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Municipal staff ditch stalls after JPM push

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

A total of 16 officials of the Morogoro Municipal Council have given up the stalls they had acquired at the newly-built modern market following President John Magufuli's warning on Friday.

Speaking at the Chief Kingalu market during joint verification of ownership of stalls by members of the defence and security committee along with market officials, District Commissioner Bakari Msulwa (pictured) said the 16 civil servants surrendered the slots in writing.

"We convened a meeting of all municipal staff and gave seven hours to all who had acquired stalls to return the same and 16

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'New constitution vital for proper democracy'



By Francis Kajubi

FOR Tanzania to become a true democracy, the country must write a new constitution that permits challenging of presidential election results in court, along with other changes, a past registrar has declared.

Judge (rtd) John Tendwa, a former Registrar of Political Parties, made this assertion before human rights watchers, gender based organizations, lawyers and media personnel at a seminar on electoral dispute resolution held in Dar es Salaam at the weekend.

He said that the current text of the mother law does not provide a level playing field, which is the hallmark of democracy.

"For us to get rid of electoral disputes, we have to write a new constitution which allows challenging results including the president's elect victory. It is not just to have a system whereby the results announced by the electoral body are final," he stated.

At the seminar organized by the Tanganyika Law Society (TLS), Tendwa who currently serves as a member of the electoral advisory council of the African Union and the Southern African

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Dar es Salaam Water and Sanitation Authority (Dawasa) CEO Cyprian Luhemeja (2nd-R) briefs Vice President Samia Suluhu Hassan in the city's Kigamboni suburb at the weekend on progress in the implementation of a water well. Left is Water minister Jumaa Aweso. Photo: VPO

Land colleges' para-surveyors to help ministry

By Guardian Reporter

LAND colleges in Morogoro and Tabora regions will take up 'para-surveyors' functions to help the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development to speed up land surveying countrywide.

Deputy Minister Dr Angeline Mabula said in the legislature late last week that this drive is part of government efforts to ensure all land is surveyed and used according to plans.

Responding to points raised by MPs, she said that so far about 25 per cent of land has been surveyed, with 2,349,626 land plots verified, 28,312 farms holding and 1,559,609 title deeds issued.

She said that due to inadequate staff in the ministry, with anything from 1,400 to 2,500 staffing positions unoccupied, the pace of planning, surveying and formalisation land occupancy slackens, hence the need for the para surveyors where land colleges are being asked to chip in.

The ministry earlier sought out surveying firms in an inclusive exercise but out of 134

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firms that were hired, only 34 did the job well, she stated.

Now the ministry will direct its efforts to regional land offices because they have experts around them, and should involve local councils in establishing regional teams, starting to work from one district to another, she said.

As for collection of land rent debts from hardcore defaulters, the deputy minister said the ministry will start enforcing

regulations by referring defaulters to district land tribunals. Revocation of title deeds from defaulters served with six-month notices to settle their debts but didn't comply is also on the cards, she stated.

Section 48(1) (g) of the 1999 Land Act says that a land officer has the power to revoke land ownership of any land owner who refuses to pay land rent within six months from the date he/she is served with the demand letter, she added.



Capt Austino Yobele (R, gesturing), an extension officer with the National Service irrigation agriculture scheme at Chita in Kilombero District, pictured at the weekend briefing Tanzania People's Defence Forces Chief of Staff Lt Gen Yacoub Mohamed (L, foreground) on the scheme. The project cost 4bn/-. Photo courtesy of TPDF

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leadership be installed to ensure smooth running of the facility, he said, noting also that a meeting of traders was convened and interim leaders elected.

Launching the 17bn/- facility on Friday, Dr Magufuli told the gathering that he had reliable information that some municipal employees allocated themselves stalls which they rent out to traders, to earn 30,000/- per month.

While construction was going on, state officials colluded to allocate themselves the slots and leased them to real traders at 50,000/- instead of the official 20,000/-.

Msulwa said yesterday that the employees were also ordered to cough up all the money they had already collected from their tenant traders as the monies are proceeds of corrupt dealings.

The meeting resolved that reallocation of stalls will take place with priority for traders who occupied spaces in the old market before it was pulled down, he said.

Multiple allocations will be undone and a new market

around 430 traders have been verified. After undoing multiple allocations and related shake-ups, 70 kiosks and 30 stalls have fallen vacant and the same will be fairly allocated to deserving, genuine traders within two days," he elaborated.

The DC said there is still work to be done as some municipal officers may have used proxies to allocate themselves stalls and kiosks. To uncover this likelihood, investigations will continue into links of stalls owners with municipal officials, he stated.

He emphasised that all traders at the facility must be genuine and pay the legal rent of 20,000 per month to authorities, without further extortions.

"If we establish that a trader is a proxy of another person; we will not hesitate to retake the slot and allocate to a genuine and honest trader," he added.

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Development Community affirmed. The law provides a fairly broad locus for a voted politician or a voter himself to bring an election petition under section III(1a-d) of Cap 343 R.E 2015.

The filing of a petition is however subject to payment by the petitioner of security for costs of five million in respect of parliamentary election petition and five hundred thousand for councilor election petition in respect of each respondent.

But the retired judge wondered why election petitions were fewer in the last general election compared to the 2015 general election. "Does this scenario of having few election petitions suggest that people were satisfied with the results or there was another reason behind their failure to file electoral petitions?" he demanded.

The former registrar also blamed the powers and immunity given to the registrar, saying such powers are a threat to the growth of democracy. He similarly remarked that in his days in office he was used to being sued by politicians and he had no one to protect him against that, but he sees it is not

happening in today's politics, wondering if times have flown so rapidly. Alphonse Gura, a member of TLS said that there were only four election petitions filed in relation to the 2020 general election for parliamentarians and councilors. "I remember we had about 89 election petitions filed from the 2015 general elections. We expected that more petitions would be filed in last year's general election but it is not the case. The media, civil societies and law firms must come together and speak with one voice if things are going wrong" he added.



Tanzania Bureau of Standards director general Dr Athumani Mgenya (R) presents a certificate of excellence to GF Vehicle Assemblers Ltd general manager Ezra Mereng at a ceremony held in Dar es Salaam at the weekend to award companies and entrepreneurs for meeting national production criteria. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Farmers appeal for establishment of rice board in southern regions

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbarali

RICE farming stakeholders in southern highland regions have appealed to the government to establish a board for the crop that will assist to develop it and deal with problems facing the sector including price fixing that match with production costs.

They issued the request here on Friday at a meeting that discussed the improvement of the crop's value chain.

Christina Mwakaganda, the chairperson of rice farmers group at Madabaga village in Mbarali District said several crops have boards that were formed to address problems facing them, but there was no such board in regard to the rice crop.

She said the work of the boards include fixing of indicative prices of the crops in relation to world markets including production costs, but for rice there was no such thing.

She said the price for rice has been fluctuating from time to time due its being sold on seller-buyer agreement, adding that sometimes the prices do not match with production costs.

The country's rice board chairperson Winnie Bashagi said Tanzania has many areas suitable for rice cultivation, but they are not effectively utilised due to various reasons including technological reasons.

She said the country's total land area fit for agriculture is 21 million hectares but the area currently being utilised is under 10 per cent, hence she stressed that if a rice board is established, farmers could be mobilised to increase production.

Research on Poverty Alleviation (REPOA) representative Godfrey Kalaghe said in-depth research was needed for rice farming before advising policy makers to make any decisions.

He said REPOA has been doing various researches and advises the government to make decisions to drive forward development and alleviate poverty among the people via various sectors for sustainable development.

Mbeya Regional Commissioner Albert Chalamila said in order for farmers to abandon poverty research has to be conducted to access to markets for their crops to enable farmers get the right answers for their crops.

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Africa CDC: Africa's Covid-19 cases top 3.73 million

ADDIS ABABA

A total of 3,731,343 Covid-19 cases have been reported on the African continent as of Saturday evening, the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) said

Meanwhile, the death toll related to the pandemic in Africa rose to 97,870, the Africa CDC said, adding that the continent's fatality rate stood at 2.6 per cent.

A total of 3,272,202 people infected with COVID-19 have recovered across the continent, the African Union (AU) Commission's healthcare agency said.

The Southern Africa region is the most affected area in terms of the number of positive cases, followed by the North Africa region, the agency said.

South Africa, Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt and Ethiopia are

the countries hardest hit by the pandemic in Africa, whose COVID-19 cases accounted for 67 per cent of Africa's total cases, it said.

Among the five countries, South Africa has reported the highest Covid-19-inflicted death toll in Africa, at 47,670 as of Saturday, according to the agency.

The agency said Africa's number of confirmed cases accounted for about 3.5 percent of the global

caseload, whereas its number of deaths represented 4 percent of the global total.

More African countries have reached a fatality rate higher than the global average of 2.2 percent, it said.

The AU has recently emphasised that the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic "is not just a severe health emergency, it is also a grave economic and social crisis."



A tourism officer with Zanzibar's Changuu 'Prison' Island (gesturing) briefs winners of CRDB Bank Plc's 'Tukutane Ngome Kongwe' competition when they visited Zanzibar at the weekend. The tour included attending this year's edition of the pan-African Sauti za Busara music festival. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Every district to have a centre to help agriculture grow - minister

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

THE government is preparing a special plan in its next budget that will demand the establishment of agricultural centres in each district in the country.

Agriculture deputy minister Hussein Bashe revealed this in the National Assembly in Dodoma when responding to various issues from MPs directed to the ministry at the weekend.

He said the implementation of the plan will go in tandem with the distribution of modern equipment in a mobile laboratory.

"The lab equipment will be used to examine the fertility of the soil and provide services to farmers free of charge so that each farmer will have his farm plot examined.

"And this is a simple technology, as ministry, we have decided to take the step because it costs 40,000/- to 100,000/- for a farmer to examine the fertility of the soil due to long distances to where the lab is situated," he added.

In order to have gainful farming, Bashe said the ministry will use simple technology of lab equipment that will examine soils' fertility.

After that, the farmer will be given a certificate to show the condition of his soil and fit for cultivation of which type of crops.

Meanwhile, Bashe said his ministry will start following up extension officers on daily basis using a special global positioning system (GPS) gadget.

The agricultural extension officers will be using over 7,000 motor cycles that will be

distributed to all the local councils starting next farming season.

"We have established the call centre here at the ministry and GPS will be used to know whether an extension officer was actually working in his area of jurisdiction.

"We shall provide them with Ipads into which they will be feeding details on daily basis that shows the farms they visit and which farmer," Bashe said.

The Deputy Minister they have embarked on strengthening research and seeds development and the government has decided not to depend money from donors in implementing the task.

He said the government has planned to establish a research fund, which, according to the TARI Act, will seek funds and manage all issues on research in the country. "And to begin with, in the next budget we shall bring up a strategic plan that we have to produce 5,000 tons of sunflower OPV seeds so that during the next farming season we distribute to farmers so that we get 123,000 tons of sunflower oil for the country's high demand of the commodity," Bashe said.

In regard to farm inputs, the deputy minister said the government has decided to change its governance system after conducting research on cotton, and now they will do so in regard to cashew nuts as well during the next season.

He also said in regard to cotton, for this year they have distributed seeds and pesticides without payment and will do so in regard to cashew nuts as well.

Govt smells a rat at Mbeya health centre

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

DEPUTY Minister of State in the President's Office (Regional administration and Local Government) dealing in health issues Dr Festo Ndugange has smelled funds embezzlement at Kiwanja Mpaka health Centre in Mbeya city whose infrastructures are decrepit.

Speaking at the weekend after inspection the centre, Ndugange said the number of patients treated at the centre per day and the revenue collected do not correspond at all, saying there was some leakage somewhere of

revenue leakage.

He said he was briefed by the Centre's Doctor-in-Charge, Dr Stella Moses that they treat about 300 patients per day out of whom 100 via health insurance and 200 patients on cash basis including 3,000/- consultation fees.

In regard to report on the centre's daily income, he was told it stands at 300,000/- only which does not match with the number of patients treated at the health centre, and called for plugging revenue leakage.

Dr Dugange said the health centre has the capability to collect three times the amount currently

collected.

He said if all 200 patients treated pay 3,000/- consultation fees each then this alone amounts to 600,000/-. He said: "There was a great possibility that some of the revenue finds its way into pockets of a few, hence I direct that by May this year, you have to improve your revenue collection system so that if possible you use the funds to refurbish the infrastructure of the health centre."

He said the aim of the government is to ensure it improves health services and that is the reason it builds health centres, dispensaries and

hospitals of various levels in order to strengthen primary health care, and added that any embezzlers hinder these efforts.

Meanwhile, the Deputy Minister discovered that some of the buildings at the health centre were dilapidated while Mbeya City Council appears to have no plan for refurbishment, and called for their facelift as soon as possible using its internal funds.

Earlier, Mbeya City Medical Officer Dr Jonas Lulandala said the health centre was built in 1954 and as for now it is faced with many challenges including lack of space for expansion.

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Animal vaccine firm complains over lack of Tanzanian experts

By Guardian Reporter

COORDINATOR-cum director of Hester Vaccines factory, Tina Towo Sokoine has said the aim of their factory is to have internal experts, but they lack experts on scientific issues who are knowledgeable.

Towo gave the remarks when submitting report of the animals' vaccine factory's operations to the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries (Livestock Division), Prof Elisante Ole Gabriel, during the latter's visit at the factory in Kibaha District, Coast Region at the weekend.

She said as for now they have employed three foreign experts, but as the situation demands more experts, they have to apply for permission to employ other foreigners.

"Our aim is to work with Tanzanians only but many youth we have been interviewing lack skills, especially, practical skills, we therefore ask the government and colleges that prepare these experts

To ensure they concentrate on practical knowledge and not theory alone," Towo added.

In regard to production, she said they

expect to produce the first vaccine in April this year, and appealed to the government if possible to merge all institutions involved in the management of investors to have one language to enable the investor get all the required services from one place.

For his part, Prof Ole Gabriel called on the factory's officials to ensure they produce quality vaccines to enable the country move away from imported vaccines and other livestock products.

"The existence of this factory will assist in satisfying the needs of our domestic livestock keepers in general," he added.

He said the government has put in place better investment environment so that the needs of livestock keepers are dealt with within the country.

He also called livestock keepers and Tanzanians in general to build a culture of valuing domestic products to increase the nation's GDP.

"The existence of this factory will assist in satisfying the needs of our domestic livestock keepers in general"



Second-phase drone operation training participants listen to Civil Aviation Training Centre principal Aristid Kanje (L) shortly after their graduation ceremony held in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. The centre is a wing of the Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Protect water sources for sustainability of Nyerere hydropower project - firm

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya, Morogoro

A CALL has been made for water users within the Rufiji Basin to protect sources of the precious liquid upstream for sustainability of the Julius Nyerere Hydropower Project (JNHP).

Speaking during a visit to JNHP by journalists from Iringa Region recently, project supervisor Dismas Ngoche from the Tanzania Electric Supply Company Ltd (TANESCO) said there is a need for water users and various stakeholders to conserve water resources through integrated water resources management (IWRM).

The project is located across the Rufiji River at Stiegler's Gorge and is expected to produce 2,115 megawatts of electricity upon completion.

He said that when water use exceeds the capacity of water sources it causes water shortages, so water management and coordination is needed, henceforth the water sources protection involves various stakeholders. "If we don't protect the water sources available in the upstream of Rufiji River within the Rufiji Basin the hydropower plant will be nothing but white elephant. We need to protect and conserve water sources for the sustainability of the power project," he insisted.

The Rufiji Basin is made up of 10 regions which are Mbeya, Ruvuma, Lindi, Iringa, Njombe, Dodoma, Singida, Tabora, Morogoro and the Coast.

Ngoche also noted that JNHP is the flagship development project of President Dr. John Magufuli's government fully financed by the government which is implemented by a joint venture (JV) of the Arab Contractors and Elsewedy Electric of Egypt.

The engineer added that without the management, allocation and use of water resources in the Rufiji Basin where the Julius Nyerere power generation project is under construction, it would be meaningless but a white elephant.

The government of Tanzania has been considering establishing this power station since the 1960s. When fully developed, it will be the largest power station in East Africa (EA), a concrete dam is expected to create a reservoir lake (Nyerere Lake) 100 kilometres in length, measuring 1200 square kilometres with 34,000,000 cubic metres of water. Also known as the Rufiji Hydropower project, the 2,115 megawatts dam will be the largest by installed capacity in East Africa and among the largest in Africa comparable to Egypt's Aswan High Dam (2100 megawatts) Mozambique's Cahora Bassa Dam (2075 megawatts) and Angola's Lauca Dam (2069 megawatts). The massive project is part of Tanzania's power master plan, which envisions Stiegler's Gorge helping interconnect the grids of Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda and Zambia.

For his part, Mbeya Regional Commissioner Albert Chalamila said the Mbeya region has many water sources protecting some of them coming from various parts of the country and is maintained in the region and flows into the Great Ruaha River (GRR).

He said that the Mbeya region has a strategy to improve and protect the existing water sources so that they can flow water into the Ruaha River and eventually send its water to Nyerere dam through Rufiji River to generate 2115 megawatts of electricity.

Chalamila said that there has been a challenge of declining water resources in recent years due to the growth of cities due to urbanization and perhaps due to poor land use plans in agricultural activities.

He added that there is a need to continue to provide education on the efficient use of the resource which is essential for the sustainability of the Julius Nyerere power project worth 6.5 trillion shillings which when completed will generate 2115 megawatts of electricity.

According to the Acting Resident Engineer Lutengano Mwandambo, the contract of Julius Nyerere Hydropower Project (JNHP) was signed on 12th December, 2018 between TANESCO on behalf of Tanzanian government and Joint Venture of Arab Contractors (AC) and Elsewedy Electric (EE) of Egypt at the cost of 6.6 trillion shillings, and end of contract on 14th June, 2022.



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Tigo Tanzania northern zone director Henry Kinabo (C) together with Maiputa neighbourhood chairman Benson Ndosi (R) and Voewofo director Asifiwe James shortly after launching a 'Tigo Green' tree planting initiative in Hai District at the weekend. The idea is to support efforts to conserve the Mount Kilimanjaro ecosystem, with the mobile phone service provider having committed to set off with 10,000 trees. Photo: Guardian correspondent

Solar technicians to conduct survey on energy installation in five villages

By Beatrice Philemon

TECHNICIANS from the Iringa rural-based solar energy company 'Sunrise Energy Solution' will soon commence a survey to identify challenges facing villages in the region and educate them on the importance of solar energy for domestic and commercial use.

The firm's managing director, William Kaduma said this yesterday while briefing journalists on what the company was planning to support villagers to shift from living in darkness and instead light their homes through solar energy installation.

During the implementation, solar energy technicians will visit villages such as Tosamaganga, Idodi, Pawaga, Kalenga and Isimani to listen to their challenges but also educate people on how to use solar energy for social and economic development.

"We have decided to embark on this programme after discovered that majority of villagers are not knowledgeable on the importance of solar energy and how it can help them to transform their livelihoods as more people will set up income generating activities, have better life, get lighting, improve rural productivity and later on see what is happening in the world," he said

Kaduma noted the majority of teacher's houses, primary schools, dispensaries, health centres and households are not connected to power, something which affects their development activities.

"As solar technicians, we want to help people and schools lighting their homes, schools through solar energy installation and setup income generating activities to alleviate poverty in their families," he noted

He further said the majority of villagers still rely on costly, outdated technologies that are harmful to their health and hinder

their opportunities for social and economic advancement. They still depend on kerosene lamps, candles, smoky, inefficient cook stoves that cause more health damage and environmental damage.

According to him, lighting schools allows for more time for reading and homework as well as enable teachers to provide extra teaching early in the day and late at night to make up for material not adequately covered during normal hours, due to a shortfall of staff.

He said: "Let us help schools have electricity because schools without electricity tend to perform more poorly than electrified counterparts and extremely poor infrastructure has an effect on teachers, as well as pupils."

"To start with, right now we have already begun to conduct a survey in various primary schools to see the main challenges they have, what they need, how they can use solar energy for education development and the benefit it has for villages development," he said.

Kaduma added electricity allows the access of lower-income people to lighting, communication, as well as a variety of educational delivery opportunities.

He called on villagers in Iringa rural district to start using solar energy because it is very cheap and can be used in various activities such as irrigation farming, ICT technology in schools, welding machines, computers and internet, telephones, televisions and others.

"As you know, ICT can improve student achievement, improve access to schooling, increase efficiencies and reduce costs, enhance students' ability to learn and promote their lifelong learning, and prepare them for a globally competitive workforce," Kaduma added

New leather processing factory to employ 1,500 people by year-end

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

THE Morogoro-based state-of-art factory leather processing factory-Taifa Leather Company is set to employ more than 1,500 people directly and indirectly by the end of this year.

Firm's managing director Onorato Garavaglia revealed this here over the weekend, saying: "This becomes the biggest leather processing factory in Africa and is 100 per cent Tanzanian owned investors, with the aim of producing world-class products as well as to support the leather value chain in the country."

He said that tannery had invested 50bn/- in phase one and two for rehabilitation of the factory, which formerly was known as ACE Leather Tanzania Limited.

"This investment will allow our company's high-quality products to compete on the world stage," said Garavaglia when speaking at the launch of the tannery. The factory was officially inaugurated by President John Magufuli on Friday.

He revealed that raw materials—skins and hides to feed the factory are sourced from within Tanzania through network of agents and collectors throughout the country as well as neighboring countries—Zambia, Malawi and Rwanda.

"Local livestock keepers will benefit from this facility as there's a huge market for the processing animal skins and hides," he said.

According to Garavaglia, by the end 2021, Taifa Leather Company will provide direct employment to 600 people - including

women and people with disabilities - and 9,000 people indirectly.

"In 2022, the tannery will provide direct employment to 1,000 as well as create 15,000 indirect jobs," he added.

On taxes he said, with the right incentives that will allow the company to operate at full capacity,

Taifa Leather Company to pay approximately, 20bn/- in value-added tax (VAT), Pay-As-You-Earn (PAYE) and corporate tax as well as various statutory levies and fees.

Garavaglia further said that the company's medium-term plan is to produce 100 percent high quality finished leather for

the local market using state of the art technology.

"There are visible indicators that this industry is on the road to recovery and that Tanzanians are testing and appreciating locally produced genuine leather products after years of being fed with cheap leather imitated (plastics) products from outside the

country," he elaborates.

About 50 million pairs of shoes (worth approximately 2.3trillion/- at the rate of \$20per pair) are imported into Tanzania every year. Increased local production of good quality shoes could, therefore, easily save the country half of this amount such as 1.15trillion/-.



The ILO Country Office for Tanzania, Uganda, Kenya, Rwanda and Burundi.

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FFF marks its third year of commercial farming, the focus principally on community development

By Guardian Correspondent, Iringa

FARM For the Future Tanzania (FFF) has teamed up with ASAS Group, Kibebbe Farm, and the Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) to launch a new goat keeping project aimed to transform 20 farmers in Masukanzi and Ikokoto villages in Kilolo District.

Dubbed "F20 Goat Milk For Nutrition and Profit" the project will, among others, train and capacitate the farmers with essential skills and knowledge to enable them to embark into commercial goat farming for more profits.

FFF's chairman, Osmund Ueland said that so far a total of 44 "Norwegian Landrace" goats have been distributed to 20 farmers who have received a weeklong training on goat farming at SUA.

"These goats produce up to 4 litres of milk per day compared to local breeds which produce 0.5 litres per day. Considering the high nutritional value of the goat milk and its premium price in the market, this project is expected to improve health and increase incomes among farmers in the area," he said.

Ueland said that the company runs a 651-hectare commercial farm of commercial maize and sunflower seeds.

He said to ensure the sustainability of the programme, each farmer will receive two milking goats and a shed as well as regular training on how to take good care of the animals from extension officers for two years.

"This will help the farmers to gain the necessary skills needed to manage goat farming as a business and sustainably maintain commercial success from 2023 onwards when ASAS will start buying the goat milk for processing," Ueland said.

According to Ueland, the project offers the opportunity for scaling up subsistence goat farming and can be replicated and used as a template across the country.

He further said that the firm is also implementing another program dubbed "F20 Women For The Future", an agronomic community empowerment project targeting 20 Young Mothers in the Ilula area.

"The program holds the promise of hope to young mothers who come from low-income families and those who dropped out of school due to pregnancy and other challenges stemming from poverty. These young mothers now have a second chance to fulfill their dreams," he said.

He said the program aims to educate young mothers in a diverse range of agricultural activities including horticulture, poultry keeping, business management, nutrition, and women's rights.

"With this, we aim to eliminate dependence and empower them to earn a good living, help their children to get better education and families to live a better life while reinforcing the women position in the communities," he added.

He said in just three years, FFF has successfully formed strong partnerships with the government, investors, and the communities leading to the development of a commercial farm that serves as a beacon of best agricultural practices in the Southern Highlands of Tanzania.

"Having successfully passed the two first start-up years and formed strong partnerships, now the company wants to take the next step, and are now seeking investors to build its equity and construct a dam with irrigation facilities for the growth of high-value crops mainly macadamia and hybrid seed maize," said Ueland.

A representative of Iringa Regional Commissioner, Dr Golyama Bahati said the projects will play a big role in improving lives, enhancing agricultural productivity, and alleviating poverty among the communities in Kilolo.



Farm For The Future's chairman and project manager, Norwegian entrepreneur Osmund Ueland (2nd-L), toasts with guests at an event held in Iringa municipality at the weekend to mark the third anniversary of the programme. FFF was set up chiefly to increase the productivity of farming in Tanzania and hence improve food security and nutrition and help reduce rural poverty. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Reporter

Tanzania Media Women Association (TAMWA) Zanzibar has been urged to do an in-depth study and assess contributions made by women who were given different top leadership positions in Isles so that they should be used as a motivation to others.

Pemba North Regional Commissioner, Salama Mbarouk Khatib made the advice here over the weekend when speaking at the meeting that involved men who are part of the 'male agents of change' project.

Organised by TAMWA Zanzibar, the meeting was meant to discuss challenges thwarting women to get into leadership positions.

RC Salama said that there are various examples of women who have held leadership positions and served them with great success and claimed that if TAMWA Zanzibar will conduct such depth studies it will restore motivation for other women to follow those examples.

"My office is ready to join you in achieving that so that we can evaluate

TAMWA to conduct study on women leadership positions

and recognize the contribution of women who have held leadership positions at various levels here in Zanzibar. If we do these studies we can be able to change people's mindsets on women's ability on higher decision-making levels," she said.

The RC further said: "The government is committed to providing an equal platform that allows women to partake in different leadership positions from the grassroots to the national level."

She however said that more efforts are needed to empower women in various aspects such as education. "The room for women is there but sometimes is denied due to limited education, so we need push this agenda so that women are given opportunities to education."

Salama also cited existence of religious attitudes as a challenge that hampers women to get into leadership positions, "that's why the male agents of change'

campaign should continue as provide a platform for men change that negative perception over women."

"There are many women who want to come forward, but the system still keeps them at a bay when it comes to getting into offices, I urge you (TAMWA) to continue educating religious leaders to see the community recognizes the importance of women participating in leadership," she insisted.

Chairman of Male Agents of Change campaign, Suleiman Massoud Said lauded the performance of the RC, saying that during the entire time when she is a leader has done outstanding job and she is exemplary.

TAMWA Zanzibar coordinator in Pemba Island, Fat-hiya Mussa Said vowed that the association will continue to educate the community on the importance of women in leadership positions.



CAREER OPPORTUNITY – COUNTRY DIRECTOR ORGANIZATIONAL BACKGROUND:

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KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

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- Strategic planning
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PRIMARY SKILLS

- Bachelor's degree in related field
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Tanzania-Zambia Railway Authority Invitation for Tenders

Tender No: TZR/CTC/2020/2021/01

For

The Supply of Permanent Way Materials (Wooden Sleepers And Spares)

1. The Tanzania-Zambia Railway Authority (TAZARA) has set aside funds for its operations during the financial year 2020/2021. It is intended that part of the proceeds be used to cover eligible payments under the contract for the **Supply of Permanent Way Materials (Wooden Sleepers and Spares)**.
2. TAZARA now invites sealed tenders from eligible suppliers of the railway materials.
3. Tendering will be conducted through the International Competitive Tendering Procedures as specified in the Procurement & Supplies Manual of November, 2011..
4. Interested eligible Tenderers may obtain further information from and inspect the Tendering Documents at the office of **The Secretary of the Central Tender Committee, TAZARA Head Office, Nyerere/Mandela Roads Junction, P. O. Box 2834, Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania** or the office of **Lusaka Area Manager, TAZARA House, Independence/Dedan Kimathi Roads Junction, P. O. Box 31784, Lusaka, Zambia, from 08.00 to 16.30 hours C.A.T or E.A.T, Monday to Friday, except during public holidays.**
5. A complete set of Tendering Document(s) in English and additional sets may be purchased by interested Tenderers on the submission of a written application to the address given under paragraph 4 above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of \$200 (United States Dollar Two Hundred only). Payment should either be by Cash, Banker's Draft, or Banker's Cheque, payable to Tanzania-Zambia Railway Authority.
6. All Tenders must be accompanied by a Tender Securing Declaration in the format provided in the Tendering Documents.
7. All tenders in one original copy, plus two copies, properly filled in and enclosed in plain envelopes marked **"Tender No: TZR/CTC/2020/2021/01 For the supply of Permanent Way Materials (Wooden Sleepers and Spares) must be addressed and delivered to The Secretary of the Central Tender Committee, Office No. 210, TAZARA Head Office, Nyerere/Mandela Road Junction, Dar-es-Salaam - Tanzania or the Office of Lusaka Area Manager, TAZARA House, Independence/Dedan Kimathi Roads Junction, Lusaka, Zambia on Friday, 5th March, 2021** at or before 10.00 hours C.A.T or 11.00 E.A.T, Monday to Friday. Tenders will be opened promptly thereafter in public and in the presence of Tenderers or representatives who choose to attend the opening at TAZARA, Head Office Board Room in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, or TAZARA Lusaka Area office, Board Room in Lusaka, Zambia.
8. Late Tenders, Portion of Tenders, Electronic Tenders, Tenders not received, Tenders not opened and not read out in public at the tender opening ceremony shall not be accepted for evaluation, irrespective of the circumstances.

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Tanzania



NMB Bank Plc's central zonal manager, Nsolo Mlozi (2nd-R) pictured at the weekend presenting to Manyara regional commissioner Joseph Mkirikiti (5th-R) corrugated iron roofing sheets donated by the bank to Babati District's Galapo Secondary School. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Bureau bans motorcycle taxi riders countrywide from transporting bread

By Correspondent Felix Andrew

THE Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) has banned bread manufacturers from transporting their product using motorcycles (bodaboda) or bicycles, pledging to take stern measures against culprits.

Speaking yesterday in Dar es Salaam during the grant of licences, tested products, and management system certification of more than 100 manufacturers including SMEs, the TBS director general Dr Yusuf Ngenya, said transporting bread using such means was unacceptable.

He said bread is consumed by human being, it needs maximum hygiene from production to the end consumer, hence motorcycles or bicycles as a healthy public risk the public while the product is on transit.

According to him from now onwards officials of TBS would not hesitate to take tough steps against motorcycle riders who would be found transporting bread using the banned means of transportation.

He also asked Small and Medium Entrepreneurs (SMEs) who obtained certificates of quality mark to be good ambassadors to enable Tanzania reach industrialisation drive economy.

Dr Ngenya urged entrepreneurs to continue applying standards during production processes to enable Tanzania reach a mid sized economy.

He said by doing so would protect the health of consumers and save our nation from environment effects.

TBS has been granting licences to manufacturers who have met the required procedures after every ninety days.

The government provides free certification services for three years for the Small and Medium Entrepreneurs who have been granted the mark of quality licence under a special programme.

Dr Ngenya said the decision was taken to support SMEs so that they become big business people who can help in the industrialisation drive initiated by the government a few years ago.

All SMEs who have got their licences, and others through a programme established by Small Industries Development Organisation (SIDO) had received free certification services for three years, he said.

He noted the government has established the programme to enable SMEs to produce quality goods and expand the market of their products.

He urged SMEs and other interested persons to make use of the opportunity especially during this time when the government has been insisting on an industrial economy.

He said once they certify their goods it would help to produce sustainable products which would be sold anywhere including East African market.

He said since started few years ago the government has spent more than 550m/- to support SMEs.

Dr Ngenya explained that TBS aimed at supporting traders to conduct their activities for the benefit of Tanzania, without interfering with legal affairs.

He also noted a total of 1087 premises and 312 food and cosmetics products have been registered between October and December last year since the roles were assumed to standard body.

Dr Ngenya said registration of premises and food and cosmetics products started last year since the bureau assumed the roles from the former TFDA.

"We are now dealing with food and cosmetics, it is illegal for a trader to import unregistered food or cosmetics or even their premises should be registered," he said. Registration also involves cafes, food vans, food stores and cosmetics.

He urged traders who want to continue or engage in the business to contact the bureau before embarking on it.

Speaking on behalf of SMEs, an entrepreneur identified as Mwijuma Almasi, said the journey to access the quality mark licence was long but simple.

She urged the TBS to continue helping SMEs to realise their dreams in quality related issues.

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

Violations of law on alcoholic drinks anger Z'bar House of Reps members

SOME members of the Zanzibar House of Representatives have been shocked by blatant violation of the Zanzibar Alcohol Control Act (No 9 of 2020) ten months after it was enacted by the House.

This follows the decision of the Zanzibar Alcohol Drinks Control and Advisory Board to award licences to eight firms to import and distribute alcoholic drinks in the Isles under Section 33(1) of the Act.

Chaani Representative Nadir Abdulatif said according to the Act, the Board was supposed to oversee the law and not violate it.

He said: "When passed by the House, the law becomes operational after the President's assent. After that no one else will have the guts to make decisions in violation of that law. Instead of overseeing it, the Zanzibar Alcohol Drinks Control and Advisory Board breaks the law."

He said the government enacted the new law on alcoholic drinks in

order to control the importation and trade thereof, adding, for instance no licences should be given to operators of bars and places selling alcoholic drinks that are near places of worship, schools, hospitals, bus stations or within residential areas.

Special Seats Representative, Salha Mwinijuma Mohamed said the Zanzibar Alcohol Drinks Control and Advisory Board was supposed to evaluate itself anew after it began to oversee the new law by violating it, just ten months after its passage.

Salha said if the law was seen to be deficient, the Board should have advised so the Government to return it to the House for amendments.

She said Section 33(1) of the Act explicitly states "the licence for importation of alcoholic drinks will be issued to not more than three firms which have satisfied set conditions.

Welezo Rep. Hassan Hafidh Khamis said it is distressing to see the Zanzibar Alcohol Drinks Control and Advisory Board failing to safeguard the law.

He said Section 28 (k) of the Act has set a condition for places selling alcoholic drinks to be not less than 1,000 metres from mosques, churches, schools, markets and bus stations but the Board has failed to stand by this legal requirement.

Former House Rep Jaku Hashim Ayoub said the Board should be dissolved by violating the law on pretext of increasing government revenue.

However, the Chairman of the Zanzibar Alcohol Drinks Control and Advisory Board Abdulrazak Abdulkadir said they decided to place the law aside for the interest of government revenues, by increasing the number of alcoholic drinks importers from three to eight.



Tanzania-Zambia Railway Authority

INVITATION TO BID

**TENDER NO: TZR/CTC/2019/2020/01
FOR
BUILD LEASE OPERATE AND TRANSFER OF PLOT NO. 08 LOCATED AT
KAWE KINONDONI DISTRICT IN DAR ES SALAAM REGION**

(RE-ADVERTISEMENT)

- The Tanzania-Zambia Railway Authority (TAZARA) intends to lease Plot No. 08 Located at Kawe Kinondoni District in Dar es Salaam Region. Plot No. 08 is to be leased on "as is, where is" basis on Build Lease Operate and Transfer. The procuring entity shall have no further liability during the leasing period
- TAZARA now invites sealed tenders for the lease of Plot No. 08 Located at Kawe, Kinondoni District in Dar es Salaam.
- Tendering will be conducted through the National Competitive Tendering Procedures specified in the TAZARA Procurement & Supplies Manual of November, 2011.
- Interested tenderers may inspect Plot No. 08 Located at Kawe, Kinondoni District, in Dar es Salaam through the Office of the Secretary of the Tender Committee, at TAZARA Head Office, Room No. 210 Dar Es Salaam, between 08.00 - 17.00 hrs, Monday to Friday, except during public holidays.
- Interested and eligible Tenderers may obtain further information from and inspect the Tendering Documents at the office of the Secretary of the Central Tender Committee, Room NO. 210, TAZARA Head Office, Nyerere/Mandela Roads Junction. P. O. Box 2834, Dar-es-Salaam.
- A complete set of Tendering Document(s) in English and additional sets may be purchased by interested tenderers on submission of a written application to the address given under paragraph 5 above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of USD 200.00 (Two Hundred Dollars). Payment should be either by Cash, Banker's Draft, or Banker's Cheque, payable to Tanzania-Zambia Railway Authority.
- All tenders must be accompanied by an original tender security in an acceptable form in the amount of TSh 10,000,000.00 (Tanzania Shillings Ten Million).
- All tenders in one original plus two copies, properly filled in, and enclosed in plain envelopes must be delivered to the address indicated below, at or before 11.00 hours E.A.T. on Friday, 5th March, 2021. Bids will be opened promptly thereafter in public and in the presence of bidders or representatives who choose to attend the opening ceremony at TAZARA, Head Office Conference Room in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.
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Invitation for Tenders

Tender No: TZR/HQ/CTC/2019/2020/07

For

Open Access Operations on the TAZARA Line

- Tanzania Zambia Railway Authority intends to engage one additional private operator on TAZARA line on open access arrangement and therefore invites sealed tenders from eligible private railway operators.
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Climate risk insurance should offer farmers wider protection

CLIMATE risk insurance is a type of insurance designed to mitigate the financial and other risk associated with climate change, especially phenomena like extreme weather. The insurance is often treated as a type of insurance needed for improving the climate resilience of poor and developing communities. Critics of the insurance, say that such insurance places the bulk of the economic burden on communities responsible for the least amount of carbon emissions. Moreover, its theorised that high-premiums in high risk areas experiencing increased climate threats, would discourage settlement in those areas. The international community invested in developing further support for this kind of insurance through the InsuResilience Global Partnership launched at COP23.

This group, supports regional programmes such as Climate Risk Adaptation and Insurance in the Caribbean (CRAIC) and international organisations like the Munich Climate Insurance Initiative. The ACT Alliance published a guidebook for equitable and climate justice oriented model for climate risk insurance in 2020.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to spread into countries already dealing with the impacts of drought, economic crises and conflict, the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) has provided USD 5.9 million to ensure that the UN World Food Programme (WFP) can continue to protect 1.2 million vulnerable African farmers with climate risk insurance.

This donation comes at a crucial time. The COVID-19 pandemic keeps colliding with the climate crisis. While the immediate priority of many countries is to protect people and prevent the spread of COVID-19, it is essential

to have safety nets in place that protect vulnerable people from the double threat of COVID and climate impacts. Heat waves, floods, storms and droughts are compounding the economic and public health effects of the pandemic, putting an additional burden on overstretched health services. Indeed Germany's donation will enable these countries to strengthen their safety nets and manage two hazards at the same time.

Countries which experience climate shocks that damage crops this year or the next, the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic will be compounded and less food will be available in the markets, which could lead to food crises. This will create a situation where countries are faced with having to feed more people while at the same time trying to control the spread of COVID-19.

This is why this insurance could support 'double resilience' for vulnerable people. It is protecting them from both hunger and the impacts of COVID-19 on market access.

Africa ought to act much faster to help partner governments at a difficult time when the countries of the world need to support each other. If a drought occurs next season, having a payout from our climate risk insurance policy would free up budgetary resources that Mauritania would have otherwise needed to split between food security and health responses.

The insurance scheme is part of the African Union's African Risk Capacity (ARC) - innovative risk management and resilience-building institution that helps African Union member states manage climate and disaster risk and adapt to climate change. ARC is also offering governments comprehensive technical support for disaster preparedness and disaster risk management.

Agri-entrepreneurship, farming innovations important for youth

SEVENTY percent of employment in Africa comes from agriculture, so you can argue that, in Africa, agriculture and economy are synonymous. In effect, you cannot modernize the economy in Africa without starting with agriculture." This quote, from Prof. Calestous Juma's *The New Harvest*, is yet another reminder of the crucial role that agriculture will play in propelling Africa out of poverty. The key to unlocking Africa's multi-billion dollar agriculture we believe that in the next 5-10 years the youth are going to have a strong role to play if agricultural development is to be realised. For this to happen, the youth have to continue pursuing employment and business avenues in the agricultural industry, which as cited above has always been a big employer for Africans.

The African Development Bank plans to deploy billions of dollars to help young people build a new digitally-driven model of agriculture that can feed the continent's people and boost prosperity even as the planet heats up, its president said.

At a global summit recently, the bank and the Global Centre on Adaptation announced an initiative to strengthen African efforts to become more resilient to extreme weather and rising seas, threats worsened by fast-accelerating climate change.

The African Development Bank plans to put half of its climate finance towards the initiative - \$12.5 billion between now and

2025 - and raise an equal amount from donor governments, the private sector and international climate funds.

Akinwumi Adesina, a former Nigerian agriculture minister who leads the bank said that Africa is struggling on two fronts - with the economic and health fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as climate shocks.

Drought, floods, creeping deserts and climate-fuelled locust attacks are forcing down crop yields and driving up hunger and migration on the continent, he said.

"It's a double disaster," the bow-tie-wearing official said in a video interview. "We've got to change this and give Africa what it needs to be able to adapt well to climate change."

Patrick Verkooijen, CEO of the Netherlands-based Global Centre on Adaptation, which has a regional office in Abidjan, said Africa was the continent most vulnerable to climate change, despite producing only 5 per cent of global planet-heating emissions.

The new programme is an opportunity "to put adaptation on steroids", by focusing on improved food production, climate-resilient infrastructure, youth entrepreneurship and better access to finance, he said in an online interview.

African countries are putting more of their financial resources towards adapting to climate change, he noted, even as their budgets are stretched by the pandemic.

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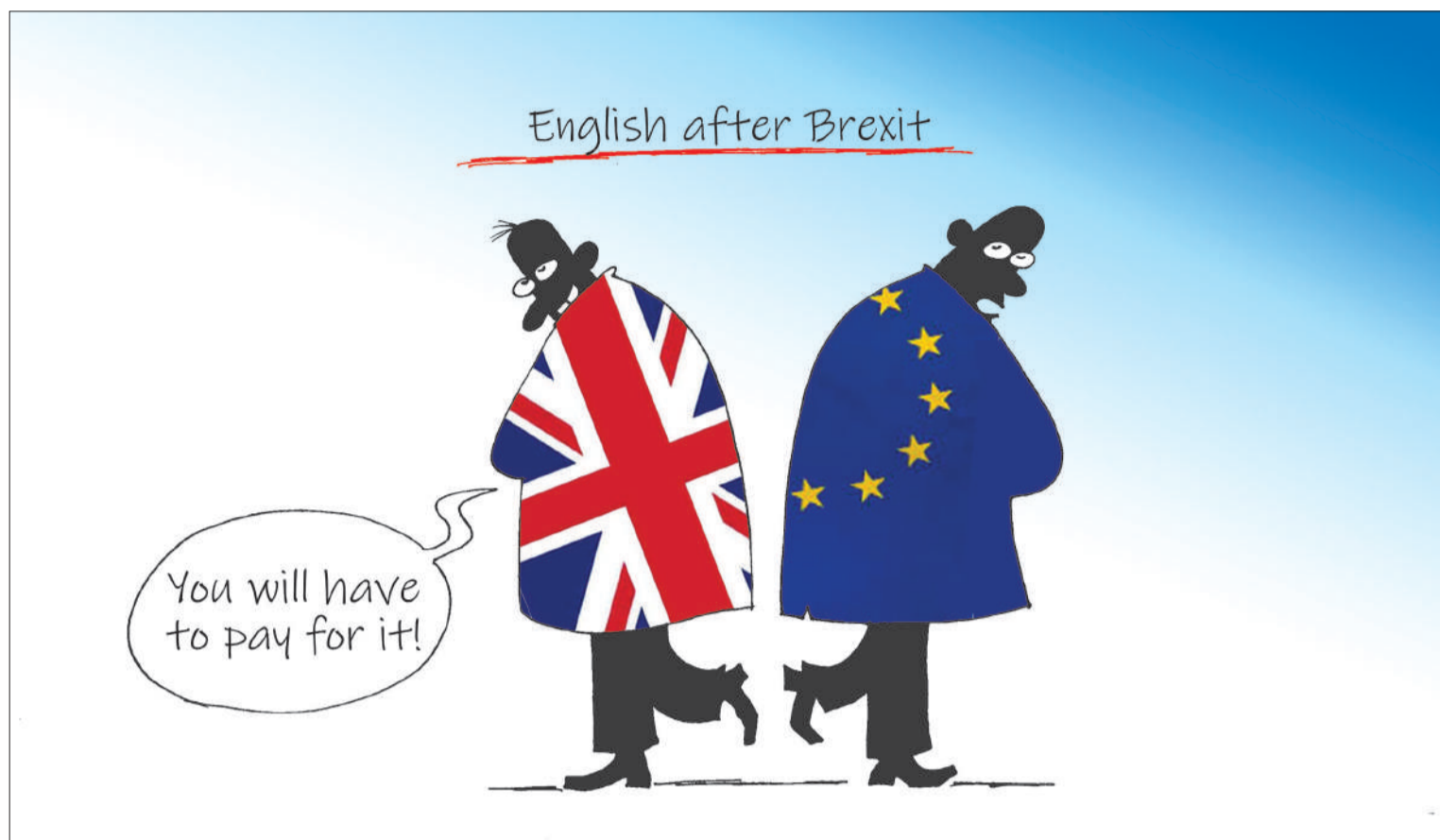
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By Mufaro Makubika

I WILL set the scene. I'm in a hotel room on the outskirts of Heathrow. There's the occasional buzz and thunder of a plane landing and taking off. I'm banging against the windows. Don't land! The bed is unmade and a half open suitcase lies in a corner, its contents strewn all over almost like permanent features of the room.

My eyes are bloodshot and the tracks of tears line my face. I gaze wistfully outside. Headlights of cars drift by slowly in the distance. There are people in those cars. People on the move. Where are they going, I wonder? I don't really care. I wish I was in one of those cars. Going somewhere. Far away from this place. How long have I been here? I have lost count of time. The seconds, minutes hours and days fold into each other over and over again. Time is so bloody slow! I'm going to make a run for it, jailbreak style. I'm busting out! I open the door and a burly G4S security guard looks at me. His face says it all. It's not worth it mate.

What's this nightmare I'm describing? It's the new lockdown policy that has been proposed by Boris Johnson's government that is causing my consternation and anxiety for potential travellers arriving into the United Kingdom. The thinking is that to further contain the spread of Covid-19 virus variants from all over the world air travellers would be forced to isolate in specially designated hotels near Heathrow Airport for up to 10 days. The UK has this week recorded the lowest infections rate for Covid-19 in a month. A huge step for

Lockdown blues haunting diasporans returning to UK

the beleaguered kingdom. The government is keen to preserve these gains made.

This policy idea isn't radical at all, the reader might have already noted. It's already been enforced around the world during last year's lockdowns. Last year Zimbabwe required all foreign visitors to quarantine for up to eight days on arrival into the country.

There was a glut of lodges and hotels ready and willing to offer this service. At the time it was quite lucrative gig for them. The policy was gradually phased out with negative PCR tests being the standard for entry into the country. Countries like Australia and New Zealand have had this policy in place for a while now.

Recently, a few tennis stars currently in Melbourne for this year's first Grand Slam have expressed discontent at the policy as they are being forced to quarantine for up to 19 hours a day for up to two weeks; only being allowed out a few hours a day to practice. The sport's biggest global star Roger Federer has opted to pull out of the tournament due to the policy.

Israel has gone one step further, banning all flight in and out of the country. Maybe further restrictions also might come into force on the Zimbabwe side of the equation.

What makes this policy choice even tougher is that the hotel stay will be covered by the traveller at up to a cost of £1 000

for the 10 days. Whispers have suggested that this could last up to a year. Both these tenets in the policy are very significant indeed. I'd like to think £1 000 is also a significant amount of money to most people.

One in 10 Brits has no life savings at all. A third of Brits has less than £600 in savings, with the average savings being £6 757. In my description of the average Brit, I'm also including diasporans from all over the world resident in the country including Zimbabweans.

People of colour (meaning all non-whites) not only are at the brunt force of the virus when it comes to infections and death but also economically. During this period last year, people of colour where 26 times more likely to be laid off due to the effects of the virus than their white counterparts. In short, this virus is hitting our health as well as our pockets disproportionately.

What does this all mean? Air travel between the UK and Zimbabwe will look very different over the coming months. It won't be an end but a massive pause. The huge financial hit added on top of already expensive air travel will force many people to stay put. Less diasporans and tourists will be travelling between the two nations.

The reader might suppose the argument that we're in the midst of a global pandemic so international travel should not even be an option; let us wait

until we have a grip on the pandemic before we think about international travel and I buy that argument completely.

Let me paint a different picture for the reader though. The one thing that haunts most diasporans is the dreaded call from home that a close loved one has passed on whilst you are away. It's a nightmare that haunts me. The nightmare in this case will be further intensified by the restrictions of this new policy and the added cost. Agonising and heartbreaking choices will have to be made by the individual.

I can imagine some individuals will stay put unable to travel. Grief stricken abroad unable to return and fully mourn their loved ones. Their isolation will feel sharp and cold, so will their grief. The reader should note I am aware in Zimbabwe there are also restrictions making travel to mourn family equally hard. It is the nature of the beast this crisis has created that is so painful for many to accept.

It is everybody's duty during this health crisis to preserve life. We all have a part to play. I can't help to imagine and feel for that individual in a hotel room near Heathrow having returned from burying a loved one. Alone and isolated, feeling the bluest blues imaginable. The pain. The anguish.

What scenarios this crisis has thrown up no one could have envisioned.



S. Africa has to sail muddy waters of confusion over exports after Brexit

By Donald MacKay

THE sprawling metropolis of East London has a population roughly equal to the population of São Tomé and Príncipe - just above 200,000 in both cases. São Tomé and Príncipe (two islands, but one country) account for half the African countries with which the Southern African Customs Union has implemented the African Continental Free Trade Area. The other half is Egypt.

Now this might be disappointing, given the exuberant media coverage saying we have implemented the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA). Fifty-four of the 55 African Union members have signed the agreement and, at last count, 34 have deposited their instruments of ratification.

Although Minister of Trade and Industry Ebrahim Patel has "called on South African farmers and manufacturers to gear up for the new opportunities in export markets", it is by no means clear which markets he had in mind when he made this statement.

In fact, we are not sure if Egypt and São Tomé have even implemented duty preferences into their countries and, if so, on which tariff codes these preferences exist. This matters because taking advantage of the trade agreement requires clarity on where those preferences exist.

I am a huge supporter of the AfCFTA, but I don't think the politics and reality are even close to aligning. The single most important part of making a trade agreement work is for people to know where the benefits lie.

I was contacted last week by someone wanting to know if the services she offered into the rest of Africa would now be exempt from income tax, and I can't count the number of inquiries about the preferential duty rates in various African countries by enthusiastic exporters. The answer has been a consistent "I don't know" because this information is simply not available and, in fact, likely not to have been finalised for the countries outside of the two noted above.

The Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (DTIC) is the custodian of the agreement, yet it has no recent information on its website about the agreement.

Trade agreements only have value when people know how to use them. In this respect, the media coverage has, if anything, been misleading, even if the misdirection has not been intentional.

December 2020 was a busy month, with Patel announcing the implementation of the UK agreement. This is even more confusing than the AfCFTA.

Irrespective of what is negotiated and what the politicians say in the media, a trade agreement only has effect when it has been adopted into our domestic legislation.

Our agreement with the UK has sort of been incorporated.



The text of the agreement has been inserted into our Customs Act, but the tariff schedule has not. A note has been inserted into the act, saying that if you import from the UK, the EU rate should apply. Given that the UK is no longer part of the EU, you can imagine how confusing this is and how many people are going to import and overpay their duties.

This impact will flow upstream, suppressing the price of scrap metal, which will negatively impact on upstream manufacturers, SOEs (the largest generator of scrap steel is Transnet) and, of course, the country's unluckiest residents - the 300,000 scrap metal collectors in the informal sector.

An unofficial discussion with a SARS official gave the startling possibility that the schedules were never added to our tariff book because those schedules were still being negotiated. No one at the DTIC could confirm if this was indeed the case.

That is not all that happened in De-

ember. The annual quota for bone-in chicken from the US has been increased to 69,972 tons a year. This quota allows importers to import chicken from America without paying the anti-dumping duties of more than R9/kg.

The South African Poultry Association went to court a little while ago to challenge this rebate, but it withdrew its case after a discussion behind closed doors with the DTIC. I must assume that antagonising the Americans while Trump was president was seen as not being a particularly wise course of action.

But wait. There's more. In a very worrying turn, duties have been increased from zero to 15% on rolled aluminium. On the face of it, this may seem like a good idea, but a deeper dive reveals the perils awaiting the downstream industry and Hulamin (the applicant).

Hulamin has tried to increase these duties twice before and has failed both times for good reason. This time it has succeeded, but I fear this is a Pyr-

rhic victory. Just like hot-rolled steel, rolled aluminium is the raw material from which beer cans and many other downstream products are made. If you push up the price of rolled aluminium, you immediately create an incentive to import the downstream product.

I predict we will see an increase in the imports of can ends (the part with the pull tab), which ship very efficiently and currently have a lower duty than the raw material. This will remove volume from Hulamin, exacerbating the problem.

Hulamin is heavily export-focused and it has lost market share in the US. It has made up some of its lost volume, but its exports are priced considerably below local prices.

Because exports are such a large portion of Hulamin's sales, local prices have to be considerably higher to make up the lost margin on exports.

As with the duties on steel, I suspect its local volumes will drop after this as

people import downstream products. Unless those duties are also increased (pushing up the price of beer which you are no longer allowed to drink), we will see increases in those downstream import volumes.

That would further reduce the volume Hulamin is selling, creating a death spiral for this important business.

This is the reason the prior duty increases were refused.

A final note. Patel has decided to extend the Preferential Pricing System (PPS) on scrap metal exports. The PPS is a system that forces scrap metal recyclers to first sell their scrap at a steep discount into the local market before they can obtain a permit for exporting. A permit is only issued if they cannot find a local buyer for the scrap.

This system was due to be replaced by export duties from March 2021 onwards, but Patel has decided to run both at the same time and so PPS has been extended to July 2021, with no assurance that it will not be extended again beyond that date. It has been extended a few times in the past, so this is not an unreasonable concern. With recyclers facing both PPS and export duties, it becomes difficult to see how many of them will survive: you are forced into a discount for local sales and, if you export, you pay a large duty. It is not clear where the margin will come from if both avenues are closed off.

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What you need to know about Nigeria in 2021

By Tolu Ogunlesi

IN terms of Police Reforms, demands for which drove the biggest street protests in the country in a generation, I personally hope that 2021 is the year that we start to see the actual hard work of reform being done (which, let's be honest, is not stuff that can be accomplished on the streets...)

Let's start with COVID-19.

I recently tweeted this: "From a Covid-19 POV, it looks like H1 2021 will be a lot like 2020 -- restrictions, lockdowns, desperate attempts at curve-flattening. That's probably the second most daring roguish feat 2020 has pulled off -- this act of deluding us all into regarding it as an aberration."

"Maybe we should fight back by postponing 2021 until further notice. Until 2020 fully and irreversibly convinces us it's run out of impish energy."

From a coronavirus point-of-view, 2021 is the new 2020. Then again, maybe not -- there are all the vaccines that have been approved by various governments and health authorities. Fingers crossed regarding actual levels of efficacy, as well as efficiency of rollout. (Nigeria is part of the Covax Facility, "a global risk-sharing mechanism for pooled procurement and equitable distribution of eventual COVID-19 vaccines").

On the last day of 2020, Nigeria again crossed the '1,000' mark in COVID-19 infections, a milestone that was never reached in the first wave earlier in 2020. As far as I know, there is no appetite for similar scales of 'lockdown' (airport closures, inter-state travel restrictions, etc.) as seen in Q2 and Q3 of 2020; 2021 will instead see very creative attempts to slow down the virus without shutting down the economy, or slowing it down too much.

AfCFTA

The African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) took off on January 1, with 54 of 55 eligible countries having signed on (twenty of the 54 have yet to ratify the agreement, the final step before full national participation).

For now, it's all potential -- a lot of it, actually; the \$3 trillion trading bloc has been described as the largest free trade area in the world (by country membership) since the emergence of the World Trade Organisation (WTO). It remains to be seen how quickly and efficiently that potential will be translated into reality. There's still a great deal of paperwork and negotiations -- and hard and soft infrastructure (business environment reforms, ports, highways, etc.) -- ahead!

Nigeria is Africa's largest economy and its most populous country (therefore largest market), so it'll be interesting to see how the AfCFTA implementation plays out here, especially considering, one, that Nigeria was one of the last countries to sign the agreement, and, two, Abuja's irritation with the border-shenanigans of its neighbours -- a sentiment which played a key role in the decision to close the land borders for an unprecedented 16 months (I hope to do a stand-alone border closure post very soon, and shed more light on this).

There's a very useful explainer page on the AfCFTA here, by the Trade Law Center (TRALAC), South Africa,



President Muhammadu Buhari has presented a total Appropriation Bill of N13.08 trillion for 2021 to both the Senate and the House of Representatives at a Joint session of the National Assembly.

here.

Fiscal Reforms

In January, the 2021 Budget and the Finance Bill 2020, both assented to by President Buhari, will go into effect, as will the revised import tariffs on vehicles.

One of the Buhari administration's ambitions has been to restore the Nigerian budget cycle to a predictable January to December calendar. For many years the budget was not passed until well into the new year, making nonsense of its implementation. For the 2020 budget, the restorative goal was achieved, and the budget signed into law on December 22, 2019, took effect from January 1, 2020. The 2021 budget has heartwarmingly seen a similar adherence to the vision, with the president signing it into law on the last day of 2020.

The new Finance Act, which should go into effect this month, introduces a number of tax relief provisions for the benefit of individuals and small businesses. (Details later). It also reforms several existing Acts of Parliament -- amending no fewer than a dozen pieces of legislation, reforming laws covering taxes, customs duties, public procurement, and other areas.

The Finance Act is another important goal accomplished, and the Buhari Administration has established a new tradition of accompanying the annual Federal Budget with a supporting/enabling Finance Act. The Finance Act 2019, to support the 2020 Budget, was the first. It has now been followed by the Finance Act 2020, for the 2021 Budget.

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Petroleum Industry Bill (PIB)

Nigeria's long overdue Petroleum Industry Bill should get passed by the middle of the year, according to the National Assembly. It's been many years in the making, and should be transformational for the industry when eventually passed.

It will join several other landmark Bills passed and assented to under the Buhari administration: The Police Act, Correctional Services Act, Nigeria Center for Disease Control (NCDC) Act, Company and Allied Matters Act (CAMA), Suppression of Piracy and Other Maritime Offences Act, Deep Offshore & Inland Basin PSC (Amendment) Act, Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act, Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Act, Banks and Other Financial Institutions Act, and others.

Rail

The Lagos-Ibadan Rail Line will go into full commercial operations, as the first double-track Standard-Gauge Rail Line in West Africa. The 156-kilometre line connects the commercial hub of Lagos to the city of Ibadan, and is the second segment of the Lagos-Kano Line that constitutes what is by far Nigeria's busiest cargo route, and a historical commercial corridor that extends well beyond the country's borders.

Construction is expected to start on the outstanding sections of the Lagos-Kano Standard Gauge Rail (SGR) Line in 2021, i.e. Ibadan to Abuja via Ilorin and Minna, and Kaduna to Kano. (I'm not sure if work will start simultaneously on all the sections, or the Kaduna-Kano segment will be take priority consideration).

In Lagos State, 2021 will hopefully see the long-overdue completion of the first line ('Blue Line') of the Lagos Light Rail project - a 24-kilometre line from Okokomaiko to the Lagos Marina, as well as the groundbreaking (financial close achieved in 2020) for the 24-kilometre Red Line from Agbado to Oyingbo in Phase 1 and on to the Marina in Phase 2.

Both lines are expected to reduce travel time from about two hours to 45 minutes; the Red Line will carry an estimated 22.5 million people monthly, while the Blue Line will move an estimated 12 million passengers monthly.

Refineries

2021 is the expected year of delivery of the grand Nigerian industrial ambition that is the Dangote Refinery. (Completion timelines have shifted in the last two years: early 2020 at first, then late 2020, and now 2021). When completed, the Refinery (650,000 barrels per day capacity) will be the largest crude oil refinery in Africa, and the largest single-train refinery in the world.

Joining the Dangote Group in the private large-scale refinery space is BUA, a conglomerate better known -- like Dangote -- for its ambitious play in cement, sugar and other commodities. Having announced, in 2020, the selection of Axens of France to build a 200,000 barrel per day (bpd) refinery and petrochemicals plant in Akwa Ibom, Nigeria, 2021 should show just how serious BUA is about this project.

Modular Refineries

Nigerians should expect news of the completion of more modular refineries in the country. That space is currently in the middle of a boom, after years of inactivity. There was only one modular refinery in operation in Nigeria when President Buhari assumed office (several were licensed but unbuilt). Today, five-and-a-half years later, the field is crowded -- each of the Niger Delta states has at least one modular refinery project either completed or under construction. President Buhari commissioned the first phase of the Waltersmith Refinery in Ibigwe, Imo State in November 2020. With a capacity of 5,000 barrels per day in the first phase (completed), it will produce 271 million litres of kerosene, diesel, naphtha and heavy fuel oil (HFO) annually. Future phases will take it to 50,000 bpd.

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Gas

The Federal Government declared 2020 the Year of Gas in Nigeria, and went right ahead to demonstrate this. Look out for updates on some of the biggest gas projects Nigeria has ever seen:

The 614-kilometre Ajaokuta-Kaduna-Kano (AKK) Pipeline (President Buhari broke ground on this in 2020); The Obiafu-Obrikom-Oben Gas Pipeline (OB3), running from Rivers to Edo States;

The Escravos to Lagos Pipeline System -- 2 (ELPS-2), running from the Niger Delta to Western Nigeria.

There is the Autogas Project that seeks to convert 1,000,000 vehicles to autogas capability in 2021. According to the sector regulator, "Nigerians should have a choice of energy they want to use. That is price freedom. We want motorists to switch to autogas (CNG, LPG, or LNG) because it is cheaper and cleaner than petrol."

Let's play our part to protect Zesa systems

By Special Correspondent

ELECTRICITY faults have risen significantly this rainy season, largely due to damage from the heavy rains causing branches to fall on power lines, pylons to fall and water seeping into important pieces of cable or equipment.

To this has to be added the continual background problem of vandalism and theft, which tends to centre on theft of transformer oil from substations, thus wrecking the transformers, or actual theft of the entire piece of equipment.

The vandalism is continuous, while the weather problem is seasonal, but at the moment they combine.

And then we have the odd extra problem. At the moment a large section of eastern Greendale in Harare is down, with Zesa putting out advertisements that a fallen pylon in the main feed is the problem, and with messaging sites circulating a picture of a pylon hit by a heavy truck, which may be the pylon or may be one of the many street light pillars that have fallen in that area over the years.

But as Minister of Energy and Power Development Minister Zhemu Soda has said, the general public can help Zesa, although it must be added that there is more that Zesa itself can do to safeguard its network against both weather and vandalism.

To give Zesa some credit, it does take far better care of its pylons and cabling than local authorities do with the tatty remains of their street lighting.

Everyone who lives in the older suburbs of Harare, where Harare City Council or the previous town management boards put in street lighting, will have noticed that while a fair number of street light poles lie horizontal and while cabling lies on the ground, the older Zesa infrastructure is in reasonable shape, which is why we all complain so loudly when it takes two days to fix a problem. We have given up on the lights and the city council.

But at one stage Zesa sent out teams every year during the dry seasons to cut away branches and lop the tops off badly positioned trees. This, naturally, raised complaints since some people will always complain, but did reduce significantly the potential damage when the rains started.

While Zesa still keep the wide swathes occupied by the national grid pylons and many high-voltage lines clear, there appears to have been less action on the ordinary 220V lines that actually deliver power to consumers.

We even see bushes and other dense vegetation blocking access to substations. Consumers should do more to keep the power lines in their own properties reasonably clear, but the street lines have to be done by Zesa and, once a particular point is reached, the Zesa team needs to switch off a substation for an hour or two while the team with the ladders and saws drives around the area cutting away the dodgy vegetation.

It is one thing for a householder not to plant a tree under a power line, it is quite another to expect them to chop



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down or pollard a tree they have inherited that is interfering with live wires. But Zesa could make it very easy for householders to phone for help or pass on tips about street lines running through branches.

Vandalism is a perennial problem. But there are solutions that can minimise damage. The Zesa substations were all carefully sited next to a road in little corners. The thieves and vandals do not attack during broad daylight or even the early part of the night. They drive up when everyone is asleep in the early hours of the morning. Although there is now a mandatory 10-year minimum sentence for those convicted of interfering with Zesa equipment, very few of these gangs are caught.

Even if someone sees them attacking a substation there is no street lighting to get a clear view and even if police react fast the gang is only there for a few minutes. But there are two possible solutions. The first is better protection of substations. In some

areas local residents, either operating alone with exceptional public spirit, or as an ad hoc local group, have fenced off the substation, or in some cases even nailed it off so thieves cannot cut the fence, and put in far better locks. Zesa allows this, presumably with gratitude, and a set of the new keys is left with the local maintenance unit with presumably a spare set with the nearest householder.

The power utility can do more to encourage this. It could even start doing some of the same itself. No fence or railings will stop a thief, but if a gang needs a couple of hours to break in then the odds of being seen are far greater.

Zesa could even approach the householders with a substation site in the corner of their property and follow the example of the mobile phone companies of seeing how the substation can be incorporated into the house security walls.

The phone towers are far less susceptible to theft and vandalism

than substations since they are inside the gates of a house or business rather than in a walled off enclave on the street. This will require careful thought and negotiation to ensure access rights and ensure the substation is not a path for thieves into the house, but the phone companies have managed and Zesa, which actually owns substation sites rather than renting them, should be able to do better. For new stations, Zesa could give more thought to siting, having substations on busy corners or inside guarded shopping centres and business premises, for example, rather than tucked away in a side road.

The objective should be to make every substation more secure and any interference far more likely to be seen. The second point of attack would be to make selling the stolen oil or equipment far more difficult. Very few thieves steal to keep what they take, they do it for money.

Zesa could have a hotline for tips, which will help if backed by an educa-

tion campaign, but a system of rewards might encourage people who know something to come forward.

This need not cost much, since a reward of a few thousand dollars would be adequate for a friend of a friend to make the call, but if Zesa is really pressed for cash then most consumers would accept something like a dollar or two on their electricity bills to fund this.

But as Zesa itself would be saving money, it should be able to pay. When we had public telephone boxes there was a notice on each for many years offering a small reward to anyone who turned in a thief, and this did work.

But any action seeking public help, or offering public rewards, needs some education campaigns. Few of us have any idea what a transformer looks like, or how to identify transformer oil, for example. We need a picture.

Cable thefts have been diminishing as aluminium cables are now used where possible, and these are harder to sell and bring in less money than copper cables, but again the reward system could eliminate even the last vestiges of this crime.

Zesa is not doing that badly, especially after the managerial clean-ups in the last two years. But can work more actively with the public, who are basically its customers, to improve maintenance of lines and to protect its equipment. Most of us want to help, especially if it does not cost us anything extra, but we need some practical leadership from Zesa and some good solid Second Republic innovation.

A future up in Air Namibia

By Special Correspondent

ON February 10, Air Namibia announced the end of its flight operations along with its upcoming liquidation. The airline plans to halt all services on February 11, marking 74 years of service.

The last commercial flight on Air Namibia was Flight 126 from Rundu, Namibia to Windhoek, Namibia. The flight landed at 4:45 P.M. local time using V5-ANH, a 21-year-old Embraer E-135, according to data from FlightAware.

Before its halt in operations, the airline operated a fleet of three Airbus A319s, two Airbus A330s, and four Embraer E135s. Meanwhile, its route network consisted of regional connections within Namibia; flights to Botswana, South Africa, Zambia, and Zimbabwe; and flights to Frankfurt, Germany using its Airbus A330s.

Local Namibian news reported that 636 employees learned that they would be receiving basic pay for the next 12 months following their layoff. However, these employees will not receive any benefits. Furthermore, the local news agency reported that a joint union committee of multiple Air Namibia-related unions stated that the government was instrumental in the collapse of the airline.

According to the Namibian, the initial insolvency began when Air Namibia terminated its lease with Challengair, a defunct Belgian airline, in 1999 over maintenance issues with its Boeing 767-300. In 2005, the conflict between the parties was referred for arbitration, later ruled in Challengair's favor in 2011. In 2015, the award was declared enforceable in Germany, according to courts in Munich.

Challengair and Air Namibia reached a settlement in 2019 to repay about \$21.4 million in debt in separate installments until September 2021. However, the Namibian carrier acknowledged that they only paid \$9.6 million, with multiple payments not made in full. Anicet Baum, a lawyer representing the liquidator, filed a case against Air Namibia, arguing that the airline was insolvent and unable to make its payments, proposing to have it liquidated.

Later, in January 2021, the two parties reached a \$12 million settlement, minutes before court proceedings regarding the liquidation of Air Namibia began. As part of the settlement, its first payment was scheduled for February 18.

However, the Namibian government didn't support this out of court deal, causing a conflict with the board of Air Namibia. Furthermore, it opposed a previously proposed restart plan worth \$303.8 million, aimed at helping the airline in its turnaround efforts. These two factors resulted in the liquidation of the airline and the resignation of the board at the Namibian carrier. According to ch.aviation, the government, unions, and airline executives plan to convene on Thursday to



negotiate the finer details of the liquidation.

In an address to citizens in 2020, the president of Namibia, Hage Genibob, supported the liquidation of the airline. He stated, "Air Namibia must be liquidated, we have a serious problem, it must be restructured, it is not making any profits and it is just being bailed out. We must do something about it."

Despite being given continuous aid from the Namibian government for the past two decades, the airline has struggled to make a profit. According to Reuters, in the last few years, Air Namibia was unable to produce financial statements. Additionally, the Namibian government reported that 15 out of its 19 routes were loss-making.

Unfortunately, the loss of Air Namibia leaves a gaping hole in Namibia's aviation sector. Currently, the only carrier in Namibia, FlyWestair, flies to South Africa and one regional destination in Namibia multiple times a week. However, this frequency does not facilitate regional connections.

Internationally, Windhoek is well served with flights to Europe via Eurowings flights to Frankfurt, and future flights on Condor. Additionally, flights to South Africa are well-served via Airlink, but nonstop connections to

Botswana and Zambia are left unserved.

Almost every five years, Air Namibia has been repositioning itself, with new strategic plans aimed at revamping the national airline and turning it into a profitable enterprise. The fact of the matter is that Air Namibia has in the past committed many errors in judgement, especially when it comes to profitable route selection.

Industry experts have often alluded that some of these routes appeared to have been purely politically motivated instead of focusing on generating the much-needed revenue. This is evident from the fact that 15 out of the 19 routes Air Namibia was operating in 2019 were unprofitable, among others, due to high structural and operating costs.

The highest loss-making route was the Frankfurt one, which incurred major losses due to high fixed costs and underutilisation. However, attempts to resuscitate the beleaguered airline have often ended in blame shifting and unrealised business targets. This has resulted in \$8.4 billion taxpayers' money being used to bail out the airline over the last ten years.

Air Namibia's creditors have also been circling around

the cash-strapped airline for years, while service providers have been seeking millions for unpaid services, which have been mostly attributed to historical debt.

There have been proposals, among others, to voluntarily close down the airline and negotiate exit lease agreements and transfer the airline to the public enterprises' ministry. A new business plan that would need \$4.1 billion was also recommended in the past, while another offer was to liquidate the airline with government assuming liability of about \$2.5 billion. Not any of these worked out.

The outgoing Air Namibia board which threw in the towel this week claimed government has created the impression that \$7 billion was needed to restart the airline. It must be said that the Air Namibia dilemma is not only rooted in operational deficiencies, but also poor strategic and policy implementation. The airline has struggled to stick to a vision, which would have enabled it to be run on sound business principles.

The changing and chopping of the board and executive officers has also created more uncertainty, leading to unreliable operations. It is no wonder the airline has had 11 CEOs in the last 30 years. Unbelievable!

It now remains to be seen whether the shareholder will accede and support the implementation of a new re-start plan devised by the now former board to turn Air Namibia into a very lean and cost-effective airline, with a focus on profitable routes without the airline being an undue burden on the financial resources of government.

The airline industry is at the moment hard hit by the Covid-19 pandemic although an eventual recovery could be boosted by the rolling out of vaccines, with nations hoping to achieve herd immunity against coronavirus in the not-so-distant future.

For Air Namibia, the re-start strategy would be crucial if it still wants to carry the spirit of the nation and safeguard over 600 jobs. The shareholder will also have to carefully evaluate the business plan to allow the current regime to map out a potential recovery, taking into consideration increasing competition and high-fixed operational costs, which have certainly also contributed to the instability of the airline.

TBS urges traders in the country to register their premises and products

By Guardian Correspondent

THE Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) has reminded food and cosmetics traders in the country to register their premises and products so as to enable them conduct their activities smoothly while protecting consumers' health.

Neema Mtemvu, TBS public relations officer made the call at the just ended 4th edition of

the national economic empowerment council exhibitions held at the Sheikh Amri Abeid grounds in Arusha Region.

"We urge all people including those who visit our pavilion to register their premises, food and cosmetics to comply with the requirements of the changes in the Finance Act of the year 2019," she said.

She noted that the Finance Act No 8 of 2019 gave TBS per-

mission to register food products and cosmetics, the obligation which was once under the former Tanzania Food and Drugs Authority (TFDA).

"Therefore registration of products and premises of selling food and cosmetics is a legal requirement which anyone practicing the businesses has to obey," Mtemvu said.

She said registration of premises and food and cos-

metics products started last year since the bureau assumed the roles from the former TFDA. "We are now dealing with food and cosmetics, it is illegal for a trader to import unregistered food or cosmetics or even their premises should be registered," she said.

According to her, registration also involves cafes, food vans, food stores and cosmetics. She urged traders who want to

continue or engage in the businesses to contact the bureau before embarking on them. The official also urged SMEs to apply for free certification services which is under special programme established by Small Industries Development Organisation (SIDO)

She said the organization certifies the quality of their products for three years without any payment to enable

them access local and foreign markets. Mtemvu said the government has established the programme to enable SMEs to produce quality goods and expand the market of their products.

She urged SMEs and other interested persons to make use of the opportunity especially during this time when the government has been insisting on an industrial economy.

"TBS as a facilitating institution, helps SMEs to certify their goods free of charge, it is better now they respond to the legal requirement to avoid unnecessary blocks to access local and abroad markets", Mtemvu said.

She said once they certify their goods it would help them produce sustainable products which would be sold anywhere including Zonal markets such as SADC.

African women embrace contraceptives as populations to double by year 2050

By Special Correspondent

AN increasing number of women in Africa are taking advantage of family planning services.

While this could be considered a success for governments and international partners, the birth rates are still high.

Africa's population is growing rapidly. According to UN estimates, the number of people in the continent is expected to double by 2050 – making it increasingly difficult to provide jobs for future generations.

But there are also positive trends. More and more women are using modern contraceptives. According to the latest Family Planning 2020 (FP2020) report, the number has increased by 66% since 2012 – from 40 million to more than 66 million women and girls.

When governments, UN agencies and private foundations launched the initiative eight years ago, they set an ambitious goal: to get 120 million more people in the world's 69 lowest-income countries to use modern contraceptives by 2020.

The number stands at about 60 million more. In Central and West Africa, the number of female users has doubled, according to FP2020. In eastern and southern Africa, it has increased by as much as 70%.

More access to contraceptives

What's the key to success? "Concrete levers have been applied in most countries," FP2020 director Beth Schlachter told DW.

"Contraceptive supply chains to clinics or community centers have been expanded," Schlachter said.

In the beginning, staff members started by offering birth control pills, condoms, and hormone injections.

The services have improved, Schlachter said: "Health advisers in the communities help women make appropriate choices for their health care." But, she added, it will be crucial to change cultural and religious beliefs

to allow women to make decisions about their bodies.

In this respect, Malawi has done an excellent job. "The country has focused on young girls and women and their needs," Schlachter said.

A few years ago, the southern African country had one of the highest rates of child marriages globally. In 2018, the government put an end to this by raising the minimum age of marriage to 18.

Grassroots campaigns

Together with specific governments, FP2020 has developed several other measures. The issue of contraception plays an important role. In particular, young people have become more aware by talking about social norms, distribution of contraceptives in schools, and counseling in villages and communities. "Health care is more in the hands of women, so they don't always have to return to clinics," Schlachter said.

"The desire to have children is changing in most countries with good access to family planning," Catherine Hinz, executive director of the Berlin Institute for Population and Development, told DW. Her Africa's Demographic Leaders study confirmed this trend, Hinz said. "The more educated the girls are," she added, "the smaller the families."

Hinz said strategies must always run in parallel. More income is vital so that people no longer have to rely on children to provide for them in old age. Political will is also essential to usher in the necessary change in values. "In the cities of many countries, this change has already begun." In rural areas, however, the issue is even more critical.

Rwanda boasts an innovative idea where the young startup Kasha delivers condoms and contraceptives to villages by moped. The condoms can be ordered by text message – just as in Kenya. 20,000 people are already using the service.

"In Ethiopia, the availability of contraception for



More African women are using contraceptives thanks to consistent campaigns by governments and NGOs

young people has grown," Hinz said.

The government has trained 40,000 female health workers to work in health clinics in rural areas. "Family planning is not only aimed at married people; the female helpers are also approachable by young people in the health centers," Hinz added.

In the West African country of Niger, wrestlers are using radio commercials to draw attention to the importance of contraception.

"Prominent athletes there are promoting condoms. The president has recognized the issue of population development and is supporting contraception campaigns. Money is also flowing in from the German Development Bank, Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW)," Hinz said.

Involving young people

Schlachter, from FP2020, pointed to successes in Burkina Faso. She said the government had increased spending by 30% and attracted more donations to reduce pregnancies. Young people are to be integrated into family planning counseling sessions early, and contraceptives are to be distributed freely.

The coronavirus pandemic has again made access to contraception more difficult. "We still found that increases in contraceptive use are higher in Africa than in Asian countries," Schlachter said. But there's a simple reason for that: Africa was further behind with its programs.

55 pct of Zanzibar women to benefit from spice, veggie and fruit project

By Guardian Reporter

MORE women are expected to benefit from the European Union (EU) funded horticulture project, which is executed in 50 administrative divisions on both Unguja and Pemba Islands.

It is estimated that 55 percent of the 21,000 smallholder farmers who are to benefit from the €5 million project are women.

Those women who are in the project will actively engage in farming and will be empowered with loans to scale up their farming undertakings.

Project financial officer, Agnes Msengi said the idea of the initiative is to help the smallholder farmers engaged in horticulture improve production and quality.

In this project, she says: "There is a special section within the project that provides a room for beneficiaries to get a soft loan."

According to her, beneficiaries will be also empowered with better horticulture farming skills as well as equip them with interest-free loans as per banking terms such as repaying the loan within the required time-frame.

The idea, Agnes says came up after realizing that for years women fail to prosper through the farming sector due to lack of financial muscles, that would facilitate them to develop their farming activities.

"As a result, they remain in the vicious cycle of poverty," she says, adding: "The beneficiaries of the project will be provided with a special arrangement through the banks that will be selected



to obtain loans with free-interest rates, but they will be forced to repay it through a scheduled arrangement."

Before getting loans beneficiaries will be given adequate education on how to save the money they will be earning through their farming activities, according to Agnes.

"Many women are interested to venture into horticulture farming, but they are failing so we must empower them through this project,"

the official stresses.

She encourages women in their localities to venture into the horticulture project, which is meant unlocking the potential of Zanzibar smallholder farmers' horticulture value chains to ensure the sustainable supply of high-quality products to local, international markets.

Production of fruits, spices, and vegetables plays a crucial role in the Isles' anti-poverty strategy as it uplifts the lives of hundreds

of thousands of smallholder farmers, but quantity and quality remained a challenge, she says.

One of the beneficiaries, Jine Makame of Donge Kiongwe in North 'B' District expressed their hope on the project, vowing to effectively explore opportunities embedded in the project, describing the project as a 'game-changer'.

Jine, who is a single mother, says that she has been engaging in farming for

years without success, "but through this project, I'm hoping for the better."

"To us here in Unguja, the fruit is the largest farming activity. We grow cucumbers and watermelons and that's why I did not want to miss the opportunity," says Jine, adding that her dream is to become a big fruit grower on this spices island, but lack of capital to buy seeds might thwart her vision.

She however urges institutions behind the project to

reach more women in the Indian Ocean Archipelago as "this group faces a number of challenges including being the family caretakers and they are denied access to land."

Project manager Amina Ussi unveils that the four-year project is being executed in different parts of Zanzibar with the aim of empowering many women with better agronomic practices, value addition as well as packaging to explore local

and international market opportunities.

She says the project is co-implemented by Tanzania Media Women Association (Tamwa), Community Forest Pemba (CFP), and the Dar es Salaam based People's Development Forum (PDF).

According to her, the project is to bring together almost all stakeholders involved in the farm production as well as increase the quality of production, nutrition, and food security.

Talents that lay waste due to addiction

By Alem Hailu

WHILE I was walking down to Kazanchis a girl who rented a traditional coffee corner on the veranda of a restaurant round Meneharia Photo House Ethiopia, capital Addis Abba loudly said:

"Hello Alex, we don't see much of you these days. Why don't you get in and have a cup of coffee?"

"I'm in a hurry but I can spare five minutes if you can fix the coffee fast!" I looked my watch.

"I will see to it," she projected a sunny face.

I took a wooden stool beside another client with a hoary head.

Soon this short and stout girl started fanning the charcoal stove still talking to me. She has a bent of explaining things with her hand.

"Haven't you heard that the girl, whose bill you liked to foot, has passed away?"

"Do you mean the tall and elegant one with aquiline nose?"

"Right you are! She had also dimples on her cheeks."

I nodded yes.

"What happened? I remember she liked boozing."

"As if she were a fish she often drank round the clock," she giggled and added

"Yes. Sorrowfully one sad morning in her parent's house she was found dead in her bed."

"What a tragedy! She did tell me she was a mother of two," I projected pity-stamped face.

"I think she was either separated or divorced. Once, riding a car her mother and sister came to take her away reminding her she had a court appointment on the morrow. Presenting them coffee I overheard their talk about inheritance. You see she was from a well-to-do family."

"How come she loved this house?"

"It has a spare room for 'Chat' chewers, addicts and gamblers that chitchat day long."

"Is that so?"

"Yes!"

"I have observed that when the addict trespass the limit they spiral out of the orbit that binds them to the community."

"Those who are hardcore addicts of 'Chat' end up half normal."

The hoary-headed man cut in

"A friend of mine that helped me a lot while I was assigned a teacher at Dolomena School in the then Bale province gradually became a chat addict. You see a diploma holder of school administration, this gentleman that used to neatly dress, was the director of the school."

Fifteen years later after I settled in Addis I found him a shabby job-seeking loafer. Out of pity, I allowed him to stay



with me till he got a job. For three months he stayed with me. But at last I had to browbeat him to leave of his accord."

"Why?" The chubby girl asked.

"He simply wants me to buy Chat at least twice a day. He couldn't tell whether it is sun up or sun down leave alone it is Monday or Sunday. He forgot he had to take a shower."

Also, he was not washing his clothes and shocks. His nails turned filthy. He was injured to filthiness. Though I advised him to change the sad episode 'Okay! Sorry!' he used to say."

"He became injured to his repellent condition. I have no alternative than being harsh for our own good! I forced him to leave."

"Have you heard from him since then?"

"No. He disappeared into a

thin air."

"I have observed addicts resort to thievery when they stop short of money for Chat and alcohol. Such a girl did steal me a cellphone I bought deducting money from my two-year saving," the stout girl poured coffee into two cups and handed it to us. "That is why some service giving government employees become corrupt. Also the girl addicts will willy-nilly resort to commercial sex work," the man added.

"Sure," I said.

"On top of 'Chat' most of them smoke cigarettes. I often shudder when I reflect how the combined effect of 'Chat', cigarette and alcohol could change the aroma of their mouths. I wonder why men fail to shun such girls," the girl put her hand on her head.

"Their likes could like them! As the Amharic adage goes 'Filthy with filthy trek together' (Birds of the same feather fly together.) A revolting thing!" the man laughed accompanied by us.

"By the way how is my coffee?" the girl asked.

"As usual excellent," said the man.

"One Christmas morning when I went to a church for a prayer an emaciated man got up among a large circle of the destitute being fed by Sunday school students who were offering them special dishes killing sheep pooling resources from the faithful. First I didn't recognize him. But when he drew closer saying 'Alex' Oh Getahun is that you?" I proffered him my hand.

"It was long since I saw you last he said."

Sport has a rape culture problem

By Madelene Cronjé

LIKE racial abuse, the ingrained use of rape as sporting terminology is unacceptable and all those involved in sport need to stop condoning such language.

Sport has a rape problem. The use of rape as a metaphor by supporters and pundits has become second nature in sporting circles when discussing big wins.

Some supporters on Twitter - and other social media platforms - don't explicitly use the word rape but the framing of their posts suggests it, forming part of the rape culture of our world. Screenshots of porn, especially those of a group of men about to have sex with one woman, can be found all over the social media platform, posted by boastful supporters after their team's win.

Rape isn't only used as a metaphor on social media, it's also used as a tool to silence and threaten women. The use of rape as a metaphor is disturbing on many levels. It glorifies the act, turning a horrifying ordeal and profound violation into a celebration of sporting excellence. By comparing a win to rape, the aggressor (the winning team) becomes the "hero", someone to be worshipped and celebrated. Such language is disturbing in a country with a systemic rape crisis, where many victims don't report being raped because the justice system continually lets them down. Many rapists are roaming the streets freely.

We need to pay attention to every aspect of rape culture, including the language that has become commonplace in our society. "There is a lot of linguistic evidence to suggest that the way we talk about social situations can reflect how we think about them. A victim of rape, for example, might justifiably believe that this type of sport metaphor not only celebrates athletic prowess but also glorifies the act of rape itself." University of Maryland professor of language, literacy and culture Christine Mallinson told the Patch website.

War talk

The use of rape as a metaphor isn't jarring to most supporters because of the war talk that characterises sporting discussions. It's a "do-or-die" match. To succeed, you have to "kill off" your opponents. There are "skirmishes" in the midfield "battle". So rape, a violent act and one often associated with war, slips into sports talk without the user batting an eyelid. That's why former Bafana Bafana coach Stuart Baxter could use a grotesque rape analogy in a post-match conference on 1 February without seeing anything wrong with it.

"I don't know when we're going to get a penalty. I think one of my players would have to rape someone or get raped himself if he was going to get a penalty," he said with a straight face.

When criticism spread beyond India, Odisha FC, the club at which he was manager, said it was "appalled at the comments ... It is completely unacceptable whatever the context and does not reflect the values of the club. We, at Odisha FC, unreservedly apologise and the club management will handle this matter internally."

That was the night of the match. Odisha FC fired Baxter the following day. He has since apologised for his comments, but there was no real apology in Baxter's



"apology". He told online football hub Soccer Laduma, "It must be clear and simple that I distance myself from any sympathetic position on gender-based crimes and violence. I find that abhorrent. My comments, though wholly inappropriate and misplaced, are also out of context."

"I was searching for the words and I got it wrong. But people that know me know that getting it wrong does not reflect any of my views as a father, grandfather, a citizen and a husband. There's never been any sort of suspicion that I am not wholly against violence towards females. It would be cowardly, I think it is despicable and I have always made my views known. This is not who I am, and anybody that knows me knows who I am."

He continued, "When you lose a job, that's a job. But what people think of you is important to me. The biggest pain I am feeling now is that I have not spoken in the way that reflects how I feel, and therefore people are questioning me. That hurts, more than losing my job."

India's rape crisis

His statement is all about him and his reputation. It's narcissistic and horrifying that his biggest regret is how people will view him, rather than addressing the crass and disturbing statement he made in a country where 88 rape cases were reported every day in 2019. That number stood at 92 reports of rape a day in 2017, but with the stigma of rape and low conviction rate it is likely much higher.

This is the country that's regarded as the worst to live in as a woman, ahead of war zones, because of the scale of sexual assault. This is a country in which a group of men set a 23-year-old woman on fire in 2019, while she was on her way to catch a train to attend a

court case about her rape. One of the men who set her alight was her alleged rapist.

India has a pervasive rape culture. It's worse when the victim is Dalit because the matter isn't likely to be vigorously pursued, meaning that the already low conviction rate is even lower. The 2019 statistics released by India's National Crime Records Bureau show that 10 Dalit women are raped a day. There is a culture of impunity when it comes to sexual assault crimes against them, with perpetrators more often than not high-caste men who want to "put Dalit women in their place".

It's in this context that Baxter's statement must be taken, and why he should never coach in South Africa again. There have been calls for the South African Football Association (Safa) to blacklist him like they did Belgian coach Luc Eymael, who described fans in Tanzania as "dogs and monkeys". When Chippa United tried to hire Eymael, Safa blocked the move. Club owner Chippa Mpenge hit out at the organisation in a radio interview, saying: "Safa have a lot of things they are supposed to be focusing on where they are not doing right. They must not interfere in our private business."

It was only under pressure from its sponsors that the club retreated from its decision.

Football's rape tolerance

The country's football governing body has said it will investigate the Baxter incident and decide if he should be blacklisted. They handled the Eymael incident well, but the rape allegations against their president, Danny Jordaan, extremely poorly. Safa held a bizarre press conference in which a woman was supposed to be the main speaker in its poorly orchestrated and insulting defence of Jordaan. Speaker after speaker went on about how much Jordaan has done for the growth of women's football.

Countries need to chart the right course for economic globalisation at the crucial moment

By He Yin

FOUR years ago, Chinese President Xi Jinping pointed out the deep-seated problems plaguing economic globalization, charted the way forward for economic globalization, and reaffirmed China's stance on unswervingly pushing forward economic globalization in his keynote speech titled Jointly Shoulder Responsibility of Our Times, Promote Global Growth at the opening session of the World Economic Forum (WEF) Annual Meeting held in Davos, Switzerland, on Jan. 17, 2017.

The speech, which was hailed as "sunshine in the winter", has never been forgotten. In fact, it has served as an inspiration for reflection on economic globalization over the past four years.

From the historical perspective, economic globalization resulted from growing social productivity, and is a natural outcome of scientific and technological progress, not something created by any individuals or any countries, Xi noted in his speech.

Economic globalization has powered global growth and facilitated movement of goods and capital, advances in science, technology and civilization, and interactions among peoples, he pointed out.

"It is true that economic globalization has created new problems, but this is no justification to write economic globalization off completely. Rather, we should adapt to and guide economic globalization, cushion its negative impact, and deliver its benefits to all countries and all nations," he said.

Xi's remarks have provided a proper perspective on economic globalization. What he pointed out in the speech was also important underpinning for continuous efforts to promote open cooperation and make economic globalization continuously benefit the wellbeing of humankind.

The tougher the times are, the more the world needs the guidance of perceptive thoughts. It is in crises that truths can fully demonstrate their strength, which never wears off because of time or space.

From Xi's insights into economic globalization, people around the world have seen the hope of and the path to world economic recovery and growth.

Ever since the outbreak of the COVID-19, international communication and personnel exchanges have been severely blocked, global trade and investment have fallen sharply, and the world economy has been attacked from both the supply and demand sides.

These changes led to a growing backlash against globalization. Some people have produced the theories that global industrial and supply chains couldn't hold and that economic globalization has come to an end.

However, the byproduct of the refusal to open up is not only a slowdown in economic growth, but a substantial decline in the national income of all countries, as Kenneth Rogoff, former chief economist with the International Monetary Fund (IMF), put it.

Although the epidemic has hindered economic globalization, the general trend toward openness and cooperation among countries remains unchanged.

A new round of scientific and technological revolution and industrial transformation are picking up speed, constantly injecting new impetus into economic globalization.

U.S. management magazine Harvard Business Review observed that ongoing technological shifts such as the adoption of e-commerce, videoconferencing, and robots have all been supercharged by the COVID-19, which could strengthen globalization.

Global trade is undergoing technological changes amid epidemic prevention and control, according to a report released by the WEF.

Trade technologies may facilitate the cross-border flow of knowledge-intensive products and services, according to the report, which noted that technological progress can help narrow the gap between developed and developing countries, small and large companies, and even provide opportunities for development by leaps and bounds.

It is obvious that economic globalization is faced with new development opportunities, and steering economic globalization in the right direction will help solve problems hindering development.

As the epidemic is still raging across the world, global economic recovery is both unstable and uneven.

The top priority for countries is to jointly combat the virus, ensure the smooth functioning of the global economy, chart the right course for economic globalization, and give impetus to the recovery and growth of world economy.

Four years ago, Xi offered prescriptions for world economy in his speech, which targeted the pain points, difficulties, and focuses in developing world economy, and suit today's world just fine. He called for developing a dynamic, innovation-driven growth model, a model of open and win-win cooperation by pursuing a well-coordinated and inter-connected approach, a model of fair and equitable governance in keeping with the trend of the times, and a balanced, equitable and inclusive development model.

China not only benefits from, but contributes to economic globalization. It has unswervingly promoted opening-up on a higher level, and taken concrete actions to advance the building of an open world economy. In the past four years, China has increased its number of free trade zones into 21, and hosted three sessions of the China International Import Expo, turning the China market into a market for the world, a market shared by all, and a market accessible to all.

It has speeded up building a new development pattern whereby domestic and foreign markets can boost each other, with the domestic market as the mainstay, opening up space for its economic development while adding impetus to the recovery and growth of the world economy.

The country has held two sessions of the Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation, in a bid to facilitate the high-quality construction of the Belt and Road together with other countries. **People's Daily**

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Tigo goes green in Kilimanjaro with 10k trees planned

By Guardian Reporter

AS part of efforts to conserve Mount Kilimanjaro, Tigo Tanzania launched a tree planting initiative called "Tigo Green for Kili" project with an initial target of planting 10,000 trees last week.

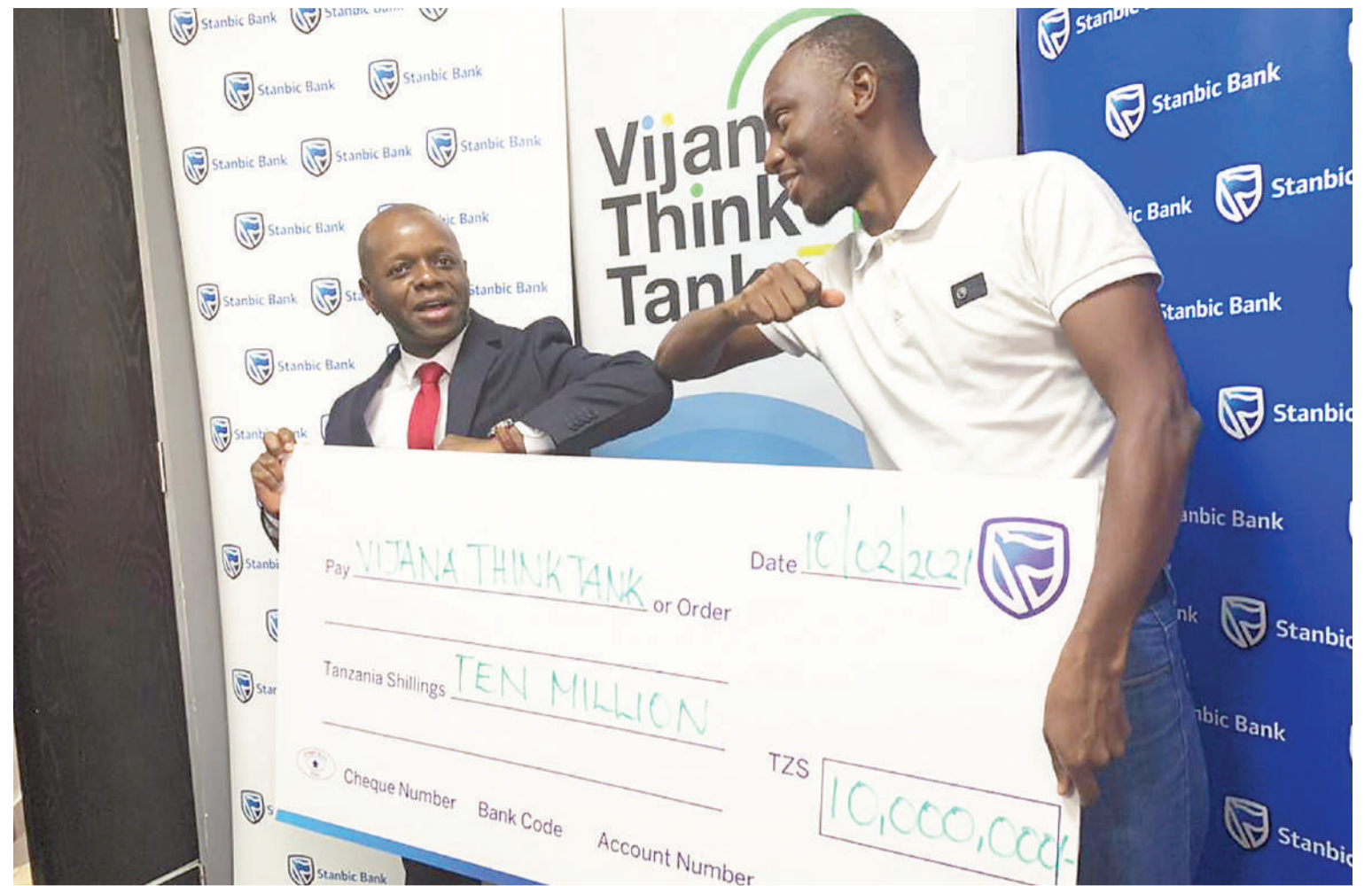
Addressing journalists during the unveiling of the project in Hai District of Kilimanjaro Region, Tigo Tanzania Northern Zone Director, Henry Kinabo said the telecommunications company is sponsoring the tree planting campaign to protect the Africa's highest mountain. "We felt that there is need to do more in the Kilimanjaro Region by planting trees," said Kinabo whose company also sponsors Kilimanjaro Marathon annual event.

"Planting trees will help with the restoration of the snow on Mount Kilimanjaro that we have notably seen decreasing for the past several years

due to global warming. It is also unfortunate that residence of the area have been cutting down these trees for firewood, illegal logging and forest fires," he said.

He said the telco is ambitious to help in restoring what has been taken away from the iconic mountain which several decades back had a massive glacier at the peak. "That is why we came up with the 'Tigo Green for Kili' project," he explained

Speaking at the event, Chairman of the Maiputa Ward in Hai, Benson Ndosi applauded the telco for coming up with a noble project to conserve Africa's rooftop. "We are looking forward to the afforestation of the whole Kilimanjaro Region, as we kick off this project," Ndosi said adding that the move is a major step towards reaching a target of making the region greener for future generations. "I urge all stakeholders to join forces



Stanbic Bank Tanzania's head of private and business banking, Omari Mtiga (L), presents a dummy cheque for 10m/- to Vijana Think Tank chairman William Mshery being a donation in support of the not for profit organization at a ceremony held in Dar es Salaam last week. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

and donate a tree seedlings, so that the great Mount Kilimanjaro can continue to maintain its snow cap," he pleaded.

Meanwhile, Tigo in partnership with Samsung Electronics unveil Galaxy S21 fifth generation (5G) series smartphones which included Samsung Galaxy S21, Samsung Galaxy S21+ and Samsung Galaxy S21 Ultra in the local market.

The partnership is part of the telco's strategy to drive usage of fourth genera-

tion (4G) technology in the country. Tigo's Device Manager, Mkumbo Myonga said during the launch that its the first time that the smartphones are introduced in the local market.

"This is an illustration of the confidence that our partners have in Tigo's extensive distribution channels, wide 4G network and a brilliant customer care team," Myonga said adding that the telco's goal is to promote digital lifestyle in Tanzania.

In remarks at the launch, Samsung Tanzania Country Manager, Suleiman Mohamed said the new Galaxy S21 5G series builds on its impressive legacy to offer a premium flagship experience that makes everyday epic.

"For customers who demand the finest flagship mobile experience, with pro-grade camera innovations and top of the line experience at various price points, Galaxy S21 and Galaxy S21+ deliver in categories most people want," Mohamed said. The smartphones are retailing at between 2.2m/- and 3.4m/- each.

COMMEMORATION

Total fetes clients to mark Valentine's Day

By Francis Kajubi

TO mark this year's Valentine's Day and reward its loyal clients, Total Tanzania Limited will reduce prices of products from its food and beverage shops till end this month.

Launching the Valentine Day special offer at its East Oyster Bay service station in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Jane Mwita, Total's Beverage and Food Services Manager, Jane Mwita said the discount is mainly for chocolates that will now sell at 2,800/- from 4,000/- a piece.

"The discount for chocolate is mainly targeting Valentine Day so that loved ones can buy each other as gifts to show appreciation and admiration," Mwita said saying the offer is available whilst stocks last.

She said the company is geared up to embody its business to business and business to customers approaches in bringing them more closer to clients because Total believes and acknowledge their importance as partners who back its business.

"We are truly grateful for their genuine support and trust in us and welcome their

opinions and feedback on our services so that we can serve them better," Mwita said adding that since the company's started operations in Tanzania in 1969, its business has been focused on marketing, supply and service of petroleum products, heavy furnace oil and lubricants.

According to her, the energy giant has extended its expertise in offering reliable, secure and convenient services and products through its Total Card system for lubricants purchase, excellent fuels and car service at all service station. As part of its diversification, through Total Access to Solar (TATS) project, it supports the distribution of solar lamps across the county.

"Every day, Total marketing serves more than eight million customers in its network of over 15,600 service stations in 71 countries across the globe. As the world's fourth largest distributor of lubricants and the leading distributor of petroleum products in Africa, Total Marketing Services has production sites all over the world," the Beverages and Food Services Manager, added.



Total Tanzania's beverages and food services manager, Jane Mwita (L), presents a flower to a client as part of Valentine Day's celebration at Oyster Bay service station in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

COMPETITION

Kenya, Uganda renew milk export dispute as ties sour

NAIROBI

KENYA and Uganda trade relations are on the verge of straining once again with Kampala accusing Nairobi of stopping its milk from accessing the country, and threatening to drag the matter to the East African Court of Justice.

Uganda's State Minister for East African Affairs Julius Maganda said his country is not ruling out taking Kenya to the regional court over continued trade blockade of many of its farm products. Kenya has in the last one year had trade related tensions with its landlocked neighbour, especially on milk products, which saw the Nairobi confiscate hundreds of tonnes of Lato milk from Uganda in 2020.

"We have requested for the Attorney-General to put the matter to the community's business council as we wait for what will come out of the summit scheduled for February 26 and 26, but if all the options fail, we are considering going to court," Mr Maganda was quoted by Uganda's media.

The Ugandan Parliament has also raised the matter saying Kenya has blocked their products over the last three years, pointing out that it is unfair, yet it (Uganda) acts as a 'supermarket' for Kenyan made goods. Uganda's Speaker Rebecca Kadaga urged Ugandan dairy sector stakeholders to consider legal action, if diplomatic channels fail.

"I am concerned about the inability to exercise the principle of reciprocity; the Ugandan government has been slow on acting yet farmers are suffering and there is nothing they are doing about their suffering," Ms Kadaga is quoted by the media.

This comes at a time when Agriculture Cabinet Secretary Peter Munya has announced tighter measures to control the imports of milk coming in from Uganda. Mr Munya said he had put on notice unscrupulous traders who are illegally importing dairy products through the porous border points near Lodwar, Kacheliba and Ororo and others who are trading with illegal imports in Mombasa and Eastleigh.

The CS said the current good prices of milk that farmers are enjoying is a result of control of cheap imports into the country. Kenyan farmers last year raised concern over the influx of cheap Ugandan milk in the country, which saw the price of a litre of milk drop to a low of Sh19. The prices have so far rebounded with the same quantity going for over Sh35.



Workers arrange cartons of suspected counterfeit Lato milk products nabbed by the police in Kisumu on January 17, 2020.

BREAKTHROUGH

UK's top court rules Nigerian farmers and fishermen can sue Shell over oil spills

LONDON

THE UK's highest court has given permission for a group of 42,500 Nigerian farmers and fishermen to sue Royal Dutch Shell following years of oil spills. Senior judges at London's Supreme Court ruled on Friday that UK-based Shell, one of the world's biggest energy companies, can be sued over spills in the Niger Delta that contaminated land and groundwater.

The court ruled the firm had a common law duty of care, in the latest case to test whether multinationals can be held to account for the acts of overseas subsidiaries. The ruling comes almost two years after a seminal ruling by the Supreme Court in a case involving mining company Vedanta.

The judgment allowed nearly 2,000 Zambian villagers to sue Vedanta in England for alleged pollution in Africa. That move was seen as a victory for rural communities seeking to hold parent companies accountable for environmental disasters. Vedanta settled out of court in January.

Nigeria's Ogale and Bille communities said their lives and health suffered because repeated oil spills contaminated the land, swamps, groundwater and waterways, and that there has been no adequate cleaning or remediation.

Represented by law firm Leigh Day, they argued that Shell owed them a duty of care because it had significant control of, or was responsible for, its subsidiary SPDC. Shell countered that the court had no jurisdiction to try the claims.

The ruling "represents a watershed moment in the accountability of multinational companies," Daniel Leader, a partner at Leigh Day, said. "Increasingly, impoverished communities are seeking to hold powerful corporate actors to account and this judgment will significantly increase their ability to do so."

SPDC is the operator of oil pipelines in a joint venture between the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation which holds a 55 per cent stake, Shell which holds 30 per cent, France's Total with 10 per cent, and Italy's Eni with 5 per cent. Shell has blamed sabotage for the oil spills.

CHARITY

Bank donates more iron sheets to Babati District public schools

By Guardian Reporter

IN support of government efforts to improve the learning environment in public schools in the country, NMB Bank Plc has donated 950 pieces of corrugated iron sheets worth 28.1m/- to six secondary schools in Babati District of Manyara Region.

The bank's Central Zone Manager, Nsolo Mlozi said during a handover ceremony last week that there is need for stakeholders to back state efforts to increase classrooms so that all form one students should be in schools before the end of this month.

"As a bank which understands the importance of education, we are duty bound to support state investments in the sector," Mlozi told Manyara Regional Commissioner, Joseph Mkirikiti who received the donation.

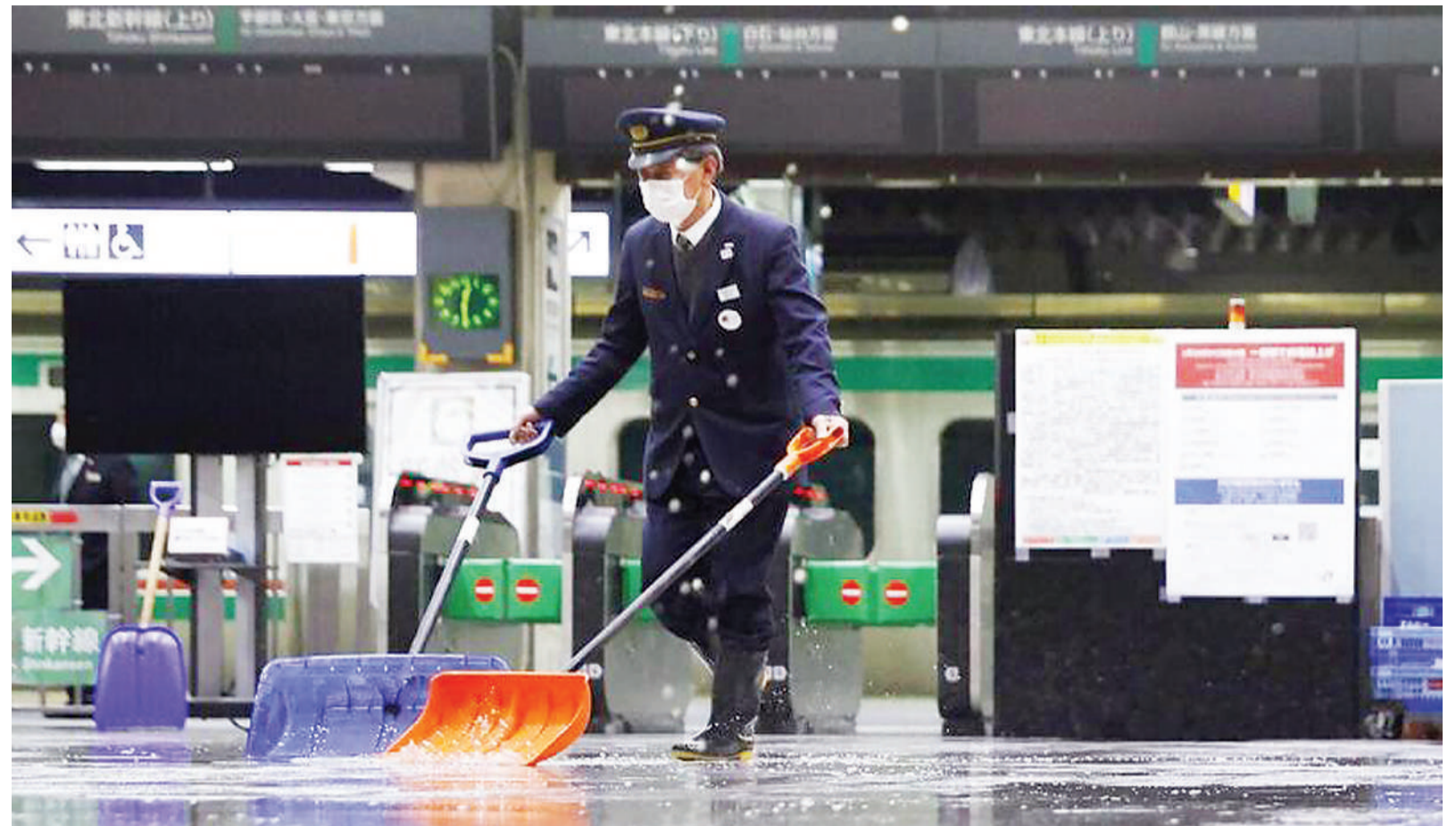
He said although the government has been allocating a lot of resour-

ces to improve public schools, more children are enrolling because of the free primary and secondary education policies hence overstretching available facilities.

"We hope that with this donation, more classrooms will be constructed to make sure that all form one students get in school before end this month," Mlozi noted while unveiling that the six schools are Aytsea, Galapo, Madunga, Magugu, Nar and Qash Secondary Schools.

Speaking at the event, Babati Rural's District Executive Director, John Nchimbi paid tribute to NMB's leadership saying that Dar es Salaam based lender has been a very good partner of the district and its residents.

"This donation gives up relief because it will speed up construction work of new classrooms but also benefit the majority of ordinary people's families," Nchimbi said saying the donation also contributes towards government's plans to im-



A worker scoops out water inside Fukushima station in Fukushima, northeastern Japan yesterday following an earthquake on Feb 13. (AP)

prove public schools in the country.

He further noted that some 503 students who were supposed to join form one last month but are still at home are now assured to getting to class this month as 13 classrooms needed to ac-

commodate them will be completed.

Manyara RC, Mkirikiti also thanked NMB Bank for the donation while urging school committees to ensure that the quality of buildings is not compromised by hiring qualified masonry people.

"NMB has assisted the government a lot because this donation means that our budget has been saved for other purposes," he said while counselling Manyara residents to use the bank's products and services.

PROMOTION

GSM slashes prices to lure furniture clients

By Correspondent Theresia Victor

CUSTOMERS looking for high quality but affordable furniture can now flock to GSM Group's malls across the country following a price reduction announced last week.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam during the launching of 'GSM Home Gulio Extra 2021' campaign, GSM Tanzania's acting Communication and Marketing Manager, Smart Deus said the aim is to reach more customers in the market.

"2021 will be a prosperous year because we will be bringing many quality, affordable and reliable products in order to keep consumers satisfied," Deus said. He further noted that the campaign will enable customers to get a variety of items at affordable prices.

"GSM has been a notable brand name in the market with distribution of quality products to improve consumers' tastes and fashion," he said adding that the offer will end on 28 February. "We will be offering our product at throw away price so we invite traders and individuals to seize the opportunity and come buy quality products," he added. "Our goal is to ensure that we continue to be suppliers and service providers of choice to Tanzanians," he boasted.

He further added that it is GSM's responsibility to ensure that customers are happy and pleased with



Customers admire utensils on display at GSM Mall in Dar es Salaam.

goods that they buy from the group which is also offers other home ap-

pliances and electronic products. GSM Group through one of its subsidiaries, GSM Home has invested heavily in shopping malls around the coun-

try while employing thousands of Tanzanians from all walks of life.

TECH SAVVY

MTN Group drives future-fit workforce solution to match rapid digital change

JOHANNESBURG

MTN Group has unveiled its new Employee Value Proposition (EVP) entitled "Live Inspired" to drive agility, flexibility and future fit skills for its workforce.

Learning the lessons of the challenges brought about by COVID-19, MTN has adopted a refreshed, organisation-wide approach, which involves a move away from older, conventional ways of working and into the 'new normal' with confidence and optimism.

Paul Norman, MTN Group Chief Human Resources Officer said, "For us, it's really about the power of choice, we recognise that what our staff values is motivated by choices and flexibility. It is for this reason that our EVP is designed to cater to the various personas and preferences that inspires and helps people re-

alize their true potential," says.

MTN has entrenched smart-working through principles such as anytime work, anywhere workplace and balanced work-life. Our programmes capitalize on the organic movement towards a digital-adopter mindset and flexi-workforce. "As technology moves forward and our business converges, we need to do the same with our capabilities. Having the best talent is as important as having the best network," Norman adds.

Talent convergence in line with the rapid pace of technological change is the way of the future, driving digital learning consumption growth indicating a natural shift towards upskilling and re-skilling. MTN's digital aspirations is geared towards accelerating the creation of future capabilities, empowerment and agility at scale.



Paul Norman, MTN Group's chief human resources officer.

"The EVP will support our reputation for innovation, customer-centricity and being a company that is driven by people who bring personal commitment and a range of skills and experience together for the benefit of our customers," says Norman.

He says real growth is inspired by a purpose that advances individuals and impacts on organisations and communities. We aim to enable opportunities for individuals to be innovative, acquire skills and meaningfully impact on our customers.

MTN's focus will be to create an inspiring environment for everyone to 'activate one's whole self'. This will be powered by genuine inclusion, respect for diversity, fair rewards, true recognition and personal flexibility to contribute most productively.

QUITTING

Vale takes first step towards exiting coal with US\$1 Mitsui deals

MAPUTO

BRAZIL-BASED miner Vale SA said it had taken the first step towards exiting the coal business - by firstly regaining stakes in its biggest investment in the sector. It has signed a heads of agreement with Japan-based Mitsui & Co, to acquire Mitsui's interests in the Moatize coal mine in Mozambique and 912km Nacala Logistics Corridor for US\$1 each.

Vale said after acquiring Mitsui's stakes, it would consolidate NCL entities and simplify the governance and asset management, then "begin the process of divesting its participation in the coal business" by searching for a third party interested in the assets.

It said the Mitsui transaction was in line with Vale's focus on its core businesses and ESG agenda, committed to becoming carbon neutral by 2050 and reducing 33% of its scopes 1 and 2 emissions by 2030. Mitsui had acquired a 15% stake in Moatize project and a 50% interest in NCL from Vale in 2017.

It said given Vale's decision to divest its coal business, Mitsui decided to sell its equity stake to Vale in the context of reorganisation and restructuring the asset portfolio. "Mitsui is currently reviewing the anticipated loss that will result from the transfer," it said.

It had put the investment and loan value of Moatize at \$0 and the NCL and port infrastructure project at \$500 million at September 30. Vale said it would continue to support Moatize's ramp-up and its commitment to society and stakeholders.

It said it had been implementing two initiatives at Moatize, a new mining plan expected to result in a better product mix and cost reduction, and new operational strategy for the processing plants which were expected to ramp up to a production rate of 15 million tonnes per year in the second half of 2021 and 18Mtpy in 2022. The parties expected Mitsui's exit from the assets to be completed this year.

Shares in Vale, which is capitalised about US\$90 billion, closed down 1.85% in Brazil yesterday but remain at the upper end of a one-year range.



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FORTUNE

NEW YORK

SHARES of Bumble Inc., the owner of the dating app where women make the first move, soared 67% in its trading debut to \$72 at 1:03 p.m. in New York, valuing Chief Executive Officer Whitney Wolfe Herd's stake at \$1.5 billion.

The listing caps a saga that's both inspiration and cautionary tale for women tech founders. Wolfe Herd capitalised on an underserved market and built a multibillion-dollar company that was in a sense born from one of the most vexing obstacles to women entrepreneurs: sexual harassment.

"Hopefully this will not be a rare headline," Wolfe Herd said Thursday in an interview with Bloomberg Television, referring to the uniqueness of Bumble's women-led management. "Hopefully this will be the norm. It's the right thing to do, it's a priority for us and it should be a priority for everyone else."

Bumble's IPO launches Wolfe Herd into a rarefied club of self-made female billionaires. While women make up about half of the global population, self-made women – mostly from Asia – account for less than 5% of the world's 500 biggest fortunes, according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index. Self-made men comprise almost two-thirds of the wealth index.

Of the 559 companies that have gone public in the US over the past 12 months, only two, aside from Bumble, were founded by women. It's the same with blank-check firms, Wall Street's favoured wealth-boosting vehicle of the moment. Women-sponsored SPACs totaled fewer than a dozen, a fraction of the 349 that listed in the past year.

That means women are largely being left behind in what's likely the fastest wealth-creation boom in history. Last year the world's 500 richest people gained \$1.8 trillion, yet 91% of that windfall went to men, according to the Bloomberg index.

"This is a huge win," said Allyson Kapin, general partner at investment firm W Fund and founder of the Women Who Tech network. "Whitney saw an opportunity that wasn't being addressed for women and based on her expertise she's made it into this gold mine, not

Bumble's 31-year-old CEO becomes a rare female billionaire

just for her and her team but also her investors."

Among the numerous impediments to women and other underrepresented groups in the start-up world, including people of colour, harassment is one of the most pervasive. A Women Who Tech survey last year found that 44% of female founders polled reported they'd experienced harassment on the job, with more than a third of that group facing sexual harassment.

It was harassment in fact that spurred the creation of Bumble. Wolfe Herd founded the Austin, Texas-based company in 2014 following her departure from Tinder, the rival dating app she helped found.

The split was acrimonious, marked by a sexual harassment lawsuit Wolfe Herd filed against the company, alleging among other things that she was repeatedly called derogatory names by executives and stripped of her co-founder role since having a "girl" with that title "makes the company seem like a joke." The suit was later settled.

A monitor displays Whitney Wolfe Herd, chief executive officer of Bumble Inc., ringing the opening bell during Bumble Inc.'s initial public offering (IPO) in front of the Nasdaq MarketSite in New York, US, on Thursday, February 11, 2021. Bumble



Bumble CEO Whitney Wolfe Herd.

Inc., the dating app where women make the first move, is targeting to raise as much as \$1.8 billion from its US initial public offering after boosting the size of the deal. Formative experience

The experience was formative. She initially wanted to create a female-only social network for women to send each other compliments but ended up focusing on match-making on the advice of Russian tech billionaire Andrey Andreev, the founder of dating app Badoo. With Andreev's backing, Wolfe Herd created Bumble as a service "by women, for women," touting it as a place where women were empowered and harassment was rigorously policed. It's become the second-most popular dating app in the US with the help of advertisements bearing tag lines such as: "Be the CEO your parents always wanted you to marry."

Wolfe Herd took over from Andreev when Blackstone Group Inc. bought a majority stake in Bumble's owner at a valuation of about \$3 billion last year.

As part of the deal, Wolfe Herd received about \$125 million in cash

and a \$119 million loan that she's since repaid in full. "I felt very comfortable handing the baton to Whitney," Andreev said in an email. "She has proved to be very insightful and innovative in the dating space."

Key obstacle Wolfe Herd's partnership with Andreev helped her surmount a key obstacle to women-led, women-focused startups: funding. Less than 3% of venture capital dollars go to startups founded by women, according to Pitchbook data, a figure that's barely budged over the past decade.

The tendency of venture capitalists to fund what they know and who's in their network sustains the gap. And that's despite evidence suggesting women-led startups actually produce better returns than those founded by men.

Studies by the Kauffman Foundation, MassChallenge and BCG found that female-founded companies generated more revenue and were significantly more capital efficient. "This isn't about charity, it's about making a ton of money," said Women Who Tech's Kapin.



ISIDINGO MONDAY - FRIDAY STARTING 7:30 PM

RADIO ONE PROGRAMME SCHEDULE



SATURDAY PROGRAMME

TIME	PROGRAMME
05.00 AM	HALI YA HEWA / KUMEPAMBAZUKA
06.00 AM	AMKA NA BBC
06.30 AM	NIPASHE
06.50 AM	COMMERCIALS
07.00 AM	NEWS BULLETIN
07.15 AM	NEWSPAPERS REVIEW
07.30 AM	KUMEPAMBAZUKA KISWAHILI
09.00 AM	WATOTO SHOW
10.00 AM	NEWS BRIEF
10.03 AM	DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS
10.15 AM	MIWANI YA MAISHA
11.00 AM	MTAA WA MAGOMA
13.00 HRS	NEWS BULLETIN
13.10 HRS	DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS
13.30 HRS	CHAGUO LAKO
15.00 HRS	MUZIKI NA MICHEZO
16.00 HRS	NEWS BRIEF
16.03 HRS	DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS
16.15 HRS	MIDUNDO MOTOMOTO
18.00 HRS	BONGO TEN
19.30 HRS	SPOTI LEO
20.00 HRS	NEWS BULLETIN
20.15 HRS	CHEMSHA BONGO
21.00 HRS	NEWS BRIEF
21.03 HRS	WEEK END SHOW I
22.00 HRS	NEWS BULLETIN (24 HRS)
22.15 HRS	WEEK END SHOW II
23.00 HRS	NEWS BRIEF
23.03 HRS	WEEK END SHOW III
01:00-05:00HRS	MUZIKI MCHANGANYIKO

FAHARI YA MSIKILIZAJI // THE LISTENERS PRIDE



SATURDAY	
07:30-10:00HRS	DK 90 DUNIANI
10:00-11:00HRS	KADOGOO
11:00-13:00HRS	BONGO HITS
13:00-14:00HRS	DW RADIO
14:00-16:00HRS	ZAIDI YA UMJUAVYO
16:00-18:00HRS	ALIYEVUMA
18:00-21:00HRS	BUZUKI TIME
21:00-22:00HRS	SPOTI
22:00-00:00HRS	ALIYEVUMA(marudio)
00:00-01:00HRS	HALI HALIS(marudio)
01:00-05:00HRS	DAKIKI 90(marudio)
05:00-07:00HRS	ZAIDI YA UMJUAVYO(marudio)

ITV PGM SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 30 Jan

5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00	HABARI
6:40	Kumekucha
7:00	Habari
8:00	Al Jazeera
9:00	Watoto wetu
10:00	Shika Bamba 5
10:30	Mjue Zaidi rpt
11:15	Chetu ni chetu rpt
12:15	Korean drama rpt: Hwarang
13:45	Telenovela rpt: (Piel Salvaje) Wild Skin
16:00	Igizo rpt: Mizengwe
16:20	Igizo: Mtego
17:00	Shamsham za Pwani
18:00	Jiji Letu
18:15	Korean drama: Hwarang
19:00	Jungu Kuu
19:30	Shika Bamba
20:00	Habari
21:00	Art and lifestyle
21:30	ITV TOP 10
22:10	Isidingo rpt
00:30	DWTV

SUNDAY 31 Jan

5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00	HABARI
6:40	Kumekucha
7:00	Habari
8:00	Al Jazeera
09:00	Watoto Wetu
10:00	Isidingo rpt
11:40	Mjue zaidi
12:35	Movie: Wajanja wa Mjini rpt
14:00	Tamasha la michozo
15:30	Mwangaza
16:30	ITV Top 10
17:30	Kipindi cha kikristo
18:00	Jiji Letu
18:15	Mapishi
18:30	Matukio ya wiki
19:30	Igizo: Mtego
20:00	Habari
21:00	Kipindi maalum: Biko
21:05	Mizengwe
21:30	Mjue Zaidi
22:14	Bongo Movie: Kivuli
00:05	Telenovela rpt: (Piel Salvaje) Wild Skin

MONDAY 1 Feb

5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00	HABARI
6:40	Kumekucha
7:30	HABARI
8:00	Kumekucha Michezo
8:55	Habari za saa
9:00	Kumekucha Kishindo
9:30	Isidingo
9:55	Habari za saa
10:00	Kumekucha Kishindo
10:30	Uchumi na biashara rpt
10:55	Habari za saa
11:00	The Base rpt
11:55	Habari za saa
12:00	Al Jazeera
12:30	Mtego rpt
12:55	Habari za saa
13:00	Mjue Zaidi
13:45	Art and Lifestyle rpt
13:55	Habari za saa
14:10	Telenovela rpt: (Piel Salvaje) Wild Skin
14:55	Habari za saa
15:00	Meza huru
16:30	Watoto Wetu
17:00	The Base
18:00	Jiji Letu
18:15	Korean drama rpt: Hwarang
19:00	Ijue Sheria
19:30	Isidingo
20:00	Habari
21:00	Kipindi Maalum: Tanesco
21:30	Kipindi Maalum: Ripoti Maalum
22:15	Telenovela rpt: (Piel Salvaje) Wild Skin

TUESDAY 2 Feb

5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00	HABARI
6:40	Kumekucha
7:30	HABARI
8:00	Kumekucha Michezo
8:55	Habari za saa
9:00	Kumekucha Kishindo
9:30	Isidingo
9:55	Habari za saa
10:00	Watoto wetu rpt
10:30	Jungu kuu rpt
10:55	Habari za saa
11:00	The Base rpt
11:55	Habari za saa
12:00	Al Jazeera
12:30	Afya ya jamii
12:55	Habari za saa
13:00	DWTV: Kesho leo rpt
13:30	Shika Bamba rpt
13:55	Habari za saa
14:00	Telenovela rpt: (Piel Salvaje) Wild Skin
14:55	Habari za saa
15:00	Meza huru
16:30	Watoto wetu
17:00	The Base
18:00	Jiji Letu
18:10	Yu wapi
18:15	Igizo: Mizengwe rpt
18:30	Uchumi na biashara
19:00	Jarida la wanawake
19:30	Isidingo
20:00	Habari
21:00	Tanzania yetu
21:30	Chetu ni chetu
22:15	Telenovela: (Piel Salvaje) Wild Skin

WEDNESDAY 3 Feb

5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00	HABARI
6:40	Kumekucha
7:30	HABARI
8:00	Kumekucha Michezo
8:55	Habari za saa
9:00	Kumekucha Kishindo
9:30	Isidingo
9:55	Habari za saa
10:00	Watoto Wetu rpt
10:30	Uchumi na biashara rpt
10:55	Habari za saa
11:00	The Base rpt
11:55	Habari za saa
12:00	Al Jazeera
12:30	Jarida la wanawake rpt
12:55	Habari za saa
13:00	Dakika 45 rpt
13:55	Habari za saa
14:00	Telenovela rpt: (Piel Salvaje) Wild Skin
14:55	Habari za saa
15:00	Meza huru
16:30	Watoto Wetu
17:00	The Base
18:00	Jiji Letu
18:15	Korean drama rpt: Hwarang
19:00	Ijue Sheria
19:30	Isidingo
20:00	Habari
21:00	Kipindi Maalum: Tanesco
21:30	Kipindi Maalum: Ripoti Maalum
22:15	Telenovela rpt: (Piel Salvaje) Wild Skin

THURSDAY 4 Feb

5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00	HABARI
6:40	Kumekucha
7:30	HABARI
8:00	Kumekucha Michezo
8:55	Habari za saa
9:00	Kumekucha Kishindo
9:30	Isidingo
9:55	Habari za saa
10:00	Watoto Wetu rpt
10:30	Uchumi na biashara rpt
10:55	Habari za saa
11:00	The Base
11:55	Habari za saa
12:00	Al Jazeera
12:30	Kipindi Maalum rpt: Tanesco
12:55	Habari za saa
13:00	Jagina rpt
13:30	Chetu ni chetu rpt
13:55	Habari za saa
14:15	Telenovela rpt: (Piel Salvaje) Wild Skin
15:00	Meza Huru
16:30	Watoto Wetu
17:00	The Base (DJ Show)
17:30	Kisilam
18:00	Jiji Letu
18:15	Mjue Zaidi rpt
19:00	Shamba lulu
19:30	Isidingo
20:00	Habari
21:05	Kipima Joto
23:00	The Base
00:30	Al Jazeera
02:00	DWTV

FRIDAY 5 Feb

5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00	HABARI
6:40	Kumekucha

ITV PGM SCHEDULE

THURSDAY 4 Feb

5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00	HABARI
6:40	Kumekucha
7:30	HABARI
8:00	Kumekucha Michezo
8:55	Habari za saa
9:00	Kumekucha Kishindo
9:30	Isidingo
9:55	Habari za saa
10:00	Watoto Wetu
10:30	Shamba lulu rpt
10:55	Habari za saa
11:00	The Base rpt
11:55	Habari za saa
12:00	Al Jazeera
12:30	Ijue sheria rpt
12:55	Habari za saa
13:00	Ripoti Maalum rpt
13:30	Tanzania yetu
13:55	Habari za saa
14:15	Telenovela rpt: (Piel Salvaje) Wild Skin
14:55	Habari za saa
15:00	Meza huru
16:30	Watoto Wetu
17:00	The Base
18:00	Jiji Letu
18:15	Mapishi rpt
18:30	Jagina
19:00	Usafiri wako
19:30	Isidingo
20:00	Habari
21:00	Malumbano ya hoja
23:00	Habari
23:30	The Base
00:30	Al Jazeera
02:00	DWTV

FRIDAY 5 Feb

5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00	HABARI
6:40	Kumekucha
7:30	HABARI
8:00	Kumekucha Michezo
8:55	Habari za saa
9:00	Kumekucha Kishindo
9:30	Isidingo
9:55	Habari za saa
10:00	Watoto Wetu
10:30	Uchumi na biashara rpt
10:55	Habari za saa
11:00	The Base
11:55	Habari za saa
12:00	Al Jazeera
12:30	Kipindi Maalum rpt: Tanesco
12:55	Habari za saa
13:00	Jagina rpt
13:30	Chetu ni chetu rpt
13:55	Habari za saa
14:15	Telenovela rpt: (Piel Salvaje) Wild Skin
15:00	Meza Huru
16:30	Watoto Wetu
17:00	The Base (DJ Show)
17:30	Kisilam
18:00	Jiji Letu
18:15	Mjue Zaidi rpt
19:00	Shamba lulu
19:30	Isidingo
20:00	Habari
21:05	Kipima Joto
23:00	The Base
00:30	Al Jazeera
02:00	DWTV

SATURDAY 6 Feb

5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00	HABARI
6:40	Kumekucha

ITV PGM SCHEDULE

SUNDAY 7 Feb

5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00	HABARI
6:40	Kumekucha
7:00	Habari
8:00	Al Jazeera
09:00	Watoto Wetu
10:00	Isidingo
11:40	Igizo: Mizengwe rpt
12:00	Movie rpt: Kivuli
14:00	Tamasha la Michezo
15:30	Mwangaza
16:30	ITV Top 10
17:30	Kipindi cha kikristo
18:00	Jiji Letu
18:15	Mapishi
18:30	Matukio ya wiki
19:30	Igizo: Mtego
20:00	Habari
21:00	Kipindi maalum: Biko
21:05	Mizengwe
21:30	Mjue Zaidi
22:14	Bongo Movie: Pumba
00:05	Telenovela rpt: (Piel Salvaje) Wild Skin

CAPITAL

Sat 30 Jan

08:00	Al Jazeera
09:00	Rev rpt
09:30	Turning the Spotlight rpt
10:00	Culinary delight rpt
10:30	Innovation rpt
11:00	Out n'about rpt
11:30	Sports Gazette rpt
12:00	Shamba Lulu rpt
12:30	Eco@Africa rpt
13:00	Business edition rpt
13:30	Korean Drama rpt: The slave hunter
14:30	Telenovela rpt: Lover her to death
17:15	Tanzania Yetu rpt
17:45	Bundesliga kick off
18:15	Capchat rpt

WORLD

With Trump impeachment trial over, wary Washington seeks to move forward

WASHINGTON

FORMER President Donald Trump's acquittal on charges of inciting a deadly attack on the U.S. Capitol left Democrats and Republicans deeply divided yesterday even as Washington seeks to move on with Democratic President Joe Biden's political agenda.

The Senate trial concluded on Saturday with a 57-43 vote in favor of convicting the Republican former president, falling short of the two-thirds majority needed to do so. Seven Republicans joined the Senate's 48 Democrats and two independents in favor of conviction.

The trial has left lawmakers and the country they represent in a continued state of political discord. The Capitol building and the White House both remain barricaded from the public.

Biden appealed for unity to "heal this uncivil war and heal the very soul of our

nation," saying each American had a duty and a responsibility to defend the truth.

"This sad chapter in our history has reminded us that democracy is fragile. That it must always be defended. That we must be ever vigilant. That violence and extremism has no place in America," he said in a statement. "That is the task ahead. And it's a task we must undertake together. As the United States of America."

Trump, while lauding the acquittal, called the impeachment effort a further "witch hunt." Democratic Speaker of the House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi called Republicans who did not support conviction "cowardly."

Biden, who took office on Jan. 20, has called for unity after the Jan. 6 riot by Trump supporters that left five people dead and forced lawmakers to evacuate congressional chambers in fear for their safety in the middle of the certification



Donald Trump

process of the November election results.

The end of the trial could make room for momentum on Biden's priorities. The Democrat is eager to pass a \$1.9 trillion pandemic relief bill and get the remaining nominees for his Cabinet confirmed by the Senate. But lawmakers' disagreements over the proceedings are likely to linger.

"Tragically, Senate Republicans who voted not to convict chose to abandon the Constitution, the country and the American people with this vote," Pelosi said.

Republican Senators Richard Burr, Bill Cassidy, Susan Collins, Lisa Murkowski, Mitt Romney, Ben Sasse, and Pat Toomey voted to convict.

"I'm sure that there are many Alaskans that are very dissatisfied with my vote, but I'm sure there are many Alaskans that are proud of my vote,"

Murkowski told Politico after the trial. Murkowski is the only one of the seven who is up for re-election in 2022. The other six either are retiring from Congress or their six-year terms do not expire in 2022.

Trump has repeatedly threatened to go after Republicans who do not support him by endorsing opponents in their primary elections. On Saturday he indicated he was thinking about his own political future without divulging details.

"In the months ahead I have much to share with you, and I look forward to continuing our incredible journey together to achieve American greatness for all of our people," he said in a statement.

Trump is the only president in U.S. history to be impeached twice.

Agencies

Huawei CEO: We won't give up the ideal of globalisation

SHENZHEN

HUAWEI'S CEO Ren Zhengfei has pledged to stick to a globalization strategy despite external pressure. He has called on the new US administration to come up with more open policies that are in the interests of US companies and the US economy as a whole.

These are the first public remarks the founder of Huawei has made since the change of the US administration. Ren was speaking during a press briefing in Taiyuan, the capital city of China's northern Shanxi province, after launching the Intelligent Mining Innovation Lab.

"Trade benefits both sides. Allowing US companies to supply goods to Chinese customers is conducive to their own financial performance. If Huawei's production capacity expands, US companies could sell more. It's a win-win situation. I believe the new administration will weigh these

interests as they consider their policies," said Ren.

Ren stated that Huawei creates value to the whole ecosystem and wider economy. He cited the example that Huawei has built 5G networks in many cities in Europe, Asia and Middle East, and its networks in Europe top global network performance tests, benefiting all the users on those networks. "The fact high-end users can use the iPhone 12 to its fullest effect on our 5G networks in Europe is a testament to the quality of our networks," said Ren.

"As humanity keeps making progress, no company can develop a globalized industry alone. It requires concerted efforts around the world," Ren added.

The United States government has been campaigning against Huawei in the past two years alleging Huawei's equipment could be used to spy on Americans, without presenting any evidence. Huawei has



repeatedly denied the claims, and few other countries have given in to US pressure, with most focusing on ensuring all vendors meet technical standards to security.

Ren said he is now even more confident about Huawei's survival than he was. "We have found new and more ways to overcome our challenges. Our sales revenue and profits in 2020 were higher than the previous years," Ren told journalists.

Enabling digital transformation for industries

Ren said new strategies include research and development and growing deeper roots in vertical industries around the world to enable the digital transformation with its Huawei's core ICT capabilities. Ren said the Intelligent Mining Innovation Lab would result in better services for mines with 5G.

"By supporting the mining industry, we can grow our

business and support more efficient and safer production in mines. We can also enable coal mine workers to 'wear suits and ties' at work" Ren said. "In the 5G era, connecting businesses is the main goal. There are many industries that we are not too familiar with, like airports, ports, coal mining, iron and steel production, automotive manufacturing, and aircraft manufacturing. That's why we built joint labs to learn more about the needs of these industries."

Huawei's business results for the first nine months of the year 2020 showed that, revenue totaled 671.3 billion yuan (\$98.57 billion), up 9.9% from that of the same period in 2019.

"We'll continue serving our customers well by creating more value for them. We want them to have lasting faith in us, and we hope that they won't sway because of political pressure," concluded Ren.

Agencies

Tens of thousands protest Myanmar coup after night of fear, security patrols

TENS of thousands of protesters took to the streets in Myanmar's major cities for a ninth day of anti-coup demonstrations yesterday, after a fearful night as residents formed patrols and the army rolled back laws protecting freedoms.

Engineering students marched through downtown Yangon, the biggest city, wearing white and carrying placards demanding the release of former leader Aung San Suu Kyi, who has been in detention since Myanmar's military

overthrew her elected government on Feb. 1.

Part of the biggest street protests in more than a decade, a fleet of highway buses rolled slowly through the city, honking their horns in protest.

A convoy on motorbikes and in cars drove through the capital Naypyitaw. In the southeastern coastal town of Dawei, a band played drums in shadows cast by awnings as crowds marched under the hot sun. In Waimaw, in the far northern Kachin state on the

banks of the Irrawaddy River, crowds carried flags and sang revolutionary songs.

Many of the protesters nationwide held up images of Suu Kyi's face.

Her detention, on charges of importing walkie-talkies, is due to expire on Monday. Her lawyer, Khin Maung Zaw, could not be reached for comment on what was set to happen.

More than 384 people have been detained since the coup, the monitoring group Assistance Association for Political

Prisoners said, in a wave of mostly nightly arrests.

"While the international community is condemning the coup, Min Aung Hlaing is using every tool he has to instigate fears and instabilities," activist Wai Hnin Pwint Thon from the UK-based rights group Burma Campaign UK said on Twitter, referring to the army chief.

'STOP KIDNAPPING PEOPLE'

Many protesters in Yangon carried signs calling to au-

thorities to "stop kidnapping people at night".

Residents banded together late on Saturday to patrol streets in Yangon and the country's second-largest city Mandalay, fearing arrest raids as well as common crime after the junta ordered the release of thousands of prisoners.

In different neighbourhoods, groups of mostly young men banged on pots and pans to sound the alarm as they chased down what they believed to be suspicious characters.

Agencies

UNHCR: Massive funding gap for refugees in Ethiopia

ADDIS ABABA

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has said it only received 7 percent of the US\$323.1 million it needs to provide for internally displaced persons (IDPs) and refugees in Ethiopia.

The UNHCR is working to meet the needs of refugees and IDPs despite the funding gap and incidence of armed conflicts in some of the areas it operates, the refugee agency said in its monthly fact sheet on Saturday.

It is engaged in the training of health personnel and the distribution of personal protective equipment (PPE) and essential medicines and materials to strengthen health services in refugee camps in Ethiopia, the UNHCR said.

The UNHCR is also supporting the inter-agency COVID-19 response to the IDP situation by providing PPE and sanitation materials, equipping isolation and quarantine centers and providing community sensitization, it said.

Ethiopia's confirmed COVID-19 cases reached 145,704 on Saturday, the Ministry of Health said.

Ethiopia is the third largest refugee-hosting country in Africa, sheltering 801,349 registered refugees and asylum-seekers, mostly from South Sudan, Somalia, Eritrea and Sudan, as of Jan 31, 2021.

The country also has several million IDPs, including 2.2 million who were forced to flee the conflict that broke out last November in the northern Tigray regional state.



An Ethiopian refugee who fled the Tigray conflict holds her child at the Um Raquba refugee camp in Sudan's eastern Gedaref state, on December 5, 2020. (AFP)

Attempts to deter Russia intensify as it grows stronger, says Putin

MOSCOW

THE policy of deterring Russia is intensifying as the country grows stronger, Russian President Vladimir Putin said yesterday during a meeting with editors-in-chief of Russian media outlets.

"As soon as we began to stabilize, to get back to our feet - the policy of deterrence followed immediately," he said in a fragment of the meeting, aired by the Rossiya-24 TV channel. "And as we grew stronger, this policy of deterrence was being conducted more and more intensely," Putin added.

Putin is convinced that Russia's potential adversaries are becoming more and more irked by its successes.

"We have lots of achievements. And this is starting to annoy them," the Russian leader said, speaking about Russia's opponents and potential adversaries.

In his words, Russia's influence in the post-Soviet space is growing, and the West will use ambitious and power-hungry people to counter it.

"Our influence in the post-Soviet space has been growing no matter what, despite all difficulties," Putin said. "This causes concern [among Western powers]. And this is where they will try to pull us back."

Russia's adversaries use ambitious, power-hungry people to achieve their goals, the Russian leader continued.

New York police step up subway patrols after fatal stabbing incidents

NEW YORK

A total of 500 more police officers will be deployed immediately to patrol New York City's transit system both on ground and underground following four stabbing incidents within 24 hours, said New York Police Department (NYPD) Commissioner Dermot Shea on Saturday afternoon.

The separate incidents happened from Friday to early Saturday on A line subway trains or along its subway stations, leaving two people dead, said the NYPD in a press briefing. Three of the incidents appeared to be connected, and all the victims appeared to be homeless, it added. According to a report by U.S. newspaper the Daily News, which cited anonymous law enforcement sources, police have arrested a homeless suspect on Saturday, and recovered the knife believed to be used in the incidents. New York City's subway system has been one of the places where homeless people prefer to stay overnight or make a living, which is seen as a public safety issue.

Xinhua

China's Xinjiang secures prominent achievements in poverty alleviation

CHINA'S Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region has achieved remarkable progress in poverty alleviation since 2012, thanks to the high importance attached by the central government on poverty reduction, as well as its efforts made to advance relocation, education, infrastructure, affordable housing projects, drinking water safety and ecology in the region and its border areas.

The central budget's transfer payments to Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region and the Xinjiang Production and Construction Corps expanded from 263.69 billion yuan (\$40.73 billion) to 422.48 billion yuan from 2014 to 2019. The annual growth was 10.4 percent. A total of

over 2 trillion yuan has been distributed to the autonomous region, and the southern part of it enjoyed preferential support.

According to an announcement issued by the autonomous region on Nov. 14, 2020, all 3.09 million impoverished residents in Xinjiang have been lifted out of poverty. In addition, 3,666 villages and 32 counties were removed from the poverty list.

"Farming usually stopped in winter, so I barely had anything to do but to stay at home during this season before. This winter, however, I'm working at a factory near my house. I can not only make money, but also take care of my family at the same time. It's really great," said Maregul

Hapiz, a registered impoverished resident from Xinhe county, Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region.

The woman now works at a local factory that produces flexible container bags. She goes to work every day after sending her child to school in the morning. The job has significantly increased the income of her family.

As a core region of the Silk Road Economic Belt, Xinjiang enjoys geographical advantages and rich resources, which lays a solid foundation for development. Based on the actual conditions in the autonomous region, the Chinese government tailored special policies to develop industries there, taking industrial

development and employment as a critical part of the poverty alleviation efforts. The autonomous region created 450,000 new jobs each year on average, and the average annual relocation of surplus rural labor was more than 2.7 million people.

With a broad territory and a sparse population, Xinjiang saw an urgent need to enhance its infrastructure for better poverty alleviation. The central government also supports the autonomous region in developing transportation, water conservancy and power grid infrastructure projects, and remarkable achievements have been made in this regard.

As of the end of 2019, the total

operational railway mileage in the autonomous region reached 6,900 kilometers, connecting all 14 districts, prefectures and cities there. In addition, all districts, prefectures and cities is connected to expressways. Three airports were newly put into use, making the number of civil airports in the region from 16 in 2014 to 21.

A total of 77.3 billion yuan was invested by the central government in Xinjiang's water conservancy projects. Sixteen projects were listed as major projects of water saving and supply of the country, and all of them are under construction. For instance, the Altash Water Conservancy Project in the southern prefecture

of Kashgar has solved the inundation of the Yarkand River, benefiting 2.4 million residents along the river.

Since 2014, 640 million yuan has been invested to upgrade Xinjiang's power grid. Besides, the installed capacity of renewable energy in the autonomous region totaled 37.53 GW, accounting for 38.7 percent of the region's total installed capacity.

The education expenditure in Xinjiang's general public budget reached 86.29 billion yuan in 2019, up 50.37 percent from that in 2014. Schools at different levels and of different kinds are now better facilitated, and the enrollment rate at all ages is on a steady rise.

People's Daily

Italy's new prime minister, his cabinet sworn in

ROME
THE Italian government formed by newly-appointed Prime Minister Mario Draghi, who was also the former chief of the European Central Bank (ECB), was officially sworn in on Saturday.



Draghi (pictured) formally accepted the mandate on Friday evening after meeting President Sergio Mattarella. The former ECB chief had received the task on Feb. 3, following the collapse of the previous government led by Giuseppe Conte after a junior ally pulled out of the coalition.

The ceremony took place at the Quirinal presidential palace on Saturday noon. The new cabinet counts 23 ministers, comprising 15 political figures and 8 technical ones.

Some were confirmed in their offices, such as Minister of Foreign Affairs Luigi Di Maio, leader of Five Star Movement (M5S) majority party, Interior Minister Lucia Lamorgese, Health Minister Roberto Speranza, and Defense Minister Lorenzo Guerini.

Draghi also called in new figures whose roles would be crucial in the months ahead, with regard to both the fight against the coronavirus pandemic and the economic recovery.

Among them, Bank of Italy's deputy governor Daniele Franco was named as Economy and Finance Minister; senior right-wing League party official Giancarlo Giorgetti as Minister for Economic Development; and former chief executive officer of Vodafone Group Vittorio Colao as Minister for Technological Innovation and Digital Transition.

New names were also Roberto Cingolani, scientific director of the Italian Institute of Technology (IIT), appointed as Minister for Ecological Transition; statistician Enrico Giovannini as Infrastructure and Transport Minister; and former president of Italy's Constitutional Court Marta Cartabia as Justice Minister.

Next week, the cabinet will have to go before parliament for the necessary double votes of confidence in the senate and lower house, respectively.

During consultations with parties before formally accepting his mandate, Draghi received the support of all the political forces in parliament but one.

A key priority for his government will be related to the plan to allocate the 209-billion-euro (253 billion U.S. dollars) package the European Union (EU) will provide to restart the Italian economy.

A national Resilience and Recovery Plan has already been outlined by the previous government, which specified the macro-areas of intervention, and the necessary reforms to relaunch the country.

The new cabinet will have to complete the plan, eventually amending it, before submitting it to the European Commission for approval by April.

Lavrov welcomes US return to Paris Agreement in talks with Kerry

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and US Special Presidential Envoy for Climate John Kerry discussed the implementation of the Paris Agreement in a phone conversation on Saturday and agreed to promote bilateral contacts in this field, the Russian Foreign Ministry said.



"Lavrov welcomed the new US administration's intention to return to this key multilateral agreement that provides a reliable international legal basis for a long-term solution on climate," the statement says.

Both sides emphasized the need to enhance the broadest possible international cooperation on this issue, taking into consideration the environmental, economic, social and political factors along with the interests of all the nations without exception.

"The minister and special envoy agreed to promote contacts between the profile agencies of Russia and the United States in connection with the upcoming series of milestone events in preparation for the 26th UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow," the statement says.

Apart from that, Lavrov and Kerry agreed to boost bilateral cooperation at the Arctic Council, taking into consideration Russia's two-year chairmanship of that organization, the Russian Foreign Ministry said.

The conversation was requested by the US side.

Envoy: Netanyahu not bothered that Biden had not phoned him yet

JERUSALEM

ISRAELI Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is not troubled that US President Joe Biden has not phoned him yet, Israel's ambassador to Washington said on Saturday, seeking to play down the lack of direct contact so far.

There has been speculation that the Democratic president could be signaling displeasure over the close ties Netanyahu forged with former President Donald Trump, who called Netanyahu two days after his inauguration in 2017.

"The prime minister is not worried about the timing of the conversation," Ambassador Gilad Erdan told N12's Meet The Press. He said Biden had urgent matters to contend with, such as the coronavirus pandemic and its economic fallout.

On Friday, the White House denied that Biden was intentionally snubbing Netanyahu by failing to include him so far in phone calls to foreign leaders since taking office on Jan 20, saying the two leaders would speak soon.

Biden has already called numerous foreign leaders, including those from China, Mexico, Britain, India, France, Germany, Japan, South Korea and Russia.

Agencies

Pioneering spirit, hard work urged as China embraces Year of the Ox

BEIJING

- As China rings in the Year of the Ox, President Xi Jinping has urged promoting "the spirit of the ox" in pursuit of fully building a modern socialist China.

Xi, also general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, has highlighted the spirit of serving the people as willing steers, blazing new trails in development as pioneering bulls and engaging in an arduous struggle as hardworking oxen.

Xi promoted the spirit at a New Year gathering organized by the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference on Dec. 31, 2020.

"We must promote the spirit of the ox in serving the people, driving innovative development and working tirelessly. We must continue to be careful, as we were in the past, guarding against arrogance and impetuosity, and continue to fear no hardship and be enterprising, marching forward bravely on the new journey of fully building a modern socialist country, and marking the centenary of the CPC with outstanding achievements," Xi said.

Xi reiterated the spirit of the ox in his Spring Festival greetings to all Chinese on behalf of the CPC Central Committee and the State Council on Wednesday. In China, an ancient civilization nurtured by its agriculture and fertile lands, the ox has always been considered an important animal as they help farmers cultivate the



People walk on a street decorated with ox-themed statues for the Chinese Lunar New Year in Shenyang, northeast China's Liaoning Province, Feb. 1, 2021. (Xinhua)

farmlands.

"In Chinese culture, the ox is a symbol of diligence, dedication, endeavor and strength," Xi said.

Stressing the virtues of modesty and prudence, Xi called for efforts to achieve the second centenary goal and the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation, and make new and greater contributions to

the noble cause of securing peace and development for all mankind.

The ox is the second zodiac sign in the Chinese zodiac cycle, represented by 12 animals: rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, sheep, monkey, rooster, dog and pig.

The previous Year of the Ox was 2009. After an interval of 12 years, a new Year of

the Ox began this month.

Despite complicated international and domestic situations in 2020, China has made major strategic achievements in the fight against the COVID-19 epidemic, conquered serious floods and achieved positive economic growth.

The country has lifted nearly 100 million rural poor out of poverty over the past eight years, securing a decisive victory in ending absolute poverty.

These hard-won, remarkable achievements would not have been attained without the spirit of the ox, which will play a more important role in the year 2021 as China strives to achieve rural revitalization, implement a new development paradigm and deepen reform and opening up. **Xinhua**

US top court clears way for Ghosn's accused escape plotters extradition

WASHINGTON

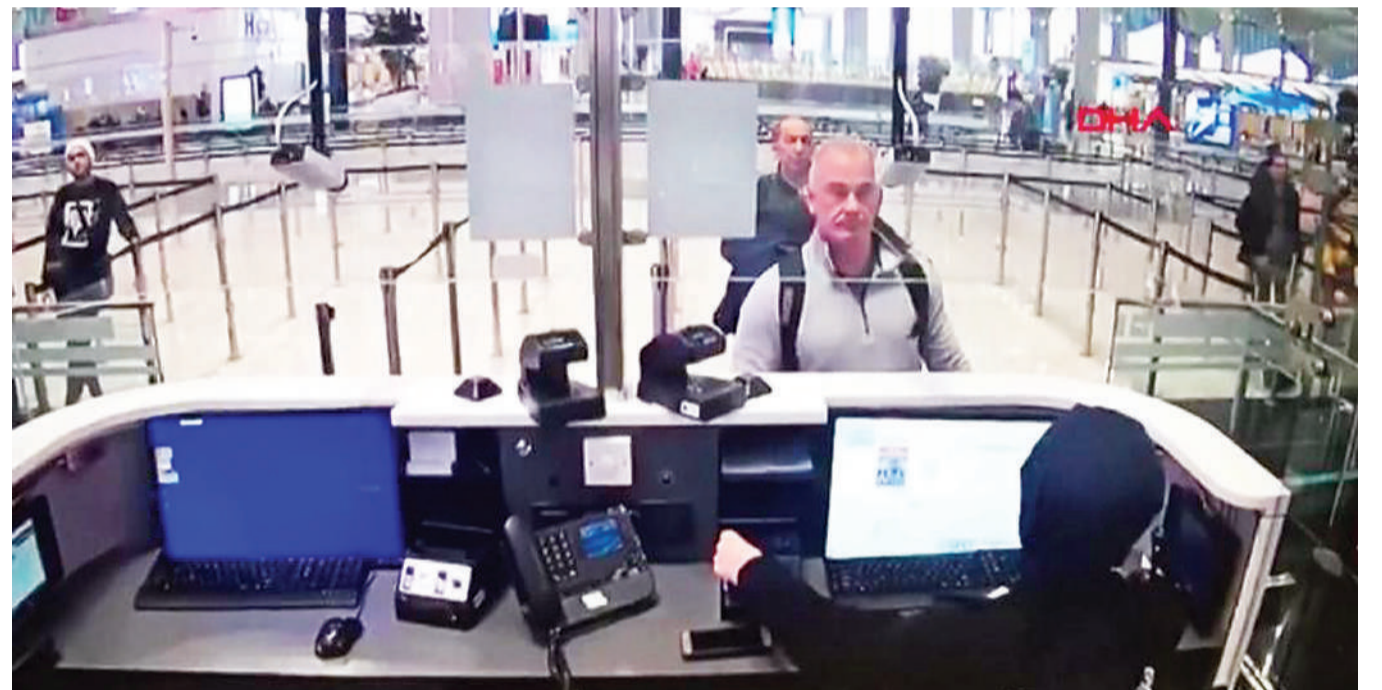
THE US Supreme Court on Saturday gave the green light for the extradition to Japan of an American father and son accused of helping former Nissan Motor Co Ltd Chairman Carlos Ghosn flee that country while awaiting trial on financial misconduct charges.

In a brief order, Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer denied an emergency request by lawyers for US Army Special Forces veteran Michael Taylor and his son, Peter Taylor, to put on hold a lower court order that cleared the way for them to be extradited.

The Taylors' lawyers in a late Thursday filing reiterated arguments that their clients could not be prosecuted in Japan for helping someone "bail jump" and that, if extradited, they faced the prospect of relentless interrogations and torture.

Lawyers for the Taylors did not immediately comment on Saturday. The Japanese Embassy in Washington did not immediately respond to a request for comment. A Justice Department spokeswoman declined to comment.

"The very least the US courts owe the petitioners is a full chance to litigate these issues, including exercising their appellate rights, before they are consigned to the fate that awaits them at the hands of the Japanese government," defense lawyers wrote. A federal appeals court in Boston had declined on Thursday to issue an order preventing the Taylors' extradition while they appealed lower-court rulings. The US State



This handout video grab image released by The Istanbul Police Department to DHA News Agency on Jan 17, 2020, shows Michael Taylor (second right) and George Antoine Zayek (center) at passport control in Istanbul Airport, two men accused of helping fugitive businessman Carlos Ghosn escape via an Istanbul airport, as he fled a corruption trial in Japan. (AFP)

Department approved their extradition in October.

The Taylors were arrested in May at Japan's request after being charged with helping Ghosn flee Japan on Dec 29, 2019, hidden in a box and on a private jet before reaching his childhood home, Lebanon, which has no extradition treaty with Japan.

Ghosn was awaiting trial on charges that he had engaged in financial wrongdoing, including by understating his compensation in Nissan's financial

statements. Ghosn denies wrongdoing.

Prosecutors said the elder Taylor, a 60-year-old private security specialist, and Peter Taylor, 27, received US\$1.3 million for their services.

The Taylors, who have been held without bail since their arrests, waged a monthslong campaign to press their case against extradition in the courts, media, State Department and White House with the aid of a collection of high-powered lawyers and lobbyists.

Their defense team included two

lawyers with ties to former President Donald Trump: Abbe Lowell, who has represented Trump's son-in-law, Jared Kushner, and Ty Cobb, a former Trump White House lawyer.

Ghosn has said he has been helping everyone who helped him. And in a court filing, he sought to support the Taylors' arguments against extradition, saying he himself had faced prolonged detention, mental torture and intimidation in Japan and that the Taylors would face "similar or worse." **Agencies**

China to implement 'forest chief' scheme nationwide to protect forest, grassland resources

CHINA has recently issued a guideline on comprehensively implementing a "forest chief" scheme across the country, stating specifications for protecting and developing forest and grassland resources.

The "forest chief" scheme is aimed at establishing a long-term responsibility system featuring the leadership of the Communist Party of China (CPC) committees, joint responsibility of Party committees and governments, localities where forests and grasslands are located being responsible for taking care of them, collaboration among different government departments, full coverage, and treatment at the source, according to the guideline issued by the general offices of the CPC Central Committee and the State Council.

It centers on responsibilities of officials of the CPC committees and governments at all levels in protecting and developing forest and grassland resources.

Principal leaders of local Party committees and governments should be appointed as "forest chiefs", which are set up at various levels ranging from provincial level to village level according to actual conditions, said the guideline.

The "forest chief" scheme highlights key and difficult tasks in the protection and development of forest and grassland resources, and guarantees the performance of duties by establishing and improving relevant systems and enhancing supervision and evaluation.

China's forest coverage rate stands at 23.04 percent, lower than the global average of 30.7 percent. The country's per capita forest area is less than one third of that of the world.

In general, the situation of relatively insufficient total amount, poor quality



Photo taken on Jan. 1 shows firemen conducting fire prevention patrol in the scenic area of the Mausoleum of Huangdi, or the Yellow Emperor, in Huangling county, northwest China's Shaanxi province. (File photo)

and vulnerable ecosystems of forest resources in China hasn't been fundamentally changed, and the lack of ecological products remains a prominent problem hindering the country's sustainable development.

It is necessary for China to establish a strict system to protect and develop its forest resources while intensifying efforts to improve ecological environment of forests and grasslands.

Since 2017, east China's Anhui province and Jiangxi province have taken the lead in implementing the "forest chief" scheme, building responsibility systems centering on the responsibilities of officials of Party committees and

governments in protecting and developing forest resources, according to Guan Zhiou, head of the National Forestry and Grassland Administration.

So far, a total of 23 provinces, autonomous regions, and municipalities in China have piloted the "forest chief" scheme, Guan added.

Nationwide implementation of the "forest chief" scheme is a prerequisite for safeguarding ecological security, said Guan, stressing that the scheme aims to strictly implement a red line supervision system for ecological protection, define clear boundaries for management and control of ecological space, and establish a new pattern

for the development and protection of national territorial space, thus laying a solid foundation for ecological security.

By establishing the scheme, various regions of the country can clarify the areas and space, responsibilities, goals and tasks for ecological conservation and restoration, and better strengthen efforts to address regional and cross-regional problems in ecological conservation and restoration, Guan noted.

Meanwhile, the implementation of the "forest chief" scheme across the country is expected to enhance local responsibilities in ecological protection, fundamentally solve such problems as inadequate efforts and ambiguous assignment of responsibilities, and provide stronger guarantee for safeguarding ecological boundaries by making sure that every mountain, forest, and tree is taken care of by designated people, according to Guan.

In addition, the National Forestry and Grassland Administration is going to formulate methods to enhance supervision and evaluation of the performance of provincial-level "general forest chiefs" in accordance with requirements made by the central government, Guan pointed out. The evaluation results of "forest chiefs" at various levels will serve as important bases for the comprehensive performance evaluation of officials of Party committees and governments, Guan said, adding that those who are found to fail to fully fulfill their duties will be held accountable.

It's expected that various government departments in all regions of the country will perform their own functions and work in collaboration with each other under the leadership of "general forest chiefs", Guan said.

People's Daily

SPORT



Mfaume Said

Dar boxer set for non-title fight

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

TANZANIA'S Super Welterweight boxer, Mfaume Ahmad Said, has gone for intensive training to prepare for a non-title fight against Koba Donati, slated for February 27 in Dar es Salaam.

The fight will be Mfaume's first this year, with the pugilist's last bout against Malawian Chikondi Makawa, which took place in Dar es Salaam on December 27 last year, ending with the former emerging victorious.

Commenting on his preparations, Mfaume said: "At the moment I am preparing for my fight which will take place on February 27, this year, I am fine and I want to see that I maintain a winning record."

Mfaume's compatriot, Haidari Mchanjo, stated after fellow boxer, Loren Japhet, had staged a no show in a fight the boxers were

set to participate in, he is now ready to fight Mukhsin Swalehe in eight-round, 57kg bout, which has been penned for the same day.

Speaking prior to participating in training at Ulongoni gym, Mchanjo said he is eager to convincingly beat Mukhsin.

"I will mercilessly torment Mukhsin, I'm way better than him," he boasted.

Francis Miyeyusho will take on Habibu Pengo in one of the day's undercards, an eight-round, 61kg bout.

Rosta will fight Mwinyi Mzengela in a six-round, 63kg bout, Baina Mazola will take on Ismail Galiatano in an eight-round, 58kg bout.

George Bonabucha will face Hashim Zuberi in six-round, 52kg bout, Beka Ustaadh will come up against Emmanuel Mwakymbe in eight-round, 52kg fight.

Lukman Ramadhani will face Mohamed Mpombo in an eight-round, 52kg bout.

Majaliwa heaps praises on Simba SC's Chief Executive Officer

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has congratulated Simba SC's Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Barbara Gonzalez, for her creativity and high-level patriotism.

Barbara's outfit sealed an agreement with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism to promote the nation through the jerseys the outfit's players wear in the CAF Champions League.

He moreover congratulated the Mainland Tanzania Premier League's defending champions, Simba, for winning their first game in the CAF Champions League's Group A tie with DR Congo's AS Vita Club, which took place in Kinshasa last weekend.

Majaliwa (pictured) made the remarks on Saturday while adjourning the Second Session of the 12th National Assembly in Dodoma.

He said Barbara has been patriotic and the official should be emulated by other teams.

Simba, led by Barbara as the team's CEO, qualified for the group stage of the CAF Champions League.

Namungo FC is another Tanzanian team participating in this season's CAF Confederation Cup, with the squad set to face Angola's Primeiro de Agosto in the showpiece's play offs.

He further said that Tanzania has continued to shine in boxing.

He congratulated domestic boxer Mfaume Said for successfully defending the East and Central Africa Professional Boxing Federation's championship in December 2020.

Majaliwa moreover issued congratulatory message to pugilist Ibrahim Mgendera for winning the World Boxing Federation (WBF) Intercontinental Lightweight Championship.

The Prime Minister also congratulated boxer Tony Rashid who successfully defended his African Boxing Union (ABU) title and boxer Shabani Hamadi, who won the WBF International Cruiserweight title at the end of January 2021.

"Boxers who have shown great potential, Hassan Mwakinyo, Twaha Kiduku and Abdallah Pazi, should also be mentioned," he said.

Simba got off to an impressive start in the continental showpiece, edging AS Vita Club I-0 in the CAF Champions League's Group A tie.

Barbara opined Simba have become a threat in the tournament, given they have set memorable feat.

"They are the first team from Tanzania to win in Nigeria, the first team from Tanzania to win a match in DR Congo, and the first team from Tanzania to win an away fixture in group stage," Barbara disclosed.



SPORTS

Taifa Stars' captain hails SBL's support, reflects on team's future after CHAN exit

By Guardian Correspondent

TANZANIA'S men's national soccer team 'Taifa Stars' skipper, John Bocco, has applauded the team's main sponsor, Serengeti Breweries Limited (SBL), for the unwavering support that the brewer has continued providing to the team even after its elimination in the preliminary stages of the 2021 African Nations Championships (CHAN).

In a wide-ranging interview, Bocco reflected on the team's current performance, reminisced on its past glory and forecast a bright future for the squad that missed sailing into the second round of CHAN finals by a whisker, bar a stroke of bad luck that put paid to its spirited efforts to beat the eventual semi-finalists, Guinea.

"We were able to qualify for CHAN in the first place, thanks to SBL's sponsorship", enthused Bocco.

He said though the team had been bundled out of CHAN quite early, SBL had provided all the necessary support that had facilitated adequate preparations and hence qualification for the championship.

Taifa Stars, who had been pooled in Group D with Zambia, Guinea and Namibia, needed to beat Guinea after losing to Zambia and beating Namibia.

They, though, watched in disbelief as the Guineans turned the tables on them, forcing a 2-2 draw after Bocco's squad had held its position with a 2-1 lead until the 70th-minute of the second half of play.

The results finally handed Stars' the nightmare of an early exit from the competition.

It is a match that football enthusiasts and pundits rightly concurred that the Tanzanian national team should have won.



Senior national soccer team 'Taifa Stars' skipper, John Bocco.

However, taking Taifa Stars' defeat on her stride, SBL's Head of Beer, Anitha Msangi, consoled the team, saying that despite the loss, the squad had put up its best as was witnessed in its win against Namibia and a brilliant show against Guinea.

"We are still proud of the team's past and current performance", Anitha said.

She noted: "It's however, our wish that the team will perform even much better in its forthcoming fixtures."

Anitha reaffirmed the brand's commitment to continue offering the requisite support as per its contractual obligations with the Tanzanian Football Federation (TFF), Tanzania's national soccer team's custodian.

Bocco cited Taifa Stars' past glory, courtesy of SBL's shot-in-the-arm, particularly singling out the team's qualification and participation in the African Cup of Nations (AFCON) Cup finals in Egypt in 2019.

"Had it not been for the much-needed leg-up by SBL that led to a string of successes culminating in a return to the prestigious continental championships after 39-years, I believe we would not have made it that far", a nostalgic Bocco said.

The skipper issued the comments alluding to the team's presence at AFCON, held in Egypt, after the side's absence in the showpiece for almost four decades.

Last year, SBL renewed its sponsorship, signing another three-year deal with TFF after the expiry of the

previous one that the duo had entered into in 2017.

Speaking on the contract renewal, SBL Managing Director, Mark Ocitti, was quoted as saying that the alcohol producer had taken into consideration the popularity of soccer in the country and the important role that sports play in the nation's socio-economic development.

With Serengeti Premium Lager strongly behind Taifa Stars, the team has every reason to perform well in the forthcoming AFCON and qualifiers for the 2022 FIFA World Cup.

An improved performance will ensure that the team equally improved on its currently not-very-impressive 135th position on FIFA rankings.

Mkwassa opens up on Taifa Stars' woes

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

WITH Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) still seeking a new head coach, who will oversee the senior national team 'Taifa Stars', the squad's former coach, Charles Mkwassa, has said the team's problem hardly lies on the coach.

The TFF announced the termination of the contract with the side's coach Etienne Ndayiragije and stated that it will announce his successor when the process reaches completion.

Former Taifa Stars' coach, Danish Kim Poulsen, is currently linked with taking over as the squad's gaffer.

Although TFF president Wallace Karia claimed Poulsen is expected to serve as a technical advisor to youth football squads, Mkwassa maintained the team's problem was not the coach.

"Stars have a lot of problems, even if they are under the tutelage of European coaches, we think they will help but in time we will see them as unfit," the former Taifa Stars' gaffer stated.

He said in order for TFF to improve the squad's performance, having more domestic players landing professional career abroad is the first solution.

"If we get 25 players playing in the best leagues across the world, we will achieve success, what I see is young people being given exposure to get to that level and not just relying on Simon Msuva and Mbwana Samatta," he added.

He noted that the national team is mostly made up of players from Simba, Yanga and Azam FC, where domestic players who get the opportunity to play on regular basis are few.

He stated: "If we invest seeking for opportunities for our players to either go for professional stints in such countries like Portugal, Belgium or study in colleges either here or in other countries, which have the best leagues, the approach would make it easier for Taifa Stars' coach to reach decision on players he needs for the national team."

"But for now no matter who comes, it will still be the same every day," he said.

Speaking on investment in youth football, Mkwassa said it was a



Former senior national soccer squad 'Taifa Stars' head coach, Charles Mkwassa.

good step taken by the country in its quest for success but the program will definitely be doomed should there be no continuity.

A few days after TFF announced termination of Ndayiragije's contract, soccer stakeholders have called on the federation to provide opportunities for Tanzanian coaches.

However, rumours are already circulating that Poulsen, a Danish national and former national junior team's coach, is close to stepping into Ndayiragije's shoes.

Former Yanga and Taifa Stars' midfielder Ally Mayai said the time has come for the TFF to trust local coaches, especially when it comes to appointing coaches for the squad ahead of its participation in the Africa Cup of

Nations (CHAN) finals. Mayai said giving locals the opportunity to coach Taifa Stars will help the coaches climb the ladder and boost the experience of participating in major competitions.

He noted: "TFF should trust local coaches, giving them the responsibility to oversee Stars, especially during the team's participation in the CHAN finals, so that the coaches can rise to the same level their foreign counterparts are in."

He disclosed Tanzania is ironically promoting foreign coaches who come to work in the country.

The federation announced the departure of Ndayiragije shortly after Taifa Stars had crashed out of the CHAN finals.

Rivalry reduced: Guardiola marches past limping Mourinho

MANCHESTER, England

IT'S not all bad news for Jose Mourinho. The Tottenham Hotspur manager can still claim to be the last coach to mastermind a win against Pep Guardiola's Manchester City, although that distinction might not have provided much consolation as Spurs headed back to London after a 3-0 defeat against the runaway Premier League leaders on Saturday.

But with Tottenham now facing a battle just to finish in the top four this season after suffering their fourth defeat in five league games, the fading memory of that 2-0 home win against City last November at least offers Mourinho the right to say he still knows how to beat the best. Sadly for Mourinho, that is what his rivalry with Guardiola has now become: a fading memory. While Guardiola wins trophies and breaks records, and then threatens to repeat it all at City, Mourinho is locked in a battle with himself to prove that he is not yesterday's man. Wins like that one last November still matter to Mourinho.

If he beats his old rival in the Carabao Cup final in April (his 1-0 win with Manchester United in October 2016 remains the last time Guardiola was knocked out of the competition), Mourinho will deserve to celebrate another trophy, but the one-time Special One doesn't come close when the biggest prizes are handed out nowadays, and the Carabao Cup might be as good as it gets.

Guardiola has won that particular trophy in each of the past three seasons. Two years ago, it was the first leg of a domestic treble and City are on course to do that again this year. They may even win the Champions League, too. And having secured a 16th successive win in all competitions with this victory against Spurs, who can seriously bet against City sweeping the board this season?

But that is the glittering road ahead: trophies and history lurking at every turn.

There was a time when Mourinho was on a similar path during his first spell at Chelsea and then Internazionale, but it is all about Guardiola now. This was the 25th meeting between the two men in all competitions for all clubs, and Guardiola has won 11 compared to Mourinho's seven, with the other seven finishing level. For Mourinho's sake, let's not talk about the trophy count.

At the Etihad on Saturday, Mourinho's team were dominated from start to finish – with the exception of the 14th minute when Harry Kane sent a free kick against the City crossbar – and the home side could have won by a greater margin.

"A fresh team against a very tired team," Mourinho said after the game. "But a team that started the game very well."

"I am very, very happy with the players' attitude. I had guys on

the pitch who played two hours a couple of days ago and they gave everything."

Mourinho at least showed ambition with his starting lineup, by boldly selecting four forwards in Kane, Erik Lamela, Son Heung-Min and Lucas Moura, but it made no difference. He and his team still had no answer to City's waves of attacks as Ilkay Gundogan once again scored twice, having hit two at Liverpool last week, after Rodri's opener from the penalty spot.

But there was never any hint of a repeat of the win at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium, when Mourinho's team went top with 20 points from nine games. They have since taken 16 points from a possible 42, dropping to eighth place in the process.

As for City, they've won 13 of 15 league games and drawn two since losing at Spurs. Back then, they were as low as 11th, but they now sit top, seven points clear of second-placed Leicester City, with a game in hand on Brendan Rodgers's team. Manchester United can close the gap to five points by winning at West Bromwich Albion on Sunday, but City play their game in hand at Everton on Wednesday and a win at Goodison Park will surely signal the end of this season's title race.

The worry for the chasing pack is that City were so comfortable in winning this game – both going forward and defensively. They did not need to hit top gear to claim the three points and the win was achieved without the injured Kevin De Bruyne and with Ruben Dias and Sergio Aguero only fit enough to take a place on the substitutes' bench.

City's first goal came from the penalty spot on 22 minutes, when Rodri made it 1-0 after Pierre-Emile Hojbjerg had fouled Gundogan.

"A modern penalty," Mourinho said. "A modern penalty is one where even if you touch with a nail it can be a penalty."

Davinson Sanchez denied City a second on 42 minutes with a goal-line block from Gundogan's close-range shot, but the latter was on the scoresheet early the second half when he beat Hugo Lloris with a tame left-foot strike. Gundogan's second on 66 minutes was outstanding – the German international controlled a long clearance by goalkeeper Ederson before beating Sanchez and then scoring past Lloris.

The game was won by then and the title race has a similar sense of inevitability. City might lose again before the end of the season, but it's difficult to see them dropping seven or eight points.

City and Guardiola march on, but Mourinho and Spurs are limping. The Spurs boss has little to smile about right now – apart from being the last man to beat Guardiola.

ESPN

Klopp concedes title after Leicester implosion

LONDON

JURGEN Klopp conceded that Liverpool's Premier League title hopes are all but gone after a self-inflicted 3-1 loss at Leicester City on Saturday.

Now with just two wins from 10 league games, the champions capitulated in the final 12 minutes at King Power Stadium, giving away three quickfire goals and falling to a third successive league defeat.

It is the first time they have gone on such a run in the league since 2014, when coached by Brendan Rodgers. They had not even lost back-to-back league games under Klopp until last Sunday's 4-1 loss to Manchester City.

Liverpool are now 13 points off the top, having played one game more than leaders City, and the German believes the gap is now insurmountable.

Asked if he is conceding the title this season, Klopp said: "Yes. I can't believe, but yes."

"I don't think we can close that gap this year. We have to win football games. Today was really good in parts. We have to avoid mistakes and

misunderstanding.

"We have to make steps, to perform again and results are related to that. We are good enough to win it [the title], for long periods, but not until the end."

Defensive frailties were their undoing again. Much has been made of Liverpool's injury problems at the back, but in the space of a week, first-choice goalkeeper Alisson, normally so dependable, has become erroneous in the extreme.

It was two woeful Alisson passes that cost Liverpool last weekend. This time, three minutes after Leicester had cancelled out Salah's opening goal, the Brazil international's decision to come way out of his goal led to Jamie Vardy turning the match on its head.

"Alisson had a super game and then at that moment he came out. I didn't hear him shouting," Klopp added. "We are not looking for excuses. A lot of things happen. We should have done better. We spoke about that, in the moment, it's tough. The only way out is to play good football, fight and work hard."

How the pandemic has wrecked Premier League home advantage

By Tom Hamilton, ESPN Senior Writer

JURGEN Klopp's Liverpool have lost three games in a row at Anfield. For so long, Anfield was a fortress as they went on a run of 68 games without losing at home. But with the Kop still standing silent as the coronavirus pandemic continues to necessitate games without fans, and following defeats to Burnley, Brighton and Manchester City, the fear factor is at an all-time low.

Speaking before playing Pep Guardiola's City on Sunday, Klopp said: "Our situation is not talking about supporters being in or out because we know how much they can help. We knew that always and for a long time we could ignore that, at least results-wise. Now we can't in the last few weeks."

Liverpool went on to lose that match 4-1. "For many years we were not able to win here, hopefully next time we can do it with people," Guardiola said. "Anfield is so intimidating. Anfield is always impressive, but with people it is much more."

Liverpool are far from an isolated case in the Premier League this season. Of the 17 sides still in the top-flight from last season, only five teams (Chelsea, Aston Villa, Southampton, West Ham and Tottenham Hotspur) have seen their home form improve when playing in front of empty stands, compared to their pre-coronavirus form surrounded by fervent support.

"It is quite clear without supporters at the stadium, the home team doesn't have the advantage with the supporters behind their shoulders," Everton manager Carlo Ancelotti said when asked by ESPN. "It's quite simple, the teams had more difficulties at home than away – this is the only reason."

But for each team and player, the impact is different. It's prompted talk of testosterone levels, behavioural shifts and motivational shortfalls. It's also potentially cost managers their jobs. With fans still locked out of the grounds in the pandemic era, we spoke to managers, players, psychologists and statisticians to find out whether playing at home is no longer an advantage.

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What the statistics say
In short, the data show both a "levelling" of home-away advantage and a swing in disciplinary trends.

ESPN's Stats and Information Group analysed 288 Premier League games pre-lockdown from the 2019-20 season, and then the 317 matches since the restart (the remainder of 2019-20 and the 20-21 season so far). The resulting stats saw a drop in goals scored at home (from 1.5 to 1.4 pre and post-lockdown) and an 18% increase in away goals after lockdown.

Away teams have also come away with better results: home wins have decreased by 2%, but away wins are 26% up from pre- to post-lockdown. Away team yellow cards have also decreased from an average of 1.9 per game to 1.5 per game in front of empty stands, even as fouls committed have stayed roughly the same. This also speaks to referee pressure, which we analysed in June.

The "impact" of empty stands

"Home and away is different, not like it used to be," Manchester United boss Ole Gunnar Solskjaer said in December. "It's a different sensation now playing without the fans behind the goal at the Stretford End – they normally score a goal for us." The same is said for other intimidating stands, like Liverpool's Kop end or Crystal Palace's Holmesdale Road Stand.

"The intimidation factor is taken away from the opposition," Michael Caulfield, one of the UK's leading sports psychologists, told ESPN. "To a degree, they are almost pre-season-like friendlies with nobody there."

When the Premier League returned on June 17, after the first lockdown, the stands remained empty. Some supporters were allowed back in over December in various grounds – numbers were dependent on government regulations relating to the severity of the COVID-19 outbreak in that part of the country – but the numbers were capped at 2,000 per game. Even though there were still swathes of empty seats, the players



Mourinho has been vocal about the dip in atmosphere, performance and experience without fans in the stands. (Agencies)

felt the benefit.

"Unfortunately these times are hard for everyone and of course we'd love to have the supporters back because we know they would be a really big help for us, especially at Anfield," said Liverpool's Fabinho. "If they had been here for the games against [Manchester] United and Burnley, I'm sure the results would have been different with that support. Even when we had 2,000 fans here for the games against Wolves and Tottenham, we could feel the big difference that it made."

Liverpool have been hit hardest by the "empty stands effect," but Brighton, Newcastle and Sheffield United's home form has also disintegrated without fans. Liverpool's form also marries with their injury crisis as their three first-choice centre backs are all absent with long-term injuries and the squad is battling "mental fatigue," as Klopp puts it. They've won 10 of their 16 home games since lockdown – winning an average of two points per match at Anfield – compared to last season's remarkable record of 100% until the season was put into hiatus.

"Anfield without fans is just Anfield; Anfield with 60,000 Liverpool fans chasing a 3-0 deficit against Barcelona literally rocks with noise and encouragement," Caulfield said.

"Taking the crowd out of it is a huge detriment to performance; it doesn't frighten the opposition, and it has leveled a lot of things up. The data proves that. Taking that out of it has leveled things to an extraordinary degree."

Sean Dyche's Burnley were the team who broke Liverpool's unbeaten record at Anfield, when they won 1-0 there on Jan. 21. When asked by ESPN what he felt were the reasons behind a growing trend of teams winning fewer games at home, Dyche also pointed to the eeriness of empty grounds.

"The most obvious thing is the home crowd," Dyche said. "Certain crowds, certainly the Liverpool crowd who stick with their team a bit longer if things aren't going well – there was that old saying of the crowd sucking the ball into the Kop end."

Dyche also pointed to some clubs where they may be benefiting from not having fans. "Obviously there's a handful of clubs where the home crowd can be effective for the opposition, as the home crowd can be more demanding of players than others – that can go against the home team sometimes – what kind of season and form they're having," Dyche said. "Generally speaking, home crowds make a big difference."

West Ham, sixth in the league, have benefited the most from having empty stands – they've won 29.73% more points than prelockdown. Aston Villa, Chelsea and Southampton have also seen an increase in points picked up at home postlockdown. There are other factors here, of course: Villa have

markedly improved on last season's form, while Southampton have also taken strides forward under Ralph Hasenhuttl.

Since Thomas Tuchel took over at Chelsea, they are unbeaten in their two home games, drawing 0-0 against Wolves and then beating Burnley 2-0. In previous manager Frank Lampard's last match in charge against Luton Town, there was a banner at the Shed End that read "In Frank We Trust: Then. Now. Forever." The absent fans still wanted to show their support for Lampard. Sources close to Lampard told ESPN he felt he would have got more time had Stamford Bridge been full every week, though their record actually improved at Stamford Bridge without fans, with Chelsea winning 20% more points from their home matches postlockdown than they did before the pause.

Arsenal's record is much the same with and without fans: they have picked up 2.23% fewer points at home postlockdown, than before last season. But sources told ESPN that Mikel Arteta feels his work at Arsenal has been made more difficult by the absence of fans.

The disconnect between the team and the supporters became really bad under previous manager Unai Emery, and Arteta feels he has largely been robbed of the chance of rebuilding that relationship. There's also a view from sources near the club that the squad is mentally fragile and would benefit significantly from fan support to get them through difficult moments in close matches.

"We know that home form is going to be vital for our success and we have to change that immediately," Arteta said in December after picking up 13 points from their first 10 league matches. "If we want to have any hope of doing something important and relevant this season it has to be by winning the games at home."

Jose Mourinho, the Tottenham manager, has also seen a difference in the FA Cup experience. His Spurs side traveled to eighth-tier Marine in the third round and though they had supporters peeking through their garden fences at the game, he feels the empty stands have robbed the competition of its uniqueness.

"The FA Cup is a special competition that even with a full stadium, normally weak teams would take much more supporters than in the Premier League," Mourinho said when asked by ESPN about the differing trends in home advantage.

"In the Premier League, I have to admit that it's one thing to play with full stadiums, and another to play with empty stadiums."

"I believe that has an impact in some of the results. Let's just give an example. We were losing against Chelsea 1-0, we were playing much better in

the second half than first half. The last 20 minutes the team started pressing a lot and being closer. I believe, I believe that stadium full could make an impact on the team and I think this happens in every stadium. So the public makes a difference, I believe so."

Dyche feels that "broadly speaking, home fans do have a say in how their team operate and that's the most likely thing that's affecting home and away form this season," but he has also looked to the effects empty stands are having on his players, with psychologists and statisticians finding testosterone levels are impacted, concentration affected and players unable to draw on fear as impetus when the grounds are empty.

The effect it has on the players

Klopp's Liverpool have experienced some lopsided scores this term. They had the 7-0 win at Crystal Palace, but also the 7-2 defeat at Aston Villa back in October. That heavy defeat was in the midst of a spate of high-scoring games up and down the Premier League (Manchester United lost 6-1 at home to Tottenham while Leicester won 5-2 at Man City) and back then, Klopp put this down to the players' wavering concentration levels.

"The audience, or the crowd, they sharpen your focus – that's normal. And you have to do that yourself constantly, but it's no excuse," Klopp said.

The experience has been jarring for Klopp's players, and their silent Kop.

"It's difficult because you don't realise how much fans influence game plans, like with momentum and the sounds you can hear. I miss the fans so much," Trent Alexander-Arnold told Ian Wright in December. A player from another top club told ESPN they are struggling to find their usual urgency late in a game when chasing a key goal. They saw the team slipping into sideways passes in the final throes of the match whereas before, with fans, they'd have been shouted at for playing conservatively and would have gone route one.

Dyche also turned to previous scientific studies on a difference in testosterone levels in players as another contributing factor to the widespread dip in home form.

"There was a test years ago – football and rugby – in testosterone levels and home players have a higher testosterone level because of the backing of support, feeling of the home crowd," Dyche said. "If you're talking about small margins, small margins amongst 11 players and subs – that adds up."

The players' emotional behaviour has also changed in behind-closed-doors matches, according to a study published in journal *Humanities and Social Sciences Communications* by Michael Leitner and Fabio Richlan.

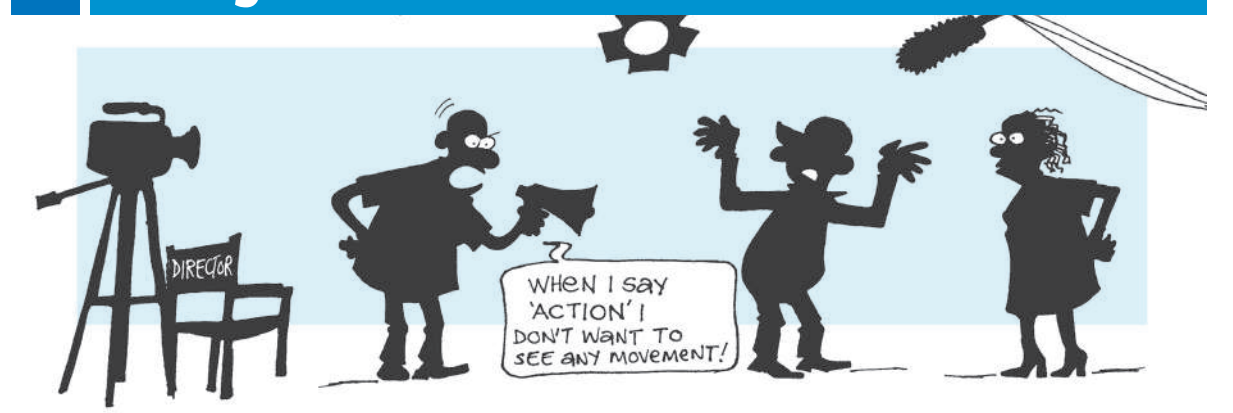
The study looked at the effect "geisterspiele" (ghost games) had on players, staff and officials through their own "Analysis System for Emotional Behaviour in Football." Using their own criteria and scoring system, they video analysed 20 RB Salzburg matches in the Austrian Bundesliga and found "the absence of supporters has a substantial influence on the experience and behavior of players, staff and officials alike."

Research showed an increase in "Fair Play behaviour" (good sportsmanship) and referees becoming less involved in "emotional situations" (arguments, altercations, disagreements) on the field.

They saw players becoming "less carried away with longer-lasting and extensive 'word fights' and 'discussions.'" Instead, it saw a rise in "self-criticism," with players more likely to reproach themselves rather than others after missing a chance, and "protest," where players would shake their head or gesticulate at decisions, rather than respond verbally.

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Simba SC's head coach Didier Gomes Da Rosa.

Musician lands ambassador role for firm

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIAN musician, Faustina Charles, popularly known as 'Nandi', has been appointed as an ambassador for the Flowless sanitary pad brand, which is under a non-governmental organization, T-MARC Tanzania.

Nandi is among the influential female musicians in the country that have associated their music with societal needs and used her celebrity status to bring positive changes in the society.

Apart from being a singer and dancer, Nandi has exposed her acting talent and has participated in different series, which include a series known as 'Huba'.

Speaking exclusively to The Guardian, Nandi stated that her working commitment in arts projects and her initiatives of using her popularity to engage women in the community has influenced T-MARC to choose her as their brand ambassador.

She said: "There are millions of women outside there who could be appointed as brand ambassador, but T-MARC have picked me, this is due to the fact that I am capable of branding their product and link it directly to the market."

She added: "Before even being selected as their ambassador, I have been using Flowless pad all the time and let me urge all women in Tanzania, who care about their health and self-esteem, to start using Flowless women's towels as they are unique and affordable just by 3,000/- for a pack of 10 towels."

Meanwhile, the NGO's Director of Social Enterprise, Flavian Ngole, noted that Nandi's choice of ambassador for the brand stemmed from recognition of her contribution to society in educating self-reliant, dedicated, goal-oriented and influential young women in and out of the country.

Ngole expressed his feelings and trust that Nandi will be able to carry the Flowless brand well to send a message to all Tanzanian women about the excellent product for women.

The T-MARC Tanzania's Managing Director, Tumaini Kimasa, stressed that Flowless brand is the best brand to exist in the Tanzanian market, stressing that its manufacturing technology is high quality that makes a woman feel completely free at all times during menstruation.

"Flowless menstrual towels (Flowless sanitary pads) will make you feel free, happy, peaceful, confident and give you confidence from the beginning to the end of the menstrual cycle," Tumaini revealed.

"Flowless is a feminine towel for all women who are confident, who care about their health and well-being," the official noted.

Tumaini noted: "A woman with big goals in life, always looking forward and able to cope with solving various challenges, an ax-wielding and smart, is the one who uses Flowless menstrual towels all the time."

And Flowless menstrual towels' ambassador, Nandi, said it is for women who have big dreams, are confident and ready to fight to achieve their daily goals.

"They are strong, high quality female towels with Aloe vera to keep you FREE all the time a woman is in her menstrual cycle," the musician stated.

TPLB satisfied by clubs' performance in VPL



Tanzania Premier League Board (TPLB) Chairman Steven Mguto

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA Premier League Board (TPLB) has said it is pleased with the level of competition teams have shown in the Vodacom Premier League's second phase matches.

Steven Mguto, TPLB Chairman, said since the second round of the league resumed some weeks ago, the elite league has registered mouth-watering action and high turn out of soccer enthusiasts at matches.

He said the second round promises to be competitive comparing to the first.

The TPLB official attributed this to new players registered by outfits, as well as teams seeking to avoid relegation from the top flight.

"The first week of the second

round of Vodacom Premier League has been very competitive, it is our hope that the level of competition shall get even higher and the games will become even more competitive and exciting up to the last day of this season league," he said. Mguto also hailed elite clubs, which have no stable sponsorship, for demonstrating a fighting spirit of fulfilling their league assignments and boosting their squads with new players.

"Some teams without stable sponsorship have so far demonstrated high level of competition and it's our hope that they will continue with that trend," he stated.

"In this phase, things are moving the way they are supposed to move and as you have noticed there is stiff competition, that is what we TPLB wants to see," he said.

So far, nearly all Vodacom Premier League squads, apart from defending champions Simba SC, have played two games in the second phase.

The phase has seen teams which were in the league's relegation zone in the likes of Tanzania Prisons, Gwambina FC, Mbeya City FC and Ihefu FC show some improvement.

Mbeya City FC on Saturday frustrated league leaders Yanga, as the former notched 1-1 draw with the latter.

Tanzania Prisons beat Kinondoni Municipal Council (KMC) FC, while Ihefu FC stunned Ruwu Shooting with 2-0 victory over the latter.

Coach revels in Simba SC's victory over AS Vita Club

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

TANZANIA'S Simba SC's head coach Didier Gomes Da Rosa has revealed that their victory over DR Congo's AS Vita Club in this season's CAF Champions League's Group A fixture is a good start for them to perform well in the showpiece.

Simba SC notched 1-0 victory over hosts AS Vita Club in the opening fixture of the group, played at the Stade Des Martyrs in Kinshasa on Friday.

The victory has helped Simba SC amass three points and a one-goal advantage, with the team's position in Group A depending on the outcome of the group's match between Egypt's Al Ahly and Al Merikh of Sudan.

Commenting on the win, Da Rosa said: "We are very happy and satisfied because we played well and the results are good."

He noted: "For Simba, these results will be beneficial in the future at this stage of the group and in fulfilling our mission to do well."

Simba's striker, Chris Mugalu, brought joy to Tanzanians after scoring the winning goal for the side in the clash.

The Tanzania outfit played defensively and resorted to going for counter attacks.

The only winning goal for Simba was scored on the 60th minute via spot kick and Simba hung on up to the final whistle.

The visitors' winger Luis Miquissone unleashed a shot which bounced off one of AS Vita Club defenders' hand within the penalty box, leading to the spot kick.

AS Vita Club started with fast attacks while Simba chose to defend and went for counter attacks.

Da Rosa is still working on Simba's defensive weakness, given the squad's defense is lately committing repeated mistakes.

The coach congratulated his players for putting spirited performance and fulfilling the responsibilities he gave them.

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Three new stadia for Arusha

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame

ARUSHA City Council has inked an agreement with two international organizations to construct two more modern multi-sports arenas to complement the newly constructed sporting venue which has just opened here.

The first Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Arusha City Hall and the International Cricket Council (ICC) and the project will be executed in association with the Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA).

"The proposed cricket stadium targets to accommodate sporting needs of tourists coming to Tanzania, as many foreign visitors like to play the sport before or after visiting local attractions such as the Serengeti,

Ngorongoro Crater and Mount Kilimanjaro, among other destinations," Arusha Regional Sport Officer, Benson Maneno, stated.

According to Maneno, the proposed cricket venue and related training program is a long-term vision which also intends to recruit and groom young cricket players for future local and international tournaments as well as diversifying sporting activities in Tanzania.

In another agreement, the council has joined hands with the Rotary Club to establish another modern sporting center whose project is set to commence at the soon to be specified location. The City Director is in talks with the Rotary Club Management on this.

Arusha has just also accomplished

the first modern sports center which now operates from the National Housing Estates of Ngarenaro, adjacent to the similarly named primary and secondary schools and which is intended to boost physical education among pupils and students.

The newly opened Ngarenaro Complex combines soccer pitch, netball and volleyball courts, tennis courts and other indoor sporting activities. The sports arena responds to the directives from the three ministries.

"This is the first phase in the program and now the City Council under the Director, John Pima, is embarking on the second phase of establishing these arenas that will serve as 'factories' to manufacture young, promising and aspiring talents for future sporting activities," Maneno stated.

Flexibles by David Chikoko



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16:00 Akili & Me (r)
16:30 #HASHTAG
17:00 SSELECT
17:55 Kurasa
18:00 eNewz
18:30 Music/Soap
19:00 EATV SAA 1
19:45 MJADALA
20:00 DADAZ (r)
21:00 UJENZI
21:30 5SPORTS LIVE
22:30 Bongo Hits

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