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Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa delivers speech to adjourn the National Assembly in Dodoma yesterday. Photo: PMO

# PM: Rule of law the key to conduct among RCs

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has asked regional commissioners and regional administrative secretaries to deliver good governance by sticking to the rule of law and ethical code of conduct in the public service. He said the top regional administrators must uphold leadership ethics, cautioning that the

government will not tolerate leaders who do not stick to principles guiding the conduct of public office holders. As top leaders, they must maintain good relationships with people they lead and acknowledge the specific roles of each of the principal pillars of the state, he said, underlining that poor relations among key

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## Law amendments clear way for EACOP project

By Francis Kajubi, Dodoma

THE National Assembly yesterday passed the Written Laws (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act number 3 of 2021, making changes in 14 laws aimed at facilitating implementation of all strategic projects the government has signed with multinational companies including the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP). The \$3.5bn EACOP project has so far witnessed the signing of five agreements between Tanzania and Uganda since 2016, Energy minister Dr Medard Kalemani said in the legislature yesterday, noting that the ministry has constituted a facilitation team to help put together



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requirements for the project to kick off in Tanzania, by fast-tracking permit clearance processes and obtaining tax exemptions from the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA). "We have also established a database that shows locally registered companies in the oil and gas exploration sector which will take part in the project value chain. All these local companies must be re-registered at the Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) to enable them to benefit from opportunities offered in the project by the hosting companies," he said. Local companies taking part in the project must be locally owned to at least 25 percent, he said, noting further that the ministry will next week meet with the Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF) in Tanga to see how opportunities from the project will be explored. The ministry expects that more than 15,000 youths will be employed in the project directly and indirectly during the construction period, with project

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## Report on graduates' skills out next month VETA mobile lab to serve schools short of facilities

By Francis Kajubi, Dodoma

THE government is finalizing a report on the state of workforce skills countrywide which will be made public next month. Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa told the National Assembly yesterday that employers are eager to know the level of skills and professionalism of young graduates seeking job opportunities in the public and private sectors. Adjourning the National Assembly to the end of August after a three-month session chiefly devoted to debating estimates of various ministries and the overall Government Budget, the premier said building skills is a primary concern in achieving the country's industrialization agenda. The study was conducted for the last time in 2014 where highly skilled workers stood at only 3.6 percent, middle skilled part of the workforce took up 16.4 of the total workforce and lowly skilled job seekers taking up

around 80 percent of the workforce. "The study will also bring to light the profile of current job opportunities in the formal and informal employment sectors," he said, noting that this will involve revenue generated in economic activities, working hours spent, social security networks, newly generated jobs and unemployment levels. The National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) in collaboration with the Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF) in 2019 considered a simple study in six priority sectors, which showed the skills level that most employers prefer for new employees. Employees prefer skills in the agribusiness sector, poultry and agro processing, tourism and hospitality, communications skills in foreign languages and bee keeping, he summed up. Other vital areas are computer skills, electronics and renewable energy sources as well as skills in construction

By Guardian Reporter

THE Vocational Education and Training Authority (VETA) via its Dar es Salaam centre has designed an award-winning mobile laboratory to be used by primary and secondary schools lacking appropriate facilities. The powerful off-road vehicle is fitted with all necessary science apparatus can reach any part of the country and be used by various schools on selected days to ensure pupils' exposure to equipment and scientific experiments. VETA instructor Emmanuel Bakula said in an interview with 'The Guardian' at the 45th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF) that the relevant authorities had approved the lab and it was ready for use by schools that are in need. "This lab was assembled last year and this year it was taken to the Science, Technology and Innovation Exhibition (STIE) competition where it was awarded first position," he stated, noting that it was ready for use and can be taken anywhere needed, in schools that lack laboratories or without equipment.

Bakula said the mobile lab provides practical lessons especially in science and physics subjects. A mobile lab can be purchased in entirety with all its paraphernalia, supplied with technicians who if required can go anywhere to make demonstrations to students using lab facilities, he stated. Hawa Kitamba, a student who was part of those initiating the mobile lab project, said that this innovation will assist solving challenges faced by students who dislike science subjects owing to the lack of labs. As Tanzania implements a universal basic education programme from preschool, primary school to secondary schooling, the lack of science laboratories has hindered effective implementation of the project. Science laboratories and related equipment allow students to interact directly with the data that is gathered during practical sessions. With such facilities, learners get first-hand learning experience by performing different experiments on their own, she said. Generally, school science lab make learning as well as teaching much easier, the talented student added

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Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute surgeons in collaboration with their colleagues from Shifa Hospital of Egypt attend to tachycardia patient at a three day special camp held at JKCI in Dar es Salaam recently. Photo: Correspondent Anna Nkinda

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officials derail government efforts to improve the provision of services in various areas.

Opening of a four-day capacity building session for regional commissioners and regional administrative secretaries, the premier reminded them on the importance of their embodying the good image of the government in their handling of people's needs.

The top leaders should maintain appropriate dressing, use official language when addressing people and shun the boisterous notion that they are 'presidents' in their areas of administration, he emphasised.

"You are role models to the public. Anything you say or do can either build or break you and the people you lead are always keen on

whatever you do," he said, noting that it is immoral for leaders of their caliber to spend long hours in bars drinking.

The training session organized by the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments) with facilitation by Uongozi Institute was intended to assist newly appointed top administrators to improve their comprehension of their work and leadership skills.

Top leaders must embrace good relationships with heads of other state organs like the judiciary and the legislature, apart from departmental heads including those of the police force or regulatory authorities. They all need cooperation from higher government authorities for them to

perform their duties, he stated.

"It is not in the design of work for a minister to visit a region without reporting to the relevant regional commissioner," he said, elaborating that a minister on a working tour should notify the RC two or three days prior to the visit.

RCS need to be keen on how they use social media, as anything they post could be taken as the government position being notified or otherwise relayed to the public, he cautioned.

The premier issues these instructions after the minister in charge of Good Governance, Mohamed Mchengerwa called on the top regional leaders to ensure that civil servants are treated in line with the directives issued by President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

He expressed dismay that top administrators take central government directives and the law casually, using the power to lock people in custody for 48 hours with ease. This stance is faulty and is tantamount to unlawful confinement, the minister declared. Earlier, PO-RALG minister Ummu Mwalimu extolled actions of local authorities for the good work they do, challenging them to closely oversee implementation of development projects to avoid misappropriation of funds, while working to increase revenues.

The training session will help top officials provide improved services to the public, as the public needs keen leaders to supervise government activities and resources at the local level, she added.

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construction materials procured from the local market, he said.

In the project, the Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC) will hold a 15 percent stake that enables the government to collect 60 percent of pipeline revenues accrued from taxation, with Uganda holding another 15 percent, and receiving 40 per cent share of revenues. Other shareholders are Total Energy (France) with 62 per cent shares and China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC) holding eight percent of the shares.

The 1,443-km pipeline has 1,147km in Tanzanian territory spread in eight regions through 24 districts, from which tax revenue for the 25 years of the project, \$290m in direct taxes is expected.

Since the project covers a large area in Tanzania, it will benefit from an estimated \$59m in revenues from economic activities related to the project, with port shipments for the project materials attracting \$73m in further revenue gains, he elaborated.

Building the pipeline stretching 1443km from Hoima to Chongoleani peninsula in Tanga will feature eight oil pumping stations, two built in Uganda and six in Tanzania, intended to control fuel flow speed.

There will be 33 lubricant facilities holding hot wax from the oil, with

26 to be built in Tanzania and seven in Uganda, while 76 valve shutters will be built, 53 located in Tanzania and 23 in Uganda.

Similarly, five oil storage tanks will be put up at the storage depot in Tanga, with each tank holding 500,000 barrels at one time, thus store 2.5m barrels of oil at maximum capacity, the minister stated.

On his part, Attorney General Professor Adelardus Kilangi said that the cabinet of ministers will be kept informed and deliberate on project implementation progress, after blanket endorsement of the project and the law facilitating it being passed by the National Assembly.

Citing provisions of the Natural Wealth and Resources (Permanent Sovereignty) Act at Article 12, he said the law ensures that all arrangements and agreements entailing extraction, exploitation or acquisition and use of natural wealth and resources may be reviewed by the National Assembly.

In that case the legislature still has its prerogatives on the matter but the cabinet will stand as the immediate custodian of the contract as the president is part of it, he explained.

Najma Murtaza Giga, chairperson of the standing committee for Constitution and Legal Affairs said the amended 14 laws will harmonize implementation of the project for the best interest of the country.

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and transportation, he said.

In addressing problems indicated in the profile, the government in the 2020/21 financial year ensured that about 14,414 youth are enrolled for vocational training to acquire skills in different areas, among whom 349 are people with disabilities, he stated.

Similarly, the government has

verified 4,616 youths with skills in agriculture in Arusha, Dar es Salaam, Singida, Tabora and Coast regions, with 36 district authorities listed to be enabled to put up greenhouse facilities and train 100 youths annually in the use of such facilities.

Internship programmes are going on with 2,591 youths being catered for at different public and private institutions, the premier added.

## East African legislators to get US \$1.6m in sitting allowances

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THE East African Community (EAC) is expected to pay a whopping \$1.6 million to members of the East African Legislative Assembly in sitting allowances for events held virtually amid the COVID-19 lockdown.

The development comes after South Sudan's final vote of approval for the payment of daily subsistence allowances and sitting allowances that have accumulated over a period of one year.

According to a statement, South Sudan and Burundi had initially incurred no costs as the two countries conducted parliamentary businesses virtually from their respective locations.

Speaking to the media after a parliamentary session Monday, Ayason Mukulia Kennedy, South Sudan elected member in the East African Legislative said the allowances accumulated due to late remittances and non-remittance by some member states.

"The members demanded one million six hundred and sixty-six thousand for a period of over one year that they have conducted while converging ministries of the EAC affairs in their various capitals," he said.

"This was accrued based on what the pandemic COVID-19 has done and also late remittances or non-remittance from partner states and that's why they accrued all these finances that the community has to pay for the work that they have done," he added.

Deng Dut Gatkek Thomas [pictured], another South Sudanese legislator in the East African parliament said member states, including Uganda, Kenya, and Rwanda had submitted their vote of

no objection to clear the allowances.

"If you could recall from 2019 to 2020 when the pandemic wrecked and affected communities, parliament decided to go and conduct its activities virtually. In that regard, it was having an impact on the activities of parliament," Gatkek said.

"But during our discussion, the issue of members' welfare is also passed between us and members of the council. And today [Tuesday], you could see there was a delivery of letters from member states, letters of no objection because the whole council has agreed to take care of the members," the legislator added.

Gatkek said the supplementary budget for the allowances was already approved by lawmakers after the unilateral agreement.

"And you could see things are moving. You see, when you motivate the parliament things work because these are the lawmakers who are actually behind the passing of the laws and they need to be taken care of. So this is what has happened today [Tuesday] and we have passed the supplementary budget," he said.

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Prime Minister talks with Minister of State in the President's Office Regional Administration and Local Government Ummy Mwalimu after the launch of a training for regional commissioners and regional administrative secretaries organised by Uongozi Institute Dodoma yesterday. Photo: PMO

By Guardian Reporter

THERE was panic among passengers and neighbourhoods at the Julius Nyerere International Airport (JNIA) after an emergency rehearsal by authorities who wanted to test the facility's readiness in case of an accident.

Tanzania Airports Authority (TAA) in collaboration with other agencies at the airport yesterday conducted an emergency rehearsal to assess capability and readiness.

Business came to a standstill in nearby homesteads upon seeing fire, passenger and military vehicles which were entering and moving out of the facility carrying people.

Many of the passengers who

## Mock plane crash exercise held at Dar's International Airport

were waiting in the waiting lounges were seen calling their relatives explaining to them what has transpired.

The passengers were running up and down as police and military officers from Tanzania People's Defence Forces (TPDF) were busy offering first aid services.

Speaking on the same, acting Director General for JNIA Diana Manubi said the rehearsal was confidential and in line with airports international safety rules.

"We have worked with all the

stakeholders that is why it is very difficult for someone to know it is a rehearsal and this is the cause of the panic you see among passengers," she said.

She mentioned some key emergencies at airports as piracy, bombs and control of entrance into controlled areas.

She said the rehearsals are supposed to be done in secrecy as it has been the cases top avoid tension among airport users.

She said the rehearsal is supposed to be conducted three times a year

saying authorities at the facility have been following the requirement.

For his part, the head of security and operation at the airport Raymond Munuo said there have been complaints of theft of luggage but authorities have been doing all they can to ensure the malpractice is controlled.

"We have been controlling the malpractice by using various technologies including installing cameras and other security devices to ensure the malpractice is taken to control," he said.



Serengeti Breweries Ltd (SBL) corporate relations director John Wanyancha (L) responds to questions from journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday when the firm unveiled a programme dubbed: "Raise the Bar" worth over 2.3bn/- to support bars and eateries in Dar es Salaam and other major towns to protect their staff and customers against communicable diseases including COVID-19 pandemic. Others from (2nd L-R) are SBL managing director Mark Ocitti, bar owners representative Fredrick Mramba and distributor Kelvin Tegwa. Photo: John Badi

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

## Govt introduces plan for oil spills management in oceans and lakes

THE government has introduced a national integrated plan to manage oil spills in the sea that will assist to protect the environment and other marine life, including fish, and enhance the Blue Economy.

This has been expressed here on Tuesday by the Environmental Safety Director in the Works and Transport Ministry, Stella Katondo at a meeting with stakeholders on the national plan to fight oil spills in the sea.

Katondo said the aim of the plan is to help the fight against oil spillage in the sea and the great lakes.

He said the plan had existed since 2016 but it has now been integrated

due to various changes that came up in the sector.

"Earlier, the plan was under SUMATRA, but after its dissolution, the government decided to integrate it into Tanzania Shipping Agencies Company (TASAC) for implementation in collaboration with other stakeholders," said Katondo.

He further said Tanzania is among countries involved in ocean and lake transport with the vessels using oil for propulsion and carry

cargo, including oil cargo, hence the plan will make sure to have a good way to clean the waters in case of oil spills.

"It will have equipment to be used in cleaning up oil spills when that occurs in order to protect the environment and marine life," he added.

In regard to oils spillages at the moment, he said the situation was not bad due to strict control in sea vessels.

Acting Shipping registrar, Eng

Alfred Waryana said the plan will also assist the nation in having modern equipment for cleaning of oil spills.

For his part, marine conservator in technics and empowerment, Clever Mwaikambo thanked the government for the plan that would be a saviour of the environment and the Blue Economy.

He said as a nation, it has to have such oils spills cleaning equipment for the safety of the people, marine life and the environment in general.

By Correspondent James Kandoya

## 70 pc of Isles residents not aware of blue economy concept - study

A new study has shown that 70-per cent of residents in the Isles are not aware of the blue economy concept.

The report dubbed 'Importance of Blue Economy to students and People of Zanzibar' by renowned researcher Dr Mkumbo Mitula said the concept being new is supposed to be taught from primary to higher learning institutions level in the archipelago.

When he took office, Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Mwinyi announced his government's appetite for economic growth with focus on the 'Blue Economy'.

Handing over his research findings Dr Mitula said 55 percent among the Zanzibaris know that marine's resources can provide them with decent jobs and employment.

"I appeal to the Zanzibar government to incorporate the blue economy concept

into the education curriculum to increase awareness about it," he said.

President Samia Suluhu Hassan said her government would procure eight deep sea fishing vessels - four will be for Zanzibar and four for Tanzania mainland.

The event was preceded by the training to the librarians from the public and private owned institutions that was held in Dar es Salaam.

He said the findings show that knowledge about the blue economy concept was highly needed by 90 percent before it started being implemented.

The report further shows that 55 percent of Zanzibaris admitted that lack

of appropriate knowledge contributed to unemployment they are now facing.

The research recommends that the Zanzibar government should improve its blue economy policy.

Furthermore, education about the blue economy should be delivered, supervised and coordinated by the people through the responsible Ministry for Blue economy and Fisheries.

He said the responsible ministry should incorporate the concept in the curriculum including the ministry for Education, Technology and Science in Tanzania mainland.

According to him, further detailed

research about the blue economy concept must be conducted before it is implemented.

In another development, Dr Mitula highlighted the need for the Ministry for Education, Science and Technology to renovate libraries especially those owned by the community. "I advise that each district council must have one library and should be established also in each ward within a district," he said.

The Zanzibar government recognizes the role of the Blue economy in promoting socio-economic development through better stewardship of the sea and related resources.

## TPSF showers praise on TPA performance

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF) has expressed its satisfaction over the performance of the Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA) in improving service delivery at the port of Dar es Salaam.

TPSF chairperson Angelina Ngalula made the remarks recently in Dar es Salaam when speaking at the just-ended 12th Meeting of Tanzania National Business Council (TNBC).

Ngalula lauded the port authority's performance, saying: "The expectation of stakeholders and port users is to see better service and efficiency."

"We commend the various steps being taken by the TPA to ensure that cargo at the port of Dar es Salaam is removed on time without any delays," she said.

The TPSF boss said the positive short-term results were also due to the committee formed by the Minister for Works and Transport to involve stakeholders and authorities to remove various challenges that were hampering the efficiency of the port—a major gateway to East and Southern Africa, and the country's important source of revenue.

"The biggest challenge was the coordination so the creation of a Port Improvement Committee (PIC), which is headed by the permanent secretary in the Ministry of Works and Transport has made great strides in a short period of time," said Ngalula.

"Through the PIC there has been a great deal of cooperation between all public and private institutions that provide services at the port and lead the port to operate more efficiently a situation that leads to increased shipping business in our port."

"The government has done a great job in reducing the various taxes that were a hindrance to making the port work more efficiently," said Ngalula, adding that the current efficiency will continue to make the port contribute significantly to GDP and make the country economically prosperous.

She said the completion of the construction of a state-of-the-art Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) would lead to increased the efficiency of our port as the railway would help reduce cargo at the port significantly and lead to reduced port congestion.

In another development, Ngalula asked President Samia to reconsider the Bagamoyo Port project due to the limited space available at the Dar es Salaam port which cannot accommodate large ships constructed for the current generation so there is a great need to reconsider this project.

"There is every reason to reconsider this project as the fourth-generation ships are bigger than the old ships, so this port will put us in competition with other countries in receiving large cargo ships," said Ngalula.

Responding to TPSF chairperson's remarks at the TNBC meeting, the chairperson of the meeting, President Samia Suluhu Hassan said the process of building the Bagamoyo Port is ongoing, "and the Government is in talks with the investor and also reviewing existing conditions in the contract."

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## 70 rights defenders equipped with basic human rights values

By Alima Nkwong, HMC

SEVENTY new members of the Tanzania Human Rights Defenders Coalition (THRDC) have been infused with teamwork and accountability, hard work as key values to reflect true defenders of human rights.

THRDC National Coordinator Onesmo Olengurumwa cautioned incoming members of the coalition during his opening remarks of a 2days inclusion and orientation seminar for new members of the THRDC yesterday in Dar es Salaam.

"Do your best to keep a good record and that is why we started the process and this is a mandatory procedure once you become our member" he said while encouraging them to make certain they send reports of their annual activities which he said must not only be submitted at the end of the year.

He mentioned that apart from inculcating the basic policies of the coalition, the seminar also aimed at bringing right defenders from all over the national territory under a single platform like this so that they can meet and know each other since they are all working towards the accomplishment of the same purpose.

Olengurumwa also mobilised participants to keep doing the work of defending human rights hence portraying a good image of the coalition within and outside the country adding that one must be a true human rights defender in order to remain a member of THRDC.

"The main basis and the main

criterion for being a member here is to defend human rights, if you stop defending human rights your membership will be doubted, and you will persuade the leadership to see that you were wrongly registered" he emphasized.

He also said, although the members are doing well in defending in the areas where they work but there has been a challenge in keeping records of such work and urged THRDC members to ensure they maintain good records including quality photos and send their work to the secretariat of the Coalition for them to be posted to the Coalition's website.

The National Coordinator of THRDC urged rights defenders to identify their domain of concentration and work together as a team in order to succeed and abstain from doing too many things at once while calling on members to do their work of defending human rights in accordance with the law and constitutional requirements.

"We have too many members and in every area you work, strive to have a broad understanding of things, do not be a human rights defender who, when asked why this is not the case, you have no legal reasons, understanding what you are defending is one of the tools to keep you going" he reminded.

THRDC Members Affairs Officer, Joyce Eliezer further commended new members of the Coalition to ensure that they keep records of their works and send them to the Coalition to be published.



Livestock and Fisheries Permanent Secretary Prof. Elisante Ole Gabriel talks at a ceremony for cow milk producers in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

By Guardian Correspondent, Nkasi

NKASI District Commissioner in Rukwa Region Peter Lijuakali has suspended three militia personnel of Swaila village as well as the village executive officer for establishing a criminal gang operating from the village government office.

The gang was accused of being engaged in preferring trumped up charges on the residents and heavily fining them in violation of the laws.

The DC issued the decision on Wednesday this week at a public meeting at the village during his visit to listen to people's complaints, some of who complained over

## Nkasi DC suspends three militias

the village government's forming unlawful bylaws and canning alleged criminal suspects or heavily fining them, with fines ranging from 300,000/- to 1,000,000/-.

"From today, I do not want any more to hear these militia continuing with their work as the punishment they have been meting out were illegal.

"I also order the Acting Village Executive Officer to be immediately relieved of his responsibilities and disciplinary steps taken against

him," DC Lijuakali said.

At the meeting one of the villagers, Gerard Boniface said he was canned on orders of the Village Acting Executive Officer, Yohana Simbeye and fined 400,000/- for having a quarrel with his wife at home, adding that he was not even given the receipt for the fine.

Another villager, Edemita Aniset said her husband was arrested for cultivating marijuana, and when he wanted proof of the alleged crime, he was shown a photo of the firm on

his mobile phone, he was not called to defend himself and subsequently punished to be canned by the militia and fined 600,000/-.

At the meeting various people aired their complaints including being canned, including women who were found to have committed various offences, and those without money to pay the imposed fines were, their livestock were seized and buyers found to enable the alleged offenders to pay the fines.



Minister of State in the President's Office Public Service and Good Governance Mohamed Mchengerwa (3rd L) claps after inaugurating 'Speak with Minister' application which will be used to receive complaints from civil servants in Dodoma on Tuesday. With him is deputy minister Deogratius Ndejemb. Photo: Correspondent Renatha Msungu

By Guardian Reporter

PUBLIC Service Commission's Chairman, Judge (Retd) Steven Bwana has called on investigating committees formed to probe on disciplinary claims faced by public officials to do their work to enable disciplinary authorities make just decisions thereon.

The call was made early this week by Judge Bwana at the ongoing 4th 2020/2021 Public Service Meeting in Dar es Salaam.

"Probe committees formed by Disciplinary Panels have the responsibility to do their work according to terms of reference provided.

## Public Service Commission calls on probe panels to perform their duties

"These panels are required to do their work professionally to prove or disprove the claims of misconduct against public officials in order to remove misconceptions.

"Some of these panels fail to do their work thereby causing some of the Disciplinary Committees to misdirect themselves in their decisions," said Ret Judge Bwana.

He said going through appeals and complaints submitted to the Commission, some of the issues

have been ordered to start afresh by the disciplinary authorities by adhering the existing procedures, and this is because the probe committees failed to prove, by removing areas of doubt on the charges raised against officials.

"It is very important for the probe panels to make use of terms of reference provided to enable them submit, good, appropriate reports," he added.

For his part, the Public Service

Commissioner, Immaculata Ngwale said Employment and Disciplinary Authorities are required to carefully deal with disciplinary issues in regard to officials under their jurisdiction.

"In the event disciplinary authorities see terms of reference have shortfalls it is important to revert to the existing procedures and guidelines but the aim should be to finalise the issues justly," he added.

## Govt pledges to improve welfare of livestock keepers

By Correspondent Zuwena Shame

THE government has pledged to work with the private sector towards development of the dairy sector to enhance its contribution to the country's economy as well as improving the welfare of livestock keepers.

This was stated in Dar es Salaam yesterday by Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (Livestock) Prof Elisante Ole Gabriel when presenting certificates to the participants of the input supplier's competition organized by AgResults institute in Coast, Tanga, Dar es Salaam and Morogoro regions.

He said Tanzania is currently the second largest producer of livestock in Africa, hence the need to make the best use of the dairy industry by conducting research that would help to increase the value of the proceed dairy products.

Prof Ole Gabriel said that statistics show that the dairy industry in the country is growing by five percent every year whereas its contribution to the gross domestic product (GDP) is 7.4 percent. Tanzania produces 3.4 million liters of milk of which 2.1 liters are from hybrid cattle and 0.9 percent from indigenous cows.

He also said the studies will come up with better suggestions on cattle grazing as well as cattle feeding to ensure they produce enough milk for family consumption and for processing industries.

"We will put more efforts into partnering with the private sector to ensure the sector's competitiveness" he added.

AgResults project coordinator, Neema Mrema said that most dairy farmers in the country face challenges with poor milk production due to difficulties in accessing quality inputs and extension services.

Mrema said the AgResults project works to find solution to the above challenges through competition and issuance of rewards to participants in four years.

Mrema said the six winners of the competition will receive \$ 27,000 to help them increase them improve

their businesses. He said during the entire period of the challenge, more than 2,700 pastoralists have been assisted with various services including artificial insemination, parasite control, vaccination and nutrition for livestock.

He added that more than more than 360 cows have been provided with various nutritional services to boost their milk production. He said when project ends; the organization would have reached more than 30,000 farmers.

According to Mrema, plans are also to meet livestock keepers in southern highland regions, northern farmers and those in the central regions.

"We focus on both, dairy cows and those kept for meat production. We use input suppliers as a catalyst for change in the normal livestock keeping culture. We want farmers to transform to modern animal keeping techniques," he said.

A representative from USAID, Andy Karas said that the challenge is a good partnership because it involved youth who are the next generation and eager towards change in the society and the country at large.

"Youth must be given priority because they are not only tomorrow's leaders but rather today leaders. This challenge will make change in milk production and reaching the goal the country is heading toward" said Karas.

Winners of the competition are VetFarm, Mkwakwani (Tanga), AgriCare Enterprise, Kile Agrovet and Damiani AgroVet.



**We will put more efforts into partnering with the private sector to ensure the sector's competitiveness**

# Stakeholders calling on govt to review Road Traffic Act of 1973

By **Grtrude Mbagu**

CHILDREN stakeholders are calling on the government to review the Road Traffic Act of 1973 to mandate and regulate the use of children's car seats and helmets so as to protect them from road accident impacts.

Speaking during the launch of a report on "Child Car Seat Status" held in Dar es Salaam yesterday, the stakeholders called for immediate action by the government to enact and strengthen law enforcement so as to reduce unnecessary road accidents and protect children's rights in roads.

Conducted by the Mwanza Youth and Children Network (MYCN), the study found that the use of child car seats was at 11 percent in the county thus risking the lives of many children.

"The use of child car seats is very low in the country, we should wake up and increase awareness among car users and the public in general on the importance of installing these seats in their cars whenever they travel with children," said Brighters Tutus,

director of MYCN.

Titus said that the study which was conducted to assess the effectiveness of seat belts and other car restraints revealed child restraints were highly protective to reduce the risk of injuries during accidents.

"However, there are no policies/rules/guidelines that govern the child car seats in Tanzania and less is known about the availability, awareness, accessibility and marketing situation of the child car seats in Tanzania," he said.

Deaths associated with road traffic accidents have been identified as a leading cause of child mortality globally. WHO asserts that traffic accidents are the leading cause of deaths for people aged 1-19 years with global rates being estimated at 10.7 per 100,000 population, of which 93 percent occur in low- and middle-income countries like Tanzania.

"A child safety seat, sometimes called an infant safety seat, child restraint system, child seat, baby seat, car seat, or a booster seat, is a seat designed specifically to

protect children from injury or death during vehicle collisions. Proper car seat use reduces the risk of injury, hospitalization or death by greater than 70 percent when compared with seat belts or no restraints," he said.

Agnes Michael, MYCN Project Supervisor recommended that the government should also subsidize taxes associated with importation of child car seats, promote usage of the seats and provide knowledge on proper usage of the devices with the target of increasing uptake of child restraints among children driving parents.

"Children especially those going to school, have been using various types of transport including motorcycles but they are always at risk of getting huge effects when accidents happen, this is because they do not have protective tools such as car seats or helmets," she said.

Alice Mtuga from Children's Dignity Forum (CDF) said all children should be protected from impacts of road accidents including those from vulnerable families.



Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology director general Dr. Amos Nungu talks with 25 designers at a brain storming workshop aimed to increase economic knowledge in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

# Govt to issue title deeds via 'One Stop Shop' at on-going DITF

By **Guardian Correspondent**

THE Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development ministry has said that during the whole period of the 45th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF) it will issue title deeds within one day via a special established programme dubbed "One Stop Shop."

The Ministry's Acting Head of Communications, Lusajo Mwakabuku said the title deeds to be issued within one day are for those in land formalisation areas that had been earmarked for survey.

He said before the establishment of the "One Stop Shop" plan, such title deeds used to take more than a week to be issued

"Today, for instance, a man came to take his title deed and he remained surprised to see the entire process was completed within a day," Mwakabuku said.

Mwakabuku said people are required in the areas where land had already been formalised is to ensure they go with all documents including those of urban planning.

He said other documents include the land's survey map, sale agreement, neighbours' documents, NIDA card and an application letter.

He also said apart from issuing title deeds, the Ministry will continue to issue other title deeds as well as listen to various complaints from the people.

# TMDA urges routine inspections entail full review of all aspects, components within facility

By **Guardian Correspondent, Songwe**

TANZANIA Medicines and Medical Devices Authority (TMDA) has called on inspectors at local councils' level to make inspections in areas engaged in storing, sale and distribution of drugs, medical devices and reagents in order to protect people's health.

The remarks were made on Tuesday this week by TMDA Zonal Manager for Southern Highlands Zone, Anitha Mshighati at a training seminar for pharmacists, laboratory experts medical doctors and vets from Songwe Region.

She said the aim of the training seminar to empower health

experts to follow up the quality of drugs in the market including quality control service to prevent adverse effects to the people.

He said training participants will be issued with certificates for their inspection activities of drugs, medical devices and reagents in their areas while also provided with the mandate to take legal action whenever they find expired drugs.

"You have the responsibility to make inspections on drugs, medical devices and reagents at healthy centres, pharmacies and laboratories as well as taking legal steps as and when needed," she added.

TMDA Zonal Office Coordinator,

Dr Henry Irunde said since Songwe Region borders the neighbouring countries of Zambia and Malawi, it is important for the experts to continue making frequent inspections in all border areas to ensure all imported drugs are safe for human use.

She said they should also educate dealers and the people in general to take care on drugs they find to be unfit for human use.

Songwe Region Medical Officer, Dr Nyembea Hamad advised all local councils in the region to allocate budgets to enable health experts given training to make follow up inspections in all areas providing health services.



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Weight and Measures Agency (WMA) Kagera Region manager Harrieti Lukindo explains about how to verify gas containers weight to visitors of WMA pavilion at the International Trade Fair at Julius Nyerere grounds in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Mwendapole

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE Weights and Measures Agency Tanzania (WMA) has advised consumers to verify measures on gas cylinders before using them to curb a tendency by some dishonest dealers who tamper with the product's actual packaging and weight.

WMA Kagera regional manager, Harrieti Lukindo gave the advice yesterday in the agency's pavilion at the ongoing International Trade Fair that is going on at Mwalimu Julius Nyerere grounds in Dar es Salaam.

He said many Tanzanians do not bother cross checking weight and measures of the product, a move that makes dishonest dealers tamper with them.

"Many of people who buy gas they don't go themselves mostly they use bodaboda who don't bother to verify the weight, but you are supposed to verify

## WMA calls upon consumers to verify measures on gas cylinders

the weight by using weigh machines which is supposed to be in every gas selling point," she said

She further said WMA has been doing regular verification exercises in gas selling points and sometimes they find gas cylinders which are tampered by business people who reduce the weight to maximize profits.

"It is important for buyers to satisfy themselves with what they are buying because there is correct measurement because there is a seal in every gas tank so make sure the seal is not tampered with," she said

Meanwhile WMA Measurement Officer, Ilala Region, Glory Mtana

urged Tanzanians who are not satisfied with accuracy of their water meters to report to the agency so that they can be verified.

She said among the things that WMA is doing at the exhibitions is to educate the people about the importance of verifying their water meters so that they get correct water bills from the authorities.

She said WMA has been authenticating water meters to make sure Tanzanians pay the right bills and the water authorities get what they deserve after their services to the people.

"To know that this meter is verified it must have government seal so people

who are connected with water must know that so that they get correct bills, we need to see people pay what they are supposed to pay and the authorities get what they deserve," she said

She said apart from water meters, WMA also verifies electric meters to ensure end users are satisfied by what they pay and the electricity authorities get what they are supposed to get from their consumers.

Mtana said water and electric meters are being verified at Misugusugu Center in Coast Region adding that they also verify minerals weigh machines and weigh machines that are used in the agriculture sector.

## Students 'leap from windows' after fire guts girls' dormitory

By Guardian Correspondent, Njombe

FORMS II and IV girl students at Ikuwo Secondary School in Makete District, Njombe Region have been forced to suspend lessons following a blaze that gutted down a girls' dormitory and various items therein, valued at 17m/-.

The actual cause of the fire is still unknown while various causes are mentioned including electrical fault or burning charcoal.

Speaking to students and school staff, Makete district Council director, Francis Namaumbo directed Forms II and IV students to go home until July 12 this year.

"I convey my grief in regard efforts by you to confront the disaster. I am told after the disaster there were 86 girl students, hence the dormitory can no longer accommodate them hence it has been decided for them to go back home," said the Director.

Ikuwo Ward Councillor Angwerino Mwasanga appealed to the people to work together to rebuild the dormitory to enable students return to school.

"Every one of us should regard the incident as his/her own, we must start with ourselves to rebuild the dormitory to enable our girls continue with their lessons," he said.

The school's Assistant Headmaster, Eric Kiao said the main thing needed is to reset the students and parents psychologically at this time.

Among residents who went to witness the fire incident was Sijaona Mbilinyi said education on disasters should be provided to students to confront them when they happen.

## AfCFTA calls for youth's and women's active participation to boost businesses and skills

By Correspondent Theresia Victor

THE Secretary General for the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Secretariat Wamkene Mene has called for active participation of youth and women in the agreement to boost their business and entrepreneurship skills.

Speaking during a Private Sector Awareness and capacity Building initiative workshop Themed Unlocking Continental Trade and Business Potential for the Local Private Sectors through AfCFTA said the agreement is an opportunity for youth and women in Africa to nurture their business skills to ensure they all benefited through the trade pact.

"Women must have access to finance, production networks and markets to be extremely involved in cross-border trade which will innovate and develop their skills in trade and participate in e-commerce," noted the official.

According to him, the case for women and youth as key stakeholders in Africa's economic development was easy to make as Africa's informal sector accounts for 85 per cent of the continent's total economic activity; while women account for 90 per cent of the labor force in the informal sector.

"They constitute 70 per cent of informal traders, and so their engagement on the agreement will be rewarding to them," he said.

He added that The AfCFTA is not just a trade agreement it is also an instrument for development intended to lift 100 million Africans out of poverty by 2035.

"The scale that this agreement is presenting is something that is new which we have not heard before and the ability to access the market through legal means as in a trade law and transcend the market across the African continent is something we should take advantage of," said Mene.

He said that currently the agreement has 39 countries that have ratified and if Tanzania ratifies then it will make the number 40.

Director of Trade, Investment and Productive Sectors Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation Bernard Haule said that the government is undergoing the final internal process to finalize the constitutional requirement of ratifying the agreement establishing the AfCFTA before the end of this year, mostly in September during a parliament session.

For his Part TPSF Executive Director Francis Nanai, this an opportunity for the private sector to see this as an opportunity in which they can be creative in presenting their product and service in this competitive market.

The AfCFTA will bring solutions to most of our challenges including industrial base and role in intra African trade in which the agreement will be instrumental in protecting our Regional trade value thus creating jobs to our own people", he noted.



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Water minister Jumaa Aweso (R) in discussion with Natural Resources and Tourism deputy minister Mary Masanja in the National Assembly in Dodoma yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

LUSAKA

ZAMBIA in the last 24 hours recorded 2,816 new confirmed COVID-19 cases out of 10,918 tests conducted bringing the cumulative number of confirmed cases recorded to date to 146,031, Ministry of Health Permanent Secretary for Technical Services Kennedy Malama has announced.

During the routine COVID-19 update in Lusaka today, Dr. Malama said the breakdown of the new cases by province shows that Central Province recorded 280, Copperbelt 274, Eastern 399, Luapula 96, Lusaka 789, Muchinga 91, North-western 151, Southern 463 and Western Province 273 respectively.

"On a sad note, we recorded 52 new deaths reported in the last 24

## Zambia records 2,816 new Covid -19 cases, 52 deaths

hours. The breakdown of the new deaths by province is as follows, Lusaka 22, Copperbelt 12, Southern seven, Eastern four, North-western and Western Province recorded 2 each while Central, Muchinga and Luapula Provinces recorded one each," he said.

Dr. Malama indicated that the cumulative number of COVID-19 related deaths recorded to date now stands at 1,967, classified as 1,289 COVID deaths and 678 COVID-19 associated deaths.

He observed that despite the bleak clinical picture, the rate of recovery remains encouraging with 2,554 patients discharged including 169 from isolation facilities and 2,385 from home management.

"This brings the cumulative number of recoveries to 121,965. We now have 22,099 active cases, of whom 20,829 (94%) are under community management and 1,270 are admitted to our COVID-19 isolation facilities," the Permanent Secretary noted.

Dr. Malama stated that among those currently under admission, 885 are on oxygen therapy and 187 are in critical condition adding that the country has continued to record a high number of new admissions, with 246 new admissions recorded in the last 24 hours.

"Today we call upon all Zambians to show solidarity and respond positively so that we confront the common enemy namely COVID-19 and Save lives, livelihoods and the economy," Dr. Malama emphasised.

## Brewer invest 2bn/- to support govt efforts in the fight against communicable diseases, Covid-19

By Correspondent Beatrice Philemon and Agencies

SERENGETI Breweries Ltd has allocated 2bn/- in support of government efforts towards protecting Tanzanians against communicable diseases and Covid-19.

SBL's Managing Director, Mark Ocitti made the remarks yesterday when launching a new programme—'Raise the Bar' or 'Tunyanyuke Pamoja' aimed at protecting their customers and staff against the Covid-19 pandemic, help outlets and bars recover from Covid-19 and support jobs and communities around the world.

He said, to start with, a total of 2000 outlets in Dar es Salaam, Mwanza and Arusha regions will benefit from the programme in terms of practical equipment for outlets to implement new social distancing measures, digital skills training and contactless technology.

Ocitti added that the company will provide training to outlets owners and staff on how to prevent the virus spread, will provide modern personal protective equipments (PPE) to bar owners in accordance with bars environment as well as technical equipment to transforming their outlets.

This programme is part of a global campaign by Diageo to enable bars to respond to the impact of COVID-19.

Other significant cities that will benefit from this programme worldwide includes Nairobi, Kampala, New York, London, Edinburgh, Dublin, Belfast, Mexico city, Sao Paulo, Shanghai, Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore, Sydney and beyond," he said

"Raise the Bar" program was designed following a survey of bar owners to identify key priorities to support the reopening of their business and their top priorities include hygiene measures, digital support and valuable equipment to transform how their outlets will work when they reopen," he noted.

According to him, this initiative by SBL also complements the government's efforts to call on people and businesses to practice good hygiene to prevent themselves from communicable diseases including COVID-19 pandemic. "In our initiative, we will support resilience, resolve and re-imagination to on-trade in Tanzania because the ultimate goal is to raise again, hence the name of our new product, Raise the Bar or 'Tunyanyuke Pamoja,'" he noted

From June 30th bar owners will be able to register their interest in the "Raise the Bar" Programme via [www.diageobaracademy.com](http://www.diageobaracademy.com) globally so that can benefit from this programme.

The programme is open for all registered bars that has business license to sell beer in Dar es Salaam, Mwanza, Arusha and Zanzibar Island and must be operating for a minimum period of 12 months before introduction of any national or local lockdown restrictions due to Covid-19, affecting its ability to operate in a business in the usual manner.

Also must demonstrate at least one way in which they are or plan to "Raise the Bar" in their community including promoting inclusion and diversity and job-creation in disadvantaged communities, promoting positive drinking and tackling harm or anti-social behavior, focusing on sustainability or community support and provide skills training especially those from disadvantaged groups.

Also must be registered as a legal entity (for tax purposes) or equivalent in each jurisdiction.

According to him, bar owners will receive regular updates on best practices training and resources and participate in global surveys to share insights as they build back their businesses.

Furthermore the "Raise the Bar Programme" will provide targeted support to help pay for the physical equipment needed for outlets to reopen.

"For example it can provide initial funding for hygiene kits with high quality permanent sanitizer dispenser units, medical grade hand sanitizers and a range of personal protection equipments such as Masks and gloves, help pubs and bars to establish partnership with online reservations and cashless systems, mobile bars and outdoor equipment," he noted

For his part, One World Managing Director, Kelvin Tegwa expressed thanks to SBL for introducing this programme that in turn will help people to create social distancing to their staff and customers.

"During the implementation of the programme, both customers and bar staffs will be offered masks, sanitizer and training on how to protect themselves and create social distancing to prevent the spread of COVID," he said



Tanzania gender networking programme director Lilian Liundi (L) delivers her speech at the symposium which discussed 100 days of President Samia Suluhu Hassan in office held at in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Right is Ongawa representative Dario Garcia. Photo: Correspondent Muhidin Msamba

## Bags producers have role to play to enhance national income - TBS

By Guardian Reporter

MANUFACTURERS of authorized non-woven packing bags have prospects to enhance the national income as the National Bureau of Standards (TBS) is closely working with them to ensure their products meet the set standards.

The remarks were made early this week by TBS Acting Director General, Lazaro Mwambole as he was opening a training seminar for manufacturers, importers and distributors of non-woven bags, including plastic bags, on behalf of the Bureau Director General, Dr Yusuf Ngenya.

Mwambole said by supporting government plans and efforts in increasing national income and job opportunities through the sector, TBS has been making

sure all products manufactured in the country including imported ones satisfy the Bureau's set standards.

"In that respect, TBS will continue stressing issues of standards and better quality control of products," he said.

He stressed that the aim is to ensure carrying bags business is conducted via legal, accepted norms.

He said another aim is to abide by the laws and regulations that govern environmental preservation from the carrying bags after use.

In that respect, he said the training aims to prepare participants to have a better vision professionally in the manufacturing and importing authorized non-woven carrying bags.

"This is because not all people can participate in this business sector, as in

normal circumstances users depend on distributors," he added.

Commenting on the training, some participants said it has come at an appropriate time whereby the Phase VI government vows to invest in industrial development to create jobs in various cadres and also to enable the country's products to compete in the markets, both internally and externally.

During the seminar facilitators submitted various topics on standards on non-woven carrying bags, sacks and others as authorized by the law.

The topics dwelt in the in-depth elaboration on the standards requirements as specified by national standards.

These include TZS 1726: 2015, TZS 1729: 2015, TZS 1730: 2015, FTZS 1257: 2021, TZS and FTZS 2709: 2021.



ABC Bank managing director Imani Bgoya talks at Tanzania disabled women day general meeting organised by Ikupa Trust Fund held in Dodoma on Tuesday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Improved wheat seeds will boost agriculture

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

UNAVAILABILITY of improved wheat seeds varieties has been termed a major factor hampering efforts by the Agricultural Seed Agency (ASA) to produce enough seeds to be distributed to the farmers.

Despite being endowed with favourable conditions to enable production of at least 300,000 tonnes of wheat in a year, the country annually spends billions of money to import between 600,000 and 800,000 tonnes of wheat due to low production of about 77,000 tonnes per year.

With a mandate to produce government seeds, ASA managed to produce a total of 70 tonnes of wheat grains last year due to several setbacks, chiefly unavailability of improved seed varieties from state-owned breeders, the Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI).

ASA Farm Manager in Arusha, Johnson Tillya, told The Guardian that the agency

has been failing to make full use of its land resources that has been earmarked for production of wheat seeds due to 'serious' limitations in availability of enough improved variety of wheat seeds.

"Currently, we're only producing the two varieties namely Sifa and Juhudi, but the varieties are not attracting huge demand from processors in the market. The wheat variety which the processors prefer the farmers to cultivate is Merina because it contains recommended gluten content, at a tune of 25 percent," he said.

He added that breeding of the variety—'Merina' in Tanzania was however still low.

"For some years wheat market in Tanzania was discouraging a move which saw poor pace in research for the crop's seed. But in the past two years the country started to experience an uptick in demand for wheat, a situation which calls for major seed production," he added.

Tillya observed that if all goes well, ASA

plans to expand its wheat seed production whereas it will utilize at least 50 percent of its land resources.

ASA has two major farms that have been designated for the production of wheat, but the farms are currently not being used at its full capacities. The Arusha farm, which has a total of 1,500 hectares, is cultivated at the tune of 1,300 acreage whereby the Iringa-based farm at Dabaga has 3,000 hectares, of which only 2000 hectares are being tilled.

According to the Minister of Agriculture, Prof Adolf Mkenda, the parent ministry has embarked on a strategic campaign for the revival of production of wheat in Tanzania.

Prof Mkenda said: "To start with, we're working round the clock to ensure the revival and full operation of the Basutu wheat farms in Manyara Region. We are also capacitating TARI to deeply engage in research for improved seed varieties for the economic crop," he said.

## 33 former African heads of state appeal for international solidarity in response to UK withdrawal of neglected tropical disease funding

By Guardian Reporter

FORMER African heads of state have called upon the international community and humanitarian assistance agencies to mobilize the requisite aid resources to avoid loss of life after the UK government withdraws £150 million in funding to tackle neglected tropical diseases (NTDs).

The funding would deliver over 250 million treatments this year alone.

NTDs like blinding trachoma and intestinal worms are preventable and treatable, yet they still affect 1.7 billion people around the world.

By preventing children from going to school and adults from being able to work, NTDs trap individuals and whole communities in cycles of extreme poverty.

The UK's decision to withdraw funding effectively abandons over 200 million of Africa's poorest and most vulnerable people that it promised to support. Out of the 26 countries affected by these aid cuts, 24 are in Africa.

The cuts will mean exiting from supporting interventions against visceral leishmaniasis - a fatal disease which causes swelling of the spleen and liver, 50 percent of the global burden of which is in East Africa. Loss of funding to tackle diseases like Guinea worm, blinding trachoma and elephantiasis could cause unnecessary setbacks for the poorest communities in Africa.

In a statement from the forum for former African Heads of State and government, the former heads of state note that the impact "should be evaded through the collective efforts at national, sub-regional and continental levels".

African Union (AU) and its policy-making organs, we are very disturbed by the persisting and devastating effect of the communicable, such as malaria and HIV/AIDS, the non-communicable or chronic diseases like heart disease and cervical cancer, as well as the neglected tropical diseases like blinding trachoma, leprosy, elephantiasis, and Guinea worm disease, and last but not least the multiple epidemics and pandemics such as Ebola and COVID-19 that have claimed hundreds of thousands of lives of our people each year.

The leaders recognised that the regions

in Africa affected by the higher emergence and re-emergence of diseases have revealed problems essentially related to poverty, exclusion and poor healthcare leading to exacerbate health problems and deteriorating peace and security desecration thus articulating the impact of the pandemics and diseases on governance, peace and security on the continent.

They expressed their solidarity and commitment to helping governments and people of the sub-region to mobilize resources and all the required support to alleviate further suffering and to mitigate the impact of the communicable, non-communicable, neglected tropical diseases and the pandemics.

The Africa Forum feels strongly that such a ferocious calamity should be evaded through the collective efforts at national, sub-regional and continental levels including necessary technical and expert support in the form of early warning by those who have the capacity to do so.

The forum commended the determination by the African governments and institutions within the framework of the AU to cautiously minimize the health impact, as well as the social disruption and economic consequences of the pandemics and diseases.

It is significant to note the partnerships that the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) forged with UNDP and other local and international communities in response to the COVID-19 pandemic including public awareness of the pandemic and importance of whole-of-society partnerships in curbing and recovering from the pandemic.

The forum would like to express its great satisfaction of the efforts deployed by the United to Combat Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs), which is a global partnership working to raise the visibility of NTDs -diseases that affect over 1.7 billion people on our planet, 600 million of whom in Africa.

They called upon the international community and humanitarian assistance agencies to mobilize the requisite aid resources and to strengthen the role and also call upon them to redouble their efforts in an attempt to avoid further loss of life.

## TCRA is right about simcards, but NIDA isn't of much help

**A**LERT has been raised over simcard biometric registration agents in the streets, that not all of them are really honest, in which case users of their services must beware, and implicitly avoid their goods or services where they can. The Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) has cautioned mobile phone owners concerning the registration and verification agents, of whom the more dishonest are those who walk about in loudspeakers, as they can scarcely be traced in case of mishaps. That needs to be added to what the regulator said, as numerous such incidents come from those who win no fixed workplaces.

What TCRA said was that some of the agents representing mobile phone service providers use customers' identity cards to register SIM cards for other people and then the numbers are misused. Unscrupulous agents register numbers using unsuspecting customers' identity cards then sell the registered SIM cards to other people for a profit. Ordinarily they would register other customers' cards using their own National Identification Number (NIN) but once they have registered five cards in a single network, they can then register excess SIM cards by other customers' NIN. It wasn't clear what proportion of users fall therein.

At the end there is misuse of such cards by some people who happen to buy extra cards from agents for up to 10,000/- per card, TCRA said, indicating also that some communication service users purchase SIM cards that bear other users' NIN to facilitate their criminal deeds. It is a sort of cybercrime, though at the start the use of auxiliary NIN was to enable many customers continue using mobile phones after the grace period set by the government via TCRA ran

out, and NIDA bureaucracy ensured that few have the numbers despite having completed all formalities. A year or so later, this situation is all too prevalent, yet.

At a public meeting in the past few weeks, President Samia Suluhu Hassan wondered aloud why cyber offences especially related to tricksters defrauding people online continue despite mobile phones having been registered biometrically.

Part of the problem is that the matter wasn't placed in the hands of an efficient contractual firm with commercial interest in its quick completion, but to a public office whose interest lies in prolonging that exercised interminably. In the 2015 elections people would show their local government (residential area) documents and be photographed, then issued with cards after half an hour.

With any intent to accomplish the task, the simcards registration on biometric basis would have been over within a few months. Indeed many of us registered new lines with service providers after the condition to register in a biometric fashion came up, and we believed we had obtained the relevant registration, as what was needed was each registered simcard be stored by the relevant service provider in case of any police or other inquiries. Then no auxiliary NIN would be needed, but the registration was struck down for a national identification number, but it's more difficult to obtain in Dar than a sample of crypto coins.

The NIDA format needs to be overhauled so that any revenue office (for taxpayer identification numbers) can set up a photographing and card printing facility. They could be issued with a range of numbers whose locality would easily be identified that way. Then the tricksters would get out of business.

## Large financial capacity is signal for industrialisation

**W**ELL known Russian leader Vladimir Lenin once said the prerequisite for industrialization in Russia was electrification of the whole of the country - and in our case, the government has repeatedly assured the legislature that this will fully be the case by end of next year. Another factor that can be cited is the presence of significant outlays of loan capital reserves which can be tapped by entrepreneurs with what are usually called bankable projects, and this is also the case. The country's largest bank by spread and assets, NMB Bank, lately set up a networking club that has 700 start-up names, and 250bn/- loans outlays.

The rapidly constructed segments or chunks of the standard gauge railway, as well as the creation of special economic zones that will not be fettered by fears that their goods seep into the protected local market, make prospects of industrialization look even brighter. Even then it is the savings or available financial outlays that make the feeling stronger, and this is what NMB Bank told the networking clients basically involving small and medium size enterprises late last week in Dodoma, to sort out new ideas.

A senior NMB commercial manager said they informed the business executives that companies can now borrow up to 250bn/- at once for a long term loan, noting further that the bank can arrange for a loan of any size depending on a client's needs and ability to repay.

To see the significance of that assertion, and despite the change in purchasing power, back in

1998 the total government budget stood at 1.1trn/- and local sources accounted for 720bn/-, and a bank says three clients can now borrow up to that sum of money. It means the country's economic scenario is changing rather rapidly and progress isn't in doubt.

Remarks made by Finance Minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba at a different occasion went some distance in buttressing that impression, namely that even if the current deposit levels leave gaps in the way of what it takes to move faster towards industrialization, prospects will remain bright. The minister said that the recently agreed construction of the East African Oil Pipeline would have large 'multiplier effects,' talking to scholars at a workshop to examine the first 100 days of the leadership of President Samia Suluhu Hassan. Rural dwellers will be boosted with compensation cash to abandon their land, expanding demand.

The president had earlier remarked at the final oil pipeline deal signing ceremony that Tanzania will get the greater part of revenues accrued from transporting the oil, which means it will reduce dependence on borrowing from banks. That will free the banks to lend more to the private sector, and with large deposits arising from the pipeline project and many industrial projects, the situation can be said to be bright in an unquestioned manner.

All this augurs well for future prospects not only for the market's most profitable bank but the financial sector will have more resources to increase loan amounts, foster industrialisation.

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# Resilient universal health system realisable soon in Tanzania

By Tigest Ketsela Mengestu

**I** was honoured to be one of the guests at the launch of the Tanzania's National Health Sector Strategic Plan V. To get time to meet in person with everyone in the room, especially my friend (Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children minister) Dr Dorothy Gwajima was a great moment.

We met to launch a road map towards health outcomes we intend to achieve together in the next five years.

I wish to commend again the Government of Tanzania for the progress shown during the Mid-Term Review of the Health Sector Strategic Plan IV 2020-2025 we conducted together in 2019.

The highlights of that review include significant reduction of under-five deaths, 23 per cent decline in the incidence of malaria, and commendable progress towards ending AIDS by 2030.

This has been possible because of the government's commitment, good planning at district level and strong partnerships leading to outstanding results. The findings of this review then fed into the development of the just-launched National Health Sector Strategic Plan V.

The main pillars of the plan launched in Dodoma city are universal health coverage, people-centred approach, and interventions driven by evidence.

WHO was privileged to be involved in all the stages towards the development of HSSP V. We are ready to provide the necessary strategic support and technical assistance to ensure that the theme of this ceremony, 'Leave No One Behind', is more than merely a launch slogan of the launch but a life reality for the people of this beautiful country.

The timing of the release of the HSSP V is perfect. Currently, at WHO, we are developing what we call the WHO Country Cooperation Strategy 2021-2025, which defines our cooperation with the Tanzanian government for the next five years.

We are therefore matching national priorities taking care to ensure that there is no duplication of health partners' efforts to reduce any economic inefficiencies and mobilising the needed resources for the implementation of the plan.

Specific efforts will be made to support the interventions against

non-communicable diseases which are causing 50 per cent of deaths in the population above five years and representing 52 per cent of health programme costs in HSSSP V.

The Health minister emphasized universal health coverage in her speech, and this is well reflected in the just-launched plan. Let us design together a common and mandatory insurance scheme that leverages on the legendary solidarity of Tanzanians to effectively identify and provide social health protection to the poorest at the grassroots level.



**In medicine, incidentally, comorbidity is the presence of one or more additional conditions often co-occurring with a primary one. It describes the effect of all other conditions an individual patient might have other than the primary one of interest, and can be physiological or psychological**

We believe that innovative and contextualised solutions for revenue raising and pooling as well as strategic purchasing will make it possible to provide essential health services to each Tanzanian based on his/her needs.

The Universal Health Insurance Scheme is the best pathway in mobilising sustainable resources for client-centred care in Tanzania.

Implementing a people-centred approach at all levels of health services has huge potential in transforming the health services delivery in a changing socio-economic environment.

The approach will empower the population and health service managers in addressing the emerging challenges imposed by urbanisation in fast-growing cities, rising health costs, misuse of antibiotics, and infodemic (that is, the excessive amount of information about a problem that is typically unreliable, spreads rapidly and makes a solution more difficult to achieve), to mention but a few.

We recognize that the last milestones in achieving the 2030 agenda on the 17 global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) will be the most difficult to achieve and, therefore, the HSSP V on our hands today will lead to even more achievements if we focus on better use of the resources the government is investing in the health sector.

The HSSP V has been built to facilitate the country's contributions towards the achievement of SDG targets. It addresses the challenges identified by the United Nations Common Country Analysis.

We, as the UN, will therefore continue to coordinate partners' contributions in the implementation of the HSSP V to achieve Universal Health Coverage and the SDGs.

WHO will continue bringing together development partners in building national capacities for effective Public Financial Management measures.

These are result-based planning and budgeting based on priorities, disbursement according to approved budgets, accountability of disease control programmes in improving integration, and effectiveness of health services at the operational level.

We stand ever ready to showcase the contribution of the Government of Tanzania in achieving the triple-billion objectives - Universal Health Coverage, Emergency Protection, Healthier Population - as adopted

by the World Health Assembly.

We are witnesses of how the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted the demand and supply channels of some of the economic activities and how it is hindering the government's efforts to raise the resources for the national development agenda.

With the third wave of the pandemic imminent, we need a stronger and more resilient health system that is effective in prevention, early detection and response to emerging and reemerging infections.

This includes leveraging on the established national expertise in immunisation to introduce COVID-19 vaccines to protect our citizens, mostly the senior citizens and people with comorbidities.

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It will also allow our well-equipped laboratories to timely detect the emerging variants that can be difficult to contain as seen in some countries in the recent past.

As prescribed in chapters 4, 5 and 6 of the International health regulations, WHO is more than ready to provide the necessary support to generate quality data towards providing customised strategic and technical assistance to all the stakeholders working with the government on disease surveillance.

Most importantly, sharing credible data and improving the circulation of credible information will limit the spread of fears and fake news by mainstream and social media. As importantly it will help us in defining the most relevant strategies to anticipate on the future challenges that may hinder the achievement of the HSSP V objectives.

Let us all continue to collaboratively implement the HSSP V and, at the end of the day, positively impact on the health sector in Tanzania.

**Dr Tigest Ketsela Mengestu, the World Health Organisation's Country Representative in Tanzania, wrote this piece in relation to the recent launch of the country's Health Sector Strategic Plan V.**



# School kidnappings : Implications on posterity

By Dakuku Peterside

**L**AST week's abduction by bandits of students of Federal Government College, Birnin Yauri, Kebbi State is the latest chapter in the reprehensible attacks on innocent children and the educational system in northern Nigeria. While U.K.-based Reuters News Agency and Qatar-based Al-Jazeera Television reported that 80 students and five teachers were forcibly taken away from the school by the kidnappers, who killed a policeman in the attack, the Nigerian Police disputes the number, claiming that it is much lower. No matter what number it is, the abduction represents a failure of the nation to protect its leaders of tomorrow. Yet, the cheering news is that the children have been rescued successfully, except for the regrettable loss of one of them killed in the operation. Unlike before, this is one instance where the security forces have opted for direct engagement with the bandits. The result is encouraging and can only get better if sustained.

From the 2014 incident of the Chibok girls to the mass abduction in Dapchi (Yobe State), terrorists and bandits have specifically targeted vulnerable school children. Since December 2020, when suspected gunmen attacked the Government Boys Science Secondary School in Kankara, Katsina State and abducted over 300 students, kidnapping school children for ransom has become rampant. Two months after the Kankara incident, specifically on February 17, it was the turn of Government Science School, Kagara in Niger State, as suspected bandits abducted 27 students and 15 others. Less than ten days later, bandits kidnapped 317 female students at Government Girls Secondary School Jangebe, Zamfara State, in an early morning raid. Then, in late May, heavily armed men on motorcycles attacked the town of Regina in the Rafi local government area of Niger State, shot indiscriminately, and abducted about 150 children of Salihu Tanko Islamic School.

In Kaduna State, the bandits seemed to step up to higher institutions as they kidnapped 39 students of Federal College of Forestry Mechanisation in early February and 20 students, alongside three non-academic staff of Greenfield University in April. In the latter incident, the bandits killed some of the students to pressure their parents and the government to acquiesce to their enormous ransom demands.

According to press reports, armed groups have repeatedly attacked schools and universities in North-West Nigeria in the last few months, abducting more than 700 students for ransom since December 2020.

The recent spate of abductions and mass kidnappings of schoolchildren probably represents the biggest existential threat to the future of education in Northern Nigeria. What makes the school abductions in the north bad in the long run is that they combine two negative streaks. First is Boko Haram's retrogressive doctrine that 'Western education is evil', and the other driven by the ransom-seeking criminal mercantile motive. Both are now indistinguishable.

Northern Nigeria is already beleaguered by endemic poverty, religious and cultural practices that do not bode well for Western education and a prevalent systematic crisis in the Nigerian educational system. Thus, the advent of kidnapping schoolchildren for ransom is an ominous gathering cloud, whose forecoming rains may have catastrophic and far-reaching consequences, not only for Northern Nigeria but the entire country.

The Northern part of the country is already the most educationally disadvantaged region, going by available statistics, including incredibly low cut off marks for entrance into unity schools and the JAMB admission requirements. The insecurity in the area



will further depress educational standards and interest. It is on record that of the estimated 10.5 million out-of-school children in the country, 69 per cent come from the North. Females are mostly affected due to some cultural practices and economic issues, limiting the active participation of these children in school.

With its debilitating effects on the economic and education systems, the intractable Boko Haram insurgency is also heavily concentrated in the region. Additionally, the Nigerian education system is still recovering from the devastating effects of the prolonged school closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic. When the spate of recent school kidnappings added to an already bad situation, the result has been the reduction in community and parental trust in the education system, further complicating access to quality and equitable education in the country. This anomaly can lead to the collapse of the educational system in Northern Nigeria with catastrophic consequences.

These consequences will be enormous. First, with the current spates of kidnappings, parents would lose confidence in sending their children to school, in a region where many parents are not doing so already, and much resources are being expended to encourage them to do that.

Secondly, parents who value education and send their children to schools may withdraw them out of fear of the safety of these children. Most parents will protect rather than risk their children at the altar of receiving Western education. This will lead to the decline in the number of children of school age attending schools in the North and inadvertently play to the doctrine and philosophy of the dreaded Boko Haram terrorists.

This possible decline in education has long term implications. A Northern Nigeria that has not educated its children portends danger for the future. First is the opportunity cost of the lack of foundational education, as the human capital of the future is degraded and wiped out due to the present predicament of kidnapping schoolchildren in Nigeria. Second, the economic loss will be enormous, in terms of the lost earnings and the costs of carrying a considerable youth popula-

tion that is less educated, with little or no skills, and hugely relying on government for survival, which is a travesty that will push Nigeria to the dustbin in comity of nations in this 21st century.

The social cost is even far more disturbing. Lack of education, literacy and opportunities are among the root causes of criminality, banditry, and terrorism in Northern Nigeria. Having a mass of unemployed and unemployable youths in the future will make things worse and may destroy Nigeria. Statistics show that in the next 15 years, barring any wars or natural disaster, Nigeria population will be heading to 300 million with many young people. This population size should be a blessing if these young people are educated and have the requisite skills to compete in the post-pandemic, technology-driven world. Imagine what will happen if a large proportion misses out on education now. It will be a lost opportunity and a recipe for disaster.

Bandits operate in rural communities where a lack of deterrence creates the opportunity for criminal activities. Moreover, most communities where the bandits operate have little or no government presence, with households separated by and interspersed with forest areas, rendering them vulnerable to banditry. The situation is made worse by the absence of efficient community policing mechanisms capable of addressing the hinterlands' peculiar security challenges.

As I had suggested earlier, after the 'Kangara Boys' kidnapping, the federal government should adopt a kind of carrot and stick approach to bring the problem of banditry to an end. On the carrot side, there should be a recognition that some of the factors that lead to banditry include youth unemployment, poverty, and inequality.

The government should strive to build trust with local communities by addressing the structural inequalities that drive people to violence, like a lack of education and opportunity, corruption, and government ineptitude. Government should provide critical infrastructures.

On the stick side, the government must decisively deal with the bandits who are simply criminals taking advantage of our security and institutional failures to terrorise the populace and enrich themselves in the process. They should not be treated with kid gloves. Like criminals, they lack moral compulsion and negotiating with them is useless as criminals are not known to keep agreements.

Moreover, it is always dangerous to allow kidnappers of innocent school children to glamourise their evil deeds, as is the case recently as this inspires other wannabe abductors to plan the next despicable soap opera where one part of the main actors get money and fame. In contrast, the other part and their families suffer untold pains and anguish, which sometimes lasts them a lifetime.

What is instead needed is a comprehensive policy that would keep our schools safe from bandits. The government needs a re-evaluation, revamping and expansion of the Safe Schools Initiative, or creating a more responsive intervention. The Safe Schools Initiative (SSI) was launched after the abduction of the Chibok girls by Boko Haram in 2014. Targeted at the North-Eastern part of the country, ravaged by terrorism, it was a plan to build fences around vulnerable schools or relocate students in high-risk areas and other strategies to strengthen education in camps for internally displaced persons (IDPs). At least \$20m (£14m) was pledged for the three-year project supported by the United Nations Special Envoy for Global Education.

The scheme achieved modest success but was beset with challenges. Though most recent kidnappings happened in the North-West, which the Safe Schools Initiative (SSI) did not cover, the 2018 abduction of 110 schoolgirls from Dapchi in North-Eastern Yobe state raised questions about the success of the initiative. Nigeria's military has built posts close to some schools, but the number of schools in the North means many are left unprotected.

The main principles of SSI should not be discarded, and there should be a re-evaluation of its strong points, including its emphasis on the training of school staff to deal with emergencies and a focused extension of the initiative to cover all states under the threat of bandits. In addition, the government should involve international organisations like UNESCO. If well-managed and sufficiently funded, it could effectively protect vulnerable schools in the northern part of the country.

Bandits kidnapping school children for ransom is only a part of the prevalent insecurity that threatens to collapse our economy and dismember the country.

Nigerians all over the country groan under the yoke of Islamic terrorists, secessionists, armed robbers, ritualists, and all manner of criminal elements. These problems need to be approached and tackled holistically. It behoves the state governments in the North to devise ways of creating incentives to sustain interest in education despite the trauma of these abductions.

The Federal and State governments must strategically deal with the persistent violence and insecurity in the land and have a coherent plan to regain control of Nigeria's "ungoverned spaces," to ensure the safety and security of all Nigerians. Our schools can only be safe if the larger society is safe.

## Zimbabwe's body politic needs re-alignment

By Alois T Masepe

**H**ISTORY will record that both Zanu-PF and the MDC did not have functional leadership succession plans when the time for a change-of-guard in respect of Robert Mugabe and Morgan Tsvangirai came knocking on the door.

Both political parties resorted to and fell victim to the ancient and caveman "smash and grab" formula of settling disputes.

As a result, the two political parties imploded and splintered into hostile and feuding factions.

When the late and former president Robert Mugabe tried to roll out his succession and endgame plan at the end of 2014, Zanu PF splintered into three distinctive factions (the Joice Mujuru faction - Gama-tox, the Emmerson Mnangagwa faction - Crocodile/Lacoste and the Robert and Grace Mugabe faction - the Generation 40 (G40), which tried to out-wit and out-manoeuvre each other in the struggle for the control and soul of Zanu-PF.

In 2015 the G40 faction consigned the Mujuru faction to the slaughterhouse and eject-



ed them from Zanu-PF.

After the decimation of the Mujuru faction, the G40 faction turned its guns on the Mnangagwa faction, including the war veterans leadership, in 2016.

There was gnashing of teeth and wailing in Zanu-PF during the above period as the G40 storm troopers, led by Grace, viciously purged the Gama-tox and Lacoste factions from Zanu-PF.

It was scotched earth political warfare and no prisoners were taken.

In the struggle against the Mnangagwa faction, the G40 juggernaut initially appeared to be smashing and pounding

its way to the helm of Zanu-PF, but in the end, the Mnangagwa faction totally outmanoeuvred and out-gunned the G40.

It met its Waterloo in November 2017 when Mugabe was compelled to capitulate.

The G40 leadership scattered and was exiled.

When Tsvangirai died of colon cancer on February 14, 2018 the MDC disintegrated into three factions led by Thokozani Khupe, Elias Mudzuri and Nelson Chamisa.

The factions engaged in a short, but brutal and bloody dog-eat-dog political skirmish, which was ultimately won by the Chamisa faction.

Chamisa was at the helm of the MDC from February 2018 to March 2020 until the Supreme Court ruled that he used the hammer - instead of the party constitution - to assume the MDC leadership in February 2018.

The MDC has since morphed into two political parties, the MDCA (led by Nelson Chamisa) and the MDC-T (led by Douglas Mwonozora).

The above defines the helter-skelter manner in which both Zanu-PF and the MDC settled the succession issue.

The centre failed to hold and both parties split up and the scenario today is that, in Zanu-PF, we have the Lacoste faction leadership in full control of Zanu-PF and government whilst the G40 leadership is outlawed from the party and is languishing in the cold terrain

of opposition politics.

On the other side of the political divide, the MDC-T managed to dislodge the MDCA from the Harvest House (the MDC head office) and is in control of the party affairs.

That is not all! Another important political phenomenon that emerged from the internal struggles of the two political parties is the change in the alignment and arrangement of the national body-politic.

There is a discernible political transition underway in the post-Mugabe and Tsvangirai era: a metamorphosis that is changing and reshaping the long-established national political dynamics is certainly taking place.

It is evident that from 2015 to 2017, the Mnangagwa faction of Zanu-PF politically embraced and cross-pollinated with Tsvangirai's MDC and the two parties engineered the capitulation of Mugabe from power and the scattering of the G40.

It must be pointed out that Tsvangirai and the MDC played a pivotal role in the mobilisation of the popular approval and endorsement that greeted the military intervention in November 2017.

# The Leadership Position of the Chinese Communist Party is the Choice Made by History and the People

(Mr. Xu Chen, Chargé d'Affaires ad Interim of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China to the United Republic of Tanzania)

Today, the people from all ethnic groups in China solemnly celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of China (CPC). Over the past 100 years, the CPC has grown from a small party with just over 50 members to the largest party in the world with approximately 95 million members. Over the past 100 years, with the original aspiration and the mission of seeking happiness for the Chinese people and rejuvenation for the Chinese nation, the CPC has led all Chinese people in endeavors to save, invigorate and enrich the country step by step, and completely changed the fate of the nation from being poor, weak, bullied and humiliated by foreign forces, into a major country with significant influence worldwide. The CPC has created a miracle in the history of the Chinese nation and the history of human social development, thus making historical contributions to the country, its people and the world.

The Communist Party of China has fought with determination for the revitalization of the nation and made China stand firm in the East. When the CPC was born in 1921, China had been reduced to a semi-colonial and semi-feudal society, the nation was on the verge of extinction. Through twenty-eight years of arduous struggle, the CPC united and led the Chinese people to complete the New Democratic Revolution and found the People's Republic of China, the Chinese nation entered a new epoch. After the founding of New China, the CPC led the Chinese people in completing the socialist

revolution and establishing the basic socialist system. That was the most extensive and profound social transformation in the history of the Chinese nation, which laid the fundamental political premise and institutional foundation for all development and progress in China today. Over the past four decades, the CPC rallied the Chinese people to carry out the new great revolution of reform and opening up, and embarked on the path of socialism with Chinese characteristics. The Chinese people achieved the great leap from rising up to getting rich. Since the 18th National Congress of the CPC in 2012, under the leadership of the Party Central Committee with General Secretary Xi Jinping as the core, the Party and the country have undergone further reforms and made historic achievements. Socialism with Chinese characteristics has entered a new era, and the Chinese people are marching forward on the path of getting stronger.

The history has proved that without the CPC's leadership, there would be no New China, the country could not have obtained all the achievements and the international status it is enjoying today. The CPC has profoundly changed the future and destiny of the nation and the people, and created two miracles. The first is rapid economic growth. Starting from scratch, China has completed in a few decades the industrialization process that developed countries have gone through for hundreds of years, and has risen to the second largest economy in the world. The second miracle is long-

lasting social stability. China's society remains stable and harmonious, and the people live and work in peace and contentment. China is one of the most secure countries recognized by the international community. Today, China is closer, more confident and capable than ever before of making the goal of national rejuvenation a reality.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of the Communist Party of China for the people's well-being, the Chinese people wholeheartedly as its fundamental purpose and focused on the people's aspiration to live a better life. With combined and incessant endeavors, the CPC and the Chinese people have been striving for abundant, happy and confident lives.

Under the leadership of the CPC, the Chinese people fully participate in the governance of the country and enjoy a wide range of rights and freedoms, safeguarded by institutions such as the system of People's Congress and the ever-deepening practice of the rule of law. The living standards of the Chinese people have improved significantly, with the per capita GDP exceeding US\$10,000 for two consecutive years and the disposable income of residents increasing more than 600 times compared to 1949 when New China was founded. China is running the world's largest social security scheme, with basic medical insurance covering 1.36 billion people and basic pension insurance covering nearly 1 billion people. Since the implementa-

tion of reform and opening-up, 770 million rural residents have been lifted out of poverty, accounting for more than 70% of the global poverty reduction population in the same period. China achieved the poverty reduction targets set out by the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development 10 years ahead of schedule. In the face of the outbreak of COVID-19, the CPC firmly put people and their lives first and protected the health and safety of the people at all costs. That is why China has made a major strategic achievement in fighting the virus.

Due to the fact that the CPC has always put the people at its heart, the CPC has won full trust and support of the Chinese people. A poll conducted by Edelman Intelligence in 2020 revealed that 95% of Chinese people have confidence in their Government, putting China at the top of all countries surveyed.

The Communist Party of China persists in contributing to the cause of human progress and makes a profound impact on development of the world. Over the past 100 years, committed to making new and greater contributions for mankind, the CPC has always been the builder of world peace, the contributor to global development and a guardian of international order. The CPC led the Chinese people to win the War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression, making significant contributions to the victory of the World Anti-Fascist War. After the founding of the People's Republic of China, the CPC did its utmost to support the oppressed nations and people around

the world in their pursuit for national liberation, independence, and economic development, which is epitomized by the construction of TAZARA. China initiated the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence and has been advocating for peaceful development in the world. China actively supports and participates in the works of the United Nations in various fields, and has established multilateral cooperation mechanisms such as the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation, Forum of China-Latin America and the Caribbean Cooperation and China-Arab States Cooperation Forum, etc. The CPC's vision and practices to promote world harmony has won full recognition and widespread praise all across the world.

Facing the major changes unfolding in the world and grasping the major trends of world's development, General Secretary Xi Jinping initiated the idea of building a community with a shared future for mankind. China proposes the Belt and Road Initiative to provide global public goods and opportunity for world development, especially for the developing countries. Since the outbreak of COVID-19, China has actively promoted international anti-epidemic cooperation, shared its experience in COVID-19 prevention and control with other countries and provided assistance of anti-pandemic materials to more than 150 countries. It has also supplied 450 million doses of vaccines to different countries all over the world. China is pushing tirelessly for building a community of common health for mankind.

The CPC has maintained exchanges and cooperation with over 400 political parties around the world. The Chama Cha Mapinduzi (CCM) is a close friend of the CPC. For decades, the two parties have always shared weal and woe, which plays the leading role for the development of bilateral relations between the two countries. In 2018, a high-level dialogue between CPC and African parties, the CPC in Dialogue with World Political Parties' High Level Meeting African Thematic Event, was held in Tanzania successfully. During Tanzania's general election in 2020, the CPC and Chinese government took a clear-cut stand in supporting Tanzania's efforts to hold the election independently and smoothly. Recently, President Samia Suluhu Hassan, also as the Chairperson of the CCM, wrote a letter to General Secretary Xi Jinping to congratulate the CPC on its 100th anniversary. These are all symbols of the friendship of "Comrades Plus Brothers" between the CPC and the CCM.

Standing at a new historical starting point for the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation, the CPC is showing new vigor and vitality in leading the Chinese people on its journey toward building a modern socialist country in a comprehensive way. The CPC is ready to take hand in hand with CCM and all the parties and people around the world, to share development opportunities, to work together for progress, and to make more contributions for building a community with a shared future for mankind.



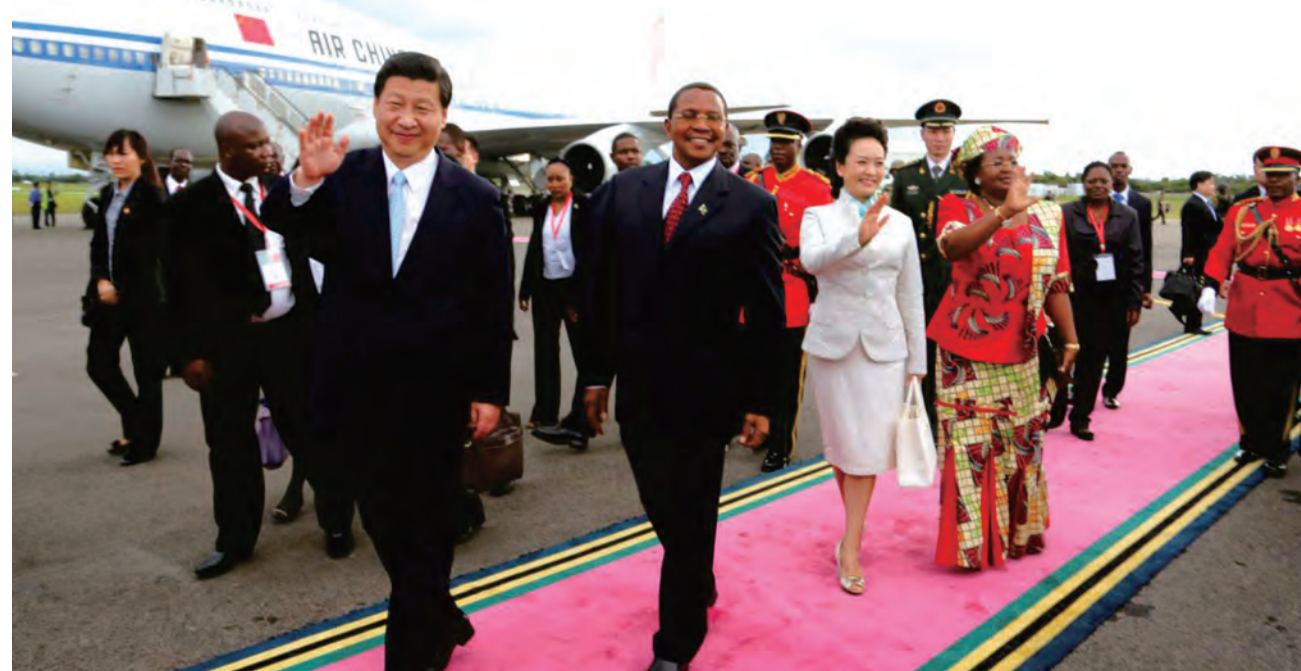
Chinese President Xi Jinping with the main guests from foreign parties attending the opening ceremony of the CPC in Dialogue with World Political Parties High-Level Meeting. At present, the CPC maintains different forms of contacts with more than 600 political parties and political organizations in more than 160 countries and territories.



At 3 p.m. on October 1, 1949, the Founding Ceremony of the People's Republic of China was solemnly held in Tian'anmen Square, Beijing. Mao Zedong solemnly proclaimed, "The Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China has been established today."



Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping talked to Tanzanian first President Mwalimu Julius Kambarege Nyerere in Beijing on November 23, 1989.



Chinese President Xi Jinping visited Africa for the first time and chose Tanzania as the first stop on March 24, 2013.



Xi Jinping visiting poverty-stricken people in Fuping County, Hebei Province. What is important about completing a moderately prosperous society in all respects is the term "in all respects."



## CONGRATULATORY LETTER FROM HON MIZENGO P. PINDA, VICE CHAIRMAN OF TANZANIA CHINA FRIENDSHIP PROMOTION ASSOCIATION TOWARDS CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDING OF CPC (1921-2021)

A political party gives collective expression to the hopes and aspirations of different groups of people in a society. Ruling political parties are mandated by the majority of the people to materialize their aspirations and ensure the prosperity of the society while safeguarding national interests. It takes great trust by the people and a proven track record for a party to meet the people's aspirations and to continue to secure the popular mandate to handle the affairs of state for a long time. As it commemorates 100 years since its founding, the Communist Party of China (CPC) has provided yet another example of how a visionary political party can maintain its role of being the light bearer for a country's interest and development while at the same time remain in the hearts of its people. CPC has continuously earned the trust of the Chinese people. By any standards this is an impressive and enviable feat.

In my opinion, political parties

ties across the globe, regardless of their political orientation can borrow a leaf from this achievement. Political parties play a key role in unifying the nation and ensuring its cohesiveness, which the CPC has remarkably achieved. CPC's leadership model and its successive generations of leaders have upheld the Party's original mission and the aspirations of its founding leaders thus enabling it to persevere through calm and rough waters and avoid derailment from its long term agenda.

The CPC Party has consistently shun universal vices in the politics, including corruption, indiscipline among Party cadres at all levels, nepotism, etc. It has instead ensured adherence to the rule of law jealously safeguarded its sovereignty and territorial integrity while at the same time sustainably exploited its resources for the benefit of the Chinese people. It has, in the process, maintained its tradition of forging closer cooperation with friendly and likeminded parties

across the globe.

Over the years, the CPC and its leaders have over the years managed to adapt to the ever-changing environment, both internally and externally. Internally, the economic preoccupations of majority of its members and their demographic makeup have dramatically changed, and externally a some quarters have heightened their expectations of the role that the CPC and China need to play in global affairs. In the midst of change, one constant has been CPC's ability to provide leadership in the pursuit of socio-economic prosperity for the current generation and ensure stability for future generations.

The CPC has proven to the world that a country can choose and maintain a unique development path that suits its national conditions and still manage to realize economic development. We in the developing world continue to study carefully how the CPC led China, has managed to lift millions of its people out of



poverty in a short period of time. The efforts by the Government of the People's Republic of China for its continued efforts to create conducive environment for the Chinese people to reach even greater prosperity economically, socially and technologically is commendable. It is impossible to ignore the central role of the CPC in China's success story.

The CPC epitomizes evolution by a political party aimed at remaining a relevant vehicle for public administration in a developing country. Thus, for many African developing countries

and as it is already being done by many parties on the continent, it is imperative that we continue to nurture good party-to-party relations with the CPC. These relations will act as an indispensable pillar by which to promote further the excellent country to country relations.

Relations between China and Tanzania can best be described as all weather and time tested. One cannot overstate the pivotal role our two political parties, that is the Communist Party of China and Chama cha Mapinduzi (CCM) Party have played in cementing the relations. Since the inter-party relation was entered in 1978, each side has endeavored to play its part in ensuring our relations grow from strength to strength, while maintaining mutual respect for each sides unique conditions. Despite being one of the oldest political party in Africa, CCM still continue to draw valuable experience from its brotherly party, the CPC. This has enabled CCM to maintain its relevance in the hearts of Tanza-

nians and to remain as the preferred political party in Tanzania since we attained our independence in 1961, amid changing political situations.

Now that Tanzania has managed to enter the middle income status country, five years ahead of schedule, CCM faces an arduous task to ensure the hard earned economic gains are safeguarded. Thus, as a custodian of the manifesto of a ruling party, it is imperative that CCM takes seriously its role of guiding the Tanzanian Government initiatives for the next five years. We in Tanzania look forward to a closer cooperation with our international friendly parties, including the CPC to support us in this undertaking. We are keen to translate our good political relations into increased economic opportunities particularly increased market base for our various agricultural produce and natural resources as well as attract more investment capital, which our friend China can provide in abundance. On this note,

I take this opportunity to wish a happy Centenary to the Communist Party of China (CPC). I wish its leaders and members another 100 years of success in the future!

On behalf of the Chairman of the Tanzania China Friendship Promotion Association, Dr. Salim Ahmed Salim and on my own capacity as Co Chairman and Senior Advisory Committee Member of China Institute for South-South Cooperation in Agriculture (CISSCA) and Member of Silk Road Think Tank Association (SRTA) International Advisory Committee I would like to wish you a centenary celebration on the 1st of July 2021.

**Mizengo Peter Pinda**  
Former Prime Minister of the United Republic of Tanzania;  
Vice-Chairman of the Tanzania China Friendship Promotion Association;  
Member of the Central Committee of the Chama cha Mapinduzi (CCM) Party;  
29 June, 2021



Builders from China, Tanzania and Zambia participating in the construction of the railroad together. In July 1976, the full line of the Tanzania-Zambia Railway, jointly built by China, Tanzania and Zambia, was officially opened to traffic. The 1,860.5-kilometer-long railway was one of the largest foreign aid package projects of China and has become a monument of China-Africa friendship.



A number of technologically advanced automated float glass production lines built by an enterprise in Shahe, Hebei Province, known as the Glass City in China, based on technological transformation, innovation and introduction of intelligence.



Senior citizens in Zouping County, Shandong Province, receiving their basic pensions. China continues to deepen social security reform in accordance with the policy of achieving universal coverage, guaranteeing basic needs, and providing multilevel and sustainable social security. It has gradually established the world's largest, multilevel social security system covering both urban and rural residents.



A high-speed railroad in operation on the viaduct of Tianjin North Railway Station. In 2008, China's high-speed railroads at world-class level for which China owns complete independent intellectual property rights were opened for operation.

## What Can Sub-Saharan Africa Learn from the CPC in Industrialization?

Dr. Darius Mukiza

In less than one week, the Communist Party of China (CPC) will celebrate the centenary of its founding. Over the past 100 years, the CPC has played a pivotal role in China's industrialization. It has not only laid the foundation for it by establishing the People's Republic of China (PRC), but taken painstaking efforts to find the right path for the country's industrialization.

When the CPC was founded in 1921, China is a semi-colonial and semi-feudal society with no national dignity, and the majority of the Chinese people were suffering from poverty, civil strife and foreign oppression. It was the CPC which led the Chinese people to rise in revolt, build an united front to win the war against the Japanese aggression, and topple the reactionary Kuomintang regime. As a result, the People's Republic of China was founded in 1949, and the Chinese people were liberated from the oppression by the feudal, imperialist and bureaucrat

capitalist forces, the so-called "Three Mountains". Since then, China has entered a new historic period with building a strong and prosperous socialist country as its main task.

Due to lack of experience in building a socialist country, China took a tortuous course. By building People's Commune and launching the Cultural Revolution, the CPC experienced serious setbacks in the country's economic development and social stability. By late 1970s, China's economy was on the verge of collapse and the majority of its people still lived in absolute poverty. Thanks to Deng Xiaoping, China's paramount leader at that time, the CPC initiated the reform and opening-up process which led the country to the right path of industrialization.

In late 1970s, China's per capita GDP was less than one fourth of sub-Saharan Africa's, but after 40 years of development, China's per capita GDP is now four times higher than that of sub-Saharan Africa. While the latter is still struggling to address the same challenges it met 40 years ago, including the need to transform the predomi-

nantly rural economy and eliminate extreme poverty, the former has successfully achieved industrialization and eradicated absolute poverty from its soil. What have caused the stark contrast in economic performance of China and sub-Saharan Africa?

In my opinion, the CPC did three things right which help China industrialize. The first is population control. When the CPC decided to adopt the one-child policy to control China's population growth in 1980, the country's total population had reached 987 million and it's still growing at a relatively fast speed (around 1.4% increase every year). The CPC leaders believed that if the population was not kept under control, China's total population would reach 1.3 billion in 2000 and exceed 1.5 billion in 2010, which would bring great difficulties to China's industrialization because much of the newly created wealth would be used to raise children and the speech of capital accumulation would be very slow.

The second is the creation of market by using state power. History shows

that market economy is much more efficient than the centrally planned economy. But a free market is not a natural existence. It needs to be created. When China started its market-oriented reforms in 1978, the country is basically an agrarian society (peasants account for 82% of its total population). It's extremely costly for independent, anarchic and uneducated peasants to form cooperatives unless social trust and markets exist; it's also extremely costly to create a unified national mass market and a global market to support division of labour and mass production; and it is especially costly to create market regulatory institutions to prevent cheating and fraud. But the CPC did it! It has used the state power to eliminate regional protectionism and create a unified national market; it has formulated laws and regulations to punish cheaters and maintain good market order; it has also succeeded in winning the membership of the World Trade Organization for China so that Chinese exporters have greater access to foreign markets.

The third is following the right sequence of industrialization. The development of an industrial market is a sequential process from the agricultural and artisan stage to the proto-industrial market, then to mass production of labour-intensive light consumer goods, and then to mass production of intermediate goods, machinery and transportation, and finally to the setup of modern financial systems and political institutions. No matter how late a country starts its industrialization, it must repeat earlier stages to succeed. China's path to industrialization has gone through the first four phases, and now is undergoing the fifth phase.

Many sub-Saharan African countries lack a strong government, hence unable to create a free market for mass production. Some of them, such as Somalia, South Sudan and Central Africa Republic, are still suffering from terrorism, ethnic conflicts or civil war. The absence domestic peace is a huge hindrance to these countries' industrialization endeavors.

Moreover, very few sub-Saharan Africa-

can countries have followed the right sequence of industrialization. Most of them are still in the proto-industrialization or first industrial revolution stage, the main tasks of which are developing rural industries and labour-intensive industries. However, many sub-Saharan African countries put too much emphasis on building infrastructures or promoting democracy, instead of developing rural enterprises that process agricultural produce and labour-intensive industries like textile and clothing.

As the CPC is celebrating the centenary of its founding, we Africans should not only send our congratulations to our Chinese friends, but learn their experience in industrialization with modesty. It is my dream that one day Tanzania and other sub-Saharan African countries would achieve industrialization and catch up with advanced economies in the world like China did in the past four decades.

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# 100 greatest African songs of all time - Part 4



Lucky Dube

## 16. Zamina mina | Zangalewa (Cameroon)

The longest song you will never want to hear ends. You could listen to it from 1986 when it was released to the time of reading this and still have no qualms at all. Zangalewa band members were in the Cameroon army and this song, in pidgin, French, Douala and 'broken' English, was done for comic relief by the military recruits detailing the situation in the camp.

Tsaminamina means come and waka waka is pidgin for 'walk while working'. No slacking. They lament about the hardships in the army, the bad food yet money no deh. Amid all these, they say man no run (they won't give up).

## 15. Sinzia | Nameless (Kenya)

Nameless at a past performance. Nasinzia is to fall asleep. Nameless goes bonkers in this 2005 hit with praises that borders on insanity. He reels off phrases to emphasise her beauty, saying he wished he was her body lotion to enjoy her skin, or her shoes to see the view up, or saliva to taste her lips...

## 14. Wombo Lombo | Angelique Kidjo (Benin)

This 1996 song wouldn't be on this list if only for its lyrics but it is here because it must be. The song is for the spirit of a dance, one so enchanting no man should just be standing yet there is one such. Do you think anyone else can do it?

## 13. Mamou | Franco & TPOK (Democratic Republic of Congo)

A woman laments about her friend (Mamou) for whom she covers but Mamou goes around blaming this woman for her woes. Mamou is a cheat but tells her husband that every other man she is found with is her friend's boyfriend. Yet Mamou goes around

blaming the same friend for her marital woes.

## 12. Mama | Khadja Nin (Burundi)

Khadja pays tribute to mothers for all they have to put up with for their family, day and night. That even when they raise their voice or hand at their children, they do so to protect them.

## 11. Remember Me | Lucky Dube (S. Africa)

From 1989 to all the men who sire children, leave them with their mother and move 'disappear'. Lucky Dube brings out the cruelty of rural urban migration on families as fathers go to look for jobs, leaving behind children yearning for them.

## 10. Muzina | Tabu Ley (Democratic Republic of Congo)

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Muzina. In the name. Probably Ley's last real installment and it was like he had saved the best for last. A gospel tune with a sebene that is terrific for the dance floor. Ley exhorts everyone to pray to God, praise God and thank God for his blessings.

## 9. Mama | Brenda Fassie (S. Africa)

From the album by the same title released in 1994, Brenda Fassie pays the ultimate tribute to her mother Sarah Fassie. This is a dirge like no other.

## 8. From Me To You | Yvonne Chaka Chaka (S. Africa)

From 1987 to-date, you can still hear Chaka Chaka spread love with this infectious pop hit. She asks us to join her in finding the love and peace we once knew, and to spread them.

## 7. 7 Seconds | Youssou N'Dour ft Neneh Cherry (Senegal)

Cherry suggested co-writing an anti-racism song. 7 Seconds' title refers to the first moments of a child's life, as Cherry put it, "not knowing about the problems and violence in our world."

## 6. There is an Answer | PJ Powers (S. Africa)

"There Is An Answer" urges South Africans to accept that there is still a chance to share their motherland's love with all. The song solemnly asks the invisible hands to help South Africans to put the past behind them.

## 5. Pata Pata | Miriam Makeba (South Africa)

First recorded in 1959 as Phata Phata, Mama Africa redid the song in 1969, added a few

English words like "Every Friday and Saturday night, it's Pata Pata time." It became an instant hit globally. This is a song about a flirtatious dance move. 'Pata' translates as 'light touch.'

## 4. Think About the Children | Lucky Dube (S. Africa)

Lucky Dube's passion about family values continues in this hit from 1989 in which he bemoans the fate of children born without parental care and guidance. They are born to suffer because they have no one to show them right and wrong.

## 3. Mario | Franco (Democratic Republic of Congo)

Mario was inspired by a Portuguese gigolo acquaintance of Franco. It is about a young man who, despite his education, prefers to live off the earnings of sugar mummies. Franco urges Mario to look for one woman to marry instead of attending to older women.

## 2. Alone | Philly Bongoley Lutaaya (Uganda)

Lutaaya's greatest song about HIV/Aids. Alone, from his last album in 1989 titled Alone and Frightened, preaches about the disease and calls on the people not to shun the afflicted who only need love and hope.

## 1. God Bless the Woman | Lucky Dube (South Africa)

South African reggae star Lucky Dube. We praise heroes everyday, but we forget to praise, the women of this world... The mournful voice with which Dube executes this 1995 song would leave any woman weeping. Now imagine the children yearning to meet their father...

# The imperatives of promoting national unity

By Hadiza Mohammed

As a bona fide Nigerian in Diaspora, any time I remember my home country Nigeria I feel grieved. I cry for a country that is fast sliding irreversibly into anarchy. I mourn for a people that lack national cohesion and direction. I weep for a country that has everything needed to be great and yet in abject poverty. I bewail a nation with a surfeit of talents, whose nationals compete with the best in the world and excel and yet cannot replicate the same feat at home because of dysfunctional leadership.

In Nigeria the masses live like hostages plagued by poverty, terrorists, bandits and criminals and oppressed by those elected to superintend over their affairs. The people are kept permanently divided along tribal and religious lines by greedy politicians who benefit from such prejudices and stereotypes. I make bold to say that I am a fully-fledged Nigerian. I am of a Northern parentage. I grew up in the East and I worked in the South-West before my sojourn abroad. In those days our unity was desirable and sustainable. But today, things have fallen apart; national unity is fractured so much so that nobody is proud to be identified as a Nigerian.

There are hues and cries in every nook and cranny of the nation. There are cries of oppression and mar-



ginalization and the concomitant emergence of emergency freedom fighters and separatist agitators. Nigeria has never been this disunited. There is no gainsaying the fact that no government in our 61 years history as an independent nation has exposed our differences and fault lines like the present regime of President Muhammadu Buhari. And regrettably, the politicians who are elected as representatives of the people are

taking advantage of the deplorable situation rather than work for the interest of the citizenry and the nation.

The clerics too, who are supposed to preach peace, when they are not preaching prosperity without hard work, they are preaching violence. Of course our National Orientation Agency that is supposed to re-orientate the public about our national ethos of patriotism and service is moribund and the mainstream media dwells on stereotypes; highlighting our differences and weaknesses. And sadly, the disillusioned masses are fighting one another and erroneously adoring those that brought hardship and misery on them. It is unfortunate in the extreme!

Those in power must know that the separatists' agitations are fuelled by bad governance and failed leadership. Those in authority must understand that a nation is under

social contract with its terms and conditions to protect the citizens and pursue general interest and not parochial interest. Government cannot exercise authority when it cannot meet the desires and aspiration of the people. A contract can be terminated when the covenant is not faithfully adhered to. When one is in a relationship that is not working, he has options to review the relationship or back out. It is only slaves or hostages that have no choice in a matter of this nature but Nigeria is not master-slave relationship.

And this essentially is the theoretical framework behind the separatist agitations. Although I am not making any case for the balkanisation of the country yet the truth is that the action and inactions of those in government are stoking the fire of these centrifugal agitations. And if the truth must be told: the Nigerian state as currently constituted is a failed state and there is urgent need for renegotiation and restructuring as advocated by well-meaning statesmen like Atiku Abubakar, Wazirin Adamawa if the union can be made to work again.

In theory, the call for separation is not in any way treasonable; what is reasonable is the criminal neglect of the people, our common will and the abuse of the oath of office. Those governing Nigeria are obviously selfish and outmoded. They do not understand the heterogeneous nature of the country. In a multicul-

tural nation like Nigeria, decision makers must as a matter of necessity tend to the interest of the disparate groups. There are cries of marginalization, persecution, intimidation, oppression, corruption, mediocrity and nepotism. And those in power are unperturbed. The result is that standards are lowered, principles are compromised, rules are flouted, values are eroded and impunity and mediocrity are enthroned. The result of all these come to mutual recrimination, suspicion, strife, bitterness, social unrest, youth restiveness, lack of faith in the country, armed conflict and separatist agitations. Thus, national unity is fractured.

I know the separatists have genuine reasons and the right to agitate but my advice to them is that they seek other alternatives to present their case. History has shown that separation has never been easy otherwise the whole world would have broken into pieces. It took Eritrea and Southern Sudan many years of internecine wars, misery and blood-letting to separate from Ethiopia and Sudan respectively. The Catalans of Spain has since time immemorial fighting to no avail to separate from Spain. Nigeria cannot afford another civil war.

**Hajia Mohammed, an actress, social activist, politician, wrote from London, UK**

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## More than 30 Chinese companies to participate at 45th DITF exhibition

By Guardian Reporter

APPRECIATING the conducive business environment in the country, 32 Chinese companies are participating at the 45th edition of Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair which started earlier this week.

The companies which will showcase their merchandise under one roof, a 300 square meter pavilion named Shandong, are under the coordination of East African Commercial and Logistics Center of Dar es Salaam. The EACLCL is seeking to invest in a world class Chinese manufacturer's hub in the commercial capital where all products and technologies made in Beijing will be available locally.

The EACLCL Manager, Cathy Wang said due to the coronavirus outbreak which has led to travel restrictions imposed by different countries, including China, her team will conduct business connections on behalf of all exhibitors from Shandong, China.

"Products from Shandong, China, have been brought to Tanzania and East and Central Africa for consumers to see and sample them. The samples and contact information of each company will be provided during the show," Wang said.

The EACLCL further noted that due to the favorable business environment in the country, under the leadership of President Samia Suluhu Hassan, the Chinese government and the business community have confidence hence exploiting existing economic relations which date back to the two countries' founding fathers era.

"We invite business leaders, leaders of public institutions and the general public to visit our pavilion to see what the Chinese exhibitors have to offer," Wang added while stressing that the Chinese companies participating at this year's exhibition are from all sectors including manufacturers, technology, transportation, logistics and trading.

The EACLCL Limited and Weihai Huatian Supply chain Management Company Limited which is entrusted by Shandong's Department of Commerce to organize the exhibitors at the fair remains the largest single manufacturing hub in the Asian nation.

According to the official data from Tanzania Trade Development Authority, China has brought the largest number of exhibitors at the 45th DITF. Out of the 54 international exhibitors, China has 32 which accounts for almost 60 percent.



Chinese exhibitors displaying their merchandise under one roof at the ongoing 45th DITF being held in Dar es Salaam since Monday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

## Global tourism not seen rebounding until 2023

GENEVA

INTERNATIONAL tourism arrivals are set to stagnate this year, except in some Western markets, causing up to US\$2.4 trillion in losses, a UN study said yesterday, adding the sector is not expected to rebound fully until 2023.

COVID-19 vaccination and certificates are key to restoring confidence in foreign tourism, which provides a lifeline for many countries, especially small island states that rely heavily on the sector to provide jobs, it said.

In 2020, international arrivals plunged by 73 percent from pre-pandemic levels in 2019, causing estimated losses of US\$2.4 trillion in tourism and related sectors, according to the report by UNCTAD and the UN's World Tourism Organization (UNWTO).

"The outlook for this year doesn't look much better," Ralf Peters of UNCTAD's trade analysis branch, told a news conference.

"The first three months were again bad, there was not much travelling happening," he said.

"There is an expectation of a certain recovery in the second half of the year, at least for North America and Europe to a certain extent," he told Reuters, crediting vaccinations.

The report sets out three scenarios for 2021, showing international tourism arrivals forecast to drop by between 63 percent and 75 percent from pre-pandemic levels, resulting in losses of between US\$1.7 trillion and US\$2.4 trillion.

"In international tourism we are at levels of 30 years ago, so basically we are in the '80s ... Many livelihoods are really at threat," said Zoritsa Urošević, Geneva representative of the



This photo taken on June 29, 2021 shows people riding past empty shophouses closed by the economic impact of the coronavirus, on Patong Beach in Phuket. (AFP)

Madrid-based UNWTO.

"What we are looking at in the long run is...meeting the 2019 numbers after 2023," she said.

Sandra Carvao, chief of market intelligence at UNWTO, said that it would be a "very diverse re-

covery", varying by region and by country.

The European Union's digital COVID-19 certificate, due to come into force on Thursday, represents the only regional harmonization to date, she said.

Carvao, referring to travel corridors, said: "We see for example Asia-Pacific is still one of the most closed regions in the world at this moment - most of the borders in the countries are either totally closed or with significant restrictions."

## With 3D printed 'steaks', Spanish startup eyes the mass market

BARCELONA

AS demand for plant-based alternatives to meat rises, Barcelona-based startup Novameat is using its 3D printing technology to manufacture vegetarian "steaks" that it hopes will reach the mass market next year.

Novameat plans to sell its "steaks" directly to consumers and to businesses such as restaurants interested in producing plant-based meat, business development manager Alexandre Campos told Reuters on Tuesday.

The Spanish company, which developed its technology in 2018, was showing how its latest 3D printer produced food at Barcelona's Mobile World Congress (MWC).

"It didn't have the feeling of a traditional steak but I was positively surprised because I did not expect that the texture would be so well achieved," said Ferran Gregori, after trying one of the "steaks" printed at Novameat's stand at the world's largest telecoms gathering.

The company uses 3D technology to test recipes, introducing ingredients through capsules because it is a cheaper process than mass-producing, Campos said.

Once a model is considered successful, it could then be produced on a larger scale in bigger machines not using 3D technology, manufacturing up to 500 kg of fake meat per hour, he added.

Campos said the startup's aim had been to recreate the muscle fibres of animal meat but using 100 percent plant-based ingredients. He forecast the plant-based industry would keep growing at double-digit rates in the foreseeable future.

# Shipping, heating, cars targeted in EU CO2 market revamping



In this June, 3, 2017 photo, the sun sets behind Georgia Power's coal-fired Plant Scherer, one of the nation's top carbon dioxide emitters, in Juliette, Georgia. (BRANDEN CAMP / AP)

## BRUSSELS

THE European Union wants to overhaul its carbon market to cut planet-warming emissions faster and put a price on pollution from shipping, road transport and heating systems in buildings, a draft document seen by Reuters yesterday shows.

The bloc's executive European Commission will next month propose the biggest revamp of its emissions trading system (ETS) since the policy launched in 2005. The ETS forces power plants, factories and airlines running European flights to buy CO2 permits, creating a financial incentive to pollute less.

The reforms are part of a package of EU policies Brussels will propose on July 14 as it strives to meet the EU's target to cut net emissions by 55 percent by 2030, from 1990 levels. Most EU policies are designed to comply with an old climate target and need updating.

A draft of the ETS proposal, first reported by Bloomberg News, said the supply of CO2 permits in the ETS will face a one-off reduction.

The amount of permits entering the EU carbon market each year will also decrease at a faster rate, starting the year after the reforms apply, the draft said, without specifying how quickly the cap will fall.

The proposal would strengthen the ETS "market stability reserve", a mechanism designed to avoid a build-up of excess permits that could depress EU carbon prices.

The price of CO2 permits in the EU ETS has soared to record highs this year and is currently trading at roughly 56 euros per tonne.

When the ETS contains more than 1.096 billion spare permits, the reserve would absorb 24 percent per year until 2030. When there are 833 million to 1.096 billion permits in circulation, the reserve would absorb enough permits to bring that down to 833 million.

The Commission declined to comment on the proposal, which could change before it is published. Member states and the European Parliament must negotiate the final reforms, a process that could take roughly two years.

### End to free permits

Free carbon permits will end for industries covered by the EU's planned carbon border levy, the draft said, a proposal manufacturing sectors are expected to resist.

The EU's climate policy package will include a border tariff to force importers to pay for the CO2 emissions embedded in goods such as steel and cement. Importers' fees per tonne of CO2 would be linked to the EU carbon price to try to put European firms on a level footing with

companies abroad.

Other industries would also get fewer free permits, under proposals to strengthen the benchmarks that calculate each sector's free permits, while firms must prove they are investing in cutting CO2 to receive them.

The EU carbon market will expand to include shipping, which until now has not been covered. Emissions from maritime trips inside Europe and incoming voyages to the EU would both be covered, the draft said.

It would also create a separate ETS for transport and heating systems in buildings. Those sectors would face CO2 costs from 2026.

The Commission has said it will use revenues from the new ETS to create a fund to support vulnerable households, if their fuel bills increase as a result of the carbon pricing system.

# Europe embraces gradual return to normal life amid lockdown lifting

## BRATISLAVA

EUROPE is embracing a cautious but steady return to normal life as lockdowns are gradually being eased in many countries ahead of a much-awaited tourist season.

Normality was seen returning as cinemas and museums reopened, and outdoor services resumed over the past week at bars, cafes and restaurants, allowing some of the old patterns of life to return.

With the accelerated COVID-19 vaccination campaign, the 27 member states of the European Union (EU) are hoping to have a digital vaccination certificate for travel in place by the end of June, which will grant people the freedom of traveling during the summer holidays.

Meanwhile, the EU is hoping its reopening to tourists and a subsequent recovery of the tourism industry will help ease its economic recession.

Despite the encouraging outlook, many remain cautious and watchful as the coronavirus and its variants are still very much present.

## GRADUAL RETURN TO NORMAL LIFE

France on Wednesday took an important step towards returning to normality as its people can once again meet up in cafes or dine in restaurants, which are now allowed to open their terraces.

Despite the unseasonable weather, people in Paris flocked to the streets, excited at the prospect of a return of social life.

Although it was chilly to sit in the drizzle on the terrace of L'Etang brasserie in L'Isle-Adam, northern Paris, Mathieu, a kindergarten teacher who gave only his first name, told Xinhua it was a real pleasure to have a drink outside, which for him was a clear sign of a return to normality.

"The previous months were hard to endure so I've decided to celebrate this important day by having a drink, even though alone," he said, with a big smile.

Life is gradually returning to normal in Poland as the government has been lifting COVID-19 restrictions since the start of May. Starting on May 15, restaurants and bars are allowed to open their terraces to diners, after over a year of lockdown during which restaurants were allowed only to offer takeaways or deliveries.

The day the lockdown was lifted in Poland turned out to be a red-letter day for Lukas Mol, owner of Urban Nomad Bistro, a bar and restaurant outside Warsaw's city center. He said his restaurant saw the highest daily sales in more than a year.

"The lifting of the restrictions has cheered up everyone, and you can see the joy of freedom on their faces," he said.

Lockdown lifting will go further with indoor dining being allowed starting on May 29, as long as restaurants open only up to 50 percent of their normal capacity.

## CAUTION URGED

Despite the widespread jubilation, Preeti Shukla, a general practitioner (GP) in Lancashire, and GP Forum Chair of British International Doctors Association, urged the public to remain cautious.

"It's really important that we don't throw caution to the wind -- especially with the new variant," Shukla told Xinhua. She said the public should continue to follow the rules by wearing

masks, respecting social distancing, washing hands carefully and doing regular testing.

Now that life is gradually returning to normal, she warned against a "very laid-back attitude" that may result in yet another lockdown. "None of us want that -- we've had enough."

The German government remained cautious about the summer holiday season despite the falling daily COVID-19 infections, government spokesman Steffen Seibert said on Monday.

"We have not yet achieved the conditions to enjoy a relaxed summer like last year," stressed Seibert, adding that the goal is still to significantly reduce the number of infections in Germany.

"We are not yet where we want to be," said Seibert, adding that wearing face masks, keeping distance, testing and using the COVID-19-warning app remain important in the fight against the pandemic.

As the rollout of COVID-19 vaccines in Latvia gathers pace, the government has decided to allow groups of up to 20 vaccinated employees to return to their shared workplaces.

However, strict epidemiological requirements are still in place if one person in the same room does not have immunity to the coronavirus. Masks and distancing are also compulsory in premises that are shared with other people with unknown immunity status.

## DAWN OF TOURISM RECOVERY

The lockdown was further eased on Monday across Britain despite concerns over risks posed by coronavirus variants, especially those first detected in India. Pubs, bars and restaurants in England are permitted to reopen indoors, and indoor entertainment facilities have also resumed, including cinemas, museums and play areas for children.

Meanwhile, all remaining accommodation including hotels, hostels and B&Bs was reopened as of May 17. With the lifting of the foreign travel ban, people are allowed to travel to a number of green-list countries without having to quarantine upon their return.

Austria eased its entry rules on Wednesday. Travelers from a list of low-risk countries and regions can now enter Austria with a negative COVID test, a proof of vaccination, or others, to avoid quarantine.

Latvia has already exempted vaccinated people from routine COVID-19 tests and quarantine which are mandatory for travelers upon entering the country from EU member states, the European Economic Area, Switzerland and Britain.

The Faro airport in southern Portugal received more than 5,000 British passengers on May 17 alone as the country eased travel restrictions and sanitary rules for tourists from Britain.

According to the Portuguese airline TAP, the volume of flights purchased from Britain rose 131 percent recently.

Also, cruise ship arrivals at the port of Lisbon were reactivated on Monday, and passengers only need to present a negative COVID-19 test to enter the city.

In Germany, the quarantine requirement for those entering the country from high incidence areas remains in force but the 10-day quarantine could be reduced to five days with a negative test result. However, those arriving in Germany from a "virus variant area" are still required to spend 14 days in quarantine.



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# UK-EU trade deal a welcome development, but difficulties remain in implementation

## LONDON

AFTER rounds of painful and intense negotiations, Britain and the European Union (EU) finally secured a post-Brexit trade deal on Thursday, paving the way for avoiding a possible nightmare of chaotic economic break on Jan. 1, 2021.

With only seven days left before the end of the Brexit transition period, the trade deal is a great relief for people on both sides of the English Channel who do not want to see a disorderly Brexit.

Indeed, a late deal is better than no deal. The last-gasp deal, which put an end to nine-month hard talks, is really a result of the UK-EU efforts to cover extra miles to iron out their major differences through diplomatic negotiations.

Failure to reach a free trade agreement means bilateral trade will fall back on World Trade Organization (WTO) rules in 2021.

The British and EU negotiators both have been determined to seek an agreement even with the two sides diverging greatly on fair competition, governance and fisheries. As time elapsed, fishing rights remained the last major sticking point between them.

As Brexit is an unprecedented move in the EU history, it remains unknown whether the deal can provide answers to a question un-



observed in the modern history of humankind.

On the one hand, the new deal brings essential certainties to a world which is experiencing profound changes unseen in a century. However, on the other hand, the deal is far from enough to clean all the aftermath of Brexit once and for all, thus leaving relevant parties -- and even the world at large -- more question marks about the near future.

The deal, which runs for some 2,000 pages, will be hugely welcomed by businesses who had feared a chaotic no-deal outcome.

The hard-won trade deal, which came more than 1,640 days after the 2016 referendum vote in Britain to leave the EU, would help avoid the imposition of tariffs and duties that would cost Britain and the EU billions of dollars in trade and hundreds of thousands of jobs.

In other words, the deal offers much

needed reassurance to large and small-sized businesses in the country, as it will help them escape from the 10-percent tariffs for cars and more than 35 percent for dairy products, which could be "deeply damaging for both businesses and consumers."

Thanks to the deal, the 27-member regional bloc has successfully demonstrated to the world its strong will to defend unity and collective interests, as well as its wisdom in settling a "century divorce."

For the rest of the world, the new deal has saved the world economy from another Black Swan event -- a no-deal scenario with a severe impact and possible damage to global stability and development.

The above-mentioned benefits are more than enough to make the deal a historic one, but are insufficient to end the Brexit aftermath conclusively.

# Flexible employment helping stabilise job market

CHINA will continue to channel more resources to promote flexible employment as it has played a key role in stabilizing the job market.

More than 200 million people are involved in flexible employment, an official from the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security said.

Flexible employment has become an important way for people to increase their incomes, and also a way of relieving employment pressure.

According to a report by Renmin University of China in December, around 56 percent of domestic companies employ workers flexibly, up 11 percentage points from 2019.

"Starting their own businesses and joining flexible employment are important ways for people to get jobs and earn more, which has also drawn attention from the central government, giving them continuous financial and policy support," Song Xin, the ministry's deputy director for employment promotion, said at a news conference late last month.

He said the government is making efforts to give more support to flexibly employed workers.

In May, a State Council executive meeting decided to further support the development of flexible employment by exploring a pension system and healthcare insurance for those who are flexibly employed, and protecting their rights if they are hurt on the job.

"We've first streamlined administrative procedures for individuals selling agricultural products and daily supplies at officially approved places," Song said. "Financial support available to startup operators, and small and medium-sized enterprises has also been improved."

He said secured loans to individuals planning to open businesses rose to 200,000 yuan (US\$31,000) from the previous 150,000 yuan, while the cap rose to 3 million yuan for small and medium-sized companies.

He said that government services offering job information and helping incubate companies have also been enhanced.



A graduating student searches for job opportunities at a job matching fair at Tsinghua University in Beijing, China, March 16, 2021.

"The ministry has set up over 8,800 incubation centers nationwide for startups, with some of them open to individuals free of charge," Song said. "Training courses and supporting

policies are also available to these people."

Li Zhong, vice-minister of human resources and social security, told the news conference that the government is not only reducing limitations on the development of flexible employment, but also creating more flexible jobs for people and securing their rights to gain pensions and healthcare insurance.

In the face of great employment pressure, encouraging flexible employment will continue to be an important way to help people land jobs, especially those in key groups.

According to the latest figures from the National Bureau of Statistics, the 9.09 million college graduates this year still largely face difficulties landing jobs, though the job market has continued to expand this year.

"Flexible employment has invigorated the job market, showing its great potential and advantages," Li Yan, director of 58 Tongcheng Recruitment Research Institute, said in an interview with Economic Information Daily.

She said that flexible employment has expanded people's job options thanks to its flexible working time and methods of employment.

"It has also helped companies reduce their labor costs and optimize their human resources structure," Li said. "Employers can match openings and job hunters faster and more efficiently."

Xie Liang, a 24-year-old from Qingdao, Shandong province, said he once considered being a livestreaming anchor, but the uncertain future of the job and unstable income deterred him.

"I did livestreaming at college and there were agencies contacting me, saying that they could make me an internet celebrity," he said. "Finding a job last year was not that easy, but the agencies can't secure me a stable income. I finally gave up the chance and sought a job as a teacher at a kindergarten."

Li Qiang, vice-president of Zhaopin, an online recruitment platform, said that intensifying competition in finding jobs has made more people, especially the young, join flexible employment, but it needs regulation and support from the government.

"Flexibly employed workers have concerns about their incomes, insurance system and disadvantages in labor disputes as the law on flexible employment is not perfected yet," he said. "Improving flexible workers' skills is also vital, which can help them get a better career."

# Stung by pandemic, G20 foreign ministers urge more cooperation



Italy's Foreign Minister Luigi Di Maio (front, center) sits down to begin a G20 foreign ministers meeting in Matera, Italy, on Monday. (AP)

## MATERA

G20 foreign ministers called on Tuesday for multilateral cures for global crises like the COVID-19 pandemic and climate emergency at their first face-to-face meeting in two years.

The one-day gathering in the heat-

soaked southern city of Matera focused on how to improve cooperation and revive the world's economy following the pandemic and how to boost sustainable development in Africa.

"The pandemic has highlighted the need for an international response to emergencies that transcend national

boundaries," Italian Foreign Minister Luigi Di Maio told his counterparts from the Group of 20 major economies.

The G20 members account for more than 80 percent of world gross domestic product, 75 percent of global trade and 60 percent of the population of the planet. Those in Matera included the top

diplomats of the United States, Japan, Britain, France, Germany and India.

The foreign ministers of China, Brazil and Australia opted to follow the discussions by video link, while Russia and South Korea sent deputy ministers.

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken reiterated the need to deliver many more vaccines to poorer countries, which have so far received far fewer doses than wealthy nations.

"To bring the pandemic to an end, we must get more vaccines to more places," he said, adding that the G20 would help low-income countries address "significant debt vulnerabilities" that had been exacerbated by the coronavirus.

## Multilateralism first

Blinken was due to fly back to Washington later on Tuesday, ending a tour of Germany, France and Italy, during which he has underlined the desire of President Joe Biden's administration to embrace international cooperation, in contrast to previous President Donald Trump, who touted an "America First" message.

"We need to cooperate, and we need to do it effectively. Multilateralism is what makes that possible," Blinken said in his remarks to the conference, surrounded by plexiglass sheeting to prevent any possible infection from fellow delegates.

Italy, which is home to the UN food and agriculture agencies, pushed the importance of global food security and nutrition during the meeting and announced it would hold an additional 2-day summit dedicated to Africa in October.

"I believe that the G20 has a duty to support Africa in getting out of this difficult period and into a phase of sustained and sustainable growth," Di Maio told reporters.

Given the broad range of countries in the G20, getting agreement can be difficult, but hosts Italy said there was gathering consensus on a few core issues.

"Beyond the differences and divisions of some countries at the G20 table, we all agree that on climate change we have to cooperate. And even where there are differences, we must try with all our might to tackle climate disruption together and make our societies sustainable," Di Maio said.



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BANKING & FINANCE

# As Thai tourist Island reopens, small businesses say left behind

## PHUKET

AS Thailand's government prepares to celebrate its reopening to foreign tourists this week, many businesses on the holiday island of Phuket aren't so enthusiastic about the return of visitors.

Phuket is a pilot programme for Thailand's reboot of a tourism industry gutted by the pandemic, allowing fully vaccinated visitors with negative coronavirus tests to fly directly to the southern island, bypassing 14-day quarantine requirements.

But local firms say they've been left behind and aren't expecting much from the trickles of tourists due to arrive starting Thursday. Visitors will see a different Phuket from the one visited annually by millions before the pandemic struck.

"They will see buildings on sale, buildings for rent, shop closed, convenience store closed. Do you think it's a good environment for the tourist? No," said Srangsan Thongtan of the Phuket Tourism Entrepreneur

Development Association, adding that businesses are urgently in need of soft loans to rebuild. "It's very hard to open ... we don't have budget, we don't have money to repair, repaint everything to bring our business back."

More than 2 million Thai tourism workers have lost their jobs since last year, including 400,000 in the first quarter of 2021, an industry group said this week, while the central bank governor said tourism could take "five years plus" to normalise.

Thailand lost about \$50 billion in tourism revenue last year when foreign arrivals plunged 83% from the nearly 40 million visitors in 2019.

Natchakanya Sanguanwong, manager of Anchan spa, which once served hundreds of tourists each day, said many businesses won't see the revenues from the first batches of visitors, who will stay in government-accredited hotels.

"Our spa couldn't reopen because it requires the cost of utilities, staff, and rent," she added.



Phuket gets ready to open to overseas tourists

## WORLD

# UN chief urges US to remove Iran sanctions as agreed in 2015

NEW YORK

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has appealed to US President Joe Biden's administration to lift or waive all sanctions on Iran as agreed under a 2015 deal aimed at stopping Tehran from developing a nuclear weapon.

In a report to the UN Security Council, Guterres also urged the United States to "extend the waivers with regard to the trade in oil with the Islamic Republic of Iran, and fully renew waivers for nuclear

non-proliferation projects."

The 15-member council will on Tuesday discuss the secretary-general's biannual report on the implementation of a 2015 resolution that enshrines the nuclear deal between Iran, the United States, France, Britain, Germany, Russia and China.

Guterres' appeal to Washington comes amid talks to revive the deal - known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action - under which Iran accepted curbs on its nuclear programme in return for a lifting of many foreign sanctions against it.



Former South African president Jacob Zuma

Former US President Donald Trump abandoned the pact in 2018 and reimposed harsh sanctions, prompting Tehran to start violating some of the nuclear limits in 2019.

"I appeal to the United States to lift or waive its sanctions outlined in the plan," said Guterres, who also appealed to Iran to return to full implementation of the deal.

Iran has refined uranium up to a purity of roughly 60 percent, far above the deal's limit of 3.67 percent and much closer to

the 90 percent suitable for atom bomb cores, though it maintains that it seeks only civilian nuclear power and could quickly reverse its moves if Washington rescinded sanctions and returned to the 2015 deal.

Guterres said: "I continue to believe that a full restoration of the Plan remains the best way to ensure that the nuclear programme of the Islamic Republic of Iran remains exclusively peaceful."

## Inaugurating embassy in UAE, Israel tells region: 'We're here to stay'

JERUSALEM

ISRAEL'S new foreign minister inaugurated its embassy in the United Arab Emirates on Tuesday and offered an olive branch to other former adversaries, saying: "We're here to stay."



Yair Lapid's two-day visit is the first to the Gulf state by an Israeli cabinet minister since the countries established ties last year. He was due to sign a bilateral agreement on economic cooperation and open an Israeli consulate in Dubai yesterday.

The trip is also an opportunity for the two-week-old Israeli government of Naftali Bennett, a nationalist who heads an improbable cross-partisan coalition, to make diplomatic inroads despite long-stymied talks with the Palestinians.

"Israel wants peace with its neighbours - with all its neighbours. We aren't going anywhere. The Middle East is our home," Lapid (pictured) said during the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Abu Dhabi high-rise office serving as a temporary embassy.

"We're here to stay. We call on all the countries of the region to recognise that and to come to talk to us," he said.

Brought together by shared worries about Iran and hopes for commercial boons, the UAE and Bahrain normalised relations with Israel last year under so-called "Abraham Accords" crafted by then U.S. President Donald Trump. Sudan and Morocco have since also moved to establish ties with Israel.

The regional rapprochement was deplored by the Palestinians, who want their demands for statehood free of Israeli occupation addressed first.

President Mahmoud Abbas dismissed the Abraham Accords as "an illusion" and asserted that colonial powers had "implant(ed) Israel as a foreign body in this region in order to fragment it and keep it weak," according to a report on Tuesday by the official Palestinian news service WAFA.

Tuesday's agreement will be the 12th between Israel and the UAE, Lior Haiat, spokesman for Israel's Foreign Ministry, said. Lapid is also set to visit the site of Expo 2020 Dubai, a world fair opening in October where Israel has built a pavilion.

Lapid's plane transited through Saudi airspace, Riyadh, although not having normalised relations with Israel, last year opened its skies to Israel-UAE flights.

The UAE formally opened its embassy in Israel, temporarily located in the Tel Aviv stock exchange, to little fanfare this month. read more

Israel's Abu Dhabi embassy still has only three diplomats and a head of mission, Eitan Na'eh, who has yet to be confirmed as full ambassador. The consulate in Dubai is similarly located in temporary premises.

Lapid was conciliatory toward former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, whose attempts to organise a trip to the UAE while in office were scotched by COVID-19 restrictions and who has sought to cast his ouster by Bennett as illegitimate. Thanking Netanyahu as "the architect of the Abraham Accords", Lapid said: "This moment is his, no less than it is ours."

## Too early to speak about a thaw in Russia-US relations, says Kremlin spokesman

MOSCOW

BILATERAL relations between Russia and the US have not changed two weeks after the Geneva summit, it will take at least several months to see a thaw in relations, Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov said in an interview with Rossiya-24 television on Tuesday.

"Questions do remain as to Russian-US relations. Certainly, things cannot change in Russian-American relations within two weeks. You know, [this is] like a neglected disease: you begin to take medications, and the effect is seen only in a few days.

Here, too, we need to wait a certain number of months before we feel some kind of not even a thaw, but at least a modest tendency towards the emergence of constructiveness in our bilateral relations," Peskov said.

The issue of bilateral relations worries Russian nationalists, and questions for the Direct Line with President Vladimir Putin include this topic, Peskov noted.

He stressed, however, that questions regarding the international agenda are not numerous. "International affairs worry the Russians much less, and by the way, this is probably a distinctive feature of this year, which is certainly understandable in this post-crisis year," he noted.

The Russia-US summit, initiated by Washington, took place in the Swiss city of Geneva on June 16. Putin and Biden discussed the state and the prospects of further development of bilateral relations, the issues of strategic stability, as well as international matters, including cooperation in the fight against COVID-19 and regulation of regional conflicts.

After the Geneva summit, the sides agreed to return the Russian and US ambassadors to Washington and Moscow respectively.

Agencies

## The ultimate success formula of century-old CPC - People

BEIJING

THE root cause and source of the power of a political party that has seen its membership explode from 50-plus individuals to over 95 million lies in its faith and ability to serve the people.

In a world where the crisis of political representation is prompting a populist surge of disgruntlement across the Atlantic, the 100-year-old Communist Party of China (CPC) is upholding its time-honored philosophy of putting the people first, which is the key to both its success and its future.

Xi Jinping, general secretary of the CPC Central Committee, said the people are the "supreme and ultimate judge" of the Party's work.

Although political parties vary in their political stances, goals and visions, the performances of all parties can be measured by one universal yardstick - how effectively they have served the people.

The CPC has not failed the people it represents. The world's largest political party has developed a bond with the Chinese people, a relationship

often described as being as inseparable as "fish and water" or "flesh and blood."

Just like Antaeus, the giant in Greek mythology who drew his power from the earth, the CPC has been drawing its inexhaustible strength from the Chinese people.

The Chinese people's support for the CPC stems from its people-centered governing philosophy.

The CPC has no missionary impulse to "conquer the world," as some biased observers have claimed, nor the intention to export its ideology or development model. Its efforts are motivated solely by the betterment of people's lives.

The state is the people, and the people are the state. Standing on the people's side represents the fundamental political stance of the CPC, and it is what distinguishes a Marxist political party from other political parties.

At its conception, the CPC established its original aspiration and mission - seeking happiness for the Chinese people and rejuvenation for the Chinese nation. A century on from its founding, the Party's leader-



Fireworks are seen above the National Stadium in Beijing, capital of China, on the evening of June 28, 2021. An art performance titled "The Great Journey" was held in Beijing on Monday evening in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of China (CPC). (Xinhua)

ship is repeatedly asking all its members to remain true to this principle.

In some Western countries, the ruling parties have been reduced to serving only a few, becoming political organizations "of the 1 percent, by the 1 percent, for the 1 percent." In contrast, the CPC has remained committed to representing the fundamental will of the majority of the people.

Under the leadership of the CPC, China seeks a people-centered modernization that is different from the Western model in which capital is the primary driver and dominant logic. This is best illustrated by China's massive

poverty-alleviation campaign and its handling of the COVID-19 epidemic, where such concepts and practices as "No one should be left behind" and "People first, life first" have been demonstrated.

The Chinese people's support for the CPC stems from its uncompromising self-sacrifice.

Born at a time when the Chinese economy - once the world's largest - had been crippled by foreign invasions and domestic divisions, the fledgling CPC adopted its stance despite great hardship and danger.

Chinese Communists are willing to sacrifice everything, including their lives, for the

interests of the people. Nearly one-quarter of the 171 members and alternate members of the CPC central committees before the founding of New China gave up their lives for the Party's cause, according to a report published by the New China Research think tank affiliated to Xinhua. Data showed that as many as 3.7 million CPC members sacrificed their lives from 1921 to 1949 in striving for the establishment of the people's republic. Many others died anonymously.

This spirit of sacrifice has been carried forth to the present day. Nearly 400 of the over 39 million CPC members and cadres who fought against COVID-19 on the front lines died in the process, according to official numbers.

The Chinese people's support for the CPC stems from their experience of its good governance.

In the early 20th century, revolutions, restorations and warlordism failed to change China's fate because of the absence of participation by the Chinese people. Rising from the chaos, the CPC gained in popularity among the people as it led the country toward national independence and the end of the "Century of Humiliation." Xinhua

## German military completes withdrawal from Afghanistan

BERLIN

THE German military late on Tuesday concluded its withdrawal from Afghanistan after almost two decades, finishing Germany's deadliest military mission since World War 2.

"Our last troops left Afghanistan this night after almost 20 years and are on their way home," German Defense Minister Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer said in a statement.

"This is the end of a historic chapter, of an intensive mission which has tested the Bundeswehr and in which the

Bundeswehr has proven itself in combat."

It was in Afghanistan that Germany's military fought the first ground battles since the end of World War 2.

US President Joe Biden and NATO announced in mid-April that they would pull out the roughly 10,000 foreign troops still in Afghanistan at the time by Sept 11, the 20th anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York that prompted the mission.

Over the last years, Germany had the second largest contingent of troops after the United States in Afghanistan,



Soldiers of the German armed forces Bundeswehr listen to a speech of the visiting German Chancellor at the Bundeswehr base in Mazar-i-Sharif, Afghanistan. (AFP)

with around 150,000 soldiers deployed over the past two decades, many of them serving more than one tour in the country.

Fifty-nine German soldiers died in Afghanistan, 35 of them killed in combat or as a result of militant attacks, making it Germany's deadliest

military mission since World War 2.

Wrapping up the operation, Germany said it would have to redeploy the equivalent of around 800 containers of equipment such as armoured vehicles, helicopters, weapons and ammunition as the draw-down began.

The multinational camp in northern Mazar-i-Sharif led by Germany had been reinforced with troops and mortars, ramping up security for the duration of the withdrawal to guard the base against attacks by the Taliban.

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## Hong Kong holds exhibition to mark China's scientific achievements in past century

AN exhibition showcasing China's scientific achievements in the past 100 years was recently held in Hong Kong, sparking heated response from all walks of life of the Hong Kong society.

The exhibition, which also displayed lunar soil brought back by China's Change 5 spacecraft, was held across the city during a five-day visit by six of the nation's top aerospace experts.

The outstanding achievements of China's aerospace ignited the patriotism of the Hong Kong compatriots, calling them to devote themselves to developing the country.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of China (CPC). Over the past 100 years, the CPC has united the Chinese people and led them to achieve remarkable progress, and the development of aerospace technology is a mirror of such progress.

From the Mars probe Tianwen-1 to the operation of the BeiDou Navigation Satellite System, and from the lunar samples collected and returned by Change 5 spacecraft to the successful rendezvous and docking between Shenzhou-12 manned spaceship and the Tianhe

core module of China's space station, the achievements of China's aerospace technology have significantly enhanced the confidence and pride of all Chinese, including the Hong Kong compatriots.

As Hong Kong celebrates the 100th anniversary of the founding of the CPC, Chinese aerospace scientists have been warmly welcomed on their visits to the special administrative region. It fully demonstrates that as a part of China, Hong Kong compatriots have always shared the dignity and glory with the people from the Chinese mainland, and jointly shouldered

the mission of the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation.

Promoting sci-tech cooperation between Hong Kong and the mainland, supporting the special administrative region to become an international center of innovative technologies, giving play to their own unique sci-tech strengths and contributing to economic development and improving people's living standards both in Hong Kong and the mainland are all part of the implementation of the "one country, two systems" principle in Hong Kong, said general secretary Xi Jinping of the CPC Central Committee.

In recent years, Hong Kong's scientific world has joined relevant aerospace projects of the mainland for multiple times. An innovative lunar topographic mapping and geomorphological analysis technique developed by the Hong Kong Polytechnic University helped China's Change 4 lunar probe select landing site on the far side of the moon, and the university's Mars Landing Surveillance Camera also contributed to China's first Mars probe.

Taking advantage of the "one country, two systems" principle, Hong Kong has firmly grasped major opportunities of cooperation in

innovation and technology, the Belt and Road construction, and the construction of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. It is achieving better development while integrating into the development of the country.

The fact that Hong Kong compatriots are sharing dignity and glory with the people of the Chinese mainland, and jointly shouldering the mission of the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation, is a result of the adherence to and improvement of the "one country, two systems" principle and the long-term stability of the principle. People's Daily



## Kim Jong Un says 'great crisis' caused by quarantine lapse

PYONGYANG

NORTH Korean leader Kim Jong Un said a "grave" situation stemming from quarantine negligence has created a crisis, hinting at a possible Covid-19 outbreak that could affect his regime after it long denied having any infections.

There were no details of the nature of the incident in the report from the state's official Korean Central News Agency on Wednesday. Mr Kim said missteps created "a great crisis in ensuring the security of the state and safety of the people," KCNA reported, and he accused some cadres of "chronic irresponsibility and incompetence" that had done "tremendous harm," according to the report.

Even though North Korea says it has no cases of the coronavirus - a claim doubted by US and Japanese officials - it has taken drastic quarantine steps that have worsened the regime's economic woes, including closing the border with its biggest trade partner, China.

Covid-19 brings a large risk to the impoverished state, whose antiquated medical systems could easily be overwhelmed by an infection wave.

"It would be a bit hasty to make any definitive conclusions based on the KCNA report, given it lacked in detail. But North Korea has been particularly sensitive about the pandemic as it lacks testing kits and medical facilities," said Cheong Seong-chang, director of the Unification Strategy Studies Program at Sejong Institute near Seoul.

North Korea sees the virus as a threat to its already struggling economy and Kim's rule, Mr Cheong added.

North Korea's economy, which suffered its worst contraction in decades last year, is on track to barely grow in 2021 as the country struggles with the pandemic, border restrictions with China and international sanctions to punish it for nuclear-weapons testing, Fitch Solutions said in April.

China will consider helping North Korea, if necessary, Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin said at a regular briefing in Beijing on Wednesday, avoiding a direct answer on whether Beijing has provided vaccine to its long-time ally.

Pyeongyang has taken strong action after incidents that could expose the country to the virus. About a year ago, Mr Kim's regime locked down the border city of Kaesong out of fear a person who defected from South Korea may have carried the virus. It investigated the military unit responsible for patrols and pledged to "administer a severe punishment," to those responsible, its official media said.

About two months after that in an incident near a nautical border, North Korean personnel shot a man who worked for South Korea's fisheries ministry and burned his body at sea.

He was apparently treated that way because the North Korean personnel believed he could have been a carrier of the coronavirus, Yonhap News Agency cited a South Korean military official as saying at the time.

Adding to the Covid risks, North Korea has received no vaccine doses through Covax, according to Gavi, the nonprofit group that delivers immunisations. "Work is ongoing and discussions continue," it said in a statement in June. North Korea was supposed to receive 1.7 million doses of the AstraZeneca shot by the end of May, but shipments were delayed after North Korea was unwilling to follow Covax instructions and rules, Japan's Kyodo News reported.

North Korea is eligible to receive vaccines through the programme backed by the World Health Organization, but it has shown hesitancy.

During the pandemic, the country's small international contingent of foreign officials and residents dwindled as it put pressure on them to leave. The Kim regime could see risks in bringing in more people from the outside world to deliver vaccines.

The country's main newspaper, Rodong Sinmun, expressed doubt about vaccines in an article in June, saying they "may not be able to protect people from the virus spreading or new strains of the virus."

The news on the quarantine incident follows a rare report on state TV last week that touched on Mr Kim's health, a move that may be designed to generate sympathy as the country deals with food shortages and an economic downturn. North Koreans broke down in tears over seeing a dramatically thinner Kim, state TV cited a citizen as saying.

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## Somalia sets date for elections of president and lawmakers

MOGADISHU

SOMALI leaders have released the electoral calendar for the country's elections following a two-day consultative talk on modalities in Mogadishu.

The country's Prime Minister Mohamed Roble who met in Mogadishu with leaders from five federal member states including Mayor of Banadir Region on Tuesday resolved to conduct presidential elections on Oct. 10 while the election of the Upper House (Senate) legislators will be held on July 25.

According to the electoral calendar, the election of the lawmakers of the Lower House will take place from Aug. 10 to Sept. 10.

The Somali leaders also agreed to reduce by 50 percent the registration fees for female candidates vying for parliamentary seats.

"The council, considering a request from Somali women, has reduced the fee for Somali women candidates for parliament by 50 percent," the leaders said in a joint statement issued in Mogadishu.

The prime minister had invited the regional leaders for a meeting in Mogadishu to review the recently adopted electoral agreement to pave the way for elections.

Xinhua

# Spain will relaunch talks with Catalan separatist govt in Sept

BARCELONA

SPANISH Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez met Catalonia's new pro-independence regional head on Tuesday for the first time as the central government sought to improve ties after pardoning nine jailed separatist leaders.

The two agreed that negotiations between both governments on the region's political conflict would resume in September in Barcelona while acknowledging the significant differences that still remain between them.

"This negotiation will not be easy, because we will not give up," Catalan head of government Pere Aragonés, who took office last month, told reporters after the meeting in Madrid, adding that any solution reached at the negotiations had to be validated in a vote by citizens.

"Let no one be confused: We will approach this with full determination to defend a referendum for Catalonia, and an amnesty," he said, referring to the more than 3,000 separatists currently under legal investigation.

Sanchez, who opposes independence, had previously ruled out both demands.

"The government cannot make sense of Catalonia without Spain, or Spain without Catalonia," the central government's spokesperson Maria Jesus Montero said at a separate news conference, adding that both sides were conscious about their opposing views on the independence issue.

An unauthorized referendum on a breakaway in 2017 led to a short-lived declaration of independence and Spain's worst political crisis in decades. Separatist leaders were convicted and sentenced to lengthy prison terms on a variety of charges.

Sanchez pardoned them last week in what he said was a goodwill gesture to kickstart negotiations on the Catalan issue.

However, Spain's Court of Auditors is requesting the return of about 5.4 million euros (US\$6.43 million) from 40 former Catalan officials due to their alleged role in promoting Catalonia's independence bid abroad, including some pardoned leaders, according to a court report published by several newspapers on Tuesday.

The court has not issued any ruling on the potential misuse of public funds by them but its interim request implies that they need to deposit the demanded amount, according to the reports. If they could not do so, their assets would be seized.

A court spokesperson said the document was not pub-



Spain's Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez (left) meets with Catalan regional president Pere Aragonés at the Moncloa Palace in Madrid on June 29, 2021. (OSCAR DEL POZO / AFP)

lic yet. The court requested 1.9 million euros from Oriol Junqueras, the most prominent of the freed politicians for his role as Catalonia's deputy leader until 2017, according to the reports.

Junqueras, the chairman of Aragonés' party Esquerra Republicana de Catalunya, told Reuters on Monday that the court is politicized and that its investiga-

tion shows "the end of the repression is very far away". He said it was essential to approve an amnesty related to the 2017 events.

The court also requested 1.9 million euros from former Catalan head Carles Puigdemont, who fled to Belgium after the independence declaration.

The government insisted that Puigde-

mont and other separatists in self-imposed exile should return to Spain where they face an arrest warrant. "People out of the reach of the justice system must come back and collaborate," spokesperson Montero said. **Agencies**

## China a powerhouse of water transport with international influence, says official



A cargo ship built by Penglai Zhongbai Jinglu Ship Industry Co., Ltd. is delivered to Lavinia Corp from Greece, April 26, 2021. (File photo)

CHINA has become a powerhouse of water transport with international influence and is embracing a new journey of water transport construction, Vice-Minister of Transport Zhao Chongjiu told a press conference on June 24.

Chinese ports handled 14.45 billion tonnes of cargo and 260 million TEUs (twenty-foot equivalent units) last year, outnumbering those by any other country in the world. Eight and seven of the world's top 10 ports in terms of cargo throughput and container throughput were in China.

As of the end of 2020, the total transport capacity of Chinese cargo ships hit 310 million deadweight tonnes. The figure was the second highest in the world. China COSCO Shipping Corporation Limited and China Merchants Group are now the largest two comprehensive shipping enterprises of the world in terms of shipping capacity.

According to the vice minister, China has ranked the first in the world for years regarding the capacity of inland water transportation.

Last year, over 3.8 billion tonnes

of cargos were shipped through inland rivers across the country, and the total mileage of operational waterways had exceeded 120,000 kilometers by the end of the 2020, the longest in the world.

The trunk line of the Yangtze River has become the world's busiest water channel with the largest transportation capacity for years.

Zhao introduced that by 2020 China has built nine automated container terminals, and seven other are currently under construction.

Besides, the country is also a leading designer and constructor of automated container terminals, as well as a leading manufacturer of port machinery, he added.

Yi Jiyong, deputy head of the Water Transport Bureau under the Ministry of Transport disclosed that China will keep shoring up its weak spots in the infrastructure of inland water transportation.

According to him, 5,000 kilo-

meters of inland river channels will be improved or added to the country's river transportation network, and 2,500 kilometers are expected to meet the standard of high-level channels.

Seafarers make a major part of the jobholders in the shipping industry.

June 25 marked the Day of the Seafarer. Cao Desheng, director of the maritime affairs bureau of the Ministry of Transport introduced that the China's seafarer group has been constantly expanded over the years.

As of the end of 2020, there were a total of 1.7 million Chinese seafarers in service, the highest in the world, including 258,000 females.

"Chinese seafarers make 130,000 overseas trips each year, which has laid a foundation for the global development of the Chinese shipping industry," Cao said.

People's Daily

## Russia open for dialogue with those who seeks balance of interests, says Lavrov

MOSCOW



RUSSIA is offering a unifying agenda in international affairs and is open for a fair dialogue with those who is interested in the search for a balance of interest, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said in an article published in the Kommersant daily and the Russia in Global Affairs journal on Monday.

"Regardless of any ambitions and threats, our country remains committed to a sovereign and independent foreign policy, while also ready to offer a unifying agenda in international affairs with due account for the cultural and civilisational diversity in today's world. Confrontation is not our choice, no matter the rationale," he noted. "We will always remain open to honest dialogue with anyone who demonstrates a reciprocal readiness to find a balance of interests firmly rooted in international law. These are the rules we adhere to."

He recalled Russian President Vladimir Putin's words, who said in his article entitled Being Open, Despite the Past released on June 22, 2021 that it is senseless to be fixed on former mistakes, offences, problems or conflicts and called for ensuring security without division lines, for establishing a common space of equal cooperation and general development.

"This approach hinges on Russia's thousand-year history and is fully consistent with the current stage in its development. We will persist in promoting the emergence of an international relations culture based on the supreme values of justice and enabling all countries, large and small, to develop in peace and freedom," Lavrov stressed.

The West doesn't want to discuss issues of equality and democracy on the international arena and is afraid of maintaining an open dialogue with those who have different values and views, Russian Foreign Minister said.

"While preaching equality and democracy in their countries and demanding that other follow its lead, the West refuses to discuss ways to ensure equality and democracy in international affairs," he noted.

"The veil of its superiority conceals weakness and the fear of engaging in a frank conversation not only with yes-men and those eager to fall in line, but also with opponents with different beliefs and values, not neo-liberal or neo-conservative ones, but those learned at mother's knee, inherited from many past generations, traditions and beliefs."

Such an approach is "clearly at odds with the ideals of freedom," Lavrov stressed. "It is much harder to accept the diversity and competition of ideas in the development of the world than to invent prescriptions for all of humanity within a narrow circle of the like-minded, free from any disputes on matters of principle, which makes the emergence of truth all but impossible."

# SPORT



Tarangire Masters' cricketer, Salum Mwalami (L), receives the best player of the game's prize from a Dar es Salaam cricket follower once the player's team faced Ngorongoro Warriors in this season's Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA) Dar es Salaam U-18 Tournament's tie early this week. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TCA

## Ngorongoro Warriors edge Tarangire Masters in TCA Dar es Salaam U-18 Tournament thriller

By Guardian Reporter

NGORONGORO Warriors cricketers held off Tarangire Masters' pressure to edge the latter by one run in a pulsating 2021 Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA) Dar es Salaam U-18 Tournament's duel in the city last weekend.

The game's eventual winners, therefore, brought their losing streak to an end. They, in the previous two clashes, lost to Manyara Heroes and Ruaha Titans.

Faisal Mohammad Samir was the batsman with most runs after Ngorongoro Warriors went in to bat first, the side posted 128 runs and dropped six wickets in 20 overs. They successfully shrugged off a shaky start, which saw skipper Avinash Patel that had opened the innings face early exit.

Fellow opening batsman, Harsh Khidkikar, held his own, posting 28 runs which had the squad reaching 60 runs after 11.2 overs.

The opening batsman's stint consisted of three fours. They had to contend with Jenil Patel's brief stint as the youthful batsman was dismissed after recording three runs.

Samir, who was slotted in at number four, saw to it Ngorongoro Warriors reach triple digit total after notching 34 runs, clearing the boundary once.

The squad reached 118 runs after 17.6 overs once Samir was dismissed, having

been bowled by Tarangire Masters' Elisha Charles. The other key batsman, Divyansh Tiwari, ended with not out spell, notching 21 runs not out, cracking a four.

Tarangire Masters' Salum Mwalami foiled Ngorongoro Warriors' efforts to post much challenging target, as the youthful bowler ended with three wickets.

In response Tarangire Masters zealously chased Ngorongoro Warriors' score, the former surprisingly lost steam with two runs needed to grab victory. They ended up notching 127 runs all out in 17.1 overs, with top order performer, Mwalami, playing key role in their ability to notch the score.

Opening batsman Said Adam Said had getting off to an encouraging start as he notched 18 runs consisting of three fours.

Mwalami took the pitch once opener Arafat Zubeir had faced early dismissal whilst recording two runs, restoring confidence with solid showing. The youthful cricketer went on to post 55 runs not out in the overall stellar showing, with his spell including five fours.

Wickets kept falling at regular interval, with the remaining cricketers finding it hard to wade off Ngorongoro Warriors' attack.

Samir and Avinash efficiently defending their score, given the duo showcased scintillating showing with the ball. Samir mercilessly tormented Tarangire Masters' inexperienced cricketers and ended with four wickets.

Avinash's stint saw him notch two wickets, posting 7.75 economy rate.

## CRDB Bank Marathon 2021 cash prizes now unveiled

By Guardian Reporter

ABOUT 45.4m/- will be handed over to this year's CRDB Bank Marathon's 32 winners, the event's organizers have noted.

Tully Esther Mwambapa, CRDB Bank's Director of Corporate Affairs and Public Relations, disclosed to reporters in Dar es Salaam early this week this year's event's cash prize have been improved so the marathon can have international appeal.

According to her, the CRDB Bank Marathon has already been registered by International Races' Registration and Measurements Association (AMIS), in cooperation with World Athletics.

The development has prompted the institution to improve the event's monetary prizes.

She noted: "This year's race is not only a marathon but also an international race. We are prepared to present better prizes to winners. In 42km event, the race's winner is to receive 5m/-, the runner-up will be presented with 3m/-, a runner who will come third will walk away with 2m/- and the fourth is to receive 1m/-."

The CRDB Bank official stated the increase in the awards has been caused by the increase in the athletes who will feature in the race.

According to Tully they expect about 5,000 runners from both in and outside the country to take part. She urged Tanzanians to register in big number so they can compete, as the race has earned international status.

According to the official, CRDB Bank Marathon is further aiming at promoting patriotism via making the country's people work together to solve problems in their community.

She revealed: "Plenty of foreign athletes are

registering for the race, but we would like to get more Tanzanian participate in the marathon so the prizes remain here."

The CRDB Bank official pointed out the marathon will improve Dar es Salaam's economy and promote the city and the rest of the country. She disclosed the event will be used to promote tourist sites and Dar es Salaam's history that as well as Swahili culture.

Tully said the marathon gears towards bringing people together and backing needy people in the country and deal with other problems.

The institution's official stated this year's marathon seeks to raise about 500m/- which will be used to back children that need heart surgery at Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute (JKCI), and construction of call centre at Ocean Road Cancer Institute.

Athletics Tanzania (AT) secretary general, Jackson Ndaweka, congratulated CRDB Bank for hosting the race internationally. He assured Tully Mwambapa that all cash prizes will be retained in the country, given local athletes are currently training seriously in preparation for the showdown, slated for August 15.

Tully pointed out people who want to register for the CRDB Bank Marathon should visit the race's official website [www.crddbmarathon.co.tz](http://www.crddbmarathon.co.tz).

One person should pay 30,000/- to participate in the race, whilst groups should each pay 25,000/-.

All payment should be done at the CRDB Bank branches, CRDB Agents, SimBanking App, mobile phone networks and cards which gives people from eve outside the country to do payment.

## SPORTS

## Clubs need contractual status, like sports grounds, stadiums

By Correspondent Michael Eneza

DISCUSSIONS are continuing in sports platforms on what can be done to improve not just soccer but athletics and plenty of other games which used to feature in the evening routinely in the past, but gradually disappeared.

These include volleyball, netball, darts (mainly seen in bars earlier, now taken over by gambling booths), badminton (hardly 10 per cent of school goers know the game at present), not to speak of rugby, basketball, hockey, table tennis or tennis itself, etc.

Gymnastics was available in schools but hardly any school has that special sisal-stuffed mattress at present, and we could continue.

It doesn't need much exposure to realize that the sweeping take-over of most public assets by state-based cooperatives, government departments and in the 1980s, building stadiums for commemorations and then moving to own such facilities permanently, crippled development activities.

In the reform period since 1986, ministerial officials saw rich people financing soccer club activities, and in a mixture of contempt and parsimony, resolved that associations of games and sports should seek funds from benefactors, for unsteady benefits.

No plan for private sector financing on a contractual basis came up, none is expected.

What the ministry has been doing best is a regulatory function on the negative side, for instance limiting the number of players that club sponsors can recruit from outside, with the dubious platform that they hinder exposure of local talents to play in the city rival sides of Young Africans SC, popularly known as 'Yanga', and Simba SC.

It is as if it is required to feature on either of the two clubs to play for the national side, meanwhile as players that face competition from foreign players improve, and the league as a whole improves on that account.

Was it that ideas of having three players, or slightly above remain in place all international competition ceases.

It is hard to see how sports and games can be lifted, or stakeholders make use of tax reductions across the board, for lo-



Azam Football Club's stadium, Azam Complex.

cal industrial enterprises as well as importers, without games facilities first being shifted to the private sector.

At that point various investors and would-be benefactors could at least use stadiums, by giving them their names or brands to use so that they maintain the pitches and design low cost ticketing where the stadiums would regularly be filled, as a social gathering.

At present premier league matches are played in poorly attended matches except when a regional side is playing either of the city archrivals, just.

The trouble with this proposition isn't that it is unfeasible but that hardly anyone in sports leadership is thinking in that direction, as most upper age leaders grew up in socialism and cut their teeth in sports administration under a pervasive bureaucratic system.

During the 1980s there was a loosening of the market but it was being scoffed all over the place and when it was wrapped up in 1995 most bureaucrats sighed with relief.

As a rule, they fear decisions where public enterprises are shifted to the private sector, as at that point the 'eating' comes to an end, they don't fear anti-corruption drives as only the CEO goes.

With the country having to crawl not just to find athletes and other sporting groups for Olympics, but also the fares to take them there, change is overdue, but it isn't coming even from presumed experts on the airwaves.

A comic actor named 'Punja' plays the devil's advocate in an FM station and wonders when all these other games will feature in sports planning and facilitation, and he is gently told to keep down his fire as we ought to start with soccer first, and other things will be done later!

It takes a lot of faith to believe that we are 'starting' something with soccer, instead of saying that it is at least breathing, largely.

The principal difficulty is the predominant attitude of seeing the private sector as a sphere for fleecing instead of working hand in hand to make things run properly.

There is a fresh breeze blowing at the moment, but

everything is left to the president to come up with an idea and direct ministers to do the necessary, with scarcely any sort of innovation expected from the bureaucracy. None, it is vain to wait.

In that context ministerial officials and sports bureaucrats ought to ask themselves whether the ruling party is the right agent to control open grounds and sports facilities as a whole.

No sports development programme can obviate having appropriate game facilities, and there is plenty of room out there waiting to be developed, but it isn't the Sports Development Fund that will make a difference.

Habitually such funds finance bureaucratic activities relating to the issues, some human resources capacity building, and the works remain stalled, pending a different budgetary application.

No MPs are saying anything about this monopoly of sports facilities, and no ideas exist about open grounds except as car parks for revenues.

## Tanga Women Combine wins 2021 National Women T20 Championship silverware

By Guardian Reporter

TANGA Women Combine's cricketers have clinched the 2021 National Women T20 Championship's trophy with a five-run victory over Dar Women Combine in a thrilling final at Usagara ground in Tanga early this week.

Tanga Women Combine were put in to bat first, notching 124 runs, dropping two wickets in 20 overs, thanks solid batting showing by Swaumu Godfrey.

Swaumu, one of the squad's consistent performers in the competition, made her presence count, when she was slotted in as the opener, notching 61 runs consisting of three fours. The all-rounder linked with fellow opener, Hudaa Mrisho, in the first four overs, making it a point their squad had set out to end the innings with a bigger score.

Hudaa's stint was ended after five overs, she was dismissed by Dar Women Combine's Tatu Bakari, with the all-rounder notching 21 runs, which included two fours. The skipper's dismissal had left the hosts reaching 28 runs after 5.2 overs.

Top order batter, Jenipher Gabriel, saw to it her squad still has what it takes to score an imposing total, recording 29 runs not out.

Dar Women Combine put spirited showing, seeking to mount successful chase, which did not come to fruition. The Dar es Salaam girls ended notching 119 runs, losing seven wickets in 20 overs.

Tanga Women Combine sought to frustrate Dar Women Combine's chase early on, after dismissing opener, Nasra Hamza.

Nasra, who has so far played pivotal role, when it came to Dar Women Combine's progression the final ended with five runs. She could not make good run, eventually facing dismissal



Tanga Women Combine's cricketers pictured with a trophy after completion of the 2021 National Women T20 Championship, which took place in Tanga from June 18-27. Tanga Women Combine lifted the tournament silverware, edging Dar Women Combine by five runs in the final. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TCA

via run out that was orchestrated by Mwanamvua Hamisi.

It was therefore left to fellow opener, Mwanaidi Ibrahim, Neema Justine and Monica Paschal to give the rest of the batters motivation.

The three cricketers, key players in the team, made their presence count with solid showing, ending with two-digit figures, although they could not help their squad realize the chase.

Mwanaidi ended as the batter with most runs, notching 28 runs which included three fours.

Neema scored 25 runs, which included a four, in an equally stellar showing, whereas chipped in with 20 runs, blasting three fours.

Dar Women Combine kept on showcasing stubbornness, with Winfrida Jeremiah that was also one of top order batters notching 13 runs. Although middle order batters, Happy George and Zena Hassan, made their way back with unbeaten spells, the duo failed to bail their squad out.

Tanga Women Combine's Amina Hassan posted two wickets in her

squad's successful efforts to keep Dar Women Combine's batting unit in check.

Winners Tanga Women Combine and second-placed Dar Women Combine received trophies and cash prizes for their achievement. Players who put impressive displays as well got prizes. Arusha Women Combine youthful cricketer Sabrina Salim was voted as the showdown's best upcoming player.

The champions' cricketer Swaumu won the National Women T20 Championship's best player honour. Moro Women Combine skipper Fatuma Omary laid her hands on the competition's best bowler gong.

Regional cricket sides, Arusha Women Combine, Dar es Salaam Women Combine, Morogoro Women Combine, and Tanga Women Combine, took part in the showcase hosted by Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA).

The showcase moreover served as an opportunity that TCA will use to select players set to form the national U-19 women squad which will take part in the ICC Africa U-19 Women showdown.

## From Brazil highs to lows in Russia, Germany's 'eternal' coach Loew bows out

LONDON

JOACHIM Loew led Germany to the high of their 2014 World Cup triumph, but his 15-year reign as coach ended Tuesday with the low of a rare defeat to England in the last 16 of Euro 2020.

Having scraped through their group with a 2-2 draw against Hungary, Germany bow out with a 2-0 defeat at Wembley, their first loss against England in the knockout stages of a major tournament since the 1966 World Cup final.

It was a sad end for the 61-year-old, known as "Jogi" by his peers and who had been at Germany's helm since 2006.

The high point of his tenure was the victory in the 2014 World Cup final in Brazil but he never really recovered from the low of the World Cup in Russia three years later, when Germany finished bottom of their group.

Getting out of their European Championship group was the bare minimum expected of Loew's Germany, who bounced back from defeat to France in their opening game with a 4-2 win over holders Portugal before that nerve-shredding draw with Hungary.

His run as national head coach rivals Angela Merkel's 16 years in office as Chancellor, earning him the nickname of Germany's "eternal coach".

However, he walks away with his once-golden reputation tarnished by a succession of defeats which started with the disastrous World Cup campaign in Russia three years ago when Germany were beaten by Mexico and South Korea.

It was further damaged by a 6-0 thrashing by Spain last November – the German team's heaviest defeat since 1931 – and a shock home defeat to minnows North Macedonia in a World Cup qualifier in March.

Calls for Loew to step aside were already loud after the debacle in Russia, but he insisted he would stay on to make amends at the 2022 World Cup in Qatar.

However with his confidence rattled, Loew announced in early March that Euro 2020 would be his last tournament.

His replacement, his one-time assistant coach Hansi Flick who masterminded Bayern Munich's treble-winning season in 2019/20, takes charge in time for September's World Cup qualifiers.

## Mueller's Wembley miss 'hurts like hell' as Germany exit Euro 2020

LONDON

THOMAS Mueller admits his crucial miss at Wembley for a late equaliser in the 2-0 defeat to England which knocked Germany out of Euro 2020 "hurts like hell".

With England 1-0 up in Tuesday's last 16 clash thanks to a Raheem Sterling goal, Mueller managed to break clear of the England defence with nine minutes left, but fired agonisingly wide with the goal at his mercy.

"To get that opportunity and then have it go to waste, it hurts like hell," Mueller wrote on Instagram Wednesday under a picture with his head in his hands on the Wembley turf.

"There it was, that one moment that stays in your memory at the end, that keeps you awake at night.

"The moment you work, train and live for as a footballer.

"That moment when you alone have it in your hands to bring your team back into a tight knockout game and send an entire football na-

## Rabiot's mom, Mbappe's dad in spat - sources

PARIS

FRANCE international Adrien Rabiot's mother had words with Kylian Mbappe's father in the stands of the National Arena in Bucharest on Monday during Les Bleus' shootout loss to Switzerland, sources told ESPN.

Veronique Rabiot, who is her son Adrien's agent, told Wilfried Mbappe to speak with his son because he was too arrogant and was not playing for the team, according to different sources.

Mbappe's father did not take the criticism well, according to ESPN sources, as things got heated between the two families and voices were raised.

Not long after, Mrs. Rabiot had a similar incident with the family of Paul

- Icon -

Loew, a former centre-forward who played most of his football in Germany's second division, arrived at the national team as assistant coach to Jurgen Klinsmann in 2004.

After taking the reins as head coach in 2006, he led the team to the final of Euro 2008 and then the semi-finals of both the 2010 World Cup and Euro 2012.

He won the ultimate prize in Brazil, a 1-0 win against Argentina in the final earning Germany the 2014 World Cup after a thrilling campaign in which they also trounced the host nation 7-1 in the semi-finals.

Under Loew, Germany ditched their reputation for defence-minded football and began to play a faster tempo.

The coach himself became an icon in Germany and began appearing in advertisements, peddling skin-care products for Nivea to holidays with Tui.

Behind his unassuming exterior, Loew, who was trained as a wholesale trader, harboured high ambitions of a place in the history books.

Just after lifting the World Cup, he voiced his wish to be Germany's first coach to also win the European Championship straight after a global crown.

After hosts France knocked out Germany at the semi-final stage of Euro 2016, Loew set himself the challenge of winning consecutive World Cups. Yet things slowly began to unravel, then plunged irreversibly during the 2018 Russian campaign.

While the German Football Association (DFB) repeatedly held off from sacking him, Loew had already lost his allure.

After a difficult autumn that was topped off by a Nations League thrashing against Spain, a poll at the end of November found that 84 percent of Germany fans wanted Loew to go.

German media were also increasingly vocal in their criticism of the coach. The main charge against him has been his stubborn refusal to change tactics despite poor results.

Nevertheless, his record of 124 wins in 198 matches as Germany's head coach is a tally in the record books which will likely stand for quite some time.

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tion into ecstasy."

With the Germans ruing Mueller's miss, England doubled their lead moments later when Harry Kane scored to put the Three Lions in the quarter-finals and send Germany out.

"It hurts me for the whole @dfb team (German FA), my teammates and our coach who all put their trust in me to be there right then," added Mueller, as Joachim Loew had his final game as Germany coach after 15 years in charge.

"But most of all, it hurts because of all the Germany fans out there who have stood by us and supported us during this European Championship. Thank you for your support."

The 31-year-old was recalled from a two-year international football exile to play at the Euro finals.

Had he scored at Wembley, Mueller would have claimed his 40th goal in 107 internationals, but he has now failed to hit the net at three consecutive European Championships.

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Pogba. After she shouted at Pogba for losing the ball leading to Switzerland's third goal in the 91st minute of the game, the player's brothers sitting in the stands responded to her by shouting back.

Sources said that the tension was palpable in the stands, with both incidents happening in front of other players' families and France manager Didier Deschamps' relatives, too.

It's not the first time Rabiot's mother and agent has made headlines. In 2019, she accused accused Paris Saint-Germain chairman and CEO Nasser Al-Khelaifi of "poisoning" the team with his treatment of her son when he'd been marginalised in the Ligue 1 club's squad. (Agencies)

# England sheds agonizing history by knocking out Germany

LONDON

AS the Wembley Stadium announcer roared the final score – "England 2, Germany 0" – Gareth Southgate's vision was momentarily diverted from his victorious players to the big screen.

Shown beaming from the VIP seats, reveling in England's passage to the European Championship quarter-finals on Tuesday, were David Beckham and Ed Sheeran. Prince William, wife Kate and 7-year-old Prince George were also there celebrating, as fans just like their subjects rather than royalty.

But it was the sight of David Seaman that caught Southgate's eyes and made him pause, to think back – in one of his greatest moments as England coach – to the pain of 25 years ago. It was Southgate's penalty miss at the old Wembley that denied an England side with Seaman in goal the chance to reach the Euro '96 final.

"For the teammates who played with me, I can't change that – so that's always going to hurt," Southgate said. "But what this group of players has been able to do is give a new generation a lot of happy memories and another afternoon where they have made a bit of history."

England is finally unburdened by the weight of its agonizing history against the Germans. This was a day more reminiscent, albeit with a long way to go in Euro 2020, of the 1966 World Cup final win over them on the same site.

Not that it came easily. Just like in England's two group wins, Raheem Sterling was on the scoresheet, breaking the tense deadlock in the 75th minute. But this time Harry Kane finally scored his first goal at Euro 2020, easing the pressure on the 2018 World Cup Golden Boot winner's shoulders. "With all the expectation and pressure, we delivered," Kane said. "It's a moment none of us will



England's Harry Kane, right, scores his side's second goal during the Euro 2020 soccer championship round of 16 match between England and Germany at Wembley stadium in London, Tuesday, June 29, 2021. (AP Photo)

ever forget. The perfect afternoon." It was England's second-ever win in the knockout stage of the European Championship. The last such triumph came on penalties against Spain at Euro '96 before the hosts were denied a place in the final by Germany in that shootout.

It was on penalties that Germany also beat England in the 1990 World Cup semifinals. Then there was the English goal wrongfully disallowed as Germany knocked the English out of the 2010 World Cup.

Now England will play Ukraine in the Euro 2020 quarterfinals on Saturday in Rome, eyeing a return to Wembley for the semifinals and the final. It marked the end of the 15-year reign of

Joachim Löw as the 2014 World Cup-winning coach takes time out to consider his next steps. "We were not clinical enough," he said. "The team needs to mature to be more successful."

There will still be questions about Southgate's team selection and persistence with Kane when he managed only one touch in the opposition penalty area in the first half. And it was a bad one, taking a ball too far past Manuel Neuer while trying to go around the goalkeeper.

But while Sterling's goals are spearheading England's progress at this largely-home tournament, the saves of Jordan Pickford are proving vital, too, including using one hand to push

over Kai Havertz's shot at the start of the second half.

The clamor to introduce Jack Grealish was growing in the second half. It's what got fans chanting inside Wembley, with a crowd of about 40,000 the biggest in Britain since the pandemic began in March 2020.

The winger finally entered with about 20 minutes to go and played a role in the opening goal.

Sterling first took on the defenders, going past Antonio Rüdiger before passing to Kane, whose layoff to Grealish then went to Luke Shaw. And it was the left back's cross that Sterling connected with, shooting past Neuer with his right boot. "We knew the intensity we can play at," Sterling said, "and not many teams can deal with it."

For all the experience in Germany's side compared to the youth of England, it was World Cup winner Thomas Müller who squandered a chance to equalize in the 81st minute. Clean through with only Pickford to beat, Müller put the ball wide. Kane showed him how it's done, heading in a cross from Grealish in the 86th minute to get the 35th England goal that eluded him in the group stage.

"When you're a center forward it doesn't matter what else you're doing in the game," Southgate said. "You need those goals." England has yet to concede in its four games. Just like at the 1966 World Cup – and that ended well.

"This," Kane said, "will give us more self-belief going forward." AP

## Ukraine-Sweden delivers unlikely drama, an unlikely hero in Dovbyk

By Gabriele Marcotti, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

IT was never going to live up to Monday's drama, but Ukraine and Sweden closed out the Round of 16 with a dramatic ending of their own, after a tremendously absorbing match. Ukraine have a new folk hero, his name is Artem Dovbyk and generations of Dovbyks will remember the moment he scored his very first international goal. Or, better yet, they'll look it up on YouTube, because if they're merely told the story, they may not believe it.

Dovbyk, a 24-year-old forward with SC Dnipro-1, only made his international debut in March and is not exactly what you'd call a rising star. He's a young man whose itinerant career has seen him play in the Ukrainian second division, the Danish league and the Moldovan league. Before Tuesday night, he had played just 51 minutes of international football... against Kazakhstan and Bahrain.

On Wednesday, though, he became a household name in Ukraine, as his buzzer-beating diving header – after slipping between Swedish defenders Victor Lindelof and Filip Helander – propelled Ukraine past Sweden 2-1, and into a showdown with England in the quarter-finals of Euro 2020, capping a nail-biting game in Glasgow.

His celebration – and that of the visiting fans – said it all. He whipped off his shirt and ran: eyes wide, fists pumping, muscles flexing as he galloped towards the bench. A late goal, an unlikely hero, a massive moment for a nation, and pure, unfettered joy.

"I think the guys played for their supporters. We are really pleased. Our diaspora really supported us," said manager Andriy Shevchenko afterwards. "I think some people would've spent their last money to get here – we heard you, and thank you so much for your support."

It had been a scorching, sunny day in Glasgow and as the two teams kicked off the obvious change was that Ukraine had game-planned for the Swedes. Andriy Shevchenko switched to a three-man back line after going 4-3-3 in the group games. The goal was to blunt the Swedes' young dynamos up front – Alexander Isak and Dejan Kulusevski – while, just as importantly, freeing Olek-



Ukraine's Artem Dovbyk (right) celebrates scoring the winner against Sweden in their last-16 match. (Agencies)

sandr Zinchenko to do what he does at Manchester City down the flank: start wide, with the option of drifting inside to create or attacking the by-line to cross.

Zinchenko had played centrally in the earlier games and, on some level, it made sense. Shevchenko was wrestling with a challenge faced by many 'mid-majors' in this tournament: what happens when your most gifted footballer plays a role week in, week out at club level that risks leaving him on the periphery of play? Do you move him into a more central and therefore influential position to get him more of the ball? That's what Shevchenko had done in previous games, not least because that's also where Zinchenko had begun his career, but the City man had been poor.

Sweden's line-up looked familiar, which meant it looked lop-sided. Again,

another mid-major problem: balance. Nominally, it was a 4-4-2. But the man wide right was Sebastian Larsson, a 36-year-old defensive midfielder. Wide left, on the other hand, we got Emil Forsberg, a dynamic, graceful, attacking force who has played plenty of forward at Leipzig over the years. It was the same set-up to the previous games, but it was a different approach, as the game turned into an open, engaging back-and-forth.

The minimalist, safety-first defend-and-counter side that we saw in the opening group games was nowhere to be seen. In its place was a side that screamed "We got this far, we're playing with house money, let's go for it." Ukraine adopted a similar mentality. Despite leaving out the much-hyped Ruslan Malinovskyi, Shevchenko's troops advanced with glee, spreading to

play to both flanks and letting the hyper-active Mykola Shaparenko wreak havoc.

It was he who picked out Andriy Yarmolenko with a pinpoint crossfield ball just inside the box. Yarmolenko turned, feinted and delivered a scooped ball with the outside of his boot that looked like a trick shot you might see on the billiard felt. It curved around the Swedish defenders, landed softly and sat up for the on-rushing Zinchenko's walloped finish from the opposite side. Sweden Goalkeeper Robin Olsen got a hand to it, but no more.

"After the first three games we received a lot of criticism, I wanted to show to those people they should be quiet as we are a team that deserves [praise] as we fight to do our tasks. I showed they need to support us," said Zinchenko post-match.

Sweden immediately pushed for the equalizer and were rewarded just before the half, when Forsberg's shot from outside the box smacked off the big body of the 18-year-old Ilya Zabarnyi ("If you're good enough, you're old enough"... and he is) and into the back of the net. Deflected? Sure. Deserved? Yes. Both things can be true.

The second half saw the woodwork rattled three times, as both Sweden and Ukraine sought to find their momentum. First, it was Serhiy Sydorchuk, then Forsberg, finding the outside of the post. With 20 minutes to go, the diminutive Forsberg, whose soft contours remind you of an Ewok with the heart of a Berserker, danced a devilish slalom through the Ukraine ranks and uncorked a shot that smacked against the crossbar.

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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This year's Inter-Secondary Schools Games (UMISSETA)'s girls 100m race winner, Bora Hassan of Tabora (L.), completes the race, followed closely by Stumai Msemwa of Njombe and Shija Paulpo of Coast Region, who finished in the top three spots in race's final, which took place at the Mtwara Teachers Training College yesterday. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

## Coast Region, Tabora athletes impress in 2021 UMISSETA Games' 100m race event

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

JUNIOR athletes, Benedicto Mathias from Coast Region and Tabora's Bora Hassan, have emerged winners in the finals of the Inter-Secondary Schools Games (UMISSETA)'s 100m race held at the Mtwara Teachers Training College yesterday.

Benedicto, a student at Filbert Bayi Secondary School, clocked 11:22 seconds to finish the race, with runner-up, Ally Bakari of Dar es Salaam, running 11:44 seconds, and Kassim Khamis of Zanzibar finishing third with 11:45.

In the girls' category, the first winner, Bora, ran a time of 13:19 seconds, followed closely by Stumai Msemwa of Njombe, who ran a time of 13:28 seconds, and third place was taken by Coast Region's Shija Paulpo who finished the race clocking 13:47 seconds.

In the finals of the 100m x 4 relay, Stumai Msemwa of Njombe led three fellow athletes from the region to win gold medals after spending a total of 55:66 seconds, with second place taken by Mara and Tabora finished third.

Other athletics finals will be held tomorrow where the winner of the 200m, 400m and 800m meters as well as the 400m x 4 relay is expected to conclude at the Mtwara Teachers Training College.

The results of other matches held yesterday in the quarter-finals for girls volleyball, Mtwara beat Tanga 3-0, Dar es Salaam beat Tabora 3-2, Mara beat Simiyu 3-0 and Mbeya beat Manyara 3-0.

In boys' basketball quarterfinals Pemba beat Iringa 45-25, Mwanza defeated Rukwa 88-17, Songwe lost 10-9 to Lindi and Mara lost 38-34 to Njombe.

In girls' basketball, Songwe conceded 23-9 defeat to Ruvuma, Dodoma beat Lindi 22-12 and Tabora beat Iringa 62-12.

In handball, the teams that reached the semi-finals for boys are Unguja, Dar es Salaam, Tabora, and Morogoro, and for girls, the teams that entered the stage are Morogoro, Geita, Ruvuma and Unguja.

In the 1500m race, the winners are Damian Patrick of Arusha and Loema Awaki of Manyara who yesterday also emerged as the winners of the 3000m race.

Patrick clocked 4:07:16, followed by Paul Ndege from Mara who clocked 4:11:06 and third place was taken by Augustino Leonard of Manyara who clocked 4:12:44.

In the girls' event, the first place was taken by Loema, who clocked 4:44:50 minutes, second place was taken by Esther Martin, who also studies at Filbert Bayi Secondary School, after clocking 4:46:80 minutes, and third place was taken by Nyanzobe Mbahi of Mara who clocked 4:49:66 minutes.



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## Mwanza set to take on Tabora in UMISSETA Games girls' football final

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

THIS year's Inter-Secondary Schools Games (UMISSETA) girls soccer team from Mwanza, who are the showdown's defending champions, will meet Tabora's team in the final today.

Tabora and Mwanza are meeting in the final once again following the teams' wins over Lindi and Arusha in the last four yesterday.

Mwanza was the first to sail through to the final after beating Arusha 6-1, with two Mwanza players notching three goals apiece.

Mwanza striker, Sharifa Hamidu, was the tie's best performer, with her squad's goals being scored by strikers, Aaliyah Fikiri, and Hadija Petro, who notched three goals apiece.

Tabora reached the final by beating Lindi 1-0, a goal scored by their dangerous striker, Sozi Juma, following a free kick her team got after one of Lindi's players committed foul just outside their side's penalty area.

Speaking immediately after the semi-final, Arusha's coach Frank Nyange said his players struggled to equalize, given lack of experience cost them, and he promised to see to it the region's squad excels in the next UMISSETA Games tournament.

Mwanza coach Michael Otieno said that tactical changes played pivotal role in his team's success.

According to the tactician, the team played short passes after having found that Arusha were mainly using long passes, the tactic contributed to the former's ability to take control and notch many goals.

However, Otieno has predicted a tough match between Mwanza and Tabora as the two teams have been facing each other regularly in the games, whereas Tabora's coach Mwalimu Ramadhan Idd, was adamant his players will take revenge for their previous season games' loss to Mwanza.

"We know Mwanza and we are prepared to take on them so that the girls' soccer cup goes to Tabora," the coach noted.

In the games' girls' soccer competitions, Tabora and Mwanza have met the final stage in 2018 and the sides faced each other in quarterfinals in 2019, with Mwanza grabbing victory over Tabora and clinched the trophy.

## Rock City Marathon 2021 now officially launched in Mwanza



Mwanza's Ilemela District Commissioner, Hassan Elias Masala (holding scissors), cuts a ribbon to mark the launch of the 12th season of the Rock City Marathon which is expected to take place on October 24, this year, at the Rock City Mall, in the region. The launch took place in the city yesterday and was attended by various stakeholders of the race including government officials, sports officials, sponsors and organizers of the race. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

By Guardian Reporter

THE 12th edition of Mwanza's annual Rock City Marathon has been launched in the city yesterday, with the government promising to continue using the race to nurture athletic talents while promoting local tourism.

Speaking at the event's launching ceremony, Ilemela District Commissioner, Hassan Elias Masala, who represented Mwanza Regional Commissioner, Robert Gabriel, said the government's intends to see the race become a catalyst for athletes to compete in national and international competitions.

Masala disclosed: "For the tourism agenda to actually be successful it is clear that we must have events that can compel our peers from abroad to come and pay us a visit."

He noted: "The presence of such a great marathon will enable us to achieve this, so I urge all stakeholders to come forward to support this event."

The District Commissioner moreover promised to take part in the race.

The race, which is expected to take place on October 24, this year, at the Rock City Mall in the city, has already successfully attracted sponsors and various stakeholders.

The sponsors include TIPER Company, Serengeti Breweries, KCB Bank, Magare Company Limited, Pepsi, Uhai Water, Rock City Mall, GardaWorld Security Company, Tanzania Tourism Board (TTB), Azam TV and CF Hospital.

He further appealed to stakeholders and residents from inside and outside the city to ensure that they take part in various events that will accompany the race including visiting tourist attractions in the Lake zone, participating in the race and being part of the race sponsors.

The coordinator of the race from Capital Plus International, Kasara Naftal, said preparations are underway, noting that the main goal is to get more than

5,000 participants to sign up for the race.

He said: "We strive to make adequate preparations which fulfill international standards to enable participants of the race including international ones to have the opportunity to participate fully without any restrictions."

"We do this deliberately so that the participants can be good ambassadors for this race as well as the goal of its establishment promoting tourism when they return to their regions and nations especially those who come from abroad," he said.

In addition to the 21km race, the Rock City Marathon race is also expected to include other racing groups, which are limited to 10km race for men and women, 5km corporate level and for people with albinism as well as children aged seven and above.

On the registration of the race, Naftal said it is expected to launch officially in July this year online through its website [www.rockcitymarathon.co.tz](http://www.rockcitymarathon.co.tz).

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