces "have shown courage, a spirit of sacrifice and combative morale".

But despite all the efforts of the government's forces "the bandits are there", Neto admitted. Despite the losses they had suffered, in clashes with Mozambican naval forces, the terrorists were still in Mocimboa da Praia port, and had received reinforcements in men and material from bases outside Mozambique. If true, these reinforcements could only have reached Mocimboa da Praia by sea, and presumably from Tanzania (although the Tanzanian armed forces

say they have launched an offensive to drive bandits out of forested areas on the border with Mozambique).

Neto guaranteed that every effort will be made to ensure that all of Mocimboa da Praia town is liberated. He said the Mozambican state will take all necessary measures to ensure that the situation in the northern districts of Cabo Delgado is not repeated anywhere else in the country.

The government's forces will continue to defend Mozambican sovereignty, he pledged, and would fight to prevent Cabo Delgado becoming "a generalised stage of disorder, chaos and the violation of the most elementary human rights".

Fighting has been going on in and around Mocimboa da Praia since 6 August. Piecing together reports from various sources, it seems that the Mozambican forces were obliged to retreat when they ran out of ammunition.

Miquidade ruled out declaring a state of siege in Cabo Delgado. "We're not even close to declaring a state of siege", he told the reporters.

"Fighting is going in various parts of Mocimboa da Praia and in surrounding areas", he said, but the scenario was not such as to justify declaring a state of siege.

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Vice President Samia Suluhu Hassan pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday leading CRDB Marathon 2020, held primarily to raise funds to support children undergoing heart surgery at the city's Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute. A total of 200m/- was collected. Other participants included former president Jakaya Kikwete and his wife, Salma Kikwete, CRDB Bank Plc board chairman Dr Ally Laay, and CRDB managing director and CEO Abdulmajid Nsekela (2nd-L). Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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commendable standards."

Godfrey Kurumwa, a motorcyclist also praised the government for executing the project, as it is an important project to local residents and the general public.

He lauded the government and NSSF for their efforts to improve road infrastructure in the area, as for many years, transport from the vicinity to other parts of the city was in bad shape. "The road was very bad and narrow," said Simon Robert, another resident.

Robert's remarks were echoed by Hussein Mohamed, a trader, who said the trading environment was unfriendly to the residents, "but now everything is okay."

The minister said the road will open up new businesses opportunities for Kigamboni residents after it is handed over at the end of this month.

Project supervisor Simon Mгани from the Tanzania National Roads Agency (TanRoads) said construction works were going well and by end of the month the work will have been

completed.

Ambassador Ali Iddi Siwa, the chairman of the NSSF Board of Trustees, commended the minister for providing proper guidance to institutions under her portfolio.

The fund would ensure that the construction work on the road is completed within the time frame without compromising quality as the project was implemented using members' contributions, he said.

NSSF director general William Erio commended President John Magufuli

for his directives in how the project is executed.

On February 2 this year the president directed responsible authorities including NSSF to construct three roads of two kilometres length each connecting with the Nyerere Bridge.

He also tasked minister Mhagama and NSSF to sit with the contractor and revise the contract.

The 680-meter-long bridge connects Kurasini ward to the east with Kigamboni District to the west, across the Kurasini Creek.



Pakistan's Ambassador to Tanzania, Muhammad Saleem, addresses Pakistani citizens living in Tanzania on the occasion of the country's 74th Independence Day anniversary. The event was held in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

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wants the refugees to be repatriated voluntarily, citing the current number of repatriations as still low, standing at 400 Burundian refugees per week. "We shall work on new strategies to increase

the number of returnees," he said.

He also directed security organs in the region to work together and ensure that Kigoma residents obtain the National Identification Card (ID).

"Having a national ID is important,

so it is appropriate that you form a task force in collaboration with the Immigration Department to conduct inspections and all required processes to identify those who are eligible to obtain the ID," he elaborated.

The minister is today expected to continue with his tour by visiting refugee camps of Nyarugusu in Kasulu District, Nduta in Kibondo as well as Mtendeli refugee camp in Kakoko District.

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Namkonjera and surrounding villages to make the most of it by supplying it with raw materials.

"These two factories will promote agriculture and use of products of forest conservation. The presence of the factories will enhance the cashewnut value chain, enabling Ruangwa to be a leader in cashewnut production," he said, pointing at the need to establish factories to process sesame, green peas and other crops cultivated in the region.

Ongoing investment in Lindi Region goes hand in hand with the government's commitment to establish and develop industries to boost the economy, ensure sustainable development and reduce poverty among the people, he stated.

In five years, the government has succeeded to strengthen the economy especially industrial production where a total of 8,477 new factories have been built, he said, noting that this has increased employment opportunities with 482,601 school leavers and graduating youth getting direct and indirect jobs.

Industrial sector contribution to national income has been rising annually to 8.5 percent in 2019 from 8.05 percent in 2018. In 2019 where commodities worth 10.2trn/- were manufactured, from 9.6trn/-worth of such goods a year earlier.

Earlier, Agriculture Deputy Minister Omar Mgumba linked successes in the industrial sector with President John Magufuli's supervision of the ruling party's 2015 election manifesto.

The government is determined to promote and expand cashew nut farming to one million tonnes by 2025 from the current 300,000 tonnes, he said.

Ruangwa District Commissioner,

Hashim Mgandilwa commended the investor—Orascom Construction and Engineering Company (T) Ltd for the ashew nut processing factory as it will boost the local economy and improve the education sector.

"Investors should prioritize giving back to the community," the DC emphasized.

Orascom (T) executive director, Magira Masegesa said construction of the factory is a joint venture project between Orascom and city-based firm, Yukos Enterprises.

He said they have so far employed 150 people Tanzanians, with the manufacturer putting out low cost furniture.

"We have injected 5bn/- in the first phase which includes purchasing of raw materials, log harvesting and processing machines. The factory's capacity is to process logs measuring 10,000 meters per year," he said.

"We have also injected 5bn/- in the first phase construction of the cashew nut processing factory," he elaborated. Revenue statistics show that 204,500 tonnes of cashew nuts were exported during August, September and October 2019, from 225,000 tonnes collected.

A report by the Cashewnut Board of Tanzania (CBT) states that cashewnut farmers earned 484.756bn/- from 181,273.23 tonnes of raw cashewnuts during the period from October 31, 2019 to December 22, 2019.



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Suzy Laizer (C), chairperson of the Tanzania Food Processors Association of Women Entrepreneurs, signs an agreement at the weekend with Mbeya City Council executive director Elias Ng'wandiko (R) at the handing over of five acres of land at Mbeya Industrial Park to be used by 50 micro, small and medium agro-processing industries. Looking on (L) is Tanzania Private Sector Foundation chairperson Angelina Ngalula. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Agro-processors in Mbeya get 5 acres to establish industries

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

MBEYA Region agro-processors, especially processors of fruits and vegetables, yesterday got a shot in the arm when Mbeya Region authorities handed over to the Tanzania Food Processors Association of Women Entrepreneurs (TAFOPA) five acres that will host a total of 50 micro-, small and medium industries.

The handing over ceremony was attended by Mbeya Regional Commissioner Albert Chalamila and the chairperson of the Tanzania Private Sector Foundation, Angelina Ngalula.

The especial industrial reserve area will be used by Kibowavi project, as association of fruits and vegetable processors, which is supported

by a Swiss organisation called Helvetas.

Chalamila told the gathering that the region was grateful to Helvetas for setting aside one billion/- to set up industries that would be run by women and youth growers of vegetables and fruits to produce quality products in plants that would be set up.

"We have witnessed the usefulness of Kibowavi project. That is why we quickly set aside this land for entrepreneurs in order to advance our region's economy and that of nation."

Ngalula also thanked both the region and Helvetas for supporting the private sector by paying attention to the needs of TPSF entrepreneurial members.

"This reserve area will host about 50 agro-processing industries and cold rooms. To us this means a lot. We see

liberation to our entrepreneurs coming very fast," she told the function, explaining that entrepreneurs would process and package products for local and foreign markets.

The chairperson said initiative would promote inclusive economy, advance the cause of the private sector and create jobs.

Ngalula said volume of businesses produced by small entrepreneurs grew every year. She said micro-, small and medium enterprises accounted for one third of Tanzania's GDP and offered 40 per cent of jobs countrywide.

TAFOPA chairperson, Suzy Lazier, thanked Mbeya Region for making the project one of its top priorities, adding that their association was serious about implementation of the national industrialisation agenda.

By Guardian Reporter, Kibaha

## Kibaha factory to export meat products to Kuwait and Oman

LONG time complaints over reliable markets from Tanzania livestock keepers to sell their products may soon come to an end following the completion of Tanchoice meat factory at Kibaha in Coast Region that has started production and export of meat products to the Middle East countries of Kuwait and Oman.

The factory has the capacity to slaughter 6,000 goats and sheep, including 1,000 cattle per day has provided employment to over 240 Tanzanians.

Speaking soon after witnessing the first batch of animals slaughtering at the factory, Luhaga Mpina, the minister for Livestock and Fisheries said the factory's inauguration was amongst the government's great achievements in adding value to livestock that focuses on the development of the country's livestock trade.

He said the factory will also spur the increase of livestock production among

herders as they would have a ready and reliable market for their animals.

Mpina hailed Tanchoice factory's investors for their great support to government efforts in attaining industrial economy status while showing his pleasure in the modern technology employed in the plant and machinery as well as the adherence to general environmental cleanliness at the factory.

He also assured the investor that the government will continue providing cooperation to enable the factory perform better for the country's economic development.

Rashid Abdillah, Tanchoice Director thanked the government for putting in

particular placing restriction rampant import of livestock products, the step that enabled them build the biggest factory of its kind in the East and Central Africa.

Rashid said as for now the factory has been provided with all the necessary permits including a certificate from Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS), "Halal" permit and a permit from the Tanzania Meat Board (TMB) allowing them to export meat products to Kuwait and Oman.

TMB Registrar Imani Sihalwe assured the Minister that they will work tirelessly to attract more meat factories are established to enhance the availability of livestock

products in the country. He said TMB will work together with Air Tanzania Corporation (ATCL) for reliable and fast air flights for the meat products to foreign countries.

Earlier Mpina visited the construction project for the new Vingunguti abattoir in Dar es Salaam where he instructed the abattoir's contractor to ensure the project is completed by September 30 this year.

When completed, the abattoir will have the capacity to slaughter and process 4,000 goats and 2,000 cattle per day.

He also instructed the contractor top ensure the new abattoir to have cold rooms to facilitate transport of meat to many areas in the country as well, as for export.

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By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

## Sima deplors inferior building works at Nsalaga Uyole dump

DEPUTY Minister of State in Vice-President's Office (Union and Environment) Musa Sima said here yesterday he had been deeply disappointed by sub standard construction of Nsalaga Uyole dump on the outskirts of Mbeya City.

The deputy minister called on the National Environment Management Council (NEMC) to cooperate urgently with the Regional Commissioner's Office to resolve the problem, falling short of ordering closure of the facility.

"All evidence shows that no exhaustive study was made before building this facility. This is disappointing and deplorable. From today garbage collectors must stop dumping waste at this facility because dirt goes back to residential areas," the vividly angry deputy minister ordered.

He called on Mbeya City Council to learn from other regions that had built modern dumps and also ensure separation of garbage was done according to the law.

The deputy minister is accompanied by the chairman of the NEMC board of directors, Professor Esnati Chaggu, NEMC director general, Dr Samuel Gwamaka and other NEMC technical staff.

Prof Chaggu said seepages from dumps, known as leachate, are eight percent more toxic than discharges from households and therefore leachate was

enormously dangerous to human health.

She appealed for urgent steps to stop leachate spreading around, especially preventing the discharge from reaching residential areas.

Dr Gwamaka said the Environmental

Management Act and its Regulations were very explicit on management of waste in dumps. The law, he said, bestowed on district council the duty of ensuring waste was broken up right at sources of origin so that waste that could be recycled was removed from

other waste. He said this was the right time for councils to ensure the separation was done because, he said, the separation had intrinsic entrepreneurial opportunities. Glass and plastic waste, he gave as an example, could be sold to factories for recycling.

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- Interested service provider can submit their documents to any of their convenient PCI offices mainly Dar Es Salaam and Musoma.
- The submission deadline for the above required documents is no later than 4:00 pm Thursday 04<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

## Geita RC launches Nyang'hwale district mineral trading market

By Guardian Correspondent, Geita

GOLD markets in Geita Region have contributed to the increase of government revenues in the mineral sector as well as controlling avenues for illegal minerals exports.

This was announced yesterday by Geita regional commissioner Robert Gabriel Luhumbi when speaking to hundreds of Nyang'hwale district residents at a short function to inaugurate the district's mineral market.

The RC said before the advent of the minerals markets, revenue collection from minerals was pathetic, but when in 2019 the main Geita mineral market was officially opened by the Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa,

government revenue from minerals jumped from 600m/- to 44bn/- per month.

He said the collections include government royalty from small miners whereas gold valued at 55.8bn/- was sold at the Geita main mineral market in the past two months.

RC Luhumbi called on miners to inculcate the culture of patriotism and cautioned minerals buyers at the market that whoever fails to abide by government laws and procedures will have their licences revoked.

"Minerals markets have plugged avenues for illegal exports of minerals by unfaithful miners and dealers and decreased government revenues. Geita Region has 9 small gold markets including the main market at Geita," he

said. In his statement at the opening on Nyang'hwale mineral market, Geita Region resident mining officer Daniel Mapunda said the region is bestowed with abundance of gold.

CCM chairman for Nyang'hwale District Adam Mtope appealed to the Ministry of Minerals to bring closer to the district the services of the minerals officers to reduce inconveniences experienced by investors in the mining sector to travel long distances to Geita town to seek the services.

Earlier, Nyang'hwale District Executive Director Miriam Chaurumbo said 70 per cent of the council's internal revenues come from mining investors and the construction of the mineral market had cost 700m/-.



NMB Bank Plc's chief of retail banking, Filbert Mponzi, addresses a Business Executives Network meeting attended by the bank's 150-plus corporate customers from the Lake Victoria zone regions of Mwanza, Geita, Mara and Kagera. The bank holds such meetings once a year, chiefly with a view to enhancing relations with SMEs, emerging and large corporate bodies. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## COVID-19: Kenya records 30,120 cases, nearly 700 more recoveries

NAIROBI

KENYA crossed the 30,000 mark of coronavirus cases yesterday after the Health ministry announced that 271 more people had tested positive in the last 24 hours. The total number of confirmed Covid-19 cases in the country, which announced its first one on March 13, therefore reached 30,120 on August 16.

The number of recoveries

also rose significantly, by 686 to hit 16,656, with the trend of more home recoveries persisting. A total of 626 of those discharged were under home-based care and 60 at health facilities.

The ministry further reported two more deaths in the last 24 hours, raising the total number to 474.

With the testing of 3,746 samples in the last 24 hours, the total number of samples tested in the country rose to

391,416.

In a statement, Health Cabinet Secretary Mutahi Kagwe said majority of the new patients - 268 - were Kenyans and the rest foreigners and that the youngest was eight months old and the oldest 86, while 170 were male and 101 female.

Meanwhile, Covid-19 death rates have been low and share of recoveries high in Africa despite earlier

warnings from experts that the virus would overrun weak health systems in most countries and kill millions.

Fears of a catastrophe in Africa were further fuelled by the fact that the novel coronavirus infected people with weak immune systems are at higher risk of severe sickness and death. This prediction did not augur well for the continent with the highest number of people living with HIV, which compromises the immune system.

As experts try to unravel the puzzle of the unexpected low death toll, the fact that Africa is now more prepared for public health crises because of Ebola and HIV pandemics experiences is being overlooked.

But about six months after Africa recorded its first case in Egypt, on February 14, the continent has so far escaped the dire predictions.

The continent has the second lowest number of coronavirus infected people dying from Covid-19 of six world's regions, according to data from Johns Hopkins University. Oceania leads with a confirmed case-death rate of 1.6 per cent, followed by Africa and Asia (two per cent each), South America (three per cent each), North America (four per cent) while Europe has the highest rate (six per cent).

With 17 per cent of the world population, Africa has about five per cent of confirmed cases and three per cent of deaths. With population considered, the continent also has the second-lowest rate of death of 19 deaths per one million people, which is about 34 times lower than North America's, the region with the highest rate.

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### SUPERVISION OF WATER SUPPLY WORKS

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Interested companies are encouraged to get more information and the bid documents of these projects at: <https://btctanzania.wordpress.com/>

The works contract notice is also published on the Enabel website, [www.enabel.be](http://www.enabel.be), in the Belgian Public Tender bulletin (BDA) and on the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) website.





READ International executive director Magdalena George cuts ribbon at the inauguration of a library at Nyamahona Secondary School in Sengerema District, Mwanza Region, at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# 'Employers failing to remit social security contributions on time face harsher action'

By Guardian Reporter

THE government is planning to impose stern measures for employers failing to submit mandatory social security contributions for their workers, saying it will amount to economic sabotage and money laundering crime.

Anthony Mavunde, the deputy minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office responsible for Policy, Parliamentary Affairs, Labour, Employment, Youth and the Disabled made the remarks over the weekend, saying discussions were in progress with the office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) on how to go about. Mavunde was speaking when launching a driver insurance programme for Tata Motors drivers over the weekend. According to deputy

minister Mavunde the move is aimed at making the law stiffer for the benefit of employees adding that it has come to the government's attention that most of the employers do not pay the contributions despite deducting from their employees.

"We are holding talks with the DPP's office because the law clearly states that the contributions are for employees and when you divert them automatically you are laundering money," he said.

Speaking on the insurance scheme by the global vehicle selling company, the minister hailed it, saying it will go a long way to help g

*"We came out with this idea in recognition of the commendable work that drivers are doing and therefore there is a need to insure them"*

drivers and their families.

The scheme dubbed "Endesha na bima maisha" Mavunde said the move by the company was a good gesture which was to be embraced by other stakeholders countrywide.

The human resources manager for the company said the scheme was going to benefit 100 drivers in the beginning saying the plan was to reach out to more drivers across the country.

"We came out with this

idea in recognition of the commendable work that drivers are doing and therefore there is a need to insure them," he said.

The marketing manager for Alliance Life Insurance Josephine Mfikwa said the driving sector was one among those forgotten industry, saying it was high time insurance companies established packages that include the sector which is very important for the national economy.

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# Tanzanians urged to use electricity services to improve their lives

By Guardian Reporter

Energy deputy minister Subira Mgalu has urged Tanzanians to utilise electricity services in their areas by setting up small industries and other income generating activities to improve their livelihoods and thus contribute to the national economy.

Mgalu called upon local government leaders to promote and encourage more residents to pay connection fees so as to be connected to power.

She made the remarks during her tour at Mazae village in Mpwapwa District, Dodoma Region before launching electricity services at Mazae primary school in the village.

According to Mgalu, despite the government efforts to send power services to the rural areas there are still some households that do not pay connection expenses so as to be connected to power.

"I am not satisfied with the speed of electricity connectivity in this village, it is high time now for street leaders to hold meetings to mobilize the people in their areas to pay for electricity connection service," Mgalu lamented.

She mentioned some of the areas where the electricity service has arrived but people in those areas have not yet paid for the service Isomvu, Chungu, Darajani, Nyabu and other areas in the village.

"The government has reduced the cost of connecting electricity to rural areas to 27,000/- only, this project is coming to an end the people seem to have not paid and the contractor said that if the people pay he is ready to connect them so I ask the people in the area to pay for electricity," he said.

Mgalu told the villagers that the government has been working hard to ensure that all Tanzanians have access to electricity and that's why it is implementing the Rural Electrification Programme (REA III).

"As the nation is building an industrial economy, one of our government's strategies is to ensure that electricity projects are

being implemented all over the country to enable individuals to run any kind of businesses and other projects," she said.

The deputy minister added that a good number of projects in the country are being implemented without providing adequate awareness to the people where many citizens do not have enough

understanding on the importance of the projects in their economic development.

"The government has allocated 800bn/- for electricity distribution work whereby the government will hand over the essential job of supplying power in the country's villages and suburbs to new contractors," he said.

She urged the people in the villages and suburbs that are yet to be reached by electricity projects to stay calm as the government's goal is to ensure that every household is supplied with electricity so as to promote economic activities.

So far, at least 9,512 villages in the country have been reached with power supply, Mgalu added.

Hamis Israel, one of the residents at the village commended the government for bringing power in the area, a move which has stimulated economic activities.

During the tour, Mgalu also inspected power supply projects in Kilosa District, Morogoro Region and inaugurated a completed power project at Lumuma ward.



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# Minister orders arrest of REA's contractor for Monduli District

By Guardian Correspondent, Monduli

Energy minister Dr Medard Kalemni has instructed the directors of both the Tanzania Electric Supply Company (Tanesco) and Rural Energy Agency (REA) to revoke the contract agreement with Nipo, the contractor given the tender to supply electricity in 67 villages of Monduli District in Arusha Region.

Dr Kalemni also directed the defence and security organs to arrest and interrogate the director of Nipo over expenditure of project's funds.

The minister issued the directive at the weekend moments after he inspected the implementation of REA project at Lendikinya village in Monduli District.

He also instructed the District Commissioner to arrest and interrogate

the company's agent for failure to complete the project within the time frame.

"Arrest the agent of the contractor as you continue looking for the managing director, question them about the funds provided by the government as the project had stalled for a long time now," he said.

Dr Kalemni also instructed Tanesco Arusha regional manager to remove the engineer who was supervising the project for failing to do his job as required.

He gave 14 days to the newly appointed Tanesco engineer to ensure the project is completed in time, else he will also be removed like his predecessor.

Dr Kalemni also called on directors of Tanesco and REA to abide by procedures governing procurement

and award tenders to contractors with the necessary qualifications for the job.

He also instructed the officials to deduct 10 per cent from the contract costs so as to pay the new contractor to do the job.

He also told them to make sure by September, this year 67 villages in Kilimanjaro Region and five in Monduli District get electricity.

During his visit Dr Kalemni was accompanied by the high profile officials of the ministry including Tanesco's managing director, REA director and managers from the northern zone.

Monduli District Commissioner Edward Balele said the implementation of the project began in 2018 and had stalled for the past three months.



Bank of Tanzania deputy governor Dr Bernard Kibesse (C) cuts a ribbon at the weekend to launch Mwanga Hakika Microfinance Bank, formed following the recent merger of Mwanga Community Bank, Hakika Microfinance Bank and EFC Tanzania Microfinance Bank. With him are the bank's board chairman, Ridhiwan Mringo (R), and deputy board chairman Raymond Tarimo. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole



17 August 2020

## Expression of Interest (EOI)/ Request for Information (RFI):

### Surface Exploration and Grade Control Drilling Services for AngloGold Ashanti Geita Gold Mining Limited (GGML).

#### Introduction:

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company") an AngloGold Ashanti's ("AGA") asset is located in north western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region, about 5km from Geita town.

AngloGold Ashanti Limited ("AGA") has a globally diverse, world-class portfolio of operations and projects. AGA is the third largest gold mining company in the world, measured by production. It has 14 gold mines in 9 countries. Our exploration programme is aimed at establishing an organic growth pipeline to enable us to generate significant value over time. Greenfields and brownfields exploration is conducted in both established and new gold-producing regions, through managed and non-managed joint ventures, strategic alliances and wholly-owned ground holdings.

The purpose of the EOI/ RFI is to explore the Drilling market for competent service providers with the requisite technical skills and financial capacity to undertake Exploration and Grade Control drilling services at our Geita Gold Mine in accordance with the RFI documents.

The responses to this EOI/RFI will be used to shortlist capable Service Providers that will be invited to respond to the Main Tender for Surface Exploration and Grade Control Drilling Services for Geita Gold Mining Limited (GGML). The details and dates for the issue of the Main Tender will be communicated to shortlisted Companies only. It is necessary to respond to this EOI/ RFI in order to be pre-qualified to be considered for the Main Tender.

#### Scope of work:

##### Surface Exploration and Grade Control Drilling Services

The primary purpose of the service is to provide surface drilling services comprising of:

- Exploration - Diamond Drilling (DD);
- Exploration - Reverse Circulation (RC);
- Grade Control - Open Pit RC Drilling; for the purpose of obtaining accurate and complete drilling samples, properly related to the depth of the drilling.

Drilling services (hereinafter referred to as "the Services") are to be performed at Geita Gold Mine underground operations in a safe, productive and efficient manner.

Table 1: Estimated Indicative drill metres by type from 2021 to end of 2023.

Drilling Type	2021	2022	2023	Total
RC Grade Control	14,757	45,000	40,000	99,757
RC Exploration	21,200	18,600	16,000	55,800
DD Exploration	31,800	27,900	24,000	83,700
<b>Total</b>	<b>67,757</b>	<b>91,500</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>239,257</b>

The Services will be performed at AngloGold Ashanti's wholly owned Geita Gold Mine ('GGM') lease, located in Geita District, Geita Region, approximately 910km from Dar es Salaam and 120km west of Mwanza City respectively, within the Lake Zone of northern-western Tanzania. The GGM lease area falls within the Archaean Sukumaland Greenstone Belt of the Lake Victoria goldfields and the mine is one of the largest open pit operations in Africa. Underground activities have recently commenced at the Star & Comet deposit and are planned at the Nyankanga and Geita Hill deposits.

The lease is at a mean altitude of +/- 1200m above sea level with a mean monthly temperature 22°C. Total annual rainfall is in the region of 1000mm with a dry season between June and September. The landscape comprises steep hilly areas along the southern and eastern areas with several river systems flowing from the hills across low lying 'mbuga' plains towards Lake Victoria in the northwest.

Mining at Geita is currently undertaken by conventional truck-and-shovel open pit mining method on one active pit at Nyankanga (to be completed in Q4, 2020), with Nyamulilima Cut 1 (Roberts) anticipated to commence mid-2021. The open pit portion of Star and Comet was completed in 2014 and underground mining started in early 2016 using the services of an underground mining contractor. Underground mining at Nyankanga commenced in 2016 and Geita Hill from 2021. GGM ore processing is via conventional CIL process, with the CIL plant having a throughput capacity of 5.2Mtpa.

#### Request for Information (RFI)/ (EOI) Electronic Documents

Interested companies/ Respondents are required to obtain electronic copies of the EOI/ RFI documents by e-mailing [LSagire@anglogoldashanti.com](mailto:LSagire@anglogoldashanti.com) by no later than **Monday, 24 August 2020 at 12:00 noon (Tanzanian Time Zone)**.

The closing date for the submission of EOI/RFI documents from interested companies is **Monday, 31 August 2020 at 0830hrs A.M (Tanzanian Time Zone)**.

# Lindi urged to exploit resource potentials of Rufiji river basin

By Guardian Correspondent, Lindi

AGRICULTURE Minister Japhet Hasunga has called upon farmers in Lindi Region to venture into irrigation farming using available water resources to boost productivity.

According to Hasunga, irrigation is the best solution to poor rains associated with extreme weather conditions.

He made the remarks over the weekend when speaking to cashew nut farmers at Tingi village, Kilwa District in Lindi Region. The minister was in a three-day special official tour which included listening to the challenges facing cashew nut farmers.

Hasunga said that most farmers have

been complaining over poor rainfall which led to poor harvests, insisting the solution to the problem was to engage in irrigation farming.

He urged them to properly use the available water sources such as Rivers and dams to boost their harvests as well as do away with seasonal farming which depend on rains solely.

He urged Kilwa District residents to tap the potentials available at the Rufiji River basin which includes practicing irrigation farming. He said there are possibilities of farmers to double their harvest and cultivate three times a year using available water sources.

"If used properly, the Rufiji valley can enable you to produce enough for food and business throughout the

year. You have yet utilized the River," said the minister noting there are only forests surrounding the valley instead of farms.

He said the government is determined to support farmers living near the Julius Nyerere Hydropower Station (JNHS) so that they use the waters for irrigation farming. He said the government will set up irrigation infrastructures around the Rufiji River to enable them cultivate commercially.

"Cultivating throughout the year would not only boost farmers' income, but also the nation," he noted.

Minister Hasunga is also expected to visit cashew nut farmers in Coast Region where he will also meet stakeholders.

# Tacaids instructed to distribute HIV testing services in Songwe Region

By Guardian Correspondent,

Mbozi

TANZANIA Commission for AIDS (TACAIDS) has been instructed to distribute HIV

testing kits to Songwe Region to reach targeted groups.

The Permanent Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office (Policy and Coordination), Dorothy Mwaluko, issued the instructions at the weekend

during her visit to various projects for people living with HIV at Mbozi in the region, giving two weeks for compliance.

She issued the directive following reports from

the Songwe Regional Medical Officer Dr Hamad Nyemba showing the region's failure in complying one '95' out of the three in the war against HIV/AIDS, that is to spike the HIV prevalence in people using Antiretroviral drugs (ARVs).

Dr Nyemba said since the region lacks the kits, they are forced to send blood samples to Mbeya where there were such kits resulting in delays of getting back feedback.

He said up to June 30 this year, Songwe Region attained 83 per cent in identifying people living with HIV and that 99 per cent have been prescribed to use ARVs.

PS Dorothy demanded explanation from the TACAIDS director Dr Leonard Maboko why such equipment was not available while according to reports the equipment had already been purchased.

Dr Maboko confirmed the purchase of the kits saying Songwe was among the priority regions to have the two testing kits - one at Tunduma and another at Mlowo.

He said he had no information that the kits had not been sent to the region and promised to make a follow up on the matter and ensure they are immediately sent.

Songwe is among the regions with high increase of HIV infections with 5.8 per cent, higher than the national average.

## THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA



### IN THE FAIR COMPETITION TRIBUNAL AT DAR ES SALAAM

#### APPEAL NO. 15 OF 2020

BETWEEN

DANIEL GATI GISIRI ..... APPELLANT

AND

MBIKIE STORES PETROL STATION ..... 1ST RESPONDENT

ENERGY AND WATER UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY ..... 2ND RESPONDENT

(Notice pursuant to Rule 16 of the Fair Competition Tribunal Rules, 2012)

**TAKE NOTICE THAT** an appeal has been lodged in the Tribunal against the whole decision of the Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) dated 28th May, 2020 in which EWURA dismissed a claim and counter-claim for damages arising out of supply of petroleum product alleged to be contaminated.

The appeal is based on, among others, grounds that EWURA erred in law and fact in ruling that the supplied petroleum product conformed to the required standard; erred in law and fact in relying on test results whose sample was collected a day later and in the absence of the Appellant; erred in law and fact in evaluating the presented evidence. Thus, the Appellant prays for orders to set aside the decision with costs and grant general damages.

**BY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE** any person who considers that he has sufficient interest may apply to intervene in the proceedings within seven days of the first publication of this notice to the Fair Competition Tribunal, 2nd Floor, Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology Building, Jamhuri Street, Dar Es Salaam.

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National Insurance Corporation managing director Dr Elirehema Doriye (R) briefs Finance and Planning minister Dr Philip Mpango, who toured the corporation's offices in Dar es Salaam late last week for a first-hand account of operations and challenges there. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## 'Conduct research on new light-fishing technology'

By Guardian Reporter

LIVESTOCK and Fisheries Minister Luhaga Mpina has directed the Tanzania Fisheries Research Institute (TAFIRI) to conduct research on new environmental friendly fishing light to be used by fishermen in the country.

Paving way for the research, Mpina allowed fishers to continue using generators in their activities until January 1, 2021.

Addressing fishermen and traders at the Ferry international fish market in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Mpina wanted TAFIRI to also engage fishermen in the research.

"After completion of the research, the government will announce new rules and regulations, so I am providing a grace period for the fishermen to continue using generators. The aim to come up with new fishing light is to ensure that we allow fishing activities to continue but also projecting marine resources for the suitable development," he said.

The minister wanted the fishermen to ensure that the value the interests of the current generation but also think also on the future generation.

"We strictly not allow the use of ring-net to fish during noon hours, this is illegal fishing, researches have proved that such kind of fishing affects lives of various marine species," he said.

He also assured the fishermen that the government is always awake to ensure that the group conducts its activities smoothly which include addressing various challenges facing fishermen and surrounding communities.

"We have also been conducting infrastructure improvements in various fish markets to ensure that traders conduct their activities smoothly. For example in Ferry market, the government constructed modern toilets as well as resting huts for fishers, traders and guests," Mpina detailed.

Ilala District Administrative Secretary (RAS) Charangwa Makwilo commended the ministry for valuing

fishermen and always being there to support them

He also commended the ministry for setting aside 1.7bn/- for the improvement of the Ferry fish international market, something which will also improve service provision in the area.

For his part, Feisal Ali, the secretary of the small-scale fishermen union also commanded the minister for allowing the use of generators during the transition period.

"We also hail the government for allowing us to use one licence to conduct fishing activities in the Indian Ocean, previously we were forced to have licence in every district council that we go to fish, this is a huge relief to us as it will allow most of the fishers to invest in their work and reap big to improve their income and the country's development," he said.

Feisal also commended the government for reducing export levy for small fish from US\$1 to US\$0.16 under the newly released regulations.

"We real also commend the government for reducing expenses of the export license for fishing products from US\$2,500 to US\$250 per year, this is a great step in the sector," he added.

**“We strictly not allow the use of ring-net to fish during noon hours, this is illegal fishing, researches have proved that such kind of fishing affects lives of various marine species”**

By Guardian Reporter

## PS: Work on Dar's Vingunguti abattoir 90 percent complete

CONSTRUCTION of the state-of-the-art Vingunguti abattoir in Dar es Salaam is now 90 per cent complete and will be fully operational by October this year, a senior official has disclosed.

The Permanent Secretary in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Government), Joseph Nyamhanga, said yesterday in Dar es Salaam during his visit at the strategic project.

He said: "As for now the work remaining is the installation of various machinery and cold rooms."

The PS said the completion of the

project will enable the supply of quality meat compared to that produced at the former abattoir, adding that the abattoir will employ 300 permanent workers as well as 3,000 workers on casual basis.

He further said the abattoir will have the capacity to slaughter 3,000 cattle in three phases each day, as well as collecting 3.4bn/- revenue per month.

Nyamhanga also instructed Ilala District Council to ensure it gets a qualified supervisor for the abattoir.

He also toured the modern Kisutu Market project and instructed the contractor to finish work within two months.

In addition, he called upon the council to make preparations for the market's operation so that it starts soon after its completion.

"The council should start allocation of stalls and other preparations, it should not be like the Job Ndugai Market in Dodoma which has been completed but has not yet fully operational because of poor preparations," Nyamhanga said.

He also said the government has allocated more than 500bn/- for implementation of 20 strategic projects in various areas in the country.

### THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA TANZANIA COMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY AUTHORITY ISO 9001:2015 CERTIFIED



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#### APPLICATION FOR LICENCES UNDER THE CONVERGED LICENSING FRAMEWORK

NOTICE is hereby given to the public that the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority has received licence applications from the following applicants:-

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Pursuant to section 8 of the Electronic and Postal Communications Act, Cap 306 of the Laws of Tanzania, written comments are hereby invited from any interested person in respect of the grant of licences to the applicants to reach the Authority within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice. Such comments will be taken into consideration when the Authority considers the applications.

Comments should be submitted to:

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Our client, **Zambia Cargo & Logistics Limited**, is seeking to recruit a **Human Resources Manager** who will lead the HR functions and report to the Chief Executive Officer. By leading the HR Leadership Team, he/she will be responsible for providing support in various human resource functions, which include recruitment, conditions of employment, salary and wages administration, manpower planning training and development, performance monitoring and employee counselling.

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- Periodic self-assessment of risk and controls
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#### Attributes:

- Impeccable integrity and customer focus
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#### Qualification & Experience:

- Bachelor Degree in Human Resources or its equivalent
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- Detailed knowledge and understanding of Human Resource Policies and Procedures including Employment Legislation.

**Application Process:** Interested candidates having met the above requirements are requested to submit their application along with cover letter and updated CV at [winnie@aegisattorneys.co.tz](mailto:winnie@aegisattorneys.co.tz)

**The closing date for application is Monday 24th August 2020**

**Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.**



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## SADC has achieved a lot it deserves to be proud of

THE Southern African Development Community (SADC) has a lot of successes to be proud of and that the region must not shy away from celebrating its collective achievements inspired by its common history.

THE adoption of Kiswahili as among official languages at Southern African Development Community (SADC) is one of the key achievements attained during Tanzania's chairmanship.

Tanzania last week handed over the chair of the Standing Committee of Senior Officials of SADC to Mozambique, highlighting four major feats over the past one year.

Outgoing committee chairperson, Ambassador Brig Gen Wilbert Ibuge, who is also the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, handed over the chairmanship to incoming chairperson, Ambassador Alfredo Nuvunga, Director for Regional and Continental Integration, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Republic of Mozambique.

President John Magufuli handed over the regional bloc's chairmanship to the President of Mozambique, Filipe Nyusi. Shortly after symbolically handing over the chair during the videoconferencing in Dar es Salaam, Brig Gen Ibuge said the regional bloc managed to register tangible successes despite challenges brought by the Covid-19, which forced the adoption of videoconferencing in conducting its businesses.

Apart from adoption of Kiswahili as the official language of the SADC, the previous one year witnessed preparation of regional guidelines for harmonising and facilitating movement of critical goods and services across the region during Covid-19 pandemic.

During its chairpersonship, Tanzania succeeded to improve and eventually recommended for improvement of two drafts- SADC Development Vision 2050 and Regional Indicative Strategy

Development Plan (RISDP) 2020-2030. As we handed over chairmanship, we look forward to the next meeting in March 2021 that Mozambique would lead all member states in formalising the two documents.

We are happy we Tanzania have managed to bring SADC, where it is supposed to be during this period of one year, although there was a big challenge of Covid-19.

All member countries stood for economic development, with the industrialisation agenda during President John Magufuli's leadership of the regional bloc.

SADC governments should now seek smart partnerships with the private sector and increase the region's productivity in the manufacturing and labour sectors, especially in the agro-industry and processing sectors. With the right policies and incentives, we can establish our countries as attractive destinations for win-win investment alliances.

Investment in education and infrastructure development, as well as curbing the illicit financial flows out of Africa, is critical in ensuring that SADC achieves its longstanding vision of a united, integrated and prosperous region.

The SADC region has the capacity to be self-sufficient through its natural resources as well as a vibrant and skilled human capital. We are endowed with vast natural resources that offer vast potential for unleashing growth and development for our region, however, it is critical for SADC to come up with new and innovative strategies to ensure that it adds value to its resources before exporting and ensure that the resources bring tangible benefit to our people and countries. SADC must use its abundant natural resources properly, and accelerate the pace towards industrialisation and aim towards being self-reliant.

## The digital economy is crucial in today's world

IN order to bridge inequality in Africa, young girls should be encouraged to enroll for studies related to information and communications technology (ICT). Information is power, and women are losing out because they are traditionally predisposed to be excluded from the ICT space.

The digital economy is crucial in today's world. It's a pillar on which world economies hedge their future. Unfortunately, women in Africa's informal sector have very low exposure and access to digital services.

Due to the developing state of all African countries, a majority of the female population lives in rural areas. Lack of education, poverty, mobility restrictions and limited exposure are some of the hurdles that curtail the realization of benefits associated with harnessing digital technology for Africa's women. Yet digitalization has the potential to uplift their socioeconomic life.

Traditionally, business and career opportunities have been biased against women in Africa. In some communities, they are seen as homemakers, and the economy is not structured in a way that creates equal opportunities for them.

Access to digital technology will provide immense opportunities for women. According to the Global System for Mobile Communication, a globally accepted standard for cellular communication, only 26 percent of women in Kenya can afford and use mobile internet.

In Tanzania, the figure is 17 percent, while in Mozambique it is 9 percent; Cote d'Ivoire, 28 percent; South Africa, 54 percent; and Nigeria, 35 percent.

Since education levels are low for many women across the continent, simple tasks such as how to create an email account are difficult. Digital

literacy should be an integral part of the effort. This would impart knowledge on how to set up email accounts and social media accounts.

The use of social media to advertise formal or informal businesses, display goods and services online, and interact with other women online will open up markets that can't be accessed through traditional channels.

In addition, empowering women through digital financial inclusion will have a positive impact on the continent's economic productivity. Women need tailor-made financial access based on the irregular income rhythms most of them have in rural settings.

Many of the conventional financial access avenues become a hurdle when racing toward digital inclusion of Africa's women. Access to simple credit solutions will enable them to acquire digital access gadgets, such as smartphones, tablets and computers, by paying small amounts over a period of time.

Telecommunications infrastructure should be available across the board as a crucial component for digital inclusion of women in Africa. It should be easier to adopt and use.

For instance, cheaper internet access is essential for enhancing affordable digital adoption by Africa's women. In some countries, internet is still expensive and is out of reach for women in rural areas.

Additionally, creating relevance of digital solutions in the everyday lives of women in Africa is also a key cog in getting the wheel of digital inclusion to turn. Content should be created that touches on the different facets of a woman's daily life. Information such as education for children and access to family health would make sense to them.

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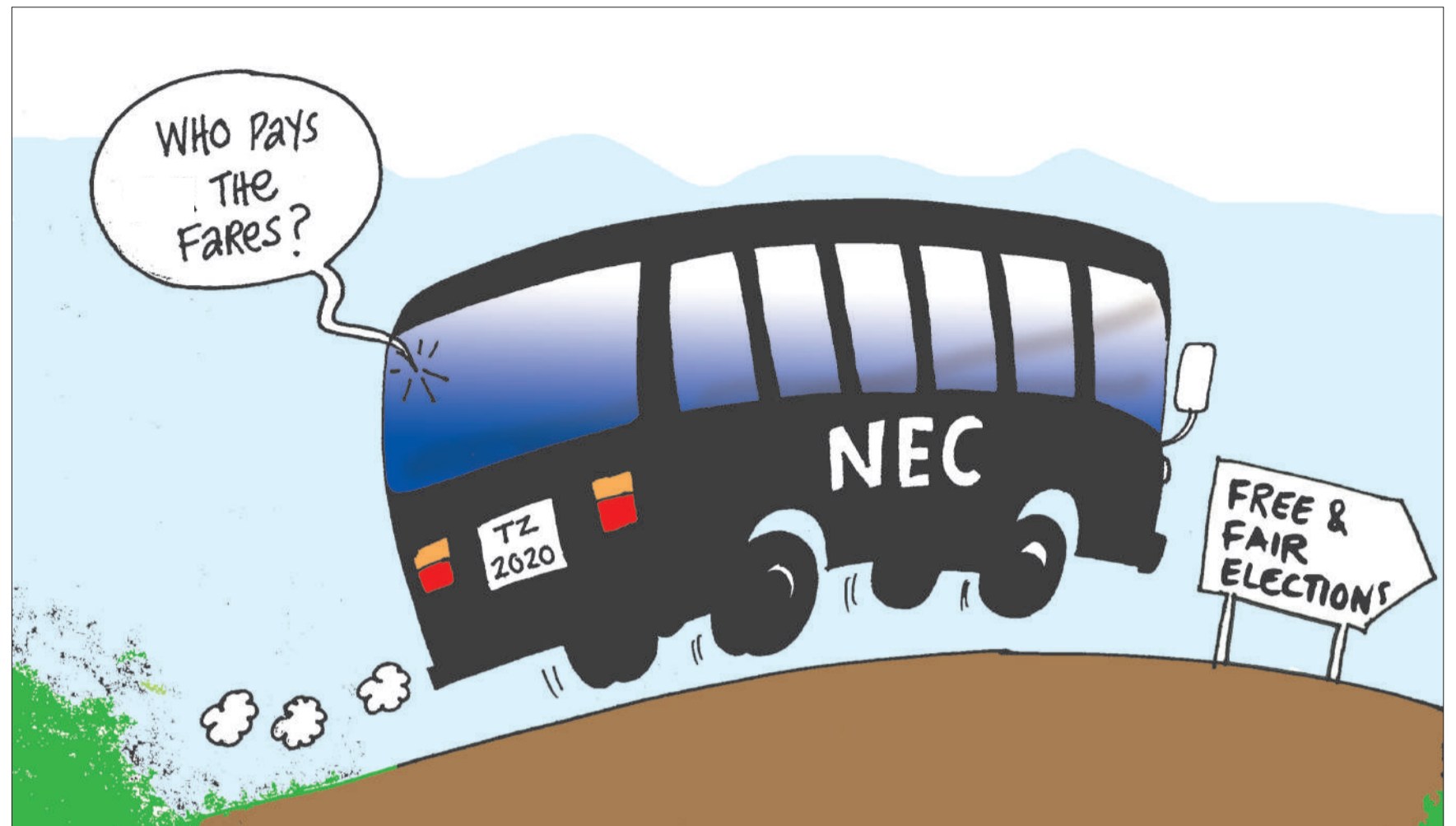
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## Fuel sector must end smuggling, arbitrage

By Special Correspondent

ZIMBABWE petroleum sector pricing policies, financing, supply chains and stock accounting need to be fixed quickly to prevent the growing risks of smuggling, arbitrage and deliberate defiance of foreign currency pricing rules.

Opportunities abound for dishonest profiteering and smuggling, yet it would now be relatively easy, thanks to the reforms of the monetary systems, to fix many of the problems in a way that makes it impossible for further cheating with very little pain to the ordinary consumer.

Smuggling is a problem, and has been a problem. We are now getting reports that fuel is even being double smuggled, with corruption extending across three countries.

It is now believed there has been a smuggling ring buying fuel in Mozambique, escaping Mozambican duties and Zimbabwean duties when smuggled into Zimbabwe and then avoiding South African duties when smuggled down south and sold there through criminal channels to dubious service stations and other users.

This was only caught when customs officers working for Zimra actually examined tankers bringing in soya bean oil and finding that the contents were petroleum fuels. How many other tankers of soya oil had come in with the wrong contents is anyone's guess, with the only certainty that the caught tankers were not the first.

In the second half of 2018, when Zimbabwe's official exchange rates

were so far below reality, there was a huge jump in fuel purchases in Zimbabwe, with no corresponding increase in vehicle traffic.

The only explanation was that well-organised rings were buying large quantities of fuel in Zimbabwe dollars and smuggling it into neighbouring states where they were selling it for foreign currency.

That was fixed by a one-off jump in local pricing using the excise duties, but a similar temptation must have been building up during the first half of this year, with the huge premiums on the Zimbabwean black market in foreign exchange.

And even now, there are sharp differences in prices according to the formulas set by energy regulator Zera between directly-imported fuel sold in US dollars and fuel sold in local currency.

Part of that gap is explained by different tax rates, but even with the intensifying competition in the US dollar market pushing down US dollar denominated prices, there is still a practical gap of 12.5 percent even when auction rates, rather than black-market rates are used.

The possibilities for arbitrage obviously exist, with fuel bought for Zimbabwe dollars being sold in US dollars. We do not know if checks are being made and, in any case, it is very difficult to look at a litre of petrol and decide whether it was imported by the central import system or as a private import.

There are obviously several steps that can be taken to eliminate smuggling, eliminate arbitrage, and rationalise the

whole system so that in the end it will not matter what currency is used.

Smuggling can be eliminated by simply checking the contents of every tanker entering Zimbabwe that could be carrying fuel, regardless of what the paperwork says.

A good sniff would work. Secondly Zimbabwe is not a fuel exporter, so no tankers of fuel should be going out over a border.

Fortunately, tankers need to use proper roads and bridges: they cannot be smuggled over mountain paths or rafted across rivers. So checking the contents of every vehicle that could be carrying bulk fuel is simple and possible.

If there is a desire to retain the present dual system of fuel imports, then legislation already exists to force all fuel to be stained.

There is even provision for the cost of staining in the price formulas. This would at least stop green coloured Zimbabwe dollar fuel being sold in foreign currency, and pumps of US dollar service stations should be delivering red.

And if anyone is selling brown fuel we know someone is mixing the two supplies.

But with the success of the auction system set up by the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, perhaps the time has now come to move the financing of fuel imports out of direct RBZ allocations and put it through the auctions, the oil companies having to join other bidders while the RBZ moves what it allocates from the reserves to the auctions.

With the process of price discovery now almost complete, with gaps of

less than 10 percent between top and bottom successful bids and an even narrower gap for more than 90 percent of trading, oil companies should be able to get their bidding fairly accurate.

Zera could continue enforcing a pricing formula, and basing this on the average weighted rate to encourage oil companies to bid very tightly indeed.

At the same time the tax structure could be modified to make taxes equal, regardless of currency, and then the Government and the RBZ would need to enforce the recent rules of dual pricing using the auction rate, with the motorist queuing for fuel having the option which one to use.

That change and that enforcement would be necessary because otherwise the higher profits inherent in the formulas for directly imported fuel would encourage cheating.

To make matters move more smoothly, we cannot see any problem with major exporting companies with large nostro balances being allowed to hire an oil company to import their fuel, with the nostro holder paying the landed cost in foreign currency.

This would simply stop large monthly fuel orders causing unnecessary strains in the auctions.

There might be many other ways of bringing fuel into the increasingly normal Zimbabwean economy. Certainly at the moment it is easily the largest sector still in theory under the old systems, with the recent additions possibly causing more problems than they solve, and certainly opening the doors to arbitrage, cheating and smuggling.

By Prof. Emmanuel Nnadozie

THE COVID-19 pandemic is a major crisis for Africa. To better understand the economic impact, we need to look at the three dimensions of this pandemic. First, is the impact of the disease itself on individuals, families, communities, nations and regions.

The second is the economic and social impact of the response to the pandemic and the mitigation measures that have been put in place and lives and livelihoods, and third is the challenge of post-COVID-19 recovery and reconstruction.

According to various estimates, the pandemic has caused and will continue to have a severe impact on the economies of African countries. The African Development Bank (AfDB) has estimated a loss of gross domestic product (GDP) of between US\$22 billion and US\$88 billion.

This is a very serious challenge for the continent as it has direct impact

## We are all in this together

on economic activity and productive capacity through inflation and debt. So far, we have seen disruptions in trade and value chains and there has been a sharp decline in the prices and exports of primary commodities. As such, this is an opportunity to intensify efforts in diversifying and transforming African economies to bring about more resilience.

There is also a reduction in financial flows in terms of investment and diaspora remittances. Foreign aid and tourism have been hit hard because of the travel bans and lockdowns put in place by various governments to curb the spread of the Coronavirus.

ACBF has been directly affected by the lockdowns and we find ourselves unable to function at full capacity. This affects our ability to support our Member States, our non-state actors, and all the institutions at country,

regional and continental levels where we build the capacity of institutions and provide technical skills that are needed to bring about economic transformation.

To overcome this obstacle, the ACBF has devised innovative ways of doing business. This notwithstanding, the demand for our services remains huge, especially in light of the COVID-19-induced challenges facing African countries and their institutions. Financial resources remain a challenge due to their insufficiency, unpredictability and unsustainability.

We are continuously grateful to our Member States and partners for their support and call on them to continue investing in their Foundation. This support is critical now more than ever, as Covid-19 continues to threaten the gains made towards the realisation of Agenda 2063.

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# The shameful, barbaric and inhumane lynching must stop. We are in the 21st century please

By Nana Sifa Twum

Last week, the entire nation was thrown into a state of shock by another gruesome murder, this time, the lynching of a 90-year-old woman Akua Denteh at Kafaba, in the Savana Region.

The woman was accused by fellow women of witchcraft. In the video widely circulated two women were seen shamefully and unspeakably molesting the woman that nature has blessed with long life. A fetish priestess is reported to have identified her as the cause of woes in the town and therefore paraded the fragile woman before a huge crowd and subjected her to severe molestation and beating which resulted in her untimely death.

The incident has sparked off a huge public sphere and a wide-spread condemnation from across the country. Former Presidents John Mahama and John Rawlings, Government and officials as well as Civils Society Organisations and individual women advocates and activists have condemned the wicked and barbaric acts.

The president of the land, Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo Addo has in no uncertain terms condemned the action of the people who committed the atrocious crime against the 90-year old woman. Until quite recently, Women of ancient Africa often led powerful, spiritual, and traditional roles that garnered them respect and admiration from society. In our traditional parlance, when there was a very difficult situation, the community runs to the old woman for advice and direction. Old women took on positions as oracles, spirit mediums, seers, and advisors, and therefore dominated the spiritual system across

the land.

Each voice such as the Minister for Such Gender, Children and Social Protection, Cynthia Morrison, has condemned the lynching and demanded an "immediate investigations and prosecution of all the perpetrators of this gruesome murder in accordance with our laws." Others have also called for justices and in some cases, suggestion means to help eradicate these primitive acts in this 21st century.

Local and international media reports on the case suggest that this practice is prevalent in the Northern part of Ghana and currently there are hundreds of women accused of witchcraft by relatives or members of their community are living in 'witch camps' after fleeing or being banished from their homes.

It is believed that there are around 800 women in these camps who live under very poor conditions and have little or no hope of a normal life. These women have fled discrimination, threats, or even mob justice as has happened to the innocent Akua Denteh.

This woman is not the first victim and perhaps would not be the last if this is not checked. Several women have been murdered in similar wicked circumstances. At least we recalled the mother of three who was beaten and set on fire after being blamed for making a child sick through witchcraft some six years ago. In 2010, the case of a 72-year-old woman who was also set on fire and killed made headlines around the world.

In some of these unfortunate incidents, women are the most vulnerable, does that depict that women are the only people in this world who are witches?

In her book "The Devil in the Shape of a Woman" the prolific American his-



torian, Carol Karlsen noted "Perhaps the most salient point about witch trials, students quickly come to see, is gender. In Salem, 14 of the 19 people found guilty of and executed for witchcraft during that cataclysmic year of 1692 were women."

She argued that across New England, where witch trials occurred somewhat regularly from 1638 until 1725, women vastly outnumbered men in the ranks of the accused and executed adding that 78% of 344 alleged witches in New England were female." What did women do wrong

What about the male counterparts of the so-called witches? If anything at all there are also wizards. If there are no wizards then and there are also no witches. So, what happens to the wizards who we are made to understand are men.

Wizard usually refers to a male, while witch usually refers to a female. The English celebrated author Harry Potter, says "a man who anomalously showed the same abilities as a witch is known as a wizard. The term wizard is sometimes used as a male counterpart of a witch in fiction.

In any case, who identifies and declares who is a witch? We know too well that issues of such nature are spiritual and therefore must be dealt with spir-

itually. What sense does it make for someone to fight the spirit with the physical beatings and eventual lynching?

In all these the perpetrators are women. Does the old saying that women are their own enemies apply here? "I know even writing this that it is an essentialist view, but maybe this is the only way to break free of patriarchy and disrupt the current norms to such an extent that we can create an equal society where people are seen as individuals, and rewarded or judged by their actions and not by their gender. I don't have the answers but I know that suggesting that women are their own worst enemies isn't helping anyone."

Again, witchcraft is often associated with the poor. Are there not some rich people who are witches and if there are who on earth could stand to lynch them or even accuse them of being witches.

So, therefore, it stands to reason that poverty has a link and strong connotation on witchcraft. They could be best described as bedfellows.

The video again suggests that the entire community accented to the barbaric act. The reason being that, they looked on unconcern and absolutely no attempt was made by anyone

among the crowd to help save the dying woman who was pleading for her life to be spared. At least there is a chief of the town and there is also an Assemblyman. Were these opinion leaders aware and what did they do?

Another irony is the lack of prompt action on the part of the Ghana Police Service. 72 hours after this nobody in such a relatively small community had been apprehended for a crime that was openly committed. It took the media and civil society to call on the police to act promptly before the chief of the town,

Zackaria Yahaya was arrested and five other people surrounding themselves to the police. This is shameful and another dent of the integrity of our internal security kingpin. Can our police be proactive sometimes?

By and large, the condemnation must not end with the matter. Pragmatic measures must be put in place to find a lasting solution to such acts in that part of the country which is creeping into the Ghanaian society like cancer.

We must act promptly as a nation to put a stop to these uncivilized acts from happening again. Women

activists parliament and all stakeholders must double up their game to halt this for this is not be associated with a country like ours.

It is shameful, primitive, sinful, and barbaric and must not be associated with a society like ours in this day and age.

In the words of President Akufo-Addo, "We should all work together to ensure that never again do such acts disfigure the face of our nation. I hope that the quick response of the police will lead to the rapid administration of justice in this unfortunate matter," he said.



## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

### HJFMRI SMS REMINDER APPLICATION SYSTEM (HSRAS)

#### 1. Introduction.

The Walter Reed Program Tanzania (WRP-T) is a collaborative effort that supports PEPFAR-funded HIV prevention and treatment activities in the Southern Highlands and with the Tanzania People's Defense Forces (TPDF). HJF Medical Research International, Inc. Tanzania (HJFMRI-T) is a local non-profit that has supported these efforts since 2004 for the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR). PEPFAR activities are conducted in close collaboration with the Tanzania Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children; and the President's Office of the Regional Administration and Local Government (PORALG), through the Regional and Council Health Management Teams.

Working together, the Southern Highlands Program (SHL) currently supports 177,380 people on antiretroviral therapy (ART), and nearly one million people have received counseling and testing services. WRP-T has enrolled more than 51,000 adolescent girls and young women in Tanzania into the DREAMS program, keeping them Determined, Resilient, Empowered, AIDS-Free, Mentored, and Safe. SHL supports more than 373 health facilities in Mbeya, Rukwa, Katavi, and Songwe regions. These collectively represent a catchment area of about 5, 200,00 million people. The TPDF Program supports 22,000 clients across 47 Military (TPDF) health facilities in both Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar, eight of which are zonal hospitals.

In October 2015, the World Health Organization supplied guidance on what it calls the treat-all approach in which they recommended antiretroviral therapy (ART), for everyone living with HIV regardless of the CD4 cell count, generally known as Test and Start; this approach initiates patients on ART straightaway after an HIV-positive diagnosis in an effort to improve health outcomes<sup>1</sup>.

Aiming to achieve the UNAIDS 90-90-90 targets, countries intensified their efforts focusing on high HIV burden areas<sup>2</sup>. Tanzania adopted the Differentiated service delivery models (SDM) to address the UNAIDS targets. The SDM allows stable clients to come to clinics less often than others for drug pick-ups and other consultations. HJFMRI/WRP-T introduced the model in May 2018. Some of the essential aspects that pose challenges and need to be addressed in the face of SDM implementation include management of client's appointments, monitoring of HIV viral load, and ensuring drug adherence.

The plan is to build a scalable SMS reminder platform that will address the challenges above and the evolving needs of the program. Observations noted include the fact that some of the clients miss their appointments because they forget the appointment date/day, while some forget to ask for their lab results during their appointment. Furthermore, sometimes results are missing from patients' files, so clinicians let them go without proper counseling, while lab results are already at the facility.

#### 2. The objective of the assignment

HJFMRI /WRP-T wants to develop a system which can send reminders on patients' mobile phones, of the date they are supposed to attend the clinic and also to notify them when laboratory results are out, through an SMS reminder informing them that the results are out and they should contact Health service provider and their next visit to the health facility.

#### 3. Specific tasks

- To develop requirements for setting up the SMS reminder system, which includes the following:
  - Appointment reminders
  - Messages on adherence
  - Getting alerts on the availability of viral load results
  - Retention (reducing LTFU).
- Conduct meeting with HJFMRI staff to get an understanding of the system required
- Develop a diagram which shows the logic of the assignment
- Develop a system which matches the requirement of the HJFMRI staff
- Test the system/pilot the system
- Train HJFMRI staff on using the system
- Produce a user manual.

#### 4. Key Deliverables

- Process Flows (Business Rules).
- Project Plan
- Technical documentation on
  - User Requirements
  - Document for Database designing
- Weekly presentation on database development progress to HJFMRI-T
- The rollout of the application
- USSD Menus
- Mobile application
- Technical documentation- Technical Proposal
- User manual.
- Train HJFMRI staff on the system.

#### 5. Timeframe.

It is anticipated that the assignment will be completed in 6 months, including the pre-test of the application. Interested companies are hereby requested to submit their Expression of Interest (EOI) that must include the following minimum requirements:

- Company profile.
- Certificate of Incorporation / Registration.
- Current Trade License / Business Permit.
- Technical Expertise to understand the RFP.
- Current list of clients where similar services are being provided or have been provided.
- Names and CVs of key staffs who will be handling the contract.
- Audited financial statements for the last two years.

Interested applicants should submit their response to this EOI to [bids@wrp-t.org](mailto:bids@wrp-t.org) not later than 24th August 2020 at 5:00 PM.

## Politics and Nigeria's electricity sector

By Reuben Abati

While Nigerians are busy with the management of COVID-19 and its many fall-outs, fire has been burning in other aspects of national life which require equal attention both now and after COVID-19 - the increasing spate of insecurity in the country is one, the crisis in the country's electricity sector is another, but COVID-19 is such an all-consuming pre-occupation that other issues have been pushed to the back-burner. More people have died in Nigeria from attacks on communities by terrorists nicely referred to as bandits since January raising a question about the country's capacity to win the war against terror and insecurity, and there have been crises on other fronts that we would still need to deal with, which may have far-reaching implications for national economic sustainability. The politics of the electricity sector is one of such issues.

Long before COVID-19, for example, there have been problems with Nigeria's privatization of the power sector and the performance of the entire value chain from generation to transmission and distribution.

The problem perhaps can be traced back to 2013 when the Federal Government of Nigeria decided to complete the privatisation of the electricity sector. The then PHCN was unbundled into three parts: Generating Companies (GenCos), the Transmission Company of Nigeria, and Distribution Companies (DisCos).

The ancient Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN), even after its commercialisation did not meet the objective of achieving efficiency and effectiveness in delivering power to accelerate Nigeria's economic development process. The underlying philosophy as I understand it, is that partnership with the private sector will address that omission and re-position Nigeria's electricity value-chain. The Nigerian Government sold a 60 per cent stake in the distribution end of the value chain, and retained ownership of 40 per cent therein, but it kept 100 per cent control over the transmission of electricity. The GenCos had different controlling share ratios. Manitoba of Canada was engaged to manage the Transmission Company of Nigeria. Private investors took over the management of the Gencos and Discos.

The reform of the elec-

tricity sector is one of the major last acts of the Goodluck Jonathan administration. Many institutions of state were involved in the process, notably the Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE), the National Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC), that is the regulator, and the Bulk Electricity Company, the middle broker known as the Bulk Trader. Privatisation is not an automated transaction. It is a process, with its own twists and turns and indeed, there were in-built mechanisms in the power sector reform process and the Electricity Power Sector Reform Act (EPSRA) Act to ensure reviews, standards and the fine-tuning of the process. But the entire process had hardly assumed a definite form, the private investors had not yet settled down, when Nigeria faced one of its most momentous transitions in contemporary history. The Jonathan administration left in May 2015. It was replaced by a new administration led by President Muhammadu Buhari.

This lent a new tone to everything else: the new administration had a choice to continue with the programmes of its predecessor or to adopt some of them and review/reject/

cancel others. This was exactly what happened. And it happened that the power sector reform process was one of those areas that the new federal government felt a review was necessary.

This is understandable perhaps. Successive Nigerian administrations since the return to civilian rule in 1999, have without exception acknowledged the fact that an efficient power supply sector would help to accelerate Nigeria's development process, and even the quality of livelihood. In an economy dominated mostly by the informal sector and Small and Medium Scale Enterprises (SMEs), an efficient power supply system should facilitate productivity and release the people's energies for maximum beneficial outputs, with corresponding implication for output growth. The bigger questions, however, have been: how to keep politics out of it? How to get it right? And how best to act in the national interest and not narrow, partisan interests? Those were the questions at issue when the Umaru Yar'Adua administration succeeded Obasanjo's administration in 2007 and billions worth of imported equipment were allowed to rot away at the ports.



# Men need to do more to ensure that women and children in South Africa have a future

By Mmusi Maimane

I have the responsibility to teach my son values; how he ought to treat my wife and our daughter. He needs to see that through me - not just for me to speak on it, but to also act on it. Families transfer value, inspire education and morals, and as a father that is my responsibility.

August 9, 2020, marks 64 years since over 20,000 women marched to the Union Buildings in Pretoria, the seat of national government, to protest dehumanising "pass laws". These brave women sent a clear and simple message to government: certain people were treated unfairly based on incidence of birth and the colour of their skin, and this must change.

Sixty-four years later and those laws have been abolished - every person is equal, formally, before the law. However, the structural effects of such a law, and others, persist. In short, those inhumane laws do not exist in any statute book, but they are in effect in communities across South Africa.

Today, millions of South Africans face markedly different chances of success in life due to incidence of their birth and the colour of their skin. On this Women's Day, I want to draw attention to the state of our nation's home and how this more often than not perpetuates existing patterns of inequality in our

society. In particular, the intertwined relationship between unstable homes and the prevalence of crime and violence in our communities. Ultimately, we can increase policing all we want, but if we fail to address the mitigating factors in our homes, we will never build a safe and prosperous society.

The numbers and cases of gender-based violence (GBV) keep rising and the stories keep making front pages. GBV is closer to home than we wish to imagine. I believe that GBV, like many other crimes, starts at home in the sense that children witness acts of violence which then they act out sometime in their future. Young boys are shown how to mistreat girls, and how to treat their mothers and sisters, because of unstable homes and no father figures.

Basic psychology suggests that the environment a child grows up in will have an impact on them in the future; how they act, their values, morals and their mental temperament.

This Woman's Day I call on men to step in and do their part. More than 40% of all households in South Africa are headed by a single parent. It is our responsibility as men to also get involved in home situations and look out for the wellbeing of our children.

We must ease the burden on women and mothers. This can contribute to gender stereotypes - masculinity and femininity resulting in unequal gender roles. Last year's crime



statistics showed that seven women were killed in South Africa every day. Where are the voices of men in this injustice?

I have the responsibility to teach my son values; how my son ought to treat my wife and our daughter. He needs to see that through me, before anywhere else, not just for me to speak on it, but to also act on it. Because families transfer value, inspire education and morals, and as a father that is my responsibility.

According to the latest available statistics, 31% of black children have their father living with them. This statistic is 80% for white children, showing how the destruction of the black family by the Apartheid government is still affecting

children in the year 2020.

Recently I visited Khayelitsha, a township in Cape Town. When I arrived, a murder had just taken place. It was one of the 54 murders that took place that day throughout the country. The body had been lying there for two hours; the police had blocked off the area - however, it was as if this was as common as a broken-down car. I was struck by how the community carried on with life as if nothing had happened.

It was reminiscent of my youth days in Dobsonville, where, as school children, we could walk past dead bodies and it was just the abnormal normal. While many are trumpeting farm murders - which is correct to raise - what is undeniable

is that murder in our townships is a crisis we often normalise.

Six of the country's top 10 murder precincts are in the Western Cape; Khayelitsha is second in the country only after Delft. My point is that the life of a resident of Khayelitsha is no less valuable than the life of a farmer.

Our children grow up in these environments. What kind of message are we sending to them? Are we saying it's right to see such things on a daily basis?

I reflected deeply on why crimes are not reported when criminals are often known in our communities, and why crime has become so normalised. Despite having bumped into a journalist on site, that crime

had not been reported.

Sociologists frame correctly that crime is at one level about policing, but on another level it's about ensuring that youth don't become criminals. The state of our homes and families is in crisis as South Africans. Therefore, policy intervention is urgently required. Here are some ways to start:

- Paternity leave to be expanded to encourage the presence of fathers with their children.

- Ensure sufficient minimum income and adequate standard of living for all families, especially those who are vulnerable and/or in extreme economic or social need, through a variety of social

protection policies and programmes.

- Intensify efforts to create employment and other income-generating opportunities for working-age family members to ensure a regular income.

- Provide higher education and training opportunities for young people in order to improve their skills and assist them in entering the labour market.

As the famous African proverb goes, "It takes a village to raise a child."

What children see around them, from neighbours and the community, will largely impact them. They will most likely be the ones having their lives ended because of street activities, gang affiliations and the social infrastructure.

It is the duty of parents to get involved and reinforce and instil a value system in children. A value system that allows them to prevent their choices from being influenced by street activities and violence. A value system that teaches them to care for themselves and others; not cause harm and to not just sit when abuse is happening on their doorstep.

Children are the future and we need to protect them, and protect our women, so they can prosper and not feel as if they are in a country or world that wants in every way to inflict harm on them.

By Special Correspondents

The early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic have been linked to a "wet" market in Wuhan, in the Hubei province of eastern China. Wet markets are common in Asia, Africa and elsewhere, selling fresh fruit and vegetables, poultry, fresh meat and live animals, including wildlife. Reports initially indicated that the coronavirus which causes COVID-19 may have been transmitted to people from wildlife at this wet market because of unsanitary conditions.

The pandemic has led to some wildlife conservation organisations to call for blanket bans on wildlife trade on public health grounds. They include bans on commercial trade in wildlife for human consumption and calls from 200 organisations to close down live wildlife markets. More extreme calls include ending the keeping, breeding, domestication and use of all wildlife, which also covers traditional medicine.

But blanket bans are unlikely to benefit people or wildlife, and are unfeasible because they overlook the complexity of the wildlife trade. The COVID-19 outbreak should not be used opportunistically to prescribe global wildlife trade policy. A more appropriate response would be to improve wildlife trade regulation with a direct focus on human health.

Wildlife is used globally on a daily basis, from medicinal plants and edible fungi, to wild meat in Europe, North America,

## Coronavirus: Why a blanket ban on wildlife trade would not be the right response



Southern Africa and elsewhere. Wildlife trade enables people in many parts of the world to meet their basic needs and can provide livelihood benefits from harvesting or farming.

Despite the way it is often presented, wildlife trade involves far more than animals harvested in tropical regions and sold in China. It includes species from land, freshwater and marine habitats, including fisheries, in production systems ranging from wild harvesting to captive breeding. It

takes place at local and international levels, includes legal and illegal, sustainable and unsustainable components, and is measurable in billions of dollars annually.

Bans are seldom the answer. Unquestionably, wildlife trade regulations require review in response to COVID-19 for public health reasons. However, while bans may appear to be a logical solution, their impact on public health cannot be assumed to be positive. They could also do more harm than good for biodiversity.

Typically, prohibition does not deter all traders in marketplaces. This would mean that trade in some products would likely continue illegally. Traders would be motivated by financial profits, with an increased risk of trade being controlled by organised crime.

Bans may not stigmatise consumption either, especially where products are socially desirable, meaning consumer demand for many products would persist. This is a public health concern because, unregulated, such trade would

likely be clandestine and, if unsanitary, could pose the risk of transmitting disease from animals to humans. Bans, especially where they remove legal supply options, such as captive breeding, could raise perceptions of scarcity, and drive up black market prices and increase incentives for poaching. This could accelerate the exploitation and extinction of species in the wild.

The outcome for wildlife economies would also

**Better regulated trade**

Banning all wildlife trade is a knee-jerk and potentially self-defeating measure. A more appropriate response would be improving regulation of wildlife markets, especially those involving live animals. This should include full consideration of public health and animal welfare concerns to ensure there is low risk of future animal-to-human disease outbreaks.

This could be achieved by focusing on highest-risk species and improving conditions along supply chains and in markets, such as health and safety and sanitation, and regular animal health checks. These practices could draw on existing standards that apply to regulations for transporting live animals by air.

Like bans, any new or revised regulations would require enforcement. But approaches such as "smart regulation" could be used to aid the process. This could ensure that new measures are culturally appropriate and incentivise local people, traders, buyers and law enforcement agencies to comply. Devising regulations in this way would mean they are more likely to be effective, rather than undermined which a blanket ban would do.

Rushing to indiscriminately ban all wildlife trade in response to COVID-19 would not eradicate the risk of animal-to-human disease outbreaks. It could also have a severe impact on livelihoods and biodiversity. Improved regulations that focus on health, if implemented well, would avoid these effects while ensuring a low risk of future disease outbreaks.



By Guardian Correspondent,  
Songwe

## RC vows to eliminate illegal money lenders

SONGWE Regional Commissioner Nicodemus Mwangela has instructed the police in the region to work together with the Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB) to put to an end illegal in-

stitutions that lend money to the people at exorbitant interests.

He issued the directive at the weekend when handing 7m/- to Aston Nzunda, a retired teacher, Mbozi mis-

sion resident, the money reclaimed by the Bureau from an institution he had received the loan at high interest rate.

He said the only institutions permitted to provide

loans were those licensed by the Bank of Tanzania (BoT) or the Ministry of Finance and Planning, adding that all the rest should be eradicated. "And you PCCB are also required to educate

the people so that they know the correct institutions to seek loans from," Mwangela said.

He also called on other people who were charged high interest rates in their

'street' loans to report to appropriate authorities for help in reclaiming their money.

Earlier, when handing the money, the head of the PCCB for Songwe Region Damas

Suta said in the period of two months, the Bureau reclaimed 15m/- through a special operation, as directed by President John Magufuli. He said apart from Nzunda's 10m/-, 5m/- was also

reclaimed in Ileje District in respect of Leah Masamba, another teacher who also received a high interest loan from an illegal institution.

He said Nzunda was loaned 8m/- but within eight months he was required to pay back 25m/-, while Masamba was loaned 1m/- and was required to repay 5m/-.



Livestock and Fisheries minister Luhaga Mpina (L) addresses members of Tanga Dairies Cooperative Union (TDCU) in Tanga last week. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Mpina now pushes for establishment of the national pastoralists' co-operative union

By Guardian Correspondent, Tanga

LIVESTOCK and Fisheries minister Luhaga Mpina has stressed the need for the immediate establishment of the national pastoralists' cooperative union to enable the group to benefit from various training, capital and loans from the Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank (TADB).

Addressing members of the Tanga Dairies Cooperative Union (TDCU) here, Mpina wanted the cooperative union to be established and start operating by October, this year.

The minister was overwhelmed by the achievements recorded by the TDCU which consists of a number of dairy farmers in the region.

"Through their union, TDCU has been able to get modern dairy farming equipment as well as a loan amounting to 236m/- from TADB, this a very huge step, so if a national union for livestock keepers will be formed, then, majority of our pastoralists will reap big from their activities," he said.

He directed the ministry department of research, training and extension in collaboration with the Private Sector's desk, Tanzania Dairy Board (TDB), Tanzania Meat Board (TMB) and Heifer International to form a special task force which will supervise the establishment of the union.

"The union the pastoralists' cooperative union will bring together all pastoralists, including those faring goats, sheep, dairy cows, beef cattle, poultry, pigs, dogs, donkeys, rabbits. This will enable them to have a common voice and be able to benefit from various things including training,

credit and marketing of the products they produce," he noted.

During his meeting with the management of Tanga Fresh and TDCU, Mpina urged them to prepare a strategic plan so as to purchase modern dairy farming equipment so as to increase milk production from the current 40,000 litres per day to 120,000 litres.

"The ministry's director of production and marketing in collaboration with the dairy board, TADB and Heifer International should sit down and form a joint task force and submit to the ministry a report on how to start importing the best dairy farming plants which will be distributed to various dairy cattle farmers in the country. This should be done within one week," Mpina emphasized.

For his part, TDCU chairman Hamid Mzee commended the government for taking various efforts to support Tanga Fresh Company as it was facing several challenges.

"We really appreciate the government's support, the factory almost died due to various conflicts but the government rescued it, we have been benefiting from various services including loans from TADB," he said.

Japhet Justine, TADB director said that the bank has supported the union with loans totaling 236m/- pledging to continue supporting the farmers.

In his remarks, Tanga Fresh managing director Innocent Mushi commended the government's move to support the factory saying that they continue working closely with farmers to ensure that they increase production of milk for their development.

## Ten student inventors awarded for designing, making Dar cost-cutting food vendors' kiosks

By Guardian Reporter

TEN students from higher learning institutions in the country have been commended for designing and making the best and cheapest kiosks for small-scale food that takes care of sanitation and food safety issues to protect public health.

Dar es Salaam Region Acting Administrative Secretary (Production & Economy), Dr Elizabeth Mshote made the applause during a short function for recognizing the good work of the young creative designers that was held in Dar es Salaam yesterday whereby the students were awarded with prizes and certificates in appreciation. She was flanked by the Dar es Salaam Regional Medical Officer, Dr Rashid Mfaume.

"I would like to commend all the participants for their creativity of the highest point. This is a great contribution that our elites can make to the society. The issue of cleanliness and food security is so key in protecting public health. So

you too have made a great contribution in achieving this," she said.

During the short ceremony, Dr Mshote also launched the first kiosk that was constructed by the youth, which is expected to greatly contribute in improving the business of small-scale food vendors and the services they provide and therefore enable their customers to get balanced, clean and safe meals.

The process for making the best but affordable kiosk was supervised by Centre for Counselling, Nutrition and Health Care (COUNSENUH) on behalf of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children and Dar es Salaam Regional Administration. It involved students from architectural, design and construction faculties of the Ardhi University (Dar es Salaam), University of Dar es Salaam and Mbeya University of Science and Technology.

The two winners of the competition supervised the design and construction of the food-vending stall that protects food cleanliness and security. The competition was part of the Project for Supporting Sustainable Value Chain Development for Job Creation, Food and Nutrition Security in Dar es Salaam, funded by FAO through a United Nations Joint Programme framework and implemented in the five district councils of Dar es Salaam through COUNSENUH in collaboration with MHCDCGEC and other partners.

Speaking during the function, Food Security and Nutrition Data Analyst at FAO Tanzania, Fadhili Mtengela, disclosed that the project followed a study by FAO that found out a number of challenges that the small-scale food vendors in Dar es Salaam were facing.

"The project aims to build capacity of the small scale food vendors so that they improve the quality of the services they provide by considering cleanliness and safety to protect public health bearing in mind that many city dwellers depend

on their services," he said. He pointed out that the purpose is to enable them prepare nutritious and safe food.

For her part, COUNSENUH Acting Executive Director, Dr Lunna Kyungu said that her institution was tasked by FAO to provide technical support in the implementation of the project in partnership with the Government and its institutions including MHCDCGEC and other partners.

"As key partners in this project, we're happy to see how these students committed themselves in the designing and making of this kiosk which will be used for making many more such kiosks for the whole of the Dar es Salaam city with the primary aim of protecting public health," she said.

COUNSENUH is a non-governmental organization that is committed to achieving gender equity, human and women rights, optimal nutrition and quality life for children, women and other vulnerable groups in Tanzania.



One of the Dar es Salaam cost-cutting food vendors' kiosks invented by ten students from higher learning institutions on display recently. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Road safety education for primary school teachers

By Correspondent James Lanka,  
Moshi

TEACHERS from various primary schools in Moshi Municipality, Kilimanjaro Region have been trained on road safety rules, regulations and traffic signs in efforts aimed to enable the group contribute well in the fight against road accidents in the country.

Organised collaboration with Road Safety ambassadors of Tanzania (RSA-Tanzania) and the Kilimanjaro Regional Traffic Unit with support from the Foundation for Civil Society (FCS), the two-day training focused on teachers from the schools located along roads or highways.

Speaking during the event over the weekend RSA-Tanzania

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Augustus Fungo explained that they decided to train primary teachers for them to spread the skills on road safety to their pupils and thus help to curb unnecessary road accidents.

"After the training, we are going to provide them with new teaching materials on road safety that adhere to the 2018 road safety syllabuses issued by the government, as well road

signs charts, junior patrol sticks, reflective jackets and t-shirts meant to create awareness to their pupils on road safety," he said.

According to him, RSA Tanzania also provides a special training of trainers (ToT) programmes and other refresher courses for sustainable road safety.

For his part, the RSA chairperson for Kilimanjaro region, Khalidi Shekoloa said that apart from training, they also organised pupils road safety competition meant to create awareness on the proper use of roads.

Zaada Mohammed, the Kilimanjaro Regional Traffic Officer (RTO), said the training came at a right time as Moshi Municipality has recently experienced a rapid increase of people, number of vehicles and social activities.

Some of the teachers appealed to the government to erect road signs and speed bumps to ensure pupil's safety when crossing the roads to and from school.

Meja Musa, one of the training participants noted that lack of road signs and speed bumps near schools is one of the major challenges facing the area and has been one of the causes of the road accidents.



# We must purge corruption from the belly of the Covid-19 beast

By Omphemetse Sibanda

South Africa is in the belly of the beast of corruption, and our leaders are falling into corrupt activities like dominoes instead of being at the forefront of taming the beast.

The outcome of the gamble that the government took to introduce relaxed emergency public procurement measures is affecting South Africa's response to Covid-19. The very same healthcare sector and environment that should be improved to handle Covid-19 is fraught with corruption and malpractice in the procurement and supply of personal protective equipment (PPE). The new emergency Covid-19 procurement approach is doing more harm than good. This is the harm that Corruption Watch, in April, warned the National Treasury about.

Corruption Watch was concerned about the potential of looting and corruption under a procurement system that is an exception to the obligations in terms of section 217 of the Constitution. Section 217 requires state procurement to be fair, equitable, transparent, competitive and cost-effective.

"Given the rampant corruption that has characterised public procurement, procurement under the emergency instructions must be subject to tight scrutiny," said Corruption Watch's David Lewis. Speeding up the procurement processes created a fertile ground for corrupt opportunists.

The writing has always

been on the wall that we are entering another phase of corruption alongside State Capture. For example, a report in the Mail & Guardian exposed the blanket scandal in KwaZulu-Natal.

The involvement of families of high-profile ANC members

Allegations abound of the abuse of power for private gain, and public loss resulting from suboptimal decisions in procurement choices or nefarious overspending on project implementation. The truth is that South Africa is in the belly of the beast of corruption, and our leaders are falling to corrupt activities like dominoes instead of being at the forefront of taming the beast. Government officials, politicians and high-ranking members of the African National Congress (ANC) are said to be wallowing in the benefits of the sea of Covid-19 corruption.

"One of the shameful achievements of the African National Congress in its 25 years of governing post-apartheid South Africa is that it's living up to the political stereotype of what is wrong with post-colonial Africa - unethical and corrupt African leaders who exercise power through patronage," as Mandisi Majavu wrote in *The Conversation*.

The allegations of Covid-19 corruption are mounting. A report last week in *Daily Maverick* alleged that "the Free State provincial treasury has awarded contracts worth R2.7-million to the sons of ANC secretary-general and former Free State premier Ace Magashule". You cannot blame the public



Following her appointment as the president of the Federal Supreme Court in 2018, Meaza Ashenafi vowed on several occasions to restore public trust in the justice system

for being sceptical and suspicious of this contract.

These revelations come hot on the heels of President Cyril Ramaphosa's spokesperson, Khuseka Diko, having to take leave because of a suspicious PPE tender awarded to her husband, whose company has no track record of doing business in the health and medical sector.

There are also reports alleging that a barely six-month-old company of the daughter of former Gauteng premier and ANC NEC member Nomvula Mokonyane benefited from the Gauteng health department's Covid-19 procurement contract "handouts" worth between R2.7-million and R3-million to supply soap to the department.

Monopolisation of Covid-19 procurement also hit home with Ramaphosa's son Andile said to have "landed a R6-million contract to modify taxis in Gauteng to comply with Covid-19 regulations". The list of questionable Covid-19 contracts goes on and on.

As usual, many of these allegations are met with those fingered declaring their innocence. The public cannot be blamed

for believing that families and children of current and former government officials are always fortunate enough to win tenders.

How to tame the Covid-19 corruption beast? Below are a few interventions I propose:

First, let there be no holy cows in the application of the law and justice.

This intervention has been much talked about by our public officials. For instance, it was reported by *Daily Maverick* in 2018 that Nhlanihla Nene, then reappointed finance minister, declared that there would be no holy cows in the fight against corruption.

The government has declared that combating corruption is a national priority, while acknowledging that "corruption in both the private and public sector has a detrimental effect on the government's effort to deliver effective services to the people".

There is one problem though: in law, we often talk of appreciation of the status of things and acting with such appreciation. Unfortunately, Covid-19 tender scandals have shown that the state and our leaders are failing to act in accordance with

their appreciation of the ill of corruption in ensuring accountability and prosecution of those among their ranks.

To refer to the ANC spokesperson, Pule Mabe, answering questions about Ace Magashule's sons' Covid-19 contract - not that I believe him - "we won't tolerate any looting of public resources". Not believing him stems from taking the easy way out of challenging "anyone to go and lay charges if the matter is criminal". The "no holy cows" approach to fighting corruption means that the government and leaders of political parties cannot cling to the comrades-in-arms mantra as an excuse not to abhor corruption.

Instead, they must send a clear and strong message against kleptocrats in their ranks. This entails supporting the law enforcement agencies in their investigations and allowing the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) to conduct the prosecution of members of the political elite or their families and acquaintances.

But, again, not much can be written home about our law enforcement agencies, which are captured by politicians and have a fetish for low hanging fruit (an example is the Hawks jumping to investigate the Masondo and Gigaba stories, contrary to its real mandate of combating organised crime).

Second, implement punitive findings of inquiries and commissions to instil accountability and respect of the law against corruption.

South Africa has made frequent use of commissions and inquiries

over the years, with the Zondo Commission being the latest. Testimony at the commission has pointed to corruption or corrupt practices, the undue flow of money and other resources out of the public purse, and abuse of power and influence. Still, the noted acts of impropriety in the government's decision-making and by government officials have not jolted the government into cleaning its ranks of delinquent ministers and other public officials.

Instead, we often hear them being defended by conveniently resorting to legal principles such as "innocent until proven guilty in a court of law". When they close ranks in defence of their buddies, the "no holy cows" war cry against corruption is deliberately forgotten.

Third, implement the country's anti-corruption laws indiscriminately.

South Africa is not short of legal and regulatory frameworks to deal with corruption relating to the procurement of medical supplies and PPE. Since price gouging or price inflation in the provision of PPE may give rise to criminal and civil liability, use of this legislation will set a firm precedent for asset forfeiture orders against the corrupt.

The Prevention and Combating of Corruption Activities Act of 2004 contains clear provisions on how to deal with active and passive corruption. Nothing prevents the NPA from using this act to deal with cases of corruption and bribery, including fronting, kickbacks, and brown bags or under-the-table payments to government officials who

manipulated the tendering process.

Further, under-the-table payments made to government and public officials who rigged Covid-19 procurement contracts attract tax evasion laws. South Africa's organised crime and anti-corruption legislation imposes severe criminal and civil penalties on offenders. Yet, for some reason, there is always an excuse given to avoid enforcing the legislation against corrupt figures.

Fourth, reimagine our public procurement processes and measures.

A study by PwC on *Identifying and Reducing Corruption in Public Procurement in the EU*, prepared for the European Commission, noted what has been done across the EU to prevent corruption in public procurement. "[A]dministrative data on tenders, bidders, projects and contractors are collected and stored in a structured way, accessible for controls, investigations and analyses," states the report.

Fifth, maintain transparency rules during public emergencies.

In light of section 217 of the Constitution, public procurement is generally presumptively fair and transparent. The reason is simple: public money is being spent and taxpayers have a right to know how their money is used, even during a Covid-19 emergency. Exemptions from transparency in public procurement during Covid-19, if maintained, should be properly managed. Public procurement transparency is a critical anti-corruption mechanism, even under normal circumstances.

By Roger Southall

## Repression in Zimbabwe exposes South Africa's weakness

South African president Cyril Ramaphosa's despatch of envoys to Zimbabwe in a bid to defuse the latest crisis, in which the government has engaged in a vicious crackdown on opponents, journalists and the freedoms of speech, association and protest, has been widely welcomed.

Such has been the brutality of the latest assault on human rights by President Emmerson Mnangagwa's regime that something had to be done. And, as the big brother neighbour next door, South Africa is the obvious actor to do it.

It may be guaranteed that Ramaphosa's envoys - Sydney Mufamadi, a former government minister turned academic, and Baleka Mbete, a former deputy president of South Africa, former speaker of the National Assembly and former chairperson of the African National Congress (ANC) - were sent off to Harare with a very limited brief. They were accompanied by Advocate Ngoako Ramatlhodi and diplomat Ndimiso Ntshingwe.

The mission quickly ran into trouble. The envoys returned to South Africa without meeting members of the opposition.

Observers and activists are rightly sceptical about how much will come out of it. The best that is seriously hoped for is that South African diplomacy will bring about immediate relief. This would include: the release of journalists, op-



position figures and civil society activists from jail; promises to withdraw the military from the streets; perhaps even some jogging of the Mnangagwa government to meet with its opponents and to make some trifling concessions.

After all, the pattern is now well established: crisis, intervention, promises by the Zanu-PF regime to behave, and then relapse after a decent interval to the sort of behaviour that prompted the latest crisis in the first place.

But in a previous era, South Africa once made Zimbabwe's dependence count.

South Africa has done it once Back in 1976, apartheid South Africa's Prime Minister John B. Vorster fell in with US plans to bring about a settlement in then Rhodesia, and hence relieve international pressure on his own government, by with-

drawing military and economic support and closing the border between the two countries.

Ian Smith had little choice but to comply. Today, no one, not even the most starry-eyed hopefuls among the ranks of the opposition and civil society in Zimbabwe, believe that Ramaphosa's South Africa will be prepared to wield such a big stick. The time is long past that Pretoria's admonitions of bad behaviour are backed by a credible threat of sanction and punishment.

So, why is it that Vorster could bring about real change, twisting Smith's arm to engage in negotiations with his liberation movement opponents that eventually led to a settlement and a transition to majority rule, and ANC governments - from the time of Nelson Mandela onwards - have been so toothless?

If we want an answer, we need to look at three fundamental differences between 1976 and now.

First, Vorster was propelled into pressuring Smith by the US, which was eager to halt the perceived advance of communism by bringing about a settlement in Rhodesia which was acceptable to the West. In turn, Vorster thought that by complying with US pressure, his regime would earn Washington's backing as an anti-communist redoubt. Today there is no equivalent spur to act. It is unlikely that US president Donald Trump could point to Zimbabwe on a map.

Britain, the European Union and other far-off international actors all decry the human rights abuses in Zimbabwe. But they have largely given up on exerting influence, save to extend vitally needed humani-

tarian aid (and thank God for that). Zimbabwe has retreated into irrelevance, except as a case study as a failed state. They are not likely to reenter the arena and throw good money and effort at the Zimbabwean problem until they are convinced that something significant, some serious political change for the good, is likely to happen.

Second, South African intervention today is constrained by liberation movement solidarity. They may have their differences and arguments, but Zanu-PF and the ANC, which governs South Africa, remain bound together by the conviction that they are the embodiments of the logic of history.

As the leading liberators of their respective countries, they believe they represent the true interests of the people. If the people say otherwise in an election, this can only be because they have been duped or bought. It cannot be allowed that history should be put into reverse.

Former South African president Thabo Mbeki played a crucial role in forging a coalition government between Zanu-PF and the opposition Movement for Democratic Change (MDC) after the latter effectively won the parliamentary election in 2008. But South Africa held back from endorsing reliable indications that MDC leader Morgan Tsvangirai had also won the presidential election against Robert Mugabe.

As a result, Tsvangirai was forced into a runoff presidential contest, supposedly because he had won less than 50% of the poll. The rest is history.

Zanu-PF struck back with a truly vicious campaign against the MDC, Tsvangirai withdrew from the contest, and Mugabe remained as president, controlling the levers of power. The ANC looked on, held its nose, and scuttled home to Pretoria saying the uneasy coalition it left behind was a job well done.

Third, successive Zanu-PF governments have become increasingly militarised. Mnangagwa may have put his military uniform aside, but it is the military which now calls the shots. It ultimately decides who will front for its power. There have been numerous statements by top ranking generals that they will never accept a government other than one formed by Zanu-PF. The African Union and Southern African Development Community have both outlawed coups, but everyone knows that the Mnangagwa government is a military government in all but name.

Lamentably inadequate So, it is all very well to call for a transitional government, one which would see Zanu-PF engaging with the opposition parties and civil society and promising a return to constitutional rule and the holding of a genuinely democratic election. But we have been there before.

The fundamental issue is how Zimbabwe's military can be removed from power, and how Zimbabwean politics can be demilitarised. Without the military behind it, Zanu-PF would be revealed as a paper tiger, and would meet with a heavy defeat in a genuinely free and fair election.

According to Ibbo Mandaza, the veteran activist and analyst in Harare, what Zimbabwe needs is the establishment of a transitional authority tasked with returning the country to constitutional government and enabling an economic recovery. Nice idea, but a pipe dream.

No one in their right mind believes that a Ramaphosa government, whose own credibility is increasingly threadbare because of its bungled response to the coronavirus epidemic, its corruption and its economic incompetence, has the stomach to bring this about. We can expect fine words and promises and raised hopes, but lamentably little action until the next crisis comes around, when the charade will start all over again.

Any relief, any improvement on the present situation will be welcomed warmly in Zimbabwe. But no one in Harare - whether in government, opposition or civil society - will really believe that Ramaphosa's increasingly ramshackle government will be prepared to tackle the issue that really matters: removing the military from power.



## BUSINESS

## TECH SAVVY

## Puma, Selcom team up to digitise payments for fuel consumption

By Francis Kajubi

OVER 200,000 Puma Energy Tanzania customers are making digital payments through Selcom Pay and Mastercard QR through their mobile phones in a much secure and convenient fuel procuring mode.

At an event to offer free full tank fuel to ten best customers who use digital payment solution, Puma Energy Tanzania Limited's Managing Director, Dominic Dhanah said the company opted to partner Selcom with which over two million customers are already using Selcom Pay and Mastercard QR.

"Puma Energy has 56 filling stations across the country and teaming up with Selcom has enabled our customers to avoid using cash payments," Dhanah said explaining that daily growth in fuel volumes has also been witnessed.

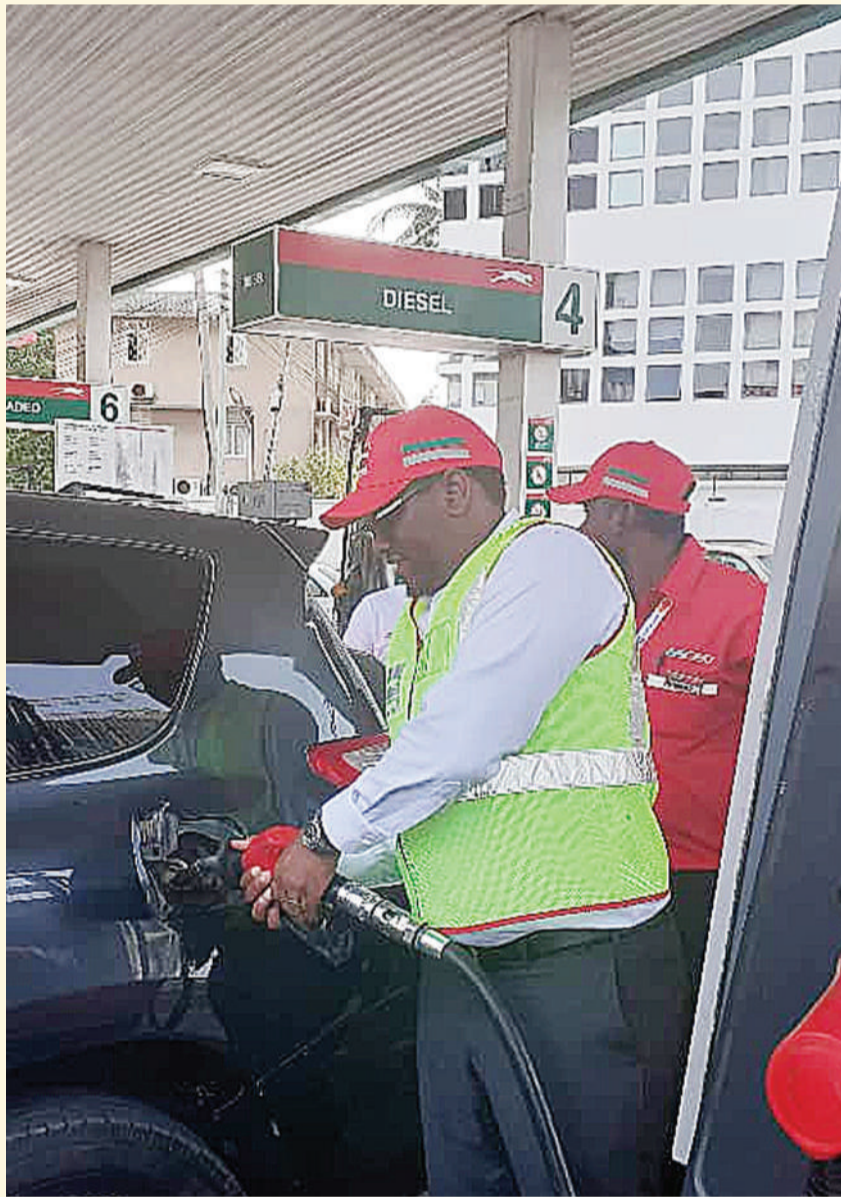
He said eight months ago before teaming up with Selcom, Puma's cashless payments had only involved 10 percent of its customers. "After teaming up with Selcom in June, cashless payment among Puma customers has

increased by 12 percent." He noted.

According to him, Puma Energy, compared to other energy firms, stands out as the pioneer in accepting digital payments and that the oil marketing company has invested in various digital payment solutions including Puma Elite card.

He clarified that the acquiring of a fuel selling license by TPDC is not a threat to the company as the best dealer or supplier will stand to win the market share. TPDC received license of opening fuel stations last month and had started offering the service in rural areas.

Speaking at the event, Selcom Director, Sameer Hirji said the main objective of digitizing payment is to foster behavioral change among motorists. "We have seen a significant rise in digital payments over the past few years as consumers are increasingly choosing cashless payments. We have seen this not only with Puma and the energy sector but also in sectors that we actively design payment solutions for," Hirji noted.



Puma Energy Tanzania Limited's managing director, Dominic Dhanah refuels a customer's car during the launch of Selcom Pay digital payments in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Photo: Francis Kajubi.

## CHARITY

## VP Samia touts better health services for all as CRDB raises over 200m/- for JKCI

By Guardian Reporter

ACCESS to quality health services is a basic right for everyone hence the government and other stakeholders have to work together in investing heavily in the sector.

Vice President Samia Suluhu Hassan said in Dar es Salaam yesterday when she led a charity marathon organised by CRDB Bank Plc to raise money for the treatment of 100 children suffering from heart conditions at Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Hospital, that children are particularly vulnerable to ill health.

"To be able to enjoy the best possible health is a fundamental human right, one which has a decisive impact on human development and, in particular on the ability of our children and young people to learn and grow," said VP Samia.

She commended CRDB board, management and staff for being in the forefront to support government efforts to improve delivery of health services to all stressing that the over 200m/- raised by the charity marathon will help save lives of the toddlers whose parents can't afford paying the bill.

The Vice President also thanked the 2020 CRDB Bank Marathon participants and part-



Vice President Samia Suluhu Hassan receives a dummy cheque for 200m/- from CRDB Bank Plc's managing director, Abdulmajid Nsekela (2nd L) after a fundraising marathon held in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo courtesy of CRDB.

ners who took part in fundraising and called upon everyone to continue supporting the bank and JKCI in saving the lives of the children. "They say whoever saves a life saves the world, this should not end today, let us continue support JKCI in their remarkable work that brings hope to our children," she added.

Briefing the VP and other guests who took part in the marathon, CRDB's Manag-

ing Director and Group CEO, Abdulmajid Nsekela said the marathon's collection had surpassed its target. Under a slogan, "Kasi isambazayo tabasamu," which casually mean speed that brings a smile, Nsekela said the bank has been supporting JKCI for many years but that this year it planned to take onboard its business partners.

"Sports has the ability to both inspire and ignite change and

so it is immensely gratifying for us that the CRDB Bank Marathon has played a transformational role in creating a positive impact on society. I am pleased to see a large number of people joining us for the well-being of our children," Nsekela said.

"Our success wouldn't have been possible without the generosity of our partners and supporters to whom we say thank you for all of your efforts that have enable us to reach

our goal of raising funds to pay for surgeries of 100 children at JKCI," Nsekela added.

Minister of Information, Sports, Youth and Culture Dr Harrison Mwakembe who also took part in the charity marathon paid tribute to CRDB and other stakeholders who contributed towards fundraising efforts.

"This bank has shown that apart from delivering quality banking services to Tanzanians it is also responsible in supporting community services because CRDB's leadership understands that a healthy nation starts from healthy children," Dr Mwakembe said.

JKCI's CEO, Professor Mohammed Janabi said there are more than 500 children who need heart surgery at institute but whose families are unable to meet the costs. Prof Janabi commended CRDB's leadership for organising the fundraising event to sponsor treatment of the kids.

The event was also attended by former President Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete who also paid tribute to CRDB leadership for various initiatives taken to support ordinary and marginalized children.

## MOBILIZATION

## Mwalimu Bank boss happy with strong membership base

By Guardian Reporter, Tabora

OVER 200,000 teachers who currently are at work in the country provide a strong customer base and a bright future for Mwalimu Commercial Bank Plc.

Board Chairman of Mwalimu Commercial Bank Plc Herman Kessy said last week during the fourth annual general meeting held in Tabora that the bank which is listed at Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange wholly owned by Tanzanians who include the teachers.

"Take it from me, we have more than 200,000 teachers who are members of the bank, it's the largest number ever in the market which no other bank has," Kessy said adding that such a strong number of ownership is what is needed to grow the bank further.

Presenting the bank's annual performance report to shareholders, the bank's Chief Executive Officer, Richard Makungwa said heavy investment has been made in strengthening soft and hard infrastructure to cover wider coverage of the market.

Makungwa said, right now the bank has two branches in the commercial capital of Dar es Salaam and at the end of this year another branch will be opened in the country's capital city of



Mwalimu Commercial Bank Plc, CEO Richard Makungwa speaks at the bank's 4th annual general meeting of the bank held in Tabora at the weekend in. Photo courtesy of Mwalimu Bank.

Dodoma.

"We have introduced Mwalimu Mobile Services and have 90 agents countrywide to provide services to our customers but also through hundreds of automated teller machines," said Makungwa while noting that Mwalimu Commercial Bank customers can also access services through TPB

Bank Plc with which it has partnership.

"Plans are also underway to introduce VisaCard before the end of this year after securing all certification to start the service," he pointed out adding that the bank will create a favourable network to enable teachers to access all products and services including insur-

ance cover.

On her part, President of Tanzania Teachers Union, Leah Ulaya called upon all teachers to insure the bank remain strong by receiving their monthly salary through their monthly salary through its branches. "We teachers decided to introduce our own bank so that we can easily access loans and other financial

products," Ulaya said.

TTU Secretary General, Deus Seif said since its establishment in 2016, the bank has been widely serving teachers who now peak over 21700 on government payroll alone. "If all teachers had opened accounts with our bank, it would possibly be among largest banks in the country," Seif said.

## INNOVATION

## Taxi-motos go digital, here are five things you should know

## KIGALI

Starting Saturday, August 15, taxi motos will phase out cash based payment and adopt digital payment platforms. All passenger motorcycles will be required to have a smart meter, which determines how much a client pays.

The GPS-enabled meter will allow three different modes of digital payment: MTN Momo Pay, Airtel Money and Tap&Go cards. As of Friday August 14 at least 21,600 of the estimated 26,000 taxi moto operators in Kigali had bought the taximeters, according to Rwanda Utilities Regulatory Agency (RURA).

There are about 46,000 grouped in 146 cooperatives, which are grouped under their Federation, FERWACO-

TAMO. Three companies, namely AC Group, Pascal Technologies and Yego Moto were authorised by RURA to power the fleet of motorcycles with the technology.

The move is seen as a game-changer in Rwanda's ambitious plans of becoming a digital economy and establishing smart cities. As the move is being implemented these are some of the things that you know about it.

The decision to modernise the sector was approved by the cabinet in July last year. It is part of the national motorcycle transport strategy intended to set up digital payments system, following the success story on public buses with Tap and Go cards. According to AC Group, there are about 2 million Tap & Go cards in circulation in Kigali.

"Kigali is a smart city," said Anthony Kulamba, Head of Transport Division in RURA, referring to the transformation journey from messy mini-buses to enormous, cashless commuters dedicated to different zones. To him, the GPS-enabled devices will provide RURA with accurate data, which will inform decision making on industry policy. "Data is wealth," he adds.

The importance of data was reiterated by Malik Shaffy, Chief Operations Officer of Tap & Go Ride, a subsidiary of AC Group. "We will be collecting transport data, monetary data and safety data," he said, explaining that the meter would record every journey, how much the rider earns per day and the passengers' preferred mode of payment.

Traffic report by the Rwanda National

Police indicates that in 2019 there were 184 fatalities caused by motorcycle accidents countrywide. About half of moto accidents occur in Kigali city.

Since the meters are GPS-enabled, they provide speed data in real-time. For instance, the device supplier will be able to know when a particular motorist over speeds. He said that the system would be expanded to send notifications to the over speeding rider. Also, there is a plan to rank motorists according to their traffic behaviour, an exercise that would inspire them to strive for safer service.

## What are the benefits to motorists?

According to Daniel Ngarambe, the President of FERWACOTAMO, the business has been operating in a mess, with

unlicensed motorists whose misconduct was casting the image of the entire industry in negative light. Ngarambe believes the new system will restore public trust and integrity of motorists. "Most importantly, we will be able to access bank loans by proving our monthly earnings as collateral," added Ngarambe.

Taxi moto operators will pay for the meter for two years, and thereafter receive a new one. The old metre will be turned into a smartphone. This, Ngarambe said, will contribute to the number of Rwandans who own smartphones.

## What's in it for passengers?

The use of smart meters will save passengers time and erase the hurdle of bargaining which, according to RURA's

Kulamba, often resulted in unfair pricing or misunderstanding. Shaffy of AC Group assured that consumer data will be secure. By paying either with Tap & Go card or to a mobile money business account, the motorists will not access the client's personal information such as telephone number or names.

## What is the tariff?

For the first two kilometres of the journey, a passenger will pay Rwf300. Each additional kilometre will be charged Rwf133. The passenger is allowed 10 minutes of waiting time free of charge, while each extra minute will be charged Rwf21. Shaffy, however, noted that prices might vary a bit from what clients were used to, going a little low for some journeys or a little high for others.



## DIVERSITY

# Small business owners lured to join NMB business network

By Guardian Reporter, Mwanza

SMALL business owners have been urged to join NMB Bank Plc's Business Executive Network so that they can benefit from products and services provided by the country's largest bank.

NMB's Chief of Retail Banking, Filbert Mponzi told over 150 business owners and managers from Lake Zone regions of Geita, Kagera, Mara and Mwanza last week that small and medium size enterprises can benefit from training, loans and also saving for the business growth.

"NMB is committed to ensuring that customers get the best services that contribute towards their business growth," Mponzi said adding that the bank has invested heavily in modern infrastructure to better serve businesses of all sizes.

He pointed out that NMB has established business centres and private banking facilities at its branches dedicated to cater for SMEs and emerging corporations in major cities of the country. "SME activities are of paramount importance to NMB and the economy and in just a few years, the bank has supported over 200,000 of them nationwide, representing 15 percent of overall business," the NMB Chief of Retail Banking added.

He further noted that the bank's BEN serves as a forum for discussions and finding of common solutions to challenges facing SMEs



Dr Angelina Mabula Deputy Minister for Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development, addresses the NMB Bank's business executive network meeting in Mwanza city last week. Photo courtesy of NMB.

and emerging corporations to foster their growth and gradually become big companies.

"The improvements done by the bank have so far helped to bring services more closely to this segment of customers through which they not only get the best customized services but also acquire financial, regulatory, business, forex and marketing education," Mponzi noted.

NMB has already established business centres in Arusha, Dar

es Salaam, Dodoma, Mwanza, Kilimanjaro, Mbeya, Morogoro, Shinyanga and Mtwara.

Members of the BEN get refreshers program in the areas affecting their businesses including business planning, taxation, business regulations, trade finance facilities but also enjoy preferential fast track treatment at all NMB branches.

On his part NMB's Head of Business Banking, Alex Mgeni urged entrepreneurs and individual business owners in general to take

advantage of the bank's insurance services to timely cover their lives and property against risks.

"Our insurance services include coverage of agriculture products which protects farmers against losses because they get compensated when disaster such as fire, floods, droughts and pests strike," Mgeni said.

Deputy Minister for Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development, Dr Angelina Mabula who officiated the meeting commended

the bank for introducing insurance cover for agriculture while calling for more public awareness on the importance of buying an insurance cover.

"Insurance cover for the agriculture sector will benefit farmers and boost productivity because losses will be compensated hence farmers will be encouraged to work hard," Dr Mabula said while pointing out that the agriculture value chain employs more than 65 percent of country's population.

## GENEROSITY

# Absa-sponsored Veta graduates get hair salon kits

By Staff Reporter

IN a bid to enable graduates from Vocational Education and Training Authority employ themselves, Absa Bank Tanzania Limited has given them working equipment including hair salon kits.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam on Friday during a handover ceremony, Absa Bank Tanzania's Citizenship Manager, Hellen Siria said the bank will continue supporting government efforts to tame unemployment and poverty.

"We work with the community so we must be support efforts to create job by vocational trainees," Siria said adding that Absa Bank Tanzania is a good corporate citizen that supports community efforts to generate income.

At least six lucky girls coming from underprivileged families who attended vocational training at Veta through the bank's sponsorship in collaboration with PACT Tanzania and WAMATA, got the equipment. They received training in hairdressing, decoration and sewing.

"It was PACT's idea to help the girls get vocational skills to employ themselves and lead better lives. Thanks our partners who came up with such a vital proposal which aligns well with Absa Group's slogan which states, 'we bring possibility to life,'" she added.

The Absa Bank Tanzania Citizenship Manager also praised VETA, PACT Tanzania and WAMATA for ensuring that the graduates continue to work as a network, supporting each one's businesses while sharing experience on challenges being faced.

Speaking at the same event, PACT Tanzania Corporate Engagements Manager, Beatrice Kamugisha seconded Siria's observation saying Absa Bank Tanzania has been a good corporate citizen that invests in community support services. "We are very happy that Absa accepted our request and now we are witnesses the beginning of a bright future of these six fortunate youths," she said.

## CONSOLIDATION

# Three financial institutions merge to create Mwanza Hakika Bank

By Guardian Reporter

THREE financial institutions, namely Mwanza Community Bank Limited, Hakika Microfinance Bank Limited and EFC Tanzania Microfinance Bank Limited have officially merged to form Mwanza Hakika Microfinance Bank Limited with a 40.53bn/- asset base.

The merging of the three financial institutions follows approval by Bank of Tanzania and Fair Competition Commission which are regulatory institutions entrusted with banking industry. The new bank is expected to become more competitive in the market.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam during the launch of the new bank, Mwanza Hakika Microfinance Bank Limited's Board Chairman, Engineer Ridhuan Mringo said the merged bank is better positioned to compete in the market.

"We believe that it is time for consolidation in the banking industry and we have



The first customer of the newly born Mwanza Hakika Microfinance Bank Limited, Dr Gabriel Ndunga, (L) is attended to by a teller when the bank started operations in Dar es Salaam on Friday. Photo courtesy of Mwanza Hakika Bank.

witnessed some smaller banks opting to merge with other bigger banks to form stronger and larger banks. We also decided to merge and form a larger and stronger bank," said Mringo.

He added that the new bank will give customers better and improved innovative products and services which will be affordable. "Going forward, the majority of the day-to-day financial needs of our customers will be better served by the merged bank. The merged bank will provide a

one stop financial solution in the market," he added.

Leveraging on each other's strength, the new bank will provide a bigger distribution network in the market with seven branches and agents that will cater for over 105,500 existing customers.

Deputy Bank of Tanzania Governor, Dr Bernard Kibesse who officiated the launch commended leadership of the three merged institutions arguing that it will improve performance and delivery of services in the market.

Dr Kibesse urged the new bank to extend its across the country to ensure that the under-banked communities get access to affordable banking services including loans to grow their businesses and contribute towards economic growth of the country.

"Banking sector is the key player in fostering national development as it contributes in job creation as well as business development through affordable loans. We believe that this new entity will effectively consolidate this important sector for a more inclusive economy," he noted.

Before the merger, Mwanza Community Bank had 21.6bn/- net assets, Hakika Microfinance Bank had 6.669bn/- and EFC Tanzania Microfinance had 12.253bn/-.

In-terms of customer deposits, Mwanza had 14.8bn/-, Hakika and EFC had 2.7bn/- and 5.961bn/- respectively. In-terms of issued loans, the new entity will have 27.1bn/- in outstanding loans as of August 2020.



Absa Bank Tanzania's Citizenship Manager, Hellen Siria (L), and PACT Tanzania Corporate Engagements Manager, Beatrice Kamugisha, present salon equipment to Neema Bakari who graduated from VETA in Dar es Salaam recently.

## STUDY

# Cost, storage dominate smartphone decision making in Kenya

NAIROBI

Foresight Research has found that in addition to cost, RAM and internal storage capacity are top priorities for Kenyans when choosing a smartphone.

The majority of respondents (45%) to its survey conducted between 31 July and 7 August 2020 believe

Ksh.10,000 to Ksh.20,000 (between US\$100 and US\$200) is an ideal price range for a smartphone in the country's context.

Others (29%) think Ksh.21,000 to Ksh.30,000 is better, while only 14% is willing to pay Ksh.40,000 or more up to Ksh.90,000. When asked if hypothetically cost wasn't an issue in

purchasing power, the participants ranked the iPhone as their top phone at 48%, Samsung at 17% and BlackBerry at 10%.

Participants say they use their smartphones primarily for communication, then research and attending classes online - probably as most learning institutions have been closed, for photogra-

phy, listening and watching music and movies, among others. As a result, they maintained that it was important for their phones to have sizable internal storage without necessarily needing an external memory slot that would impact on cost.

Foresight Research's findings shadow new research from the Alliance for Afford-

able Internet (A4AI) which finds that the high cost of internet-connected devices in many countries is keeping a lot of people offline. Web Foundation Research Manager, Teddy Woodhouse, picks out a key barrier brought to light by their study and what the report is likely to change.

"I think a major barrier -

and this isn't just in Africa - is that governments don't see devices as part of the problem. We see a big strategy to build new cables and new towers, but what good are these investments when people can't afford the devices to use this infrastructure?" Woodhouse said. "I think governments should start thinking more about

devices as part of the whole network to develop to build a digital economy, because these devices are how most of us will interact with the digital economy. That's one key thing I hope this report can change."

It should be noted that A4AI and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) have launched a new

joint annual research initiative to produce and publish mobile and fixed broadband pricing and affordability data, covering 207 countries around the world. The idea is to inform and support decisions by policymakers, regulators and private sector stakeholders to achieve universal access to affordable broadband.







## WORLD

# Trump says he is considering pardon for leaker Snowden

WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Donald Trump said on Saturday he is considering a pardon for Edward Snowden, the former U.S. National Security Agency contractor - now living in Russia - whose spectacular leaks shook the U.S. intelligence community in 2013.

The Republican president's comments followed an interview (here) Trump gave to the New York Post this week in which he said of Snowden that "there are a lot of people that think that he is not being treated fairly" by U.S. law enforcement.

U.S. authorities for years have wanted Snowden returned to the United States to face a criminal trial on espionage charges brought in 2013.

Snowden fled the United States and was given asylum in Russia after he leaked a trove of secret files in 2013 to news organizations that revealed vast

domestic and international surveillance operations carried out by the NSA.

Trump's softening stance toward Snowden represents a sharp reversal. Shortly after the leaks, Trump expressed (here) hostility toward Snowden, calling him "a spy who should be executed."

"I'm going to start looking at it," Trump told reporters about a possible pardon, speaking at a news conference at his Bedminster, New Jersey golf club.

Trump said he thinks Americans on both the political left and the right are divided on Snowden.

"It seems to be a split decision," Trump told reporters. "Many people think he should be somehow treated differently. And other people think he did very bad things."

Some civil libertarians have praised Snowden for revealing the extraordinary scope of America's digital espionage operations including domestic spying programs that senior U.S. officials had publicly insisted did not exist.

But such a move would horrify many in the U.S. intelligence community, some of whose most important secrets were exposed. Trump has harshly criticized past leaders of the U.S. intelligence community and FBI, and on Thursday took aim at the bureau's current director Christopher Wray, his own appointee.

The U.S. Justice Department filed a lawsuit last September against Snowden, arguing that his recently published memoir, "Permanent Record," violated non-disclosure agreements.

The Justice Department said Snowden published the book without submitting it to intelligence agencies for review, adding that speeches given by Snowden also violated nondisclosure agreements.

Trump's use of his executive clemency powers including pardons often has benefited allies and well-connected political figures.

He last month commuted the sentence of his longtime friend and adviser Roger Stone, sparing him from prison after he was convicted of lying under oath to lawmakers investigating Russian interference in the 2016 U.S. election to boost Trump's candidacy.



Edward Snowden

## Robert Trump, president's brother who shunned the spotlight, dies

BEDMINSTER, N.J.

ROBERT Trump, the younger brother of U.S. President Donald Trump and a business executive who avoided the spotlight, died on Saturday night, a day after the president visited him in a New York hospital.

President Trump announced the death in a statement.

"It is with heavy heart I share that my wonderful brother, Robert, peacefully passed away tonight. He was not just my brother, he was my best friend," the president said.

"He will be greatly missed, but we will meet again. His memory

will live on in my heart forever. Robert, I love you. Rest in peace," Trump said.

Robert Trump, who at 71 was younger than the 74-year-old president, was a business executive and real estate developer. Unlike his reality TV star brother, Robert Trump shunned the limelight.

President Trump made an emotional visit to see his ailing brother on Friday at New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center before going to his golf club at Bedminster, New Jersey, for the weekend.

The president was expected to attend the funeral, an aide said. He has a busy travel schedule in com-



ing days with plans to visit four battleground states as part of his re-election campaign.

The cause of death was not revealed. Trump told reporters on Friday that his brother was "having a hard time" with an undisclosed illness. A person familiar with the situation said the brother had been on blood thinners.

ABC News had reported that Robert Trump was hospitalized in

the intensive care unit at Mount Sinai hospital in New York for more than a week in June.

That month, Robert Trump won a temporary restraining order against his and the president's niece, Mary Trump, to stop her from publishing a tell-all book that offered an unflattering look of the president and his family.

A state supreme court judge in Poughkeepsie, New York, later denied a request to stop publication and canceled the temporary restraining order.

Robert Trump had said the book, "Too Much and Never Enough: How My Family Created the World's Most Dangerous Man,"

would violate a confidentiality agreement tied to the estate of his father Fred Trump Sr, who died in 1999.

The New York Post reported in March that Robert Trump had married his second wife, Ann Marie Pallan, and that they lived in a country home on Long Island.

Two of Donald Trump's children expressed sadness about their uncle's death.

"Robert Trump was an incredible man - strong, kind and loyal to the core. Anyone who encountered him felt his warmth immediately. He will be deeply missed by our entire family," said Eric Trump in a tweet.

## Historical memories should not fade, 75 years

TOKYO

This year's Aug 15 marks the 75th anniversary of Japan's unconditional surrender in World War II (WWII).

For most people in Asia, Aug 15 is a special date that will never be erased from their memories. The war of aggression initiated by Japan brought untold sufferings to the people in Asia. China alone suffered 35 million casualties and 600 billion US dollars in economic losses in the War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression.

However, with the advent of "75 years after the war," the generation that experienced the war of aggression has become a minority group in Japan. The memories about the history of aggression are increasingly fading, and the reflection on

the war in the Japanese society is becoming neglected through the years.

Experts have pointed out that this trend is worrying, and that only by choosing to face up to and deeply reflect on its history of aggression, can Japan truly win the trust of its Asian neighbors and the international community.

### ACTIONS AVOIDING RESPONSIBILITY

On Aug 6 and Aug 9 every year, the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki hold ceremonies to commemorate the atomic bombings. Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the number of participants decreased this year.

In an effort to hasten the surrender of Japan which had staged the war of aggression, the US army

dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki on Aug 6 and 9, 1945, respectively. Japan has long portrayed itself as the "victim" of World War II, especially of the nuclear explosions, with little reference to the historical background of the atomic bombings.

"Seventy-five years ago, the atomic bombs turned Hiroshima and Nagasaki into ruins," Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said in his speeches at this year's ceremonies. "The tragedies of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and the suffering caused by them must not be repeated," he said. However, Abe said nothing about the reasons for the bombings and their background.

In the annual World War II memorial ceremony on Aug 15, Abe's speeches, since he came to power again in 2012, have always focused

on mourning for the Japanese soldiers who died in the war of aggression, avoiding talking of Imperial Japan staging the brutal aggression war and the colonial rule.

He has also evaded repeating Japan's responsibility for wartime atrocities mentioned by his predecessors starting from former Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama, showing no intention of reflection and apology.

### POISONOUS, WRONG VIEW OF HISTORY

Japan Conference, a right-wing group, also used political means to exert influence on local education committees this year, urging the adoption of history textbooks published by IKUHOSHA Publishing Inc. which are highly controversial.

The textbooks not only beauti-

fied the Japan-initiated war of aggression as a "self-defense war" and "Asia's national liberation war of independence," but also called the Nanjing Massacre as "Nanjing Incident," despite the fact that the Japanese war criminals of the massacre had been tried at the International Military Tribunal for the Far East after WWII.

According to statistics from Japan's Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, the adoption of the IKUHOSHA history textbooks in 2020 accounts for 6.4 percent of the national total. Citizens in Nagoya, Yokohama, Kyoto, Osaka and other cities have launched campaigns against the adoption of the textbooks that distort Japan's history of aggression.

Xinhua

## Disarmament in South Sudan faces challenges amid insecurity - expert

NAIROBI

South Sudan's efforts to undertake civilian disarmament are facing challenges due to prevailing pockets of insecurity in the youngest nation, an expert said on Friday.

Augustino Ting Mayai, political analyst at the Juba-based Sudd Institute, a think tank, said that it's hard to undertake a successful disarmament process amid prevailing insecurity as South Sudan emerges from the more than six years of conflict.

"It's human nature for any of us to feel secure before we can hand down anything (arms) that protect us. Disarming the population without first putting in place guarantees, is going to be resisted because the government has not provided sufficient protection for the civilians," he told Xinhua in an interview in Juba.

His remarks came after violent clashes broke out on Aug. 8 between the military and armed civilians when the latter attempted to conduct disarmament in the Tonj East area of Warrap state, leaving more than 148 people killed including soldiers. Mayai observed that the government should focus on holistic disarmament, rather than conducting in particular areas.

South Sudan since winning independence from Sudan in 2011 has been rife with persistent inter-communal violence which often manifests in form of cattle raiding, child abduction and revenge killings. Some of these local militias have often also clashed with government troops. "You need to cover the entire country at the same time.

Selective disarmament is going to face some challenges and push back. What we saw in Tonj is not that people don't want to hand over their arms to the government, it is just that the government has not provided enough security for them," added Mayai.

"The ubiquity of arms in the hands of civilians is definitely causing insecurity issues within the communities, and there is no question about it being an issue to handle. Nevertheless, one would not underestimate the daunting task of making that happen," he said.

Mayai noted that chronic poverty and other underlying issues such as local security matters are pushing the youth to retain their weapons.

"A disarmament practice that is put in the hands of army generals is not going to be sufficient, especially when the population knows that some of these generals are violent," he noted.

"As you are aware the youth will have to defend themselves because the people coming to them are known for violence and not a discussion that will lead to nudging these young people to hand down their arms," said Mayai.

He disclosed that disarmament takes incentives, adding that forceful disarmament is bound to inflame the situation. "There has to be a government policy that integrates all the views from the community members, youth, community leaders, policymakers and NGOs.

It's not going to be an overnight reaction to the violence by the government because without a strategic plan, you cannot succeed rather you will always inflame the situation," said the expert.

South Sudan is currently implementing the 2018 revitalized peace deal signed in Ethiopia to end more than six years of conflict since the outbreak in December 2013.

The former warring parties despite forming the transitional unity government in February, are still yet to finalize unification of the army which is crucial to guarantee security.

Xinhua

## UN demands probe into human rights violations in Cameroon

UNITED NATIONS

THE United Nations wants the authorities in Cameroon to begin an investigation into reports of serious human rights violations, including a shocking video allegedly showing the brutal murder of a woman, a UN spokesman said on Friday.

"We strongly and unequivocally condemn this atrocious act of violence," said Stephane Dujarric, spokesman for UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.

"We call on the authorities to swiftly launch an investigation into these allegations, and to ensure that those responsible are brought to justice," the spokesman said. "We call on armed actors to refrain from attacks against civilians, to respect international humanitarian and international human rights law."

The Cameroonian army said Thursday that its troops have captured three armed separatists suspected of murdering the woman in Muyuka, a locality in the troubled region of Southwest. The woman was kidnapped, brutalized, and beheaded on Tuesday by armed separatists who accused her of conspiring with government forces to leak their hideouts. The murder was widely condemned in Cameroon after the suspects filmed the gruesome act and posted the video online.

Xinhua

## Chinese mainland makes great efforts to help Hong Kong fight COVID-19 resurgence

MANY sectors and citizens in Hong Kong believe that the support from the Chinese mainland will beyond doubt address the pressing needs of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) regarding the COVID-19 epidemic.

In mid late July, the COVID-19 situation in Hong Kong, which had once been easing, suddenly became serious. While calling on citizens to make concerted efforts to combat the epidemic, the HKSAR government rolled out a series of epidemic prevention and control measures.

At the request of the HKSAR government, China's National Health Commission (NHC) promptly organized two medical supportive teams - one aimed at boosting local testing capacity, and another to help Hong Kong build Fang-

cang or "cabin" makeshift hospitals to deal with mild cases, under the command of the central government. On August 2, seven members of the testing team arrived in Hong Kong.

The central government dispatched people to help build makeshift hospitals in Hong Kong and assist the city in conducting nucleic acid tests, which has quickly increased the number of hospital beds and would play an important role in the epidemic prevention and control in Hong Kong, said Henry Fan Hung-ling, chairman of Hong Kong's Hospital Authority (HA).

The spread of COVID-19 in Hong Kong is beyond the capacity of local medical resources, said Pan Pey-chyau, chairman of Hong Kong Medical and Health Care Staff General Union, noting that the assistance from the Chi-

nese mainland came just in time and would certainly help Hong Kong pull through the difficult time.

It's a blessing for Hong Kong citizens that the Chinese mainland has sent medical workers to the special administrative region for its fight against the epidemic this time, remarked Bill Tang Ka-piu, head of the Kowloon East Office of Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions.

Many Hong Kong netizens expressed their gratitude to the central government online. "Every time when Hong Kong encounters difficulties, our motherland is there for us," a comment read.

In fact, various national departments of China have been providing support for Hong Kong in its fight against COVID-19 since the outbreak of the epidemic.

From adjusting railway operation arrangements to reducing the number of flights to Hong Kong and suspending travel permits to the city, relevant departments have tried their best to cooperate with the HKSAR government and support the implementation of its various anti-epidemic measures.

When about 2,500 Hong Kong residents were stranded by the COVID-19 outbreak in Central China's Hubei Province, the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR sent five batches of medicines and supplies to Hubei for them in coordination with the HKSAR government.

In February, Chinese diplomats communicated with relevant parties and coordinated efforts to help HKSAR government bring several hundred Hong Kong passengers stranded on the novel

coronavirus-inflicted Diamond Princess cruise ship back from Japan with chartered flights.

At the onset of the epidemic, the central government responded promptly to Hong Kong's needs and immediately made efforts to ensure the supply of the materials for Hong Kong, including deploying 17 million face masks to the SAR.

Meanwhile, various mainland bases providing supplies for Hong Kong had operated at full capacity to ensure that food materials like vegetables, dairy products, eggs, grain, and cooking oil could be supplied to Hong Kong continuously.

In addition, Chinese mainland-funded companies in Hong Kong made all-out efforts to support and participate in the SAR's fight against COVID-19.

People's Daily





Photo taken on August 5 shows visitors at a well-designed booth of a wine company from southwest China's Sichuan province during the 8th China (Nanjing) International Wine & Food Fair. (File photo)

## China's new development pattern to infuse impetus into world economy

THE new development pattern proposed by China has become a buzzword of the international community in reading the Chinese economy, and the world is generally optimistic about the vitality of Chinese economy carried by the new development pattern.

In response to markedly mounting instabilities and uncertainties, China brought to the table the new development pattern whereby domestic and foreign markets can boost each other, with the domestic market as the mainstay.

It is believed that China's new development pattern has combined its own reality and the trend of economic globalization and heralds new hopes and benefits for enterprises.

Gathering pace in creating such a new development pattern, China will generate strong endogenous driving forces for its high-quality economic development, bring more opportunities for the development of other countries, and give fresh impetus to world economic recovery.

As a Chinese saying goes, a wise man changes as time and event change. As the world economy encounters a deep recession; global trade and investment shrink sharply; international financial market is thrown into turmoil; international exchanges are restricted; economic globalization runs into countercurrents; protectionism and unilateralism prevail in some countries; and geopolitical risks rise, China has to seek development in a more unstable and uncertain world.

It has become quite clear to the world that China has always been determined to accurately recognize changes, respond to changes in a science-based manner and actively seek changes.

No matter faced with what difficulties or obstacles, it has been able to pool national strength and manage its own affairs well, effectively dealing with external uncertainties with its own certainties.

After promptly containing the COVID-19 epidemic at home, China has been promoting the resumption of work, production, business and market comprehensively, leading the way in both epidemic response and economic recovery.

China's economy grew by 3.2 percent year-on-year in the second quarter. Its manufacturing purchasing managers index (PMI) rose to 51.1 in July, expanding for the fifth consecutive month (a reading above 50 indicates expansion).

Facts have shown that China has seized the initiative in development and the Chinese economy boasts strong resilience.

China's new development pattern has demonstrated once again the country's determination to open up to the world.

One of the advantages of Chinese economy is a huge domestic market. China has the largest industrial system

in the world with the most complete categories, strong production capabilities, complete supporting sectors, over 100 million market entities and a talent pool of more than 170 million people, as well as a super-large domestic market of 1.4 billion people, including over 400 million middle-income earners.

Therefore, the country is fully capable of adding momentum to the Chinese economy by stimulating the huge domestic market.

Taking the domestic market as the mainstay is absolutely not an operation behind closed doors. China will release the potential of its domestic demand, better connect the domestic and international markets, and make better use of the two resources, to realize robust sustainable development. The practice of China's reform and opening-up over the past 40 some years has shown that openness brings progress while seclusion leads to backwardness.

China's economic growth over the past 40 years was achieved with a commitment to opening-up. In the same vein, high-quality development of China's economy in the future can only be guaranteed with greater openness. China's door will never be closed; it will only open still wider.

The truth is China has managed to speed up opening-up even amid the COVID-19 epidemic. It has taken a series of measures, such as hosting the 2020 China Import and Export Fair online, releasing the Overall Plan for the Construction of Hainan Free Trade Port and shortening the 2020 negative list for foreign investment, showing the world the huge potential of China for continuously sharing its opportunities and driving world economic recovery through its own development.

China's new development pattern will surely provide more opportunities for cooperation and create more development dividends.

China has made great achievements in advancing reforms to delegate power, streamline administration and optimize government services as well as in improving the business environment, according to a report on China's success in doing business issued recently by the World Bank.

As the Chinese economy thrives, more and more foreign companies have expanded their business to China. According to a recent survey conducted by the Ministry of Commerce, 99.1 percent of foreign-funded companies will continue to invest and operate in China.

The U.S.-China Business Council's latest survey of some 150 companies also shows that China's measures to further open up and optimize its business environment in the past few years have created convenience for foreign companies' production and operation in China, and the US companies are still upbeat on the Chinese market.

People's Daily

## Third stage of Russia's coronavirus vaccine research may begin in 7-10 days

MOSCOW

THE third (post-registration) stage of the research on the coronavirus vaccine developed by the N. F. Gamaleya Federal Research Center for Epidemiology and Microbiology of the Russian Health Ministry, may begin in 7-10 days, its Director Alexander Gintsburg told TASS.

Several tens of thousands of peo-

ple are expected to take part in this research.

"On Monday, we will present the first version of the protocol on post-registration research. Given this great interest and attention of the public and the press, I think that the Health Ministry won't delay the process and will approve the protocol within a week. So, I believe within seven or ten days at maximum everything will begin," Gintsburg

said.

Earlier, the press service of Russia's public health watchdog, Roszdravnadzor, said some 2,000 people would take part in the clinical trials after the drug's registration.

In his turn, Gintsburg said several tens of thousands of people were expected to be involved by the third stage. The research will be conducted in the Moscow Region.

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## Lebanese president says Beirut aid should go where needed

BEIRUT

LEBANESE President Michel Aoun said on Saturday that international aid pledged following a massive explosion in Beirut last week that killed 178 people and made 300,000 homeless should go where it is needed.

In an interview with French news channel BFM TV, Aoun said all hypotheses remained open in the investigation into the blast at the port of Beirut that wrecked huge swathes of the capital.

"I have asked that aid sent by foreign countries be given exactly where it is needed," he said, adding that he had not considered resigning, after the government quit earlier in the week.

The United Nations has launched a \$565 million aid appeal, whose priorities include stabilising the grain supply after the explosion destroyed a huge grain silo at the port.

Six hospitals and more than 20 clinics were damaged and more than 120 schools destroyed, the UN says.

"We would like to be able to rebuild the three hospitals that were completely destroyed," U.N. humanitarian coordinator Najat Rochdi said earlier.

The United States called for a transparent and credible investigation into the disaster.

The Aug. 4 blast, which authorities say was caused by more than 2,000 tonnes of ammonium nitrate that had been unsafely stored at the port for years.

"We can never go back to an era in which anything goes at the port or the borders of Lebanon that had to contribute to this situation," said David Hale, U.S. Under-Secretary of State for Political Affairs, after visiting the port.

He said FBI agents would arrive this weekend, at the invitation of Lebanon, to help investigate what led to the explosion.



President Michel Aoun

ANGER

The blast has fuelled anger at Lebanon's ruling politicians who were already facing criticism over a financial meltdown that has sunk the currency, demolished the value of savings and left depositors unable to withdraw their money.

Some Lebanese doubt the authorities can carry out a proper investigation and say foreign countries should intervene.

"We can't trust this government. They will lie to us. They should form an international committee to investigate this," said businessman Jimmy Iskandar.

Aoun has said a probe will look into whether the blast was caused by negligence, an accident or "external interference".

He said in his interview that the investigation would not be as quick as he had hoped because it was complex and

would involve an independent magistrate.

Asked why he did not want an international investigation, he said foreign experts, including from France and the FBI, were helping with the Lebanese probe.

"They won't do a thing in an investigation and the whole world knows that," said painter Mohammed Khodr, as he helped repair a restaurant damaged in the blast.

The heavily armed, Iranian-backed Lebanese group Hezbollah, which is listed as a terrorist organisation by the United States, said on Friday it would wait for results of the official Lebanese investigation into the blast.

But if it turns out to be an act of sabotage by neighbouring Israel then it would "pay an equal price", Hezbollah leader Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah said in a televised address. Israel has denied any role in the explosion.

## Nearly half of Brazilians say Bolsonaro not to blame for coronavirus death toll, poll says

SAO PAULO

ALMOST half of Brazilians think President Jair Bolsonaro bears "no responsibility at all" for the country's more than 100,000 dead from the coronavirus pandemic, the world's second highest death toll, according to a new Datafolha poll.

The poll was published on Saturday in Brazil's Folha de Sao Paulo newspaper and says 47% of Brazilians do not assign him any blame for the body count, whereas 11% do.

Brazil has the world's worst outbreak outside of the United States and Bolsonaro's response to the pandemic has been widely condemned by health experts.

Right-wing Bolsonaro has pushed for the use of unproven anti-malarial drug hydroxychloroquine to fight the disease, replaced health ministers who opposed his agenda, encouraged Brazilians to oppose lockdown measures and shown indifference to the rising



death toll.

Bolsonaro himself and several members of his family have gotten coronavirus. His current wife, Michelle Bolsonaro, got the disease in late July and her grandmother died from the disease this week.

Bolsonaro's fourth son, Jair Renan, who is 22, tested positive for coronavirus, his mother said on Instagram on

Saturday.

"He is doing very well, taking hydroxychloroquine and will soon recover," the president's second wife said in the post, still signing her name as Cristina Bolsonaro.

Still, Bolsonaro is currently enjoying the highest popularity rating of his administration, according to the same Datafolha poll.

Thirty-seven percent of Brazilians rated his term as great or good, compared with 32% in June.

The poll said that the spike in popularity can be explained by emergency payments the government has been making to low-income and informal workers set to expire in September. The government is currently considering whether to extend the payments.

As of Friday, Brazil had 106,523 deaths and 3,275,520 confirmed cases.

Datafolha interviewed 2,065 people Aug. 11-12, and the poll has a margin of error of two percentage points up or down.

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## US loses Iran arms embargo bid as Putin pushes summit to avoid nuclear deal showdown

UNITED NATIONS

IN a U.N. Security Council vote, Russia and China opposed extending the weapons ban, which is due to expire in October under a 2015 nuclear deal between Iran and world powers. Eleven members abstained, including France, Germany and Britain, while Washington and the Dominican Republic were the only yes votes.

"The Security Council's failure to act decisively in defense of international peace and security is inexcusable," U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said in a statement.

China's U.N. Ambassador Zhang Jun said in a statement after the vote that the result "once again shows that unilateralism receives no support and bullying will fail."

The United States could now follow through on a threat to trigger a return of all U.N. sanctions on Iran using a provision in the nuclear deal, known as snapback, even though President Donald Trump abandoned the accord in 2018. Diplomats have said the United States could do this as early as next week, but would face a tough, messy battle.

"In the coming days, the United States will follow through on that promise to stop at nothing to extend the arms embargo," U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Kelly Craft said in a statement.

Diplomats have said such a move would put the fragile nuclear deal further at risk because Iran would lose a major incentive for limiting its nuclear activities. Iran already has breached parts of the nuclear deal in response to the U.S. withdrawal from the pact and unilateral sanctions.

Iran's U.N. Ambassador Majid Takht Ravanchi warned the United States against trying to trigger a return of sanctions.

"Imposition of any sanctions or restrictions on Iran by the Security Council will be met severely by Iran and our options are not limited. And the United States and any entity which may assist it or acquiesce in its illegal behavior will bear the full responsibility," he said in a statement.

THE ISSUE IS URGENT

Putin on Friday proposed a video summit with the United States and the remaining parties to the nuclear deal - Britain, France, China, Germany and Iran - to try to avoid further "confrontation and escalation" at the United Nations over Iran.

"The issue is urgent," Putin said in a statement, adding that the alternative was "only further escalation of tensions, increasing risk of conflict - such a scenario must be avoided."

Asked if he would take part, Trump told reporters, "I hear there's something, but I haven't been told of it yet." French President Emmanuel Macron is open to taking part in a video summit, the Elysee palace said.

The United States has argued that it can trigger a sanctions snapback because a U.N. Security Council resolution enshrining the nuclear deal named Washington as a participant. But the remaining parties to the deal are opposed to the move.

Putin said Russia, an ally of Iran in the Syrian civil war, remained fully committed to the nuclear deal and that the aim of a summit would be to outline steps aimed at avoiding "confrontation and escalation of the situation in the Security Council."

Trump has said he wants to negotiate a new deal with Iran that would prevent it from developing nuclear weapons and also curb its activities in the region and elsewhere.

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## China's slow public service trains contribute to poverty alleviation

AS the total mileage of China's high-speed rail exceeds 35,000 kilometers and accounts for over 2/3 of the world's total, the Chinese people are enjoying increasingly rapid and convenient transportation.

However, there are still 81 pairs of slow public service trains running across the country, picking up passengers at every stop in the country's remote mountainous areas at minimum charges.

Train No. 6063/6064 is one of the 81 pairs of slow public service trains running between Guangyuan, southwest China's Sichuan province and Baoji,

northwest China's Shaanxi province. Helping poverty alleviation and carrying students to schools, the rail line, running for over 60 years, is a guarantee of and witness to the wish for a better life of the people along its route.

Selling agricultural products from mountainous areas to the outside is an important approach for rural residents to shake off poverty.

To facilitate the agricultural trade of them, the train has particularly offered an information board to match the supply and demand sides, where prices of

crops are listed.

A woman surnamed Li from Guangyuan always takes this train for restocking peaches in Yanzhibian township, Hanzhong, Shaanxi province.

"The purchase price is 2.6 yuan (\$0.37) per kilogram, and I can sell the fruits at 4 yuan per kilogram back home. The small business gains me extra income and makes my life better," Li said.

A man surnamed Wang is also a frequent passenger of the train. "It only costs me 4 yuan to go to Yanzhibian from Guangyuan, so I can have more profit,"

Wang told People's Daily, adding that the service of this train is specifically maintained for poverty alleviation.

To guarantee good education for children living in impoverished regions is also an important mission for poverty alleviation. Therefore, this train carries many students and their parents.

Ren Bin, a crew member of the train introduced that there are 24 schools along the II-station route, so the train is also a "school shuttle" for the children.

Liu Sen, Wang Yibo and Ma Wenhao are three students who

live in Baishuijiang township, Lueyang and go to a primary school in the seat of Lueyang.

According to Ma's grandmother, the three children would always take the train together go to school and go back home. Whenever she's kept busy, she would ask the attendants on the train to help her take care of her grandson. "When he boards on the train, I feel assured," she said.

The train brings warm and leads the people along its route to embrace a better life. It is a witness to China's railway department's promise that the

people's railway is for the people.

Liu Lianrui, conductor of the train, has observed how the life of the people was improved over the years.

According to Lin, villagers at first got rid of the worries of insufficient food and clothes. Then their houses were equipped with solar water heaters and connected to paved roads. Now, they are following up the world through smartphones and mobile communication and payment apps.

"Everything is worthwhile as long as the people here live a

happy life," said a crew member of the train.

People's Daily



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## TFF to host seminar for clubs



Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) information officer, Clifford Ndimbo.

BY CORRESPONDENT JOSEPH MCHEKADONA

TANZANIA Football Federation (TFF) today organizes a seminar for clubs to equip them on FIFA Connect and Transfer Matching System (TMS) ahead of the 2020/21 Mainland Premier League kick off set for early next month.

A statement released by the federation over the weekend said the seminar targets managers from elite league clubs, First Division League (FDL) and Second Division League (SDL) sides, who are responsible for player transfers and FIFA Connect. It will take place at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

The FIFA Connect system is an online platform where clubs register their players, officials and stakeholders.

It aims at promoting accountability and transparency in player transfers as well as fact-based management of football development.

"TFF is to connect a FIFA Connect and TMS for managers who are responsible for the two, the aim is to remind them on the use of the platform, it will be a seminar of

great importance to our football," said part of the release from TFF.

The FIFA Connect is the first ever initiative aimed at integrating football data from bottom to top.

The system is aimed at setting up a worldwide football registration program to help organise stakeholders around the world.

The goals of the program include the systematic registration of players and other stakeholders, the establishment of information systems standards for the exchange of data across national borders.

The Transfer Matching System is an online platform for player transfers between clubs affiliated in the same association and also in foreign associations.

It offers clubs an ability to manage and monitor transfer activity, generate statistics and reports, speed up the transfer process and store required documents online, safely.

The system also helps clubs to get compensation during transfers, allowing a parent club of a player to claim compensation for any transfer deal.

## Switching players, administrators and coaches tells awful lot on capacity building

BY CORRESPONDENT MICHAEL ENEZA

IN what now looks like a game of ladders, city archrivals Simba SC and Yanga have had occasion to exchange players, a top administrator and a coach, where one side is the pace setter and the other the recipient. What is interesting is that in all these cases those involved are foreign nationals, which means their positions were not being evaluated against others on the local stage but in all those respects they excelled, the only issue being their club loyalties. And that easily exchanges vocal pleads for cash.

Ordinarily each position whether in the field, the technical bench or club offices, when it falls vacant, there ought to be a number of individuals contesting to fill that position, and who have fairly significant chances of being selected. In that case there was always the chance that a good player or the best player in the Yanga line up abandon the club for greener pastures somewhere, but the problem is how Msimbazi Street bigwigs worked overtime to purchase his disloyalty to erstwhile employers, and signature. It spoke a lot about the player being a sort of superstar in the premier league, reminding fans of other cases earlier.

Such contention for foreign professionals was noticed during the period of superstardom of Ugandan ace Emmanuel Okwi, while Zimbabwean Donald Ngoma changed clubs but wasn't a hot potato for technical benches. There was Haruna Niyonzima and others with ability to mesmerize city rivals' technical benches such that they break all the rules to undermine the other club's hold on the player and net his signature. The trouble is that there



Azam FC forward, Richard Djodi (C), dribbles past Polisi Tanzania defenders in the just ended Vodacom Premier League's clash, which took place in Dar es Salaam.

is an excessive foreign element in what is being contested, and a cash inequality.

What sparks interest and disillusion on this series of exchanges of club personnel or rather shifts of key personalities is that in all those instances no local aspirant for any of those positions appeared to be in contention. That wasn't due to any discrimination but reality, since the persons making those decisions weren't favoring the foreign recruits or aspirants, for a good player to be recruited, a club administrator or a new coach. In all those instances they were the best for the job at hand, at least on the basis of the club leaders handling the matter, and definitely they didn't give them a favor to disorient their next door rivals.

The one case that would appear somewhat straightforward is in relation to the player, Bernard Morrison as players are somewhat unique at a given moment, where

it could be understood if Simba didn't wish to go farther to get a good attacker upfront. When it comes to a club administrator, the idea that the South African hands-on sports bureaucrat was the only contender is a lot more intriguing, for there ought to have been wider scanning of the field for management professionals who have an interest in the club. For purposes of the city of Dar es Salaam alone, how many contenders with CPA or MBA could we expect?

Still there was an explanation that the former Simba SC top administrator had exposure with major clubs in his home country and therefore knows soccer quite well. But was he also expected to stand in for the coach if he is not feeling well, or is he supposed to evaluate team performance as chief executive and soccer expert rolled into one? It appears that the latter was the kind of reasoning involved, but when that is the case, to what extent would

the material coach feel free to act, if the chief executive is the one who is tasked with making executive decisions touching on the football substance, not just on the business side?

That is why the scenario becomes even more tantalizing when one considers that the erstwhile Msimbazi Street outfit technical bench key person, the coach, also shifted sides and strolled across the street to start heading the Jangwani Street side technical bench. Was this act reaffirming that the coach will make his decisions and therefore took a fellow who would expect a freehand since his being in Tanzania attests to the fact that he is a professional, unlike a local coach who would be expected to think he is on probation? If that is the case, is the reassurance about team performance still being relied from the chief executive?

All these moves in a metropolitan soccer-cum-chess game in Dar es Salaam suggests that we are working in an environment with scarce material for top players, excellent managers and dependable first team coaches, especially for a team with continental ambitions.

Despite the rivalry and inequality at the cash level where Msimbazi Street is now sort of dictating terms, there is no doubt that plenty of similarities exist or are demonstrated in this series of events. It is the tendency for hasty recruitment despite that the talent is visible, so there is hasty recruitment of foreigners to key positions, dismissing them for this or that reason - or disentangling from their services - and they are hastily recruited by the rivals next door!



Young Pakistani girls showcase their dancing skills at Pakistan's 74th Independence Day celebration, which took place in Dar es Salaam last Friday. Pakistan High Commissioner to Tanzania, Muhammad Saleem, graced the celebration which was coordinated by the Welfare Association of Pakistanis (WAP) Dar es Salaam. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

BY CORRESPONDENT JOSEPH MCHEKADONA

## Simba SC to take on Zanaco FC in friendly

TANZANIA'S soccer giants, Simba SC, are set to play Zambia giants, Zanaco FC, in an international friendly in Dar es Salaam on Saturday.

The match will conclude a week of charity activities that are conducted by the club, known as 'Simba Week', which started in the city and other regions in the country early this week.

It will moreover be the club's opportunity to introduce new players the squad has signed.

Simba's assistant coach, Suleiman Matola, said his squad will start preparations for the 2020/21 season at its venue Mo Simba Arena at Bunju in Dar es Salaam today.

Matola said his players will concentrate on physical fitness, adding he and other members of the technical bench will as well as-



Simba SC

sess if the players followed the off-season program which they were given. Matola will head the preparations in the absence of head coach, Sven

Vandenbroeck, who is in his country, Belgium, after the culmination of the 2019/20 football season.

He said he expects players, both local and foreign,

to report for training before Wednesday.

The assistant coach said he will work closely with his technical bench colleagues, keepers' coach,

team doctor and physio-therapist, to prepare the team for the Mainland Premier League which gets underway next month.

"The team starts prepa-

rations for the coming league tomorrow (today), we need to start preparations as we will be playing Namungo FC at the end of this month in the Charity Shield clash," the coach noted.

"We moreover have the CAF Champions League games and the Mainland Premier League," he said.

Simba SC, who are also the holders of the 2020 Azam Sports Federation (ASFC), like other Premier League teams, have boosted their squad this season by acquiring the services of five new players.

They are Bernard Morrison, Charles Ifanya, David Kameta, Joash Onyango, Ibrahim Ame and Larry Bwalya.

Simba SC rivals, Yanga, who released 14 players as part of rebuilding exercise to successfully challenge the Vodacom Pre-

mier League title, started preparations for the league at Tanganyika Law School ground in Dar es Salaam last week.

The Jangwani Street-based outfit, who finished second in the just ended top flight, have signed Farid Mussa from CD Tennerife of Spain, Waziri Junior from Mbao FC, Yassin Mustapha from Polisi Tanzania, Bakari Mwangeto from Coastal Union, Zawadi Mauya from Kagera Sugar, Abdallah Shaibu, Kibwana Shomari from Mtibwa Sugar and Burkinabe Yacouba Sogone from Ghana's Asante Kotoko.

Azam FC, who are under the tutelage of Romanian Aristica Cioba, were one of the first Premier League sides to start preparations for the coming season.

Azam FC finished third in the just ended Premier League.

They have also boosted their side by acquiring the services of Emmanuel Charles, David Kissu, Awe-su Awesu, Ally Niyonzima, Ismail Aziz and Ayoub Ly-anga.

Abdulkarim Nurdin, Azam FC CEO, disclosed the team started early preparations for the coming league on recommendations from their head coach Cioba.

"The team started preparations two weeks ago, the aim is to prepare well for the coming season, our coach suggested that for our team to perform well in the coming season it should start preparations early," Nurdin disclosed.

"We have also boosted our team with new faces, this is also recommendation from our coach who advised the club management to acquire the services of the players we have so far signed... but we are still active in the market," he said.



## Lyon coach Garcia sets 'no limits' for his side after Man City success

LISBON

LYON coach Rudi Garcia said his side were "not setting any limits" after their stunning win over Manchester City on Saturday set up an unlikely Champions League semi-final against Bayern Munich.

The French team defeated Pep Guardiola's men 3-1 in the 'Final Eight' in Lisbon with a late brace from substitute Moussa Dembele deciding the game after Kevin De Bruyne's goal had cancelled out Maxwel Cornet's opener.

Their victory against much-fancied City comes after they ousted Italian champions Juventus on away goals in the previous round. But they will now have to see off an ominous Bayern team on Wednesday if they are to make the final.

"We know who we are coming up against next," said Garcia.

"We eliminated a Juventus side who were one of the contenders to win the Champions League, and a Manchester City side who were contenders to win the Champions League.

"Bayern will be exactly the same, but on the basis of what the players have shown logically we can still hope to get through another round and that is what we are going to prepare to try to do."

Lyon finished seventh in the curtailed French season, a desperately poor showing from France's second-richest club meaning they have to now win the Champions League just to qualify for Europe again in the new campaign.

They have appeared in continental competition in each of the last 23 seasons, but they have never gone beyond the semi-finals of the Champions League.

That has happened just once before, when they lost to Bayern in the last four in 2010.

"Confidence is growing within the squad, but we will be outsiders and once again it will need an exploit from us to go through," said Garcia.

"When you are in the last four we

can say that we deserve to be there and if we get to the final we really will deserve it."

The former Lille, Roma and Marseille coach was appointed last October and has never won over Lyon supporters, but this result can only have improved his standing.

"I do this job to experience these moments but they are very rare in a career," he said.

"Tonight is magnificent but it doesn't give us anything, there is no title or place in Europe. Now we need to recuperate, savour this and let it sink in."

Meanwhile, Moussa Dembele said Lyon's shock 3-1 Champions League victory over Manchester City showed the French side are a "great team" as well after reaching the semi-finals for just the second time in the club's history.

French striker Dembele scored twice after coming on as a substitute for the final 15 minutes in Lisbon as Lyon dumped out Pep Guardiola's City to set up a clash with favourites Bayern Munich for a spot in the final.

"It was a difficult match against a very big team," Dembele told RMC Sport.

"When you're on the bench it's not always easy but you've got to keep your spirits up and make sure that when the coach brings you on you play your part.

"There's always this bit of sadness for a player when you don't start a match. But a match is long and as long as the referee hasn't blown the final whistle, there's always a possibility."

Saturday's game was just the third in five months for Lyon who finished seventh in Ligue 1 after the season was curtailed early following the coronavirus pandemic.

"After the break the team came back and made a promise to try and give everything each time we're on the pitch," said Dembele.

"We're still here and that means we're a great team."

AFP

## Man City lacked perfection in loss to Lyon - Pep

LISBON

MANCHESTER City coach Pep Guardiola said his side lost 3-1 to Lyon to exit the Champions League in the quarterfinals because they lacked the perfection needed in Europe's top competition.

City fell behind to Maxwel Cornet's strike in a sloppy first half and although they looked like their usual selves after the break and levelled through Kevin de Bruyne, they were downed by two strikes from second-half substitute Moussa Dembele, sandwiched between an unbelievable open-goal miss from Raheem Sterling.

"It is what it is and hopefully one day we'll bridge this gap," Guardiola told BT Sport after a fourth successive failure in the Champions League with City.

"We struggled in the first 25 minutes but in the second half we felt free, we were there and I had the feeling we were better than them but you have to be perfect in this competition and we were not."

Guardiola did not complain about Lyon's second goal, which survived a VAR review after a potential foul by Dembele on City defender Aymeric Laporte.

"I don't know, I don't want to talk about those circumstances because sometimes it seems like I'm complaining or looking for excuses," he said. "We are out, I had the feeling we were incredible already, but we made mistakes in the boxes in the key moments."

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Named as a substitute by coach Rudi Garcia, who chose Memphis Depay and Karl Toko Ekambi up front instead, the 24-year-old Dembele scored shortly after coming on in the 75th minute and then wrapped up the 3-1 win three minutes from time.

His goals prompted wild scenes on the streets of Lyon on Saturday as fans gathered in the city centre, dancing and lighting flares to celebrate their victory over pre-match favourites City.

"It was a complicated game against a very great team. For a player, there is always a little bit of sadness to start on the bench, but I made a difference," Dembele told French television.

"We made the promise to give everything. The spirit of the group has changed, we know that we are a great team."

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# City's latest Champions League nightmare a result of Guardiola's tormented tactics

BY JAMES OLLEY SENIOR WRITER, ESPN FC

IS there another manager who turns the Champions League knockout stages into an existential battle for his soul quite like Pep Guardiola?

The only time Manchester City appeared likely to win Saturday's quarterfinal against Lyon was when they looked like themselves: A dominant 20-minute, second-half spell that coincided with Guardiola abandoning an unfamiliar 3-5-2 shape in favour of their conventional back four, a sumptuous Kevin De Bruyne equaliser and concerted pressure thereafter.

Yet, City went behind as a result of Guardiola's early conservatism and they were knocked out of the competition due to Lyon exposing the defensive vulnerabilities he hitherto sought to protect with his initial formation.

No wonder Guardiola looks so exasperated on these nights.

Guardiola and Manchester City will surely one day try to win the Champions League on their own terms, prioritising the free-flowing, expansive football that overwhelms so many weaker opponents. The need to do something different against better opponents on the biggest stage is seemingly a thought that consumes Guardiola on an annual basis.

Since Chelsea mugged his Barcelona side on the way to winning the 2012 crown, Guardiola has faltered under the weight of expectation to deliver the Champions League trophy, an expectation heightened by the domestic supremacy he enjoyed at Bayern Munich and with City.

A warning came in the form of the two group stage meetings with Lyon last season, as the Ligue 1 side won at the Etihad Stadium and were only denied a double by Sergio Aguero's late equaliser, sitting deep and counter-attacking to devastating effect. Maxwel Cornet scored in both matches



Leipzig's Tyler Adams scores his side's second goal during the Champions League quarterfinal match between RB Leipzig and Atletico Madrid at the Jose Alvalade stadium in Lisbon, Portugal, Thursday, Aug. 13, 2020. (AP)

and he netted the opener here, taking advantage of Kyle Walker's positional error in playing Karl Toko Ekambi inside. Eric Garcia did well to tackle Ekambi, but the loose ball fell to Cornet and he curled a low finish superbly past Eder from outside the area.

Walker and Guardiola exchanged impassioned words on the touchline as the inquest began. The England international was man of the match against Real Madrid, but here he looked lost between playing his natural game and the one Guardiola was asking. He wasn't alone.

It was not until 11 minutes after the restart that Guardiola finally decided to abandon the strategy of mirroring Lyon's system. It feels almost alien to describe City as lacking creativity but in a first half notable only for Raheem Sterling's sporadic raids and one magical De Bruyne pass, Riyad Mahrez's introduction had City almost

immediately resembling their old selves.

They slowly went through the gears, albeit without hitting top speed. Lyon began to tire. De Bruyne grew in influence and his equaliser came through a cool side-footed finish from Sterling's cutback. But just when it appeared a second City goal was inevitable, they imploded. Garcia lost possession cheaply, Houssem Aouar quickly released substitute Moussa Dembele but only after Ekambi had allowed the ball to run through his legs from an offside position.

It also appeared as though there was contact between Dembele and Garcia, desperately trying to recover, before the striker burst clear to score, but Dutch referee Danny Makkelie gave the goal and VAR did not argue otherwise. City players protested but this was not the same level of controversy as in last season's defeat to

Tottenham.

Individual errors of their own counted for plenty more. Just 59 seconds before Dembele struck, Sterling somehow missed an open goal from Gabriel Jesus' cross. Garcia should have done better in the build-up to Dembele's first goal and his second owed everything to Ederson fluffing a tame Aouar shot to give him a tap-in.

Managers cannot be held accountable for individual mistakes. They should, however, be held accountable for presiding over performances where the impact of those mistakes is not mitigated by creating a plethora of chances, especially a team usually as creative as City. Once again, City fall at the quarterfinal stage, a barrier that is becoming as psychological to overcome as it is physical.

The Champions League remains the Holy Grail for City and their manager, appearing at the end of an ever-steep climb with each

passing season.

Guardiola's search extends back nine years; taking in last season's defeat to Spurs when he was too defensive in the first leg, packing the midfield against Liverpool and, when in charge of Bayern, man-to-man marking Barcelona or opting for all-out attack against Real Madrid. It might be hard to question Guardiola, with all he has achieved in the game, but the component parts are too familiar not to prompt criticism in his direction.

"One day we will break this gap to the semis," he said after the match. "In the first 20, 25 minutes, we struggled to find spaces to attack."

"The second half was OK -- we were there. I had a feeling we were better. You have to be perfect in this competition. We did a lot of good things, but it wasn't enough. We made mistakes in the boxes in key moments. We struggled to find our spaces to attack."

"We made mistakes in both boxes at key moments. What we have done is try to cover our weak points compared to their strong points. That's why. The first 15-20 minutes in the 1st half was magnificent. We struggled to find our spaces to attack."

Guardiola famously described that 4-0 defeat to Real Madrid in April 2014 as the "biggest f---up of my life as a coach".

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## Recovery or separation for Messi as Barcelona face up to change

BY THOMAS ALLNUTT

LIONEL Messi's body language said it all as Barcelona were sent into full-blown meltdown in their historic Champions League quarter-final humiliation at the hands of Bayern Munich on Friday.

He could only look on helplessly as the club to which he has brought so much glory succumbed to a record 8-2 defeat in Lisbon.

By the end, even with the ball he could not make anything happen -- he was robbed of possession in his own half to start the move which brought Bayern's seventh goal at the Estadio da Luz.

Earlier, in a photo taken through the door of what appears to be Barca's changing room at half-time and which has widely circulated online, Messi can be seen sitting alone at the end of his bench, turned away, wearing both the captain's armband and a look of total resignation.

He looked beaten as he stared at the floor with his shoulders drooping, deflated, done, exhausted, perhaps even, old.

Bayern were 4-1 up at that point, but there was no chance of a comeback in the second half and instead it became Barcelona's worst ever defeat in Europe.

The hope had been that Messi would erase all logic by beating arguably the most formidable club team in the world right now on his own, and in spite of everything around him.

How did it come to this? And more pressingly, what now? At 33, Messi has to decide if he wants to be part of the overhaul that is surely now unavoidable at the Camp Nou.

"No-one is essential," said Gerard Pique, one of the last survivors along with Messi of Barcelona's glorious era under Pep Guardiola a decade ago.

"New blood has to come in and change this dynamic. If I am the first to go, so be it because now we have reached rock bottom."

Pique, Luis Suarez, Sergio Busquets, Jordi Alba and Arturo Vidal are all 31 or over, but if there



Does Lionel Messi's future lie away from Barcelona in the wake of their shocking Champions League defeat against Bayern Munich? (Agencies)

is to be a purge of the old guard, Messi would survive it.

Yet it is not clear who would replace them given Barca's financial problems mean this is not a recovery that can be driven by a string of new signings.

Instead, a new coach, assuming Quique Setien is replaced, would have to turn to the academy, where Barcelona's creation of young talent is not as efficient as it once was.

Frenkie de Jong, Ansu Fati and Riqui Puig could lead the way but others will need patience, time to bed in, perhaps even a transition season or two.

It is the kind of job that might suit Mauricio Pochettino -- a coach who is on the market -- even if he thought he had left behind the days of precious few signings and an emphasis on bringing through youth.

- Leaving the riskiest

option? -

Trophies during that period would prove harder, not easier, to come by. Is Messi prepared to spend the final years of his career as a mentor rather than a winner?

The alternative would be to keep faith with the senior players, many of whom might prove impossible to shift anyway, given their expensive contracts in the current market, badly impacted by

the coronavirus pandemic.

But that would amount to continuity not change and perhaps only one candidate could persuade Messi that this current crop can be rejuvenated.

The problem is Xavi Hernandez, a club legend as a player, has just signed a new contract with Al-Sadd in Qatar and he will not work under the present board.

It means no option is without risk for Messi, whose silence after the game on Friday suggested he needs time to reflect.

Leaving might still be the riskiest option of all, given nobody can offer guaranteed success in the Champions League, particularly in the short period Messi would be operating.

A new country and culture would bring considerable upheaval for his wife and three young sons.

A new team would also dim, if only slightly, his star at Barcelona, the club he joined almost two decades ago and is now undeniably failing him.

AFP

Gwiji by David Chikoko





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Yanga's mobilization officer, Antonio Nugaz.

## Yanga were never after new Simba SC star, says official

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

SIMBA SC management has boldly claimed the outfit got one over rivals Yanga on Saturday by swooping in to confirm the signing of Zambian attacking midfielder, Larry Bwalya.

Yanga were reported to be the first to show interest in the midfielder but a deal was not agreed with Power Dynamos despite several media outlets reporting they were on the verge of signing Bwalya.

Well, Yanga spokesman, Antonio Nugaz, has played down the coup carried by Simba, claiming the former were never in for the midfielder in the first place.

Speaking a shortly after Simba had announced Bwalya, Nugaz claimed that the Zambian star was not a target for Yanga.

"We are in the final preparations of receiving our international players. There have been rumours suggesting we have missed out on several targets that have gone to our rivals but let me assure our fans, that is not true," he said.

"Unfortunately it seems everybody that is landing in Tanzania is linked to Yanga. The truth is we have not missed any player that we were interested in. Larry Bwalya was not in our plans."

"Nobody can predict who will sign next, we are keeping things tight at the moment. We are not in a hurry to announce our signings."

Simba signed Bwalya from Zambia Super League side Power Dynamos. Bwalya became the third foreign player to have signed for the back-to-back Mainland Premier League champions so far.

"Zambian midfielder Larry Bwalya has joined Simba from Power Dynamos. He is best known as 'Locomotive' and is a box-to-box midfielder, a magician left-footer," Simba announced on their social media pages confirming the arrival of the star from Kitwe.

After the disappointment of early exit in CAF Champions League last season, Simba are rebuilding their team with the hope of making it to the money bracket for a third time in their history.

On Friday Kenyan defender Joash Onyango was recruited on a two-year contract as well as Ghanaian winger Bernard Morrison who controversially crossed over from their rivals, Yanga.

Two locals additions have already been confirmed, namely center forward Charles Ilanfyia from Premier League side Kinondoni Municipal Council FC and right full back David Kameta from relegated Lipuli FC

## Simba SC begins pre-season practice



Simba's assistant coach Aymen Hbibi (L) oversees the side's training at Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam recently. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

By Correspondent Michael

Mwebe

SIMBA SC first-team squad returns to the club's ground, Mo Simba Arena, in Dar es Salaam today to begin preparations for the 2020/21 season.

The Vodacom Premier League champions will be hopeful of following up their title-winning campaign with even more trophies.

Having won the domestic treble for the first time in their history,

capped by a tremendous 4-1 annihilation of age old rivals Yanga in the Federation Cup semi-final, Simba and the technical bench will be eager to get preparations for the upcoming campaign underway.

Simba, nicknamed 'Msimbazi Reds', were crowned Premier League champions for the third time in a row with a 14-point gap

ahead of second-placed Yanga, and there is no doubt that they will be pushing to win a fourth consecutive league victory.

Sven Vandebroek's side will surely, however, have qualifying for the CAF Champions League group stage as a top priority come next season after they were eliminated in the preliminary round by UD Songo

of Mozambique in the previous campaign.

The outfit's new signings Joash Onyango from Kenya's Gor Mahia, Larry Bwalya from Zambia's Power Dynamos, David Kameta from Lipuli FC and Charles Ilanfyia from KMC FC are already in Dar es Salaam.

The players will immediately join the squad when the first

training session is scheduled, as they have all passed their respective medicals during their presentations.

The club's pre-season schedule starts with an international friendly match against either Zanaco FC or Zesco United on Saturday on the 'Simba Day', which culminates a week of charity activities held by the outfit, known as 'Simba Week'.

Simba will thereafter face Namungo FC in the Community Shield clash, a season opener, on August 29, 2020.

The Tanzania Community Shield is contested by the winners of the Vodacom Premier League and Federation Cup.

With Simba having won both, they take on Namungo FC, who finished second in Federation Cup, and are representing Tanzania in the CAF Confederation Cup.

Simba team manager, Patrick Rweyemamu, has provided an update with regards to where the club currently stands with their plans to return to training.

"We expect to resume training on Monday (today) in preparation for 'Simba Day', Community Shield and the Premier League in general," he stated.

"Any player that has been unveiled is in Dar es Salaam and that means all players that were announced during the weekend are ready to start serving the club and will be part of the training camp," he disclosed.

## Chui Challengers cricketers progress to 2020 APL final

By Guardian Reporter

CHUI Challengers' cricketers have closed in on the 2020 Advanced Players League (APL) top honour after booking a place in the final in Dar es Salaam yesterday.

Chui Challengers were set to confront Simba Kings in the second of the showpiece's last four stage's games, known as 'Eliminator', yesterday morning, only to see the game abandoned because of rain.

Atif Salim, Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA) information officer, stated that Chui Challengers sailed through to the final given they had a better net run rate.

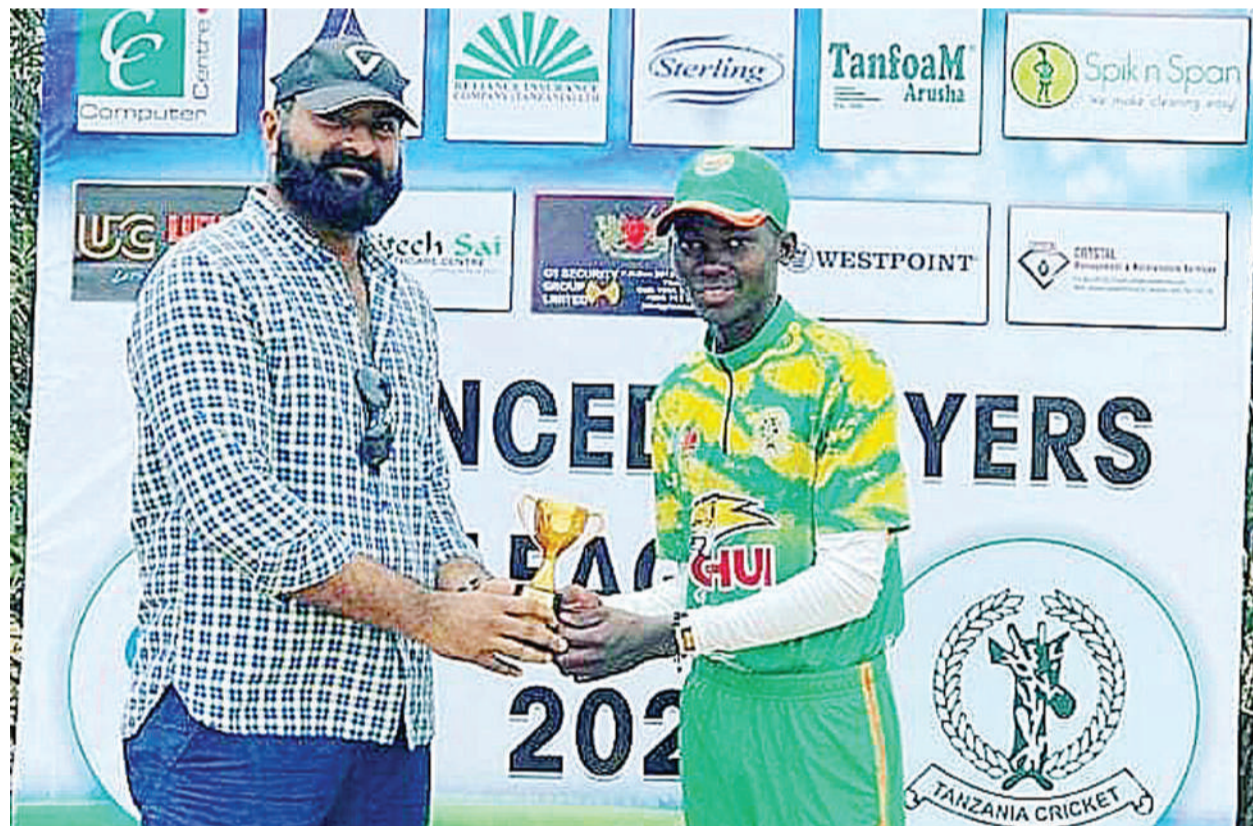
Chui Challengers were positioned second in the 2020 APL table, having notched three wins, lost two games to collect six points.

They had posted a net run rate of 0.5392, having scored 655 runs and leaked 558.

They were set to lock horns with Twiga Titans in the final at Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC) oval yesterday afternoon.

Twiga Titans, the showpiece's strong contenders for the trophy, had progressed to the final following a 15-run victory over Chui Challengers in the first of the tournament's semi-finals, known as 'Qualifier 1', which was held a day back.

Twiga Titans, for that matter, finished at the top of the 2020 APL table, posting victory in four outings, suffering loss in



Chui Challengers' youngster Johnson Nyambo (R) receives a man of the match prize from senior cricketer, Sreejith Kumar, who is also Caravans Club's skipper, after the conclusion of the 2020 Advanced Players League (APL) encounter between Chui Challengers and Tembo Stars, which took place in Dar es Salaam recently. Nyambo had an impressive bowling showing for Chui Challengers in the clash, as he took three wickets and helped them emerge victorious. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TCA

one to amass eight points.

They had net run rate of 0.8725, as they recorded 555 runs and leaked 514 runs.

Simba Kings, Tembo Stars, Buffalo Blasters and Royal Rhinos settled for the third, fourth, fifth and last spots respectively.

The Saturday's Qualifier 1 saw Twiga Titans bank on the resourcefulness of their senior all rounders to come out victorious, weathering stiff opposition showcased by Chui Challengers.

The clash had Chui Challengers winning the toss, electing to bowl and limiting Twiga Titans to 140 runs for seven wickets in 20 overs.

Opener, Abdulrahman Akida, managed to stay at the crease for a few overs to post 13 runs which consisted of a boundary.

Skipper Kassim Nassor, who had helped the squad post good results in the round robin stage with his scintillating displays, did not last long at the crease in the duel, posting 12 runs which included a four.

Meaningful contribution with the bat came from Jatin Darji who scored 34 runs, cracking two fours and two sixes.

There were also notable batting showing staged by youngsters, Dhruvit Mehta and Harsheed Chohan. Mehta recorded 16 runs, Chohan notched 13 runs.

The side's experienced all rounder, Zahid Abbas, showcased his resilience during the closing stages the innings given he registered 26 runs not out, which consisted of

two fours and a six.

Chui Challengers' medium pacer, Kibwana Salum, had an impressive spell, ending with three wickets and leaking 23 runs in four overs.

Much as they displayed spirited performance in the chase Chui Challengers' resilience waned, managing 125 runs for the loss of eight wickets in 20 overs.

Nandakishan Pottachira had the best innings, ending nine runs short of a half century and cracking two fours and two sixes.

Spinner Tambwe Rashid and Chohan posted two wickets apiece during Twiga Titans' turn with the ball to successfully keep Chui Challengers batsmen in check.

The match pitting Simba Kings against Tembo Stars, which was the last of the 2020 APL round robin stage clashes, was a pulsating encounter which ended with the former beating the latter by four runs.

Simba Kings raced to 155 runs for four wickets in 20 overs once they won the toss and chose to bat first.

Tembo Stars, in response, chased their opponents' total with plenty of zeal but faltered in the last over to, in the end, amass 151 runs for the loss of six wickets in 20 overs.

## Flexibles by David Chikoko

