



Livestock and Fisheries minister Luhaga Mpina greets residents of Kilwa Kivinje in Lindi Region at the weekend shortly after listening to fishermen. He then announced the establishment of an extended zone for the defence of fisheries resources along the Indian Ocean coastline. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

UNICEF supports Interfaith groups in WASH crusade

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By Henry Mwangonde

FOUR major religious bodies have promised to advance an improved Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) campaign in houses of worship, schools and other public facilities until WASH reaches all corners of the country.

Under the Tanzania Interfaith Partnership (TIP), leaders from the Christian Council of Tanzania (CCT), the Tanzania Episcopal Conference (TEC) and the National Muslim Council of Tanzania (BAKWATA) plus the Office of the Mufti of Zanzibar pledged their commitment towards developing a comprehensive WASH programme for children.

A joint statement released yesterday by the denominations said their campaign will be implemented in collaboration with United Nations International Children Fund (UNICEF).

"But the time has come today to recognize that our churches and mosques can do more to advocate for the agenda. The divine mission of our faiths, both Christians and Muslims, is to offer love, support, care, education, and raise awareness to our communities," reads part of the declaration.

The declaration says that the Tanzania faith community has a long and distinguished tradition of leading its people in times of great suffering,

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Kasulu border road for AfDB's 590.3bn/- loan

By Getrude Mbago

THE African Development Bank (AfDB) has issued a concessional loan amounting to \$256.2 million (around 589.3bn/-) for the 260km-Kasulu-Manyovu road project in Kigoma region.

The agreement was signed yesterday by the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Finance and Planning Doto James, and the AfDB country manager Alex Mubiru.

The permanent secretary expressed the government's appreciation to the AfDB's continued support to the country's development.

He said the completion of the project whose implementation is estimated to take five years will

open up and facilitate economic activities in the western corridor.

"The implementation of this project is part of the broad agenda of the fifth phase government, seeking to bridge the infrastructure gap for accelerating socio-economic development, poverty reduction and regional integration...This road section forms an integral part of the Central Transport Corridor, which plays an important role in the development and facilitation of national and international trade flows in the region," he explained.

The successful implantation of the project will link the port of Dar es Salaam with western regions and open up regional markets in Burundi, Rwanda,

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UNESCO to inspect Ngorongoro Crater and Serengeti roads

By Guardian Reporter, Ngorongoro

A team from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) will this week be inspecting proposed areas where all-weather, hardened surface roads are to be constructed in the Ngorongoro Conservation Area.

The NCA which is listed among the seven UNESCO Heritage sites mapped in Tanzania is in the process of upgrading some of the roads cutting through the conservation area, from the current earth surface to an environment friendly, all-weather hard surface.

"It took several years of painstaking research and studies to come up with the

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Tanzania key participant in global animal health meet

By Guardian Reporter

THE government has appealed to the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) to help Tanzania improve its animal breeds and productivity so that meet and other products can penetrate the world market.

OIE is derived from the Spanish translation of the name, Oficina Internacional de Epizootias, lately holding its 23rd Conference of the OIE Regional Commission for Africa, in Hammament, Tunisia on Monday.

The Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fisheries, Abdallah Ulega said poor breed and low productivity were amongst challenges Tanzania faces despite having one of the largest livestock sizes in Africa.

If the country's largely traditional breeds are improved into modern ones, then the livestock sub-sector can contribute immensely to the gross domestic product and improve the livelihoods of the majority of Tanzanians who engage in farming and animal husbandry, he said.

In the briefing summarised in a ministerial statement on his address released yesterday, it is noted that the government export website shows that Tanzania produces about 2.6 million pieces of raw hides and skins annually where a large portion of it is exported raw and only 10 percent is processed.

The conference kicked off 25 February and ended 1st March consisted of around 25 countries, including Zambia, Zimbabwe, Egypt, Kenya,

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UNICEF and Interfaith groups take up WASH

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and of caring for believers.

"It has a proud history of religious activism and has proven itself a centralized mobilizer of men, women and children. However the Tanzania faith community, despite this legacy, has not done enough to address WASH challenges," the statement observed.

According to the 2015 - 16 Demographic and Health Survey (DHS) only 19-percent of households use improved sanitation, 73-percent in rural areas used unimproved sanitation and 10-percent practiced open defecation.

Relatively high diarrhoea prevalence of 12percent for children under five was reported, with 88percent of all diarrhoea diseases being associated

with poor water, sanitation and hygiene.

The high prevalence of diarrhoea is an indication that people are living in a fecally-contaminated environment, it said.

In his remarks, UNICEF's WASH coordinating official Francis Odhiambo said the aim of involving religious leaders in the campaign was their having a huge following, so that working with them would send a strong message to a larger number of people.

"The main emphasis is on four main issues namely to build toilets, wash hands during critical moments, dispose children wastes as well as safely storing water in homes," said Sheikh Suleiman Lolila, the chairman for the Tanzania Interfaith Alliance for Children (TIAC).

200 residents of Ziragula island benefit from 'green' solar power

By Guardian Correspondent, Buchosa

MORE than 200 residents of Ziragula island in Bulyaheke ward, Buchosa District, Mwanza Region have benefited from solar power provided by a private firm dubbed: Toptan Clean through its green energy power supply project.

The company's director, Amos Makere said they resolved to connect the residents to solar power to improve their welfare.

He said: "We want the villagers to establish income generating activities for their personal gains as well as the nation. The installed solar power has the capacity to serve 300 people", he said.

Makere said that so far 200 people had been connected since the introduction of the services in the past six months. He said the company will manage the project for five years, before handing it to the residents.

He said since most of the residents at the island are fishers, they are likely to benefit from electricity services as

they can now use refrigerators. He said that with solar power, markets will be operating until late hours compared to previous time when market places were closed at early hours in the evening.

Chairman of China's Sino Development Company, Li Zhong said they are funding the project because they want to see the villagers enjoying the services they had missed for decades.

Zhong appealed to the villagers to take care of the project which had been implemented at the cost of US\$ 400 million. "I visited Tanzania for the past 21 years, and realised that some people were lacking electricity services. With this solar energy I have fulfilled my promise to the people of Ziragula island", he said saying plans are to connect other islands in Lake Victoria.

Bulyaheke ward councillor, Bageti Ngele said the project will economically benefit the villagers as they will no longer spend too much money to purchase kerosene for their lamps and generators.



Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children minister Ummy Mwalimu makes remarks in Mwanza at the weekend when presenting 105 underprivileged children with 'Toto Afyā' health insurance cards issued with support from Stanbic Bank Tanzania. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

UNESCO to inspect Ngorongoro Crater roads

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ultimate solution of hardening our busy roads without using bitumen," explained the Conservator, Dr Freddy Manongi.

Dr Manongi especially mentioned the 88 kilometres road stretch linking Ngorongoro Conservation Area with the adjacent Serengeti National Park, which connects the two important tourist destinations from the Lodua gate all the way to Golini post, as being of priority interest.

Through the project, the two most popular tourist destinations will be linked together with a new environment friendly permanent road about to be constructed by the Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority.

The other road to be upgraded with hardened material is the descending road into the crater, because already the ascending route was built with environment friendly paving blocks.

"It is also an economically viable venture because periodic maintenance of dusty roads with gravel is not only expensive but also disturbs wildlife," the conservator noted.

The Ngorongoro Conservation Area attracts nearly 600,000 visitors per year while the Serengeti National Park records 350,000 tourists annually; essentially these two spots are what makes up the backbone of the country's tourism industry as they command 900,000 visitors annually, between them.

Tanzania receives around 1.3 million visitors in a year, with the country

aiming at upping the number to at least 1.5million by end of 2020.

The road which connects the two parks is thus in the process of being hardened with environment friendly permanent materials as approved UNESCO.

The NCAA conservator, Dr Manongi revealed here that the road will be paved using 'very hard materials' yet to be divulged and not tarmac (bitumen) so as to preserve the natural environment of the country's most popular tourism destination.

Lodua Gate, located 20 kilometres from Karatu town is the gateway to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area and Serengeti National Park. From there, vehicles are compelled to travel 88 kilometres along the rather rocky grounds to reach Golini, the entrance

to Serengeti from Arusha.

Last year, UNESCO issued the green light for the road project to start, after being satisfied that environment friendly materials will be used to pave and harden the road cutting through the World Heritage Site.

But apart from handling nearly 600,000 visitors every year, the roads in the Ngorongoro Conservation Area are also important linking corridors for travellers from the Northern Zone regions of Arusha and Kilimanjaro, traveling to the Lake Zone regions of Mara and Mwanza via Karatu and Serengeti.

The Ngorongoro Conservation Area itself collects around 130 billion/- per year, making it the government corporation which generates more revenues for the public coffers.



Finance and Planning ministry permanent secretary Doto James (R) and the African Development Bank representative in Tanzania, Dr Alex Mubiru, sign a 589.26bn/- soft loan agreement in Dar es Salaam yesterday. The AfDB assistance is in support of the construction of Kabingo-Kakonko-Manyovu road in Kigoma Region. Photo: State House

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Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), he stated.

It will also play an important role by reducing logistical costs, travel time and accidents.

"The project also involves supporting the National Institute of Transport (NIT) towards the creation of a regional centre of excellence for road safety, construction and equipping of a One Stop Border Post (OSBP) at the Manyovu area/Mugina (Burundi) border point," he specified.

Kasulu road gets 590.3bn/- AfDB loan

It will also involve the development of social infrastructure like the rehabilitation of markets at Makere and Manyovu, plus community water supply and sanitation uplift at Busunzu, Kasulu, Buhigwe and Manyovu.

Other components of the project are the construction of health centres at Makere and Busunzu and the rehabilitation of hospitals in Kasulu and Kibondo districts.

The permanent secretary also expressed the government's appreciation to the East African Community (EAC) secretariat for being champions in negotiating for the loan.

"This road project, which is also a priority under the EAC roads network, involves upgrading of the 45km-Rumonge-Gitaza Road section on the Burundi side," he explained.

AfDB country manager Mubiru

said that signing the loan agreement increases the transport sector portfolio of AfDB Group in Tanzania to approximately \$880 million.

"On behalf of the AfDB Group, I would like to reaffirm our commitment in supporting the people and the government of Tanzania in their efforts to realize the aspiration to become a middle-income country in the near future," he told the gathering.

Tanzania key participant at global animal health meet

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Uganda, Tunisia and Chad.

The meeting was aimed at discussing animal health care, animal rights, veterinarians and livestock security and provide recommendations.

Tanzania's livestock and fisheries industry was facing a number of challenges such as infections, low-breeding and low productivity, which leads to failure to export livestock and livestock products to the world market, the statement underlined.

At the conference, Ulega was accompanied by Veterinary Services Director Dr. Hezron Nonga and had conversation with the OIE president, Mark Schipp, General Director Dr. Monique Eloit and the representative of the organization for the Southern African Region, Samuel Bows.

"I have asked the OIE to assist our country in addressing these challenges in order to enhance the growth of the animal industry and the OIE has promised to work on them," the deputy minister said.

"I thank the OIE for its cooperation with Tanzania by continuing to assist the country in various animal health projects," he remarked.

He also expressed the government's interest to organize the next meeting since it had the largest cattle population in the continent, a good place for investment comparing to other nations.

In assessing animal health, experts have discussed a range of existing animals diseases in the continent especially Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) rabies and Rift Valley Fever (RVF).

The session also assessed various projects aimed at strengthening animal health and donor contributions including the World Bank, the contribution of veterinary paraprofessionals and their role in strengthening animal health services

in the continent, the statement noted.

On May 16 last year, it was reported that Tanzania's cattle population had increased to 30.5 million (cows) in 2016/17 compared with 25.8 million recorded in the previous financial year, on the basis of preliminary findings of a survey presented by the National Bureau of Statistics.

NBS director general Dr Albina Chuwa said Tanzania was the second country in Africa with the largest population of livestock.

"In building an industrial economy, it's evident that Tanzania has a great potential for meat processing and export it as well as other products from livestock," she said.

The large number of livestock provides an opportunity for local and foreign investors to invest in the meat and leather processing industries, the minister, Luhaga Mpina declared.

The survey showed that Tanzania has 18.9 million goats, 5.56 million sheep and 38.59 million traditional chickens by 2016/17.

Regions with larger share of livestock in Tanzania Mainland include Tabora (8.7 per cent), Mwanza (7.9 per cent), and Manyara (7.2 per cent), which basically implies that livestock rearing is evenly distributed across the country. Zanzibar had 175,314 cows, 107,993 goats, 517 sheep and 1.75 million chickens at the time of the survey, it was noted.



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Zanzibar Chief Sheikh Saleh Omar Kabhi signs a declaration yesterday committing his office to sensitising Muslim faithful on the importance of implementing the national agenda on improving water, sanitation and hygiene. The declaration was signed after a one-day meeting involving four organisations operating under the umbrella of Tanzania Interfaith Alliance for Children, which chiefly crusades for the rights of children. The meeting was organised by the Tanzania Interfaith Partnership with technical support from UNICEF and attended by representatives from the national Muslim Council, the Tanzania Episcopal Conference, the Christian Council of Tanzania and the Zanzibar Chief Sheikh's Office. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Govt embarks on a grand plan for sewerage expansion project

By Correspondent George Sembony, Tanga

ponds to avoid use of the ocean in disposing sewage.

THE government has embarked on a grand plan to look for funds to implement sewerage expansion project the country's major urban areas.

He, however commended Tanga Urban Water Supply and Sanitation Authority (Tanga UWASA) for using its own funds to execute a project to expand sewerage coverage.

Minister for Water, Prof Makame Mbarawa unveiled the plan recently when winding-up his four-day working tour to inspect various water projects in Tanga Region.

According to the Tanga UWASA Managing Director, Geoffrey Hilly, sewerage coverage in Tanga stands at 9.7 percent and the sewer network length reached just 35.79 kilometers by January 2019 of various sizes laid from 1945s.

He said that sewerage coverage in major urban areas was still low, citing the Dar es Salaam's sewerage coverage was at a pathetic low of 10 per cent.

He said that with a population of over 300,000 people, the number of sewerage connections in the city were 2,778 by January 2019.

Prof Mbarawa also said that in Tanga Region where water supply coverage had exceeded the set target for major towns by two percent (97 per cent); its sewerage coverage was nine per cent.

The Chairman of the Tanga UWASA Board of Directors, Salum Shamte revealed that the water utility has prepared a hefty 300bn/- sewerage coverage but also to construct disposal ponds at Utofu and Machui where sewerage would be treated before being released for use in other activities such as agriculture.

"We want to raise sewerage coverage in Dar es Salaam from the current 10 per cent to between 30 and 40 per cent and raise coverage in other urban areas to cover more areas," he said.

Shamte said the utility's plans for the future include improving and increasing sewerage coverage from 9.7 to 30 percent by the year 2030.

Prof Mbarawa said currently there are major expansion projects in Arusha, Lindi and Sumbawanga and the government is looking for funds to implement such projects which include construction of disposal

Equatorial Guinea to host AfDB's 2019 annual meetings

By Guardian Reporter

EQUATORIAL Guinea will host the African Development Bank (AfDB)'s next annual meetings in June 2019, following the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) between the two parties.

Ndong, general coordinator of the National Technical Committee in charge of the annual meetings.

A statement released yesterday by the bank said the annual meetings will take place from 11th to 14th June, 2019 in the country's capital city, Malabo.

"We are determined to make the annual meetings in our country a most resounding success that will definitely bolster our national prestige, because an event with over 3,000 participants is not a small affair," Ndong emphasised.

"The government and people of Equatorial Guinea are ready and look forward to hosting the African Development Bank's flagship event in 2019," said Bernardo Abaga

An aide-memoire on the country's preparedness to host the event was signed on 27 February 2019. The signing took place on the sidelines of regional consultative meetings between the bank and its African shareholders, held in Abidjan from 25

February to 1 March, 2019, and attended by Equatorial Guinea's finance minister Lucas Abaga Nchama.

Speaking at the signing, André Basse, the AfDB's Chief of protocol, who signed on behalf of the Bank, commended the host country for its commitment to the success of the annual meetings, returning this year to African soil after being held in Korea and India respectively.

The theme of the African Development Bank's Annual Meetings this year is 'Regional integration' - one of the bank's five strategic priorities, known as the High 5s: (Light up and power Africa, Feed Africa, Industrialise

Africa, Integrate Africa and Improve the quality of life of the people of Africa).

With 1 billion people, Africa has a combined GDP of more than USD3.4 trillion. Such a market could create huge opportunities for producers on the continent. But to make it a reality, African governments and regional economic communities should intensify efforts aimed at facilitating the free movement of goods, services, people and trade across borders.

The Bank's annual meetings represent a unique opportunity to discuss challenges and ways to advance the continent's regional integration agenda.

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Husbands change their mindsets on gender equality, land ownership

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

THE response from women and married couples in Mahenge ward, Kilolo District, in Iringa Region has shown that most husbands had changed their mindsets towards women and their wives on land accessibility, utilisation and ownership.

In an interview with the Guardian recently, both women and men said that unlike in the past, currently some widows had started accessing land and owning it even in the event when their husbands passed away. But in the past, the parents and husbands used to land inheritance for their sons only.

They said that in the past, women did not understand their rights to access, distribute and use the land. In fact men dominated inheritance system in their respective communities.

According to Mahenge ward councillor, Shela Ngailo, some men had started to change after series of trainings conducted by Iringa Civil Society Organizations (ICISO) in collaboration with the Foundation for Civil Society (FCS).

Ngailo, who is also the victim of land ownership issues, explained that in the past things were so bad that as many women were poorer than men in the district. "At the capacity building meetings organised by the Iringa Civil Society Organizations (ICISO), women were complaining, they had no rights to land use because the land is owned by their husbands," she said.

Magana Village Executive Officer in Mahenge ward, Nenkonko Denis Kiama

explained that harmful traditional norms and customs have impacted negatively on the women rights to land.

"After training and education received from ICISO, both men and women have been empowered and have understood their rights.

According to the Assistant Land officer in Kilolo district, Azory Ponele, the campaign on the rights to land access, use and ownership have borne fruits in many villages where both men and women have understood their rights to land access, distribution and ownership.

"Men have realized their mistakes and they are now willingly admitting, many have changed although the changes takes place very gradually.

"Women have acquired land in Irindi, Magana and Mahenge without any condition. In fact the cases of land disputes between women and husbands family had declined," he said.

Commenting on the women plight on land, Kilolo District Community Development Officer, Faraja Chaula explained that the project has helped the district to reach out many women in the rural areas acquire, use and own land.

Citing an example of Irindi village, she said the organisations had also educated the pastoralists and helped sensitive women and girls to participate in village meetings. Faraja who is also the coordinator for gender desk in the district said several communities from Maluniga, Mlowa Malinganga, Mafuluto, Kitisi and Kihanga had benefited from the project.



Inspector General of Police Simon Sirro pays his last respects to Deputy Commissioner of Police Rhenus Matanga Mbushi during a requiem mass at Dar es Salaam's St Peter's Catholic Church on Monday. DCP Mbushi died at the weekend while on an official tour in Mbeya Region. Right is Director of Criminal Investigation Robert Boaz. Photo: Police Hqs

Minister stresses need for enhanced supply of seeds and pest control to improve agricultural productivity

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

AGRICULTURE Minister Japhet Hasunga has underscored the need for enhanced supply of seeds and pest control to improve agricultural productivity for cereals, vegetables, fruits and oil seeds.

He made the remarks yesterday when launching the NAFKA programme which aim at enhancing the distribution of seeds and pesticides in Tanzania's southern highland regions. The programme is being implemented by an international company—CORTEVA agriscience.

Hasunga said that timely distribution of agricultural inputs including control pests and seeds guarantee foods

security to farmers as well as their incomes. He said the agriculture sector in Tanzania contributes 100 per cent of the available food stock, and employ 65 per cent of the population.

He said the sector guarantees supply of raw materials to various industries across the country by 66 per cent.

Hasunga said the government in collaboration with stakeholders is implementing the Agricultural Sector Development Programme (ASDP II) which is expected to bring about changes in the sector.

ASDP II is a ten years programme which gears at ensuring sustainable supervision of land and water resources and addressing critical constraints and challenges to the sector performance

and to speed up agriculture gross domestic product. Improve growth of smallholder incomes and ensure food security. It was launched by President John Magufuli in 2018.

"Collaboration between the government and CORTEVA agriscience through its NAFKA programme is an indication that the agricultural sector will keep improving", said Hasunga.

The minister commended the support from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in various agricultural projects including the NAFKA programme.

He said that USAID is also supporting projects for crop's value addition, establishment of illustration farms, maize flour fortification and

introduction of crops insurance.

He said the ministry is also working to launch the National Agriculture Act and to register all the small, medium and large scale farmers across the country. He said the ministry also aims at enhancing sugar production, establishment of irrigation schemes and investing in production of oil seeds.

"The NAFKA programme guarantees availability of seeds and pesticides especially those for killing 'Fall Armyworms' in invaded areas within the southern highland zone", he noted. On markets, the minister asserted that plans are under way to come with better arrangement that will benefit farmers, businesspeople, stakeholders and investors as a whole.

DC for Kisarawe assures private schools of government support

By Guardian Correspondent, Kisarawe

KISARAWI District, in the past disregarded pupil truancy and poor academic performance, is fast changing the tragic history because of the cooperation between the government and the private schools.

Thanking private schools for positive contributions

to the district's stepped up educational performance, the District Commissioner, Jokate Mwegelo, said here recently that the leadership is working hard to make truancy a thing of the past, encourage pupil to embrace science subjects and score highly in the subjects.

"We recognise your efforts in making students perform

well in science subjects, I am taking this opportunity to encourage other schools in our district to do the same," she told the first Form Four graduation ceremony of Christon Boys' Secondary School.

She called on students to study hard and go for science subjects so that successful students can

be useful participants in the nation's agro-industrialisation drive to make Tanzania a middle-income economy by 2025.

In a speech read on her behalf by the Sungwi Divisional Officer, Casimir Kombo, the DC appealed to schools in the district to score highly in national examinations and ensure third division should be the lowest score in all examinations.

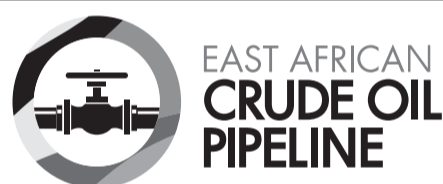
"Our collective duty is to ensure the government and private sector work together to produce students who will make meaningful contributions to the national economy in the future," she said.

The school celebrated the first graduation with impressive performance in Form Four results and topping in the district.

The school's headmaster, August Minja appealed to parents to support efforts of the school's leadership in maintaining students' discipline while the students are on leave.

He also appealed to parents to ensure students use gainfully social platforms and the internet. He also appealed to the government to connect the school with the national power grid, saying that energy was costing the school operations dearly.

He appreciated the support and cooperation the school had been receiving from the district and village administration, parents and neighbours since the establishment of the school. One of the graduates, Enerik Msuya, promised to use the skills and education he gained at the school to become self-reliant.



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Interested firms should send their Eoi to the address below by **27 March 2019, 1630 hrs.** In addition, firms will be required to obtain bidding documents from the Embassy offices at a non-refundable fee of Shs 50,000, upon submission of their Eoi.

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Parliamentary Budget Committee chairman George Simbachawene (2nd-R) makes remarks when members of the committee toured Arusha-based Tanelec Limited factory yesterday, with Energy minister Dr Medard Kalemani (4th-L) looking on. Photo: Correspondent Cynthia Mwilolezi

Create self-employed jobs, minister tells Zanzibar youth

By Guardian Correspondent, Zanzibar

CURRENTLY Zanzibar has many opportunities and avenues awaiting innovative and entrepreneurial young people to use them, create jobs for themselves and employ counterparts, the Minister for Labour, Empowerment, Elders, Women and Children, Maudline Castico said here yesterday.

Officiating the Career Fair 2019, which is part of the Youth and Employment Programme (Vijana na Ajira -VNA), organised by Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO) Tanzania, the minister said with abundance of opportunities in Zanzibar awaiting exploitation by resourceful minds, it was no point for young people stay idle in search of employment in the formal sector. "You should not wait for government jobs," she told students and graduates during the one-day event held at State University of Zanzibar.

She called on the trainees to make good use of what they had learnt and become competitive in the labour market.

The minister said entrepreneurship was the best option for job creation in Tanzania because of the conducive and pro-business environment, urging the participants to emulate successful local investors, citing Salim Bakhresa and Dr Reginald Mengi, because, she said, the pair had a humble beginning.

"It can be done, just play your part. You can establish your companies, employ yourselves and employ fellow youths," the minister told a quasi-stunned audience of young people. She explained that the logic behind the government's emphasis on diversified the economy, was to hasten job creation for young people, including graduates.

Nonetheless she urged the companies, which participated at the fair to employ young people without hindrances. She warned against bribes,

particularly sexual favours at work places.

The minister said self-discipline was paramount in transforming the society and warning against laziness and the business as usual behaviour among government workers. She said some young people preferred government jobs because of the existing weak supervision.

She thanked the event organiser and sponsors for giving their priorities on employment particularly for the youth, saying the government commended the initiative.



Our key stakeholders come from hotels, construction sectors, financial institutions and entrepreneurial groups. We are proud of them all

The senior social performance advisor shell exploration and production Tanzania Limited, Msomisi Mbena, urged participants to form enterprises and become self-reliant. Shell Tanzania has been main sponsor of this programme since 2016 and hadorganised three career fairs since then.

Mbena said the programme helps young people to meet labour market requirements, while exposing them to potential employers.

The VSO Tanzania programme manager, Frank Jirabi, said the scheme had benefited over 5000 youths since 2015 when it was started and over 100 companies taking part during the period. "Our key stakeholders come from hotels, construction sectors, financial institutions and entrepreneurial groups. We are proud of them all."

By Correspondent Crispin Gerald

Activists want more budget allocation on women empowerment endeavours

GENDER activists have suggested the need for the government to allocate enough funds in the next fiscal year budget to empower more women in socio-economic development.

The suggestion came ahead of this year's International Women's Day, which is to be marked on Friday, this week.

They were speaking at the one day meeting held over the weekend in Dar es Salaam to discuss the status, challenges and way forward for implementation of the Beijing declaration to end discrimination to women.

Organised by Tanzania Gender and Network Programme (TGNP), the meeting brought on board over 50 participants from different Non-governmental organisation to discuss the achievement made so far since the Beijing conference was held in 1995.

Jane Guninita, executive director

for Equality for Growth said currently, there is a promising achievement that has been reached basing on the fact that awareness and understanding of women's rights is at large percentage.

She cited women in the rural areas who are now able to identify their own rights and what can contribute to the national economy.

Guninita said section 13 of the country Constitution has clearly stated that there will be no any kind of discrimination including sexual and political to women, but that is contrary to the current situation because violence to women still on the increase.

She added that the society needs to understand the importance and contribution that women had in enhancing production and contributing to the national development.

"We appreciate the current change that has started to occur in the society where by several women in the rural areas are now aware of their rights and value their contribution to stimulate development," she said.

Held in 1995, the Beijing conference mentioned 12 priorities that needs to be worked upon to enhance women's across the world.

More than 17,000 participants attended the conference including 6,000 government delegates at the negotiations, along with more than 4,000 accredited NGO representatives.

Since the Beijing Conference on women's right to date, there have been several improvements including education trainings to the public about women empowerment and development.

"But also there are several women who have been motivated to engage in election processes like voting and contesting for different positions in the government. This shows how great the achievement is," she added.

According to director, the situation is common because the development policy had been demanding for direct involvement of women in the development activities.

The existing political system does not provide equality to women as there are minimal implementation of the policies and laws to make sure that women's rights are provided.

Another activist, Demere Kitung said the movement needs a collaborative efforts for both women and men in order to attain gender equality in the society.



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RFQ 2019/02-140

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Jhpiego Tanzania office hereby invites for submission of sealed bids from bidders for the supply of pharmaceuticals for STI PPT study.

A prospective bidder having any question regarding this RFP shall send an email 3 days prior to the due date and time for submission of offers to the following addresses: TZ-Jhpiegobids@jhpiego.org. All proposals in one original plus one copy, properly filled in, and enclosed in plain envelopes must be delivered to the address given below before **Wednesday, 20th March 2019 at 11:00 a.m.** Offers must be submitted to the Jhpiego Offices where the bidding documents were collected from and must be addressed to:

The Country Director
Jhpiego Tanzania
P.O. Box 9170,
Dar es Salaam,
Tanzania.

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ROADS FUND BOARD



VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT – RE-ADVERTISED

The Roads Fund Board (RFB) is a Government Institution under the Ministry of Works, Transport and Communication established by the Road and Fuel Tolls Act, CAP 220. The Board invites applications from suitably qualified Tanzanians to fill the following vacancies.

1. CHIEF INTERNAL AUDITOR (1 Post)

(i) DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- To evaluate internal controls, risks management and governance in relation to collection, disbursement and utilisation of roads fund;
- To conduct internal audit activities to implementing agencies on matters related to Roads Fund;
- To conduct internal audit activities in relation to RFB operations;
- To determine RFB audit scope and prepare annual audit plan;
- To liaise with external auditors to ensure completion of audit on time in order to meet reporting requirements;
- To prepare summary of Controller and Auditor General audit findings and recommendations of RFB and Implementing Agencies for presentation to the Board;
- To prepare quarterly and annual internal audit reports for submission to Internal Auditor General and RFB audit committee;
- To develop audit procedures to facilitate compliance with National/International standard;
- To follow – up on the implementation of recommendations made by the Controller and Auditor General, Parliamentary committee, Board and Internal Audit report;
- To review and advise on conformity with financial and operational procedures laid down in any legislation or any regulation or instructions for control over the expenditure of the Board;
- To review and advise on the adequacy of controls built into computerized system in place in the Board;
- To perform any other related duties as may be assigned.

(ii) QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE

Holder of Master's Degree in Business Administration (MBA) with Certified Public Accounts (CPA) (T) or equivalent qualification from recognised Institutions and registered by the National Board for Accountants and Auditors in the category of Associate and/or above. He/she must have a working experience of not less than ten (10) years in which five (5) years must be in a managerial level.. Knowledge on IT Audit will be an added advantage.

(iii) TERMS OF ENGAGEMENT

Terms of engagement for this post will be five years contract (renewable). Age limit for the applicants **should not be more than 50 years as at 30/06/2019.**

2. PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES

He/she should be able to work diligently during and after office hours, promote team work, comprehend and communicate, effectively prioritize and execute tasks in a high pressure environment.

3. REMUNERATION

Attractive salary and fringe benefits will be paid depending on qualifications and experience.

4. MODE OF APPLICATION

Application letters accompanied by a typed CV, Certified copies of Academic Certificates, academic transcripts, Names of three Referees, Current postal address, Phone Number and E-mail address, should reach the undersigned not later than **17th March, 2019**. The Board will verify all information contained in the application and documents submitted. Public Servants should channel their applications through their employers. **Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.** The Roads Fund Board is an equal opportunity employer, hence women are highly encouraged to apply. Those who applied in the first advertisement need not re-apply.

5. APPLY TO:

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Roads Fund Board,
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Employment Opportunities

The Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) is an independent, world class regulatory authority responsible for licensing, tariff regulation and quality of service regulation of the electricity, water, petroleum and Natural gas sectors. EWURA has the following vacancies for which suitably qualified Tanzanian are invited to apply.

1. PETROLEUM DIVISION

Post Title: Commercial Manager - Petroleum
Duty Station: EWURA Head Office – Dodoma
Reports to: Director of Petroleum

Commercial Manager - Petroleum will be responsible for coordinating and monitoring the demand and supply of petroleum products to ensure that the country always has adequate petroleum products for consumption and ensure the availability of the required technical data or information in the computation of petroleum products prices.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Deliver on the Petroleum Commercial deliverables/targets as set in the Authority's Strategic and Annual plan through effective performance management and development of Commercial team in the Petroleum Division.
- Formulate the strategy and work plan in the regulation of downstream petroleum industry and implement after endorsed by the Director of Petroleum.
- To always ensure that the commercial interests of the consumers and efficient suppliers are protected in the downstream industry.
- To monitor demand and supply to ensure that the country always has adequate petroleum products for consumption as required by the law through monitoring daily stocks and distribution across the country.
- To supervise collection of the required technical data or information in the computation processes of petroleum products prices and participate in review of computed prices to ensure accuracy in the computations.
- To monitor the behaviour of service providers with regard to anti-competitive practices as a way of ensuring a level playing field in the downstream petroleum industry.
- To oversee the effective implementation of Bulk Procurement System (BPS) by working closely with Petroleum Bulk Procurement Agency (PBPA).
- To closely work with responsible Division in development of petroleum products price Setting Rules by providing the required inputs.
- Monitor licensee compliance with applicable laws, regulations and license terms and Conditions and prepare periodic reports for the Director of Petroleum on licensee compliance and performance.
- Monitor and analyse domestic market price of petroleum products and make comparison with world prices and prepare reports for public information.
- To develop good relationship with key stakeholders in the downstream petroleum industry.
- Carry out any additional duties as may be assigned from time to time by the Director of Petroleum.

Academic Qualifications and Experience

The ideal candidate for this position should have the following qualifications and experience.

- Possession of University Degree in Engineering in Petroleum, Chemical and Process, Mechanical or Petroleum Geoscience from a recognized University.
- Masters qualifications in Engineering or Business Administration.
- Knowledge and Competence in Information and Communications Technology (ICT) application.
- Where the candidate is an Engineer, must be registered with Engineering Registration Board (ERB).
- Minimum of seven (7) years' experience in senior positions (at least principal or equivalent) in the petroleum industry in the field of marketing with direct involvement in the business financial performance management (profit and loss analysis).

Personal Attributes

In addition to the above skills and qualifications, applicants for the above positions are required to have the following attributes:

- A very high level of integrity, honesty and sense of responsibility;
- Ability to work under pressure and produce expected results;
- Ability to work in a dynamic team;
- Ability to self-manage, achieve results and meet deadlines; and
- Willingness to work beyond the call of duty.

Tenure and Remuneration

- A competitive salary will be offered to the right candidates for the posts.
- EWURA is an equal opportunity employer.
- Women are encouraged to apply.
- Staff will be employed on permanent and pensionable terms.

Mode of Application

- Application letter with Curriculum Vitae (CV) including e-mail address or day time contact telephone number, together with photocopies of certificates, one passport size photo and names and contacts of three referees should be addressed to reach the under-mentioned by 20th March 2019.
- Those with certificates from the overseas universities, the same MUST be verified by Tanzania Commission for University (TCU).
- Only short-listed candidate meeting the above criteria will be invited for interview. Lobbying and canvassing for employment will not be entertained and may work to the candidate's disadvantage.
- All applications through emails shall not be accepted and considered
- Application letter should be addressed to:

The Director General
Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA)
4th Floor, LAPP House Makole Road
P.O. Box 2857, Dodoma, Tanzania.

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Power supply blues threatening Rukwa's industrialisation drive

By Guardian Correspondent, Sumbawanga

RUKWA Region is likely to miss the government's industrialisation target due to lack of reliable power—an important cornerstone for Tanzania to become an industrialised middle-income sized nation by 2025.

Rukwa Regional Commissioner, Joachim Wangabo expressed the concerns recently when speaking at the regional development council held in Sumbawanga town—the headquarters of Rukwa Region.

He said that there are power projects whose implementation were underway, but the pace is not encouraging, making the region meet the target as a 'daylight dream'.

Citing examples, RC Wangabo said the contractor 'Nakuroi Investment' who was to connect power to 111 villages under the Rural Electrification Agency (REA) Phase III had only connected 23 villages.

He was concerned that the contractor may fail to connect the remaining villages as the contract is about to expire.

Under REA Phase Three a total of 7,873 villages will get power. The project will cover 25 regions countrywide.

"We can hardly achieve our industrialisation target if we do not have reliable electricity supply. Factories need power to operate", said the RC noting the contract for Nakuroi Investment expires in June, this year.

Wangabo said the regional authority is unwilling to extend the contract since he had an ample time to execute the job. He said the contractor was given the job in November 2017, but he has been able to connect power to 23 villages only.

"We can no longer continue working with the company, we are going to look for another contractor to complete the job as per the government directives", he said.

RC Wangabo said the government aims at improving provision of social services including electricity services to enable Tanzanians in rural areas establish income generating activities.

Nkasi North MP, Ally Keissy said the contractor does not have the capacity to implement the job. He said that the contractor—Nakuroi Investment has been awarded similar tenders in more than four regions hence becoming difficult for him to concentrate in Rukwa Region.

Acting manager of the Tanzania Electric Supply Company Limited (TANESCO) responsible for procurement and supply in Rukwa, Eng Gilles Daniel said the contractor had been facing a number of challenges including delayed disbursement of funds from the central government.

Eng Daniel said that some equipment including electricity poles were below standards. He said that out of the 960 electricity poles, 240 were below standards.



Entrepreneurs follow a presentation at a business development seminar in Shinyanga municipality yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Marco Maduhu

NHIF card holders to be served at AKHS hospitals and health centres countrywide

By Getrude Mbago

THE Aga Khan Health Services Tanzania (AKHS) has said that it was discussing with the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) to come up with special

programme which will allow the Fund's card holders access medical services at its hospitals and health centres available in the country.

Currently, the Aga Khan Hospital doesn't offer medi-

cal services to all NHIF card holders but only to few people like Members of Parliament (MPs).

Addressing reporters yesterday in Dar es Salaam, AKHS director of medical services Dr Ahmed Jusa-

bani said that the hospital was also offering services to NHIF card holders at its health centres available in up country regions whereby at last 300,000 patients received such services last year alone.

He said when briefing journalists on the inauguration of its new building worth 192bn/- which will be launched by the Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa on Saturday, this week at the Aga Khan hospital in Dar es Salaam.

"It is not that we do not offer services to NHIF members, but we provide to few people due to conditions set by the hospital but with the ongoing discussion with NHIF, we will see more people accessing the services," he said.

He said that under the plan, Aga Khan will be receiving referral patients with NHIF cards from various hospitals in the country.

According to him, Aga Khan is the only Tanzania and the second hospital in East Africa to attain the 'Gold Seal' from the Joint Commission International Accreditation (JCIA) so the public should remember that it offers services also at international levels.

The move is expected to increase access to specialised treatment in the private hospital and reduce the burden on the few public referral hospitals.

Speaking on the newly completed building, Dr Jubabani said that the move was part of the AKHS's expansion plan that will see the hospital develop into a fully fledged world-class health care institution by next year.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES:

Three (3) Field Associate (Field Officer), (1- Kondo, 1- Mpwapwa/Kongwa and 1- Bahi/ Chamwino)

Duration: All positions are full time, fixed term contract ending in 14th September 2019.

Salary: Attractive salaries & benefit packages

Farm Africa is currently recruiting three staff to implement our expected project, "sorghum Value Chain" in Dodoma region. Field associates (Field Officers) will take lead in facilitating, training and linking sorghum farmers to the market. This role will involve supporting smallholder farmers under Sorghum Pilot project in Dodoma to access quality seeds, support farmers on climate smart agriculture approaches and methods, provide training on Postharvest Handling and Storage (PHHS) and Good Agronomic Practices (GAP), and crop aggregation for commercial buyers.

For further details of any of the positions, please visit our website on www.farmafrica.org/jobs/jobs If you believe you have the skills and experience required for any of the above positions, please submit a CV (maximum 3 sides of A4) and a covering letter (maximum 1 side of A4) that explains how you meet the job requirements, clearly stating which position you are applying for, to Tanzaniarecruitment@farmafrica.org by 12:00 noon (EAT), **Thursday, 14th of March 2019.**

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Henry Jackson Foundation Medical Research International (HJFMRI) In Support of the U.S. Military HIV Research Program (MHRP) is an international non-governmental organization working in several countries providing care and treatment to people affected by HIV/AIDS and conducting research studies and has been actively involved in HIV and AIDS programming for over 30 years.

HJFMRI implements PEPFAR funded HIV prevention, care and treatment activities in the Southern Highlands, providing resources, personnel and services to the Zone. The program has expanded from supporting the Mbeya Zonal Referral Hospital in becoming a hub for anti-retroviral treatment in the Southern Highlands zone; to community support through decentralized services, with the overall objective of implementing research, clinical HIV, prevention, care and treatment services in Mbeya, Rukwa, Katavi, Ruvuma and Songwe regions in the zone.

In collaboration with the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children (MoHCDEGEC) and community NGOs, HJFMRI has been leading a comprehensive HIV and AIDS care and support program in the Southern Highlands of Tanzania since 2004. The program, which is sub-contracting with Regional Health Management Teams (RHMTs) and 14 community outreach partners, extends to 25 district councils in the five regions. Collectively, the zone, which has one of the highest HIV prevalence rates in Tanzania, represents a catchment area with close to 6 million people (13% of the population of Tanzania mainland). Despite remarkable achievements made over the past ten years, the expansion of HIV care and treatment interventions remains critical both at the facility as well as the community level.

HJFMRI is seeking qualified candidates to fill the position below. Cover letters and resumes should be sent by mail through post/EMS/DHL/ or any reliable Courier to the Human Resources and Administration Manager, P.O. Box 6396, Mbeya or transmitted by email to; recruitment@wrp-t.org **NOTE: to be considered, applicants must put the TITLE OF THE JOB in the SUBJECT LINE,** hand delivery applications are not accepted. **Deadline for submission of the application is March 21st, 2019. Those who do not meet the minimum requirements as detailed below should not submit applications. "CVs should not include any reference to marital status, birth place, as well as tribal and/or religious affiliations. Any CVs containing this information will not be considered for employment."**

JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Job Title:	HJFMRI Continuous Quality Improvement Officer
Reports to:	Regional Program Manager
Location:	HJFMRI regional office (Mbeya, Songwe, Ruvumu, Rukwa/Katavi)

General Overview:

Reporting to the Regional Program Manager and receiving technical guidance from the technical advisor for CQI, the CQI Officer will ensure that quality improvement initiatives are carried out across the region, making certain that activities are based on gaps and challenges identified through ongoing supportive supervision visits and other assessments of HIV services, while adhering to the Tanzanian Quality Improvement Framework in Health Care. The Continuous Quality Improvement Officer will be part of the regional team at HJFMRI, with close links to the CQI advisors and other technical staff and with the main focus on improving the quality of HIV services provided by the organization, as well as HIV services provided by supported health facilities and outreach partners. Quality of program activities will be measured and analyzed and feedback to his/her direct supervisor on a regular basis is expected. S/he will be based at one of the regional offices (Mbeya/Songwe, Ruvuma or Rukwa/Katavi) with frequent (50%) travels to the districts and occasional travel to Mbeya and Dar Es Salaam for different program activities.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities

- Coordinate HIV related Quality Improvement (QI) activities within the region amongst health facility staff, program staff and R/CHMTs.
- Work in close collaboration with CQI coordinators at the Regional Medical Office, and assure consistency of HIV care and treatment services in supported sites as per established national guidelines
- Collaborate with HJFMRI technical leads and regional teams, as well as R/ CHMTs to implement and maintain an effective and coordinated approach to supportive supervision
- Plan and organize the comprehensive quarterly supportive

- supervision visits and provide appropriate schedules for staff distribution, vehicle use and facilities visited
- Support the coordination and implementation of supportive supervision, mentorship and remediation visits at regional and district level, in close collaboration with the Regional Program Manager, the CQI Advisor and the Remediation and Mentorship Advisor
- Effectively collaborate with field based WRP/HJFMRI clinical team and health facilities CQI teams to analyse gaps and challenges identified during supportive supervision visits and subsequently provide technical assistance for remediation/action plans
- Monitor the activities of CQI teams at health facility and outreach partner level and communicate with the teams on a regular basis
- Receive QI reports from facility based and outreach partners with QI teams on a monthly basis, analyze the reports and provide feedback to the direct supervisor and the CQI team.
- Ensure that the electronic reporting tool for selected CQI indicators is filled in timely manner and provide technical assistance to complete the monthly reports where necessary
- Conduct regular coaching sessions for CQI at facility level, targeting the facility CQI teams
- Facilitate and participate in site visits to assess the progress in CQI implementation at partner level and identify ways forward to deal with challenges
- Work with field based clinical teams to provide on-site QI consultations and coaching to supported sites, using information gathered during assessments, so that results are used to effect changes in HIV clinic practice.
- Any other duties to support the program as assigned from time to time

Secondary Responsibilities:

- Support the regional HJFMRI technical team to include CQI in their day to day activities and monitor the implementation of these activities.
- Ensure that the regional and district HJFMRI teams include quality improvement activities on program, R/CHMT and facility/outreach partner levels
- Ensure availability and use of the national and international policies, guidelines, training manuals, recording and reporting tools and information, education and communication materials that relate to the Quality Improvement Program/Initiative
- Periodically measure and improve the quality of HIV/AIDS and related care, be it through supportive supervision and / or other available means
- Be involved in the development of clinical program quality indicators and track them over time, using the results for remediation of gaps and challenges
- Support the facilitation of QI meetings at regional and district levels, notably for program staff and representatives of medical and outreach partners
- Collaborate with RHMT and CHMT to identify CQI implementation gaps and support the development of evidence based interventions to rectify and maintain quality HIV & AIDS services.
- Communicate best practices and updates to ensure consistency in the program application and to maximize effectiveness in overall program implementation and management
- Participate in QI meetings at local and national level

Required Skills, Knowledge & Experience

- MD or equivalent
- At least 1 year of experience in clinical medicine
- Previous exposure to the planning and implementing HIV/AIDS care and treatment programs is an added advantage
- Prior experience in CQI or mentorship activities is an added advantage.
- Clear understanding of Tanzanian health structure and system
- Strong interpersonal, oral and written communication skills
- Fluency in the English language
- Computer skills in basic applications such as Microsoft Office
- Basic understanding of monitoring and evaluation and data analysis is an added advantage

Job Title:	Procurement Officer
Reports to:	Procurement and Logistics Director
Location:	DSM

General Overview

The procurement officer is responsible for assisting Procurement and Logistics Director in managing the flow of procurement activity to implement the HJFMRI HIV and TPDF Programs in the country.

Primary Duties or Key responsibilities:

- Develop Procurement Plan and Manage its execution
- Perform vendor pre qualifications process including vendor's due diligence and maintain a pool of competent, reliable service providers
- Ascertain program demand and ensure efficiency delivery of procurement services.
- Receiving and analyzing purchase requests from user departments in Mbeya, TPDF (DSM) and Regional offices to determine the appropriate method of procurement i.e. quotation, tender or RFP and forward them to senior management for approval.
- Liaise with technical team to establish technical specifications for the items to be procured.
- Sourcing quotes, tenders from potential and preferred vendors.
- Issue addendum to quotations, tenders and proposals as required
- Perform bid analysis, technical evaluations and award procurement opportunity to the best vendor while considering overall value addition to the Program Supply Chain
- Process purchase order approvals for TPDF and HJFMRI HIV programs requests
- Follow up with vendors and expedite where necessary to ensure timely delivery of requested goods/consignment
- Verification of the documents received from vendors for authenticity and accuracy before payment processing
- Prepare payments requests with fully documentation and forward them to Finance for further processing to vendors
- Process and follow up advertisement of program positions and RFPs/ITBs
- Maintain an up-to-date knowledge of the supply market for all HJFMRI-T supplies and services
- Manage constructive business relationship with suppliers and other Supply Chain stakeholders
- Manage supply risk by anticipating demand, review supply market and developing supplier's contingency plan.
- Perform costs benefit analysis on procurement of equipments versus leasing option and provide proper advice to Procurement and Logistics Director on economic model to adopt.
- Prepare weekly reports and any other highlights as may be requested
- Develop and manage contracts for recurring procurement services to improve efficiency on service delivery
- Negotiate best deals with the vendors for program costs control and costs management.
- Perform suppliers performance appraisal in order to maintain best performers and delist non performing vendors
- Work as liaison officer between HJFMRI Mbeya office and key supply chain stakeholders like TRA, TFDA, US Embassy and other service suppliers residing in DSM.
- Process/file Tax exemptions/reimbursement with relevant authorities including VAT and import duties for imported goods and local supplies.
- Manage TPDF and DSM office logistics to ensure efficient movement of staffs and supplies for proper management of Program activities.
- Perform other related duties and responsibilities as may be assigned from time to time by supervisor.

Qualification and Experience:

- A minimum of a Bachelor Degree or its equivalent from a recognized institute of higher learning in the field of Procurement and Supplies Management, Business Administration, Economics, or related field.
- Registration with Procurement and Supplies Professionals and Technicians Board (PSPTB) will be an added advantage.
- A minimum of three years of working experience at comparable level in a large organization or an NGO with significant experience in procurement Management.

Key Competencies:

- Must be of high integrity.
- Possess good report writing skills.
- Ability to provide, technical advice to management.
- Excellent computer skills in Microsoft office programs and ability to employ computerized systems to schedule work.
- Capable of exercising good and individual judgments
- Possess good organization and planning skills
- Insightful, organized, diligent, analytical, ability to produce results, trustworthy, assertive.
- Ability to take initiative and work under pressure with limited supervision.

HJFMRI is an equal opportunity employer; women are highly encouraged to apply.

Is mob violence out of control in South Africa?

BY LIZETTE LANCASTER

At least two people a day die as a result of vigilante or group attacks in South Africa. One such incident recently went viral on social media. In the disturbing video, 28-year-old Thoriso Themane is dragged, assaulted and stoned by a mob that allegedly includes pupils from Capricorn High School in Limpopo. By 1 March, nine people had been arrested for the murder. Themane's death traumatised family and friends, and those who witnessed his brutal attack.

National Police Commissioner General Khehla Sitole condemned the incident, saying 'any act of vigilantism is as much criminal as the action of the person accused of committing a crime'.

Violence is so normalised in society that 'ordinary' people commit horrific acts, at times in response to high levels of crime and perceptions that police and government crime-reduction strategies are ineffective.

In their analysis of the 2017/18 crime statistics, the South African Police Service (SAPS) associated at least 846 of the 20 336 murders with mob justice. The true figure is probably far higher because motives cannot be established in all murder cases, and the SAPS doesn't formally quantify vigilante violence.

Protest research by the Institute for Security Studies (ISS) shows that many largely peaceful crime-related protests as well as vigilante attacks take place in South Africa every year (see map). Incidents mapped as part of the ISS' public violence monitor are by no means exhaustive as the mainstream media tend to report only the most serious cases.

It is difficult to determine whether vigilantism and mob attacks are increasing because comprehensive statistics are not readily available. But vigilantism and group violence have occurred in South Africa for centuries in the absence of just and equitable law

enforcement under colonial and apartheid governments.

Crime statistics suggest that many communities experience high levels of violence and crime. Public confidence in the criminal justice system is often low and people don't trust the police to protect them. In fact, the latest Afrobarometer Survey for 2018 reveals that 66% of people mostly don't trust the police and 46% don't trust the courts.

Those who can, invest in private security and measures such as burglar bars, alarms, dogs and firearms for protection. The 2018 National Victims of Crime Survey by Statistics SA shows that 52% of households nationally use such measures to protect their homes. Eleven percent of households employ private security services, with Gauteng and the Western Cape usage being the highest at roughly 18%. Even with these measures, many still feel vulnerable.

Those who can't afford security measures often feel neglected by the police and alone in protecting their families and homes. The crime survey also shows that 3.5% of households belong to self-help groups. These include self-defence classes or organised or semi-organised local groups.

Research shows that young men are most at risk of becoming both the victims and perpetrators of crime. It is therefore likely that they are also most at risk of becoming victims and perpetrators of 'mob justice'.

In most instances when people intervene to stop crimes in progress, suspected offenders are caught and handed over to the police or traditional authorities. The problem comes when suspects are not only caught but also 'punished'.

The cases that usually make it into the media are those in which suspects are killed. Death normally happens through beatings or stoning, but the most notorious method is apartheid-style 'necklacing', where a car tyre is placed around the suspect and set alight.



Vigilantism is both a symptom and cause of a society where violence has become normalised.

All types of mob or vigilante action run the risk of targeting innocent people who are in the wrong place at the wrong time. Despite their well-documented shortcomings, criminal justice systems in democracies are designed to be fair, with separate law enforcement and prosecutorial functions.

Importantly, the accused is allowed the opportunity to respond to the allegations and face the accusers in a safe environment. Most, if not all, of these principles fall away when an emotional crowd takes the law

into their own hands.

The inevitable consequence of vigilantism is that sections of the community transition from largely law-abiding people into criminals. Once on this path, the state becomes secondary and private groups - be they gangs, militia or local businesses - become the alternative to government. They rule localities through the often arbitrary use of violence and fear.

People in these situations, particularly children exposed to violence often meted out on the whim of local warlords, experience severe insecurity and trauma.

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The normalisation of violence that results increases the likelihood that violence is used to deal with stress and conflict in personal relationships and elsewhere in their lives. Violence then becomes a regular part of daily life, with few boundaries.

South Africa desperately needs effective, professional and responsive policing in high-violence communities. When there are clear violations of the law, the state must be seen to respond swiftly and fairly.

The country needs strong

community leaders to condemn violence and take concerns of community members seriously. Children must be raised in supportive environments by parents who demonstrate other ways to resolve conflict besides violence. Social cohesion and tolerance of all people irrespective of nationality, sexual orientation and other qualities is needed.

But as long as South Africans feel the state cannot keep them safe, they are likely to seek their own justice, often with horrific repercussions.

AGENCIES

China to slash taxes, boost lending to prop up slowing economy

BEIJING

China sought to shore up its slowing economy through billions of dollars in planned tax cuts and infrastructure spending, with economic growth at its weakest in almost 30 years due to softer domestic demand and a trade war with the United States.

The government is targeting economic growth of 6.0 to 6.5 percent in 2019, Premier Li Keqiang said at Tuesday's opening of the annual meeting of China's parliament, less than the 6.6 percent gross domestic product growth reported last year.

Sources told Reuters earlier this year that China would cut its 2019 growth target to 6.0 to 6.5 percent from the 2018 target of around 6.5 percent as both global and domestic demand ebbed and the U.S. trade war heightened economic risks.

Speaking in Beijing's Great Hall of the People, Li warned of the challenges the world's second-largest economy faced and pledged to keep it on a safe footing with an array of stimulus measures.

"The environment facing China's development this year is more complicated and more severe," he said. "There will be more risks and challenges that are either predictable or unpredictable and we must be fully prepared for a tough battle."

Li said China's fiscal policy would become "more forceful", with planned cuts of nearly 2 trillion yuan (\$298.3 billion) in taxes and fees for companies.

Those tax cuts are more aggressive than the 1.3 trillion yuan delivered in 2018 and include reductions aimed at supporting the manufacturing, transport and construction sectors.

China's GDP last year expanded at its slowest pace since 1990 due to the trade war and Beijing's crackdown on financial risks, which raised corporate borrowing costs and hurt investment.

Analysts say Beijing's move to adopt a GDP target range, rather than a single growth figure, gives policymakers room to maneuver. But the increase in planned fiscal stimulus marks an explicit acknowledgement that authorities remain concerned about growth.

"If you are not sick you will not take so many medicines at one time," said Iris Pang, Greater China Economist at ING Wholesale Banking. "It means the head-



winds have not gone away, they are still there."

A longer-term campaign to curb polluting and low-value industries also slowed China's vast manufacturing sector.

China has ramped up the propaganda in the run-up to parliament, with state media releasing English-language videos and even a rap song praising the event as an exercise in Chinese democracy, though the legislature never rejects laws and its members are chosen for their loyalty to the Communist Party.

The annual gathering in the capital includes more than 3,000 delegates, who

Chinese President Xi Jinping and Chinese Premier Li Keqiang arrive for the opening session of the National People's Congress (NPC) at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, China, March 5, 2019. REUTERS/Jason Lee

come from all over China, with ethnic minorities showing up in colorful traditional outfits.

To support growth, Li said China would closely monitor employment at exporting companies heavily exposed to the U.S. market and cut the value-added tax (VAT) for the manufacturing sector to 13 percent from 16 percent. VAT for the transport and construction sectors will be cut to 9 percent from 10 percent.

China aims to create more than 11 million new urban jobs this year and keep the urban unemployment

rate within 4.5 percent, in line with its 2018 goals. At the same time, it will cut the social security fees paid by companies.

DEEPER TAX CUTS, SUPPORT TO SMES

In a push to ramp up infrastructure investment, China's finance ministry raised the special bond issuance quota for local governments to 2.15 trillion yuan (\$320.8 billion) from 1.35 trillion yuan last year.

The lower tax revenue and higher government spending push

China's budget deficit target for this year up to 2.8 percent of GDP from last year's 2.6 percent.

The government has also set a consumer inflation target of around 3 percent despite a recent softening in price rises to less than 2 percent, which gives Beijing some room to stimulate consumption.

Over the past year, China's central bank has cut the reserve requirements for commercial lenders five times to spur loans to small and private companies - vital for growth and jobs.

Li said on Tuesday monetary policy would be "neither too tight nor too loose" and that the government would not resort to a flood of liquidity. Growth targets for M2 money supply, which includes cash in circulation and deposits, and total social financing this year would be in line with nominal GDP growth.

To support private and smaller firms, Li said Beijing will step up targeted cuts in the reserve requirement ratio for smaller and medium-sized banks with an aim to boost lending to small companies by large banks by more than 30 percent.

The government must also continue reforms to hand more power to market forces, Li said, including steps to reduce red tape so that companies can "spend more time doing business and less time chasing approvals."

TRADE RISKS

Addressing one of the biggest challenges China's economy faces, the government's work report to parliament said it would continue to promote Sino-U.S. trade negotiations and was committed to safeguarding economic globalization and free trade.

Li's work report also said China will further improve market access for foreign investment and create an environment in which Chinese and foreign firms are "treated as equals and engage in fair competition."

Separately, China's top banking regulator said on Tuesday Beijing could "absolutely" reach an agreement with the United States on opening up its financial sector, even as the country's commerce minister admitted talks with Washington had been difficult.

In recent weeks, the United States and China appear to have moved closer to a trade deal that would roll back U.S. tariffs on at least \$200 billion worth of Chinese goods.

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said on Monday he thought both nations were "on the cusp" of a deal to end their trade war.

AGENCIES

TALIRI project to improve livestock production

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

TANZANIA Livestock Research Institute (TALIRI) is in line to introduce Multiple Ovulation and Embryo Transfer (MOET) programme as part of re-tooling biotechnology laboratory at its Mpwapwa Centre, a move that will help increase livestock production in the country.

According to the Director General of TALIRI, Dr Eligy Shirima, the timely

project aims to produce over 5,000 pure Mpwapwa cattle breed and their respective crossbreeds by the end of the third year (2020) after the project's phases out.

"The retooling of biotechnology laboratory will provide the key tools for developing and enhancing sustainable livestock production in Tanzania," Dr Shirima expressed.

He added that, the Taliri-Mpwapwa biotechnology laboratory is expected

to enhance rapid multiplication of quality livestock (dairy and beef cattle) that can stimulate the growth of dairy and meat processing industries through increased production of raw materials needed by the industries.

He said the rate of livestock genetic improvement is very low coupled with inadequacy of improved livestock, saying only 2 per cent of 25 million cattle have been genetically improved in the country.

Dr Shirima said different strategies have been arranged to provide not only inclusiveness, but also sustainability room for the technology, pointing

out among the strategies as open nucleus breeding scheme.

"The strategy will be used to deliver these services to stakeholders particularly farmers, public and private farms, franchised distributors, research institutions and universities," he said.

Moreover, he detailed, the state-of-the-art lab will be linked with different potential partners including Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA), Tanzania National Artificial Insemination Centre (NAIC) and Massey University in New Zealand through memorandum of understanding MoU.

He said the MoU between TALIRI and Massey University will support the activities to be provided by this lab in terms of training of staff and joint research activities.

On the other hand, the TALIRI's chief boss said the laboratory will not only be used to produce livestock semen and embryos, but also ex-situ conservation of livestock germplasm to prevent the risk of losing livestock genes of economic importance.

"It will also help to enhance animal genetic gain and improve their reproductive performances and productivity," he added.



August Minja (2nd-R), headmaster of Kisarawe District's Christon Secondary School, briefs Sungwi division officer Casmir Kombo (2nd-L) at graduation ceremony held at the school at the weekend. The latter was the chief guest. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

300 stakeholders in 4 regions trained in management and leadership skills

By Guardian Reporter

MORE than 300 private health care stakeholders (PHCS) from Dar es Salaam, Mbeya, Rukwa and Njombe regions have benefited from basic businesses and management skills training thanks to the initiatives made by Afya Microfinance (AMiF)

AMiF is a social enterprise established in 2012 by the association of private health facilities in Tanzania (APHFTA) for the purpose of improving health services in Tanzania by providing affordable loans to accredited drug dispensing outlets (ADDOs), hospitals, dispensaries, clinics, health centres, pharmacies, laboratories and any other private providers of health care services.

In less than ten years, AMiF managed to support over 300 businesses in 10 regions of Tanzania empowering health sector entrepreneurs to improve their businesses by accessing loans, expanding the type of services offered, and their businesses to serve more people. Agnes Nyasebo, a nurse-midwife working in a peri-urban area of Dar es Salaam is AMiF beneficiary, whose small beginnings of selling medicines informally from her house has expanded to a registered business with its own premises.

AMiF provided guidance and advisory

support that enabled her to receive an initial loan of 1m/- that helped her register her business, renovate the shop to meet the ADDO standards, and increase her inventory. "AMiF linked me with a reputable supplier and negotiated a lower price for drugs and supplies. In no time I was able to repay my loan and received additional financing for 3m/- to scale up my business," said Agnes. According to Agnes, her through her business she was able to employ an assistant as she invests more time in exploring opportunities to expand her business.

"Over the course of the two loans, Agnes' income had risen from 15,000/- per day, with three clients to 150,000/- per day with over 40 clients," said Fares Kapinga head of credit AMiF.

Kapinga said that AMiF plans to access providers of private health care services and ensure quality, access and affordable healthcare services across the country, focusing on lower end facilities especially those based in disadvantaged areas.

The human development innovation fund (HDIF) provided funding to the association of private health facilities in Tanzania (APHFTA) to develop a customised loan products for an underserved micro-lending market while improving access to first line health services.

AfDB calls for strong responses to migration-related challenges

Abidjan

THE third annual Africa Resilience Forum opened here on Monday with African Development Bank (AfDB) Senior Vice President Charles Boamah outlining the benefits that safe, controlled migration bring to countries of origin, transit and destination. "I can attest that migration enriches our lives while allowing us to learn and contribute," he told delegates, among them government ministers, members of the diplomatic corps and AfDB staff and senior management.

Boamah (pictured) commended the choice of the conference's theme on migration issues, saying: "This year's theme of fragility, migration and resilience could not be more pertinent because we are going to focus on several issues, including the relationships between migration, humanitarian issues and security; youth and job creation; migration and gender; and climate change and the impact on the environment."

Policy makers, representatives of international organisations, researchers, members of civil society and businesspeople at the forum were scheduled to continue to consider migration in the context of fragility and resilience in six plenary sessions and eight parallel workshops yesterday and today.

In 2017, Africans accounted for 10 per cent of the 258 million people who migrated worldwide.

"Understanding migration is therefore important for the African Development Bank because this work provides options to support programmes that will reduce migration flows at the same time as increasing yields," said Boamah.

He added: "While most of the discourse on African migration focuses on the Mediterranean, it is important to stress that general intra-African migration accounts for 70 per cent. This rises to 80 per cent for sub-Saharan Africa."

A plenary dedicated to "innovative solutions in the field of migration", including financial solutions, was ex-



pected to highlight how poverty and low employment prospects become powerful drivers of migration and instability.

The 'Migration-Security-Development' triangle was, meanwhile, at the heart of discussions at another plenary session as participants reviewed migrant-smuggling and the impacts of tightened border controls with the goal of exploding popular myths about migration.

Migration within the African continent was discussed during a parallel session on 'Intra-African migration: challenges and policies', while another workshop focused on 'climate change, migration and building resilience'.

A single platform for discussion and debate, the Forum was organised by the Transition States Coordination Office with support from the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation and the participation of the International Organisation for Migration, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the International Labour Organisation and the Making Finance Work for Africa initiative.

The debates held at the Forum were expected to benefit from the new Country Resilience and Fragility Assessment (CRFA) tool, which uses the concept of the internal and external pressures on countries and their capacity to address the challenges.

"Migration challenges require bold responses. In this regard, the bank has developed tools. The CRFA... is an excellent tool to build resilience in our regional member countries," said Boamah.

AfDB is also working on migration in collaboration with the African Union, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, African civil society organisations and African businesses.

AfDB President Dr Akinwumi Adesina is a member of the high-level panel on migration, which is chaired by former Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf.

AfDB provided substantial assistance to Libyan refugees in Tunisia in 2011 and in 2015 it extended its aid to refugees in Djibouti as well as similar projects in Burundi, Mali, Nigeria, Senegal and Zimbabwe.

The bank has also launched the 'Jobs for Youth in Africa' programme, which offers young Africans employment, particularly in the agricultural sector as part of a strategy to prevent youth from succumbing to the temptations of migration.

Over 400 participants from around the world are taking part in the Forum, which is expected to propose concrete actions to address the challenges posed by migration and to help build resilience within the 21 African countries categorised as fragile.



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Minimum wage: How applicable is it actually to workers' welfare?

By MUHARRAM MACATTA

EQUIVALENTLY, it is the price floor below which workers may not sell their labour. Although minimum wage laws are in effect in many jurisdictions, differences of opinion exist about the benefits and drawbacks of a minimum wage.

Supporters of the minimum wage say it increases the standard of living of workers, reduces poverty, reduces inequality, and boosts morale.

In contrast, opponents of the minimum wage say it increases poverty, increases unemployment (particularly among unskilled or inexperienced workers) and is damaging to businesses, because excessively high minimum wages require businesses to raise the prices of their product or service to accommodate the extra expense of paying a higher wage and some low-wage workers "will be unable to find work... [and] will be pushed into the ranks of the unemployed."

In an economy with a central bank, the bank may therefore attempt to keep an eye on asset price appreciation and take measures to curb high levels of speculative activity in financial asset. This is usually done by increasing the interest rate (that is, the cost of borrowing money). (Historically, this is not the only approach taken by central banks.

It has been argued that they should stay out of it and let the bubble, if it is one, take its course.)

Possible causes: In the 1970s, excess monetary expansion after the U.S. came off the gold standard (August 1971) created massive commodities bubbles. These bubbles only ended when "the U.S. Central Bank (Federal Reserve) finally reined in the excess money, raising federal funds interest rates to over 14%."

The commodities bubble popped and prices of oil and gold, for instance, came down to their proper levels. Similarly, low interest rate policies by the U.S. Federal Reserve in the 2001-2004 are believed to have exacerbated housing and commodities bubbles.

The housing bubble popped as subprime mortgages began to default at much higher rates than expected, which also coincided with the rising of the fed funds rate.

It has also been variously suggested that bubbles may be rational, intrinsic, and contagious. To date, there is no widely accepted theory to explain their occurrence. Recent computer-generated agency models suggest excessive leverage could be a key factor

in causing financial bubbles.

Puzzlingly or strangely for some, bubbles occur even in highly predictable experimental markets, where uncertainty is eliminated and market participants should be able to calculate the intrinsic value of the assets simply by examining the expected stream of dividends.

Nevertheless, bubbles have been observed repeatedly in experimental markets, even with participants such as business students, managers, and professional traders. Experimental bubbles have proven robust to a variety of conditions, including short-selling, margin buying, and insider trading.

While there is no clear agreement on what causes bubbles, there is evidence to suggest that they are not caused by bounded rationality or assumptions about the irrationality of others, as assumed by greater fool theory.

It has also been shown that bubbles appear even when market participants are well-capable of pricing assets correctly. Further, it has been shown that bubbles appear even when speculation is not possible or when over-confidence is absent.

More recent theories of asset bubble formation suggest that they are likely sociologically-driven events, thus explanations that merely involve fundamental factors or snippets of human behaviour are incomplete at best.

It may be argued that market speculation is driven by culturally-situated narratives that are deeply embedded in and supported by the prevailing institutions of the time.

They cite factors such as bubbles forming during periods of innovation, easy credit, loose regulations, and internationalized investment as reasons why narratives play such an influential role in the growth of asset bubbles.

One possible cause of bubbles is excessive monetary liquidity in the financial system, inducing lax or inappropriate lending standards by the banks, which makes markets vulnerable to volatile asset price inflation caused by short-term, leveraged speculation.

For example, the former experienced German banker has argued that "The past has shown that an overly generous provision of liquidity in global financial markets in connection with a very low level of interest rates promotes the formation of asset-price bubbles."

According to the explanation, excessive monetary liquidity (easy credit, large disposable incomes) potentially occurs while fractional reserve banks



Employees carry placards bearing various messages during past May Day celebrations in Tanzania. File photo

are implementing expansionary monetary policy (i.e. lowering of interest rates and flushing the financial system with money supply); this explanation may differ in certain details according to economic philosophy.

Those who believe the money supply is controlled exogenously by a central bank may attribute an 'expansionary monetary policy' to said bank and (should one exist) a governing body or institution; others who believe that the money supply is created endogenously by the banking sector may attribute such a 'policy' with the behaviour of the financial sector itself, and view the state as a passive or reactive factor.

This may determine how central or relatively minor/inconsequential policies like fractional reserve banking and the central bank's efforts to raise or lower short-term interest rates are to one's view on the creation, inflation and ultimate implosion of an economic bubble.

Explanations focusing on interest rates tend to take on a common form, however: When interest rates are set excessively low, (regardless of the mechanism by which it is accomplished) investors tend to avoid putting their capital into savings accounts.

Instead, investors tend to leverage their capital by borrowing from banks and invest the leveraged capital in financial assets such as stocks and real estate.

Risky leveraged behaviour like speculation and "Ponzi Schemes" can lead to an increasingly fragile economy, and may also be part of what pushes asset prices artificially upward until the bubble pops.

But these [ongoing economic crisis] aren't just a series of unrelated accidents. Instead, what we're seeing is what happens when too much money is chasing too few investment opportunities.

Simply put, economic bubbles often occur when too much money is chasing too few assets, causing both good assets and bad assets to appreciate excessively beyond their fundamentals to an unsustainable level.

Once the bubble bursts, the fall in prices causes the collapse of unsustainable investment schemes (especially speculative and/or "Ponzi investments", but not exclusively so), which leads to a crisis of consumer (and investor) confidence that may result in a financial panic and/or financial crisis. If there is monetary authority like a central bank, it may be forced to take a number of measures in order to soak up the liquidity in the financial system or risk a collapse of its currency.

This may involve actions like bailouts of the financial system, but also others that reverse the trend of monetary accommodation, commonly termed forms of 'contractionary monetary policy'.

Some of these measures may include raising interest rates, which tends to make investors become more risk averse and thus avoid leveraged capital because the costs of borrowing may become too expensive.

Others may include certain countermeasures that may be taken pre-emptively during periods of strong economic growth include having the central monetary author-

ity increase capital reserve requirements and attempting to implement regulation that checks and/or prevents processes leading to over-expansion and excessive leveraging of debt.

Ideally, such countermeasures lessen the impact of a downturn by strengthening financial institutions while the economy is strong.

Advocates of perspectives stressing the role of credit money in an economy often refer to (such) bubbles as "credit bubbles," and look at such measures of financial leverage as debt-to-GDP ratios to identify bubbles.

Typically the collapse of any economic bubble results in an economic contraction termed (if less severe) a recession or (if more severe) a depression; what economic policies to follow in reaction to such a contraction is a hotly debated perennial topic of political economy.

The importance of liquidity was derived in a mathematical setting and in an experimental setting. Social psychology factors: Greater fool theory states that bubbles are driven by the behaviour of perennially optimistic market participants (the fools) who buy overvalued assets in anticipation of selling it to other speculators (the greater fools) at a much higher price.

According to this explanation, the bubbles continue as long as the fools can find greater fools to pay up for the overvalued asset.

The bubbles will end only when the greater fool becomes the greatest fool who pays the top price for the overvalued asset and can no longer find another buyer to pay for it at a higher price.

Easier for China to face tariffs than bend to US pressure

BEIJING

CHINA will acknowledge concessions made in any trade deal with the United States for the sake of stabilizing shaky relations, but is unlikely to yield to demands it alter its economic model even if faced with continued tariffs, many trade experts believe.

U.S. President Donald Trump has warned he could walk away from a China deal if it were not good enough, even as his advisers touted "fantastic" progress toward an agreement to end a dispute that has put tit-for-tat tariffs on hundreds of billions of dollars worth of each others' goods.

Such optimism has taken a different shape in Beijing, where the delay on a once "hard" March 1 deadline for a U.S. tariff hike reinforced views that Trump's appetite for tough measures has weakened as the 2020 presidential election draws closer and a strong U.S. economy shows initial signs of flagging.

Chinese concessions in any deal are likely to fall short of U.S. demands for deep change in the way the world's second-largest economy works.

Revamping decades of state planning will not happen overnight, Chinese experts argue.

And President Xi Jinping faces political realities at home, where being seen as kowtowing to Trump would be less palatable than navigating the near-term impact continued trade tensions might have on China's own slowing economy, they say.

One Chinese official told Reuters that China's domestic reform was a long-term process.

"If the United States carries out overall restrictions or pressure based on its own interests, China will not accept it," the of-



ficial said.

Tu Xinquan, a trade expert at Beijing's University of International Business and Economics, said it would be difficult for Xi to agree to U.S. demands that China revamp the role of state-owned enterprises and other core industrial policies.

Xi would likely be prepared to go as far as to give "visible, politically influential commitments" to Trump, such as to buy more American goods and improve protection of intellectual property rights (IPR).

The United States has long complained

Balapu Waduge Mendis, a Sri Lankan asylum seeker, right, with Swami Advayananda Saraswati at his ashram in Le Port, Reunion [Malavika Vyawahare/Al Jazeera]

that Beijing has systematically obtained American companies' intellectual property through coercion and outright theft. But improving copyright and trademark enforcement is seen by hardliners in Washington as a practical and self-interested move for China, now that it has innovative companies of its own.

China verifiably cracking down on the more existential threat of forced technology transfer - which officials deny actually occurs - or

substantially curbing the influence of state-owned companies in the economy is seen as less likely.

"The core features of the Chinese model - these issues will be left to the future," Tu said.

"MAR-A-LAGO ACCORD?"

Sources have suggested that the two sides are getting closer to a deal that could roll back some tariffs and set forth agreements on structural issues in China's economic model, but that details of an enforcement mechanism to ensure Beijing fol-

lows through on policy pledges are still not set. While no plans have been announced, there is widespread speculation in trade circles that Xi could travel to Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida to hammer out a final deal in late March, on the tail end of a planned trip to Europe.

Some in U.S. diplomatic and business communities, concerned that Trump could rush into accepting weak Chinese commitments, have been for weeks referring, with mock grandiosity, to a possible deal as the "Mar-a-Lago Accord".

China's willingness to make smaller commitments is driven by a desire to stabilize U.S.-China relations and prevent the trade dispute from spreading, which has become more salient as Washington pressures its allies to jettison cooperation with Chinese tech champions, including Huawei Technologies.

"We are afraid this conflict will be extended to other areas, even affecting the relationship between China and the West. So we want to control it. Maybe not solve all the problems, but control it and calm it down," Tu said. China hopes commitments to purchase more U.S. goods, along with pledges to improve its reporting of subsidies at the World Trade Organization and IPR enforcement can clinch an interim deal, according to Chinese trade experts. Trump has delayed the threatened hike in tariffs on some \$200 billion in Chinese imports to 25 percent from 10 percent, which was due to kick-in on Friday.

U.S. Trade Representative Rob-

ert Lighthizer has signaled that tariffs would remain an important tool to push China to address U.S. concerns over Chinese industrial policies, saying in written testimony at Congressional hearings last week that trade issues with China were too serious to be resolved merely through stepped-up purchases.

Zhang Huanbo, a researcher at the China Center for International Economic Exchanges (CCIEE), a well-connected think-tank in Beijing, said China would not agree to abolish subsidies but it would correct market-distorting subsidies so they were "in-line with WTO rules".

Xi, who fundamentally believes in a strong role for the state and the ruling Communist Party in the economy, does not want to, and cannot, quickly dismantle decades of state planning, political analysts say. But he still has room to give the United States more market access in the service industry and for agricultural products. Shi Yinhong, director of the Center for American Studies at Renmin University, said beyond those types of openings China had to attend to its "own basic dignity and authority".

"If China makes too big a concession to the United States, it might create domestic economic disorder. And also how would you explain it to Communist Party members and the Chinese people?" said Shi, who has advised the government on diplomatic matters.

AGENCIES

CONSERVATION

Artisanal fishermen bask in 'Operation Sangara' success as fish stocks quadruple

By Beatrice Philemon

ARTISANAL fishermen on Lake Victoria have seen their daily catch increase from 15 to 60 kg per traditional fishing boat per day thanks to 'Operation Sangara' which was spearheaded by Minister for Livestock and Fisheries, Luhaga Mpina between 2017 and last year.

Speaking to The Guardian last week, one of the fishermen, Tawfiq Sharif said that fish stocks for both Sangara (Nile perch) and other species have become more abundant since the operation which saw the confiscation of thousands of illegal fishing gear and the arrest of many culprits.

Sharif said legitimate artisanal fishermen were suffering shortage of popular species including Sato (Tilapia) because illegal fishing methods meant that juvenile fish was also caught which impacted on multiplication of stocks.

"Right now, one can get as much as 150-200 kg of Nile Perch per day if they have multiple traditional fishing boats which was impossible before Operation Sangara," Sharif said backed by his peers.

He commended Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries for the 2017 operation which received strong opposition even among lawmakers who hailed from the Lake Zone. "We hope

that this situation will prevail for a long time," he added noting that on a heyday, fishermen can catch up to 80kgs.

Official statistics by Lake Victoria's Fisheries Resource Protection (FRP) Unit in Kagera Zone, indicated that from January to November last year, illegal fishing activities had declined from 60 percent to 25 percent.

Principal Assistant Fisheries Officer for FRPU in Kagera Zone, Gabriel Mageni said it is true that availability of fish on Lake Victoria has improved tremendously in the past year. "Currently, availability of Sangara and Sato which are the main species on

the lake is improved," Mageni said over the phone from Bukoba.

He said as a result of the improvement, fishing processing factories are operating regularly while new ones have come up as the raw material is now readily available.

"We are very glad for the operation which involved patrolling, monitoring and surveillance conducted last year to curb illegal and over-fishing on Lake Victoria has brought good results," he added.

During the operation, some 1,069 people were arrested for conducting illegal fishing activities on the lake and were fined over 1.49bn/- by magistrates

hence significantly arresting the vice.

According to a Lake Victoria Fisheries Organization in 2016, Tanzania's Nile Perch stock dropped from 651,353 tonnes in September 2014 to 417,936 tonnes in August 2016 while sardines (Dagaa) declined by almost 50 percent largely due to illegal fishing and pollution of the lake.

The LVFO report further noted that Uganda's Nile Perch production dropped from 513,133 tonnes in 2014 to 393,353 tonnes while Kenya production reduced from 1,230,247 tonnes to 851,461 tonnes. The survey did not involve Sato which was also badly affected.



Artisanal fishermen carrying a giant Nile perch on the Mwanza city shores of Lake Victoria. File photo.

INVESTMENT

Safaricom upgrading backbone network to 400G

BARCELONA

SAFARICOM is planning a major upgrade of its backbone network to meet the growing data consumption needs of its customers.

Kenya's leading telecom operator announced its plans for the upgrade at a press briefing at Mobile World Congress (MWC) 2019 in Barcelona, Spain. It announced it would use Huawei's end-to-end 400G solution for its next-generation backbone network.

Safaricom said the 400G backbone will replace its existing 100G backbone, increasing the capacity of network traffic carried between Mombasa, Nairobi and Kisumu.

"Today we use only 100G, meaning 100 gigabit per second (Gbps) per port of our routers in our data centers.

Now with this new technology we are able to have a much denser and much higher capacity network with four-times that capacity per port through 400G," Safaricom CTO Thibaud Rerolle told ITWeb in an interview after the announcement.

"This will definitely enable the growing demand in both mobile and fixed broad-



Safaricom CTO Thibaud Rerolle.

band in Kenya," he said.

Huawei and Safaricom claim it will be the world's first commercial 400G project, advancing backbone network deployment towards the 400G era.

"We have a plan for a two-year roll-out.

Phase one has begun already in the eastern part of the country and as soon as we have completed that we will move on to phase two. So by the end of the next financial year, end of March 2020, we will already be beyond phase one," Rerolle told ITWeb.

He said 400G will play a major role in increasing the capacity of backbone networks. "Huawei's end-to-end 400G solution coordinates router and WDM planning and maximises network value. It will help us fully utilise network resources, and optimise the forwarding cost per bit while ensuring high reliability."

Capacity building

Through the solution, Safaricom seeks to meet growing data needs due to the expansion of its fibre-to-the-home (FTTH) and enterprise fibre networks. The firm has also been experiencing a year-on-year doubling of mobile data usage on its network.

"It's about long term investment into the capacity of the network. As people increase their use of digital products in their lifestyle, they need higher speeds and better latencies," Rerolle said.

Safaricom is the leading service provider in Kenya with 65% market share, over 29.5 million subscribers, 22 million mobile money customers, 17.6 million data subscribers, 15 000 enterprise customers and over 220 000 FTTH connections.

In 2018, Safaricom's broadband users grew

2.5-fold, and its mobile and fixed network traffic is estimated to increase by 6-fold and 5-fold, respectively, over the next three years. Because of this, the operator needs to modernise the existing equipment to accommodate capacity requirements.

The IP-optical 400G network will be built using Huawei's backbone router and optical transport network (OTN) platform. The OTN with 400G technologies doubles the transmission capacity per fibre, reducing fibre rental costs on the backbone.

"With fast reroute (FRR) and automatically switched optical network (ASON) technologies, the 400G solution can enable protection switching in milliseconds, guaranteeing the network reliability required by delay-sensitive services like mobile money," Huawei said.

"Huawei has played an active role in advancing the 400G industry, and has invested heavily high-speed optical digital signal processors (ODSPs), and backbone network standards and products," said Jeffrey Gao, president of Huawei router and carrier Ethernet product line. Huawei said its backbone routers serve multiple industry-leading operators in over 100 countries and regions.



Barrick CEO Mark Bristow.

REBUFF

Newmont's 'no' to \$17bn bid means end for creation of world's largest gold producer

NEW YORK

NEWMONT Mining rejected Barrick Gold's \$17.8 billion unsolicited takeover bid, a deal that would've created the world's largest gold producer.

The board unanimously rejected the proposal, saying it would not be better than Newmont's previously announced takeover of Goldcorp, the Colorado-based company said on Monday. Instead, Newmont submitted a joint venture proposal to Barrick that would encompass the two companies' Nevada operations.

Newmont had raised serious doubts about Toronto-based Barrick's proposal - a hostile all-share no-premium bid - from the day it was publicly announced February 25.

Newmont said its previously announced agreement to take over Goldcorp offered better benefits, and chief executive Gary Goldberg called

Barrick's takeover offer "desperate" and "bizarre."

"The combination with Goldcorp is significantly more accretive to Newmont's shareholders on all relevant metrics compared to Barrick's proposal, even when factoring in Barrick's own synergy estimates," Mr Goldberg said.

Barrick has no intention of raising its offer, a source said last week.

The top end of the gold industry has been in a state of transformation - in September, industry leader Barrick agreed to buy Randgold Resources for \$5.4bn.

Three months later, Newmont announced its plan to purchase Goldcorp for \$10bn, which would leapfrog it into the leading gold-producer spot.

A spokeswoman for Barrick had no immediate comment on the rejection.

"Since previous merger discussions terminated in 2014, Newmont has significantly outperformed Barrick on almost every

metric," Mr Goldberg said in a letter on Monday to Barrick CEO Mark Bristow and Barrick executive chairman John Thornton.

"Our management team has a consistent, long-standing track record of delivering superior execution," he wrote.

"In contrast, Barrick's underperformance highlights its ineffective operating model, poor record on delivering stockholder returns, and significant jurisdictional risk."

"Mark has never run a global portfolio," Mr Goldberg said last month, referring to Mr Bristow, who until January 1 ran Africa-focused Randgold.

"In fact, I'd say none of his team have run a global portfolio like what we have in place."

On the same day, Mr Bristow said his team could do a better job running his rival. "I have spent a lot of time in Nevada, and I have no doubt that I can do a better job than Newmont," Mr Bristow said.

PROMOTION

Exim bank launches 'work today for tomorrow' campaign

By Guardian Reporter

EXIM Bank has launched a campaign dubbed 'Exim at work today for tomorrow,' which is the bank's commitment to its customers and further cementing its connection with the local market.

The 12-month campaign which builds on the Exim tagline 'Innovation is life,' will see the bank showcase an array of tailor-made products that suit requirements of different customers and bring to life Exim bank objectives of financial inclusion, developing a savings culture, creating investment value, customer satisfaction and growth.

Speaking at the launch of the campaign, the bank's Head of Mar-

keting, Stanley Kafu said that the campaign has been designed for all of its customers in the country and has already seen success with some of its programs such as 'Deposit utokelezee,' which enabled customers to earn attractive interests.

Kafu said Exim has been in existence for more than 20 years providing innovative solutions to its customer base for today and tomorrow ever growing and dynamic needs.

"For many years, Exim Bank has been part of an exciting journey driven by innovation and has remained committed to pursue a better tomorrow for our esteemed customers and communities that support and surrounds us," the Marketing Head noted.



Exim Bank Tanzania's Head of Marketing, Stanley Kafu. File photo.

"Exim through innovation continues to aim at transforming lives and our primary mission is to remain committed to our customer's prosperity, growth and transformation," he

added.

He further pointed out that by the end of the campaign, the bank hopes to have re-affirmed its commitment to the masses, changed the perception of Exim Bank to stakeholders and communicated the brand positioning in the market.

"It will also re-introduced the bank as an original Tanzanian Bank with both retail and corporate services, available throughout the week at all times to offer a variety of products to cater for every lifestyle and business, eliminating any other sentiments and nevertheless emphasizing our promise of being at work today for the better tomorrow of our customers," Kafu stressed.

The bank celebrated 21 years of success last year with growth and pioneering into new markets across the continent and expanded its reach by opening subsidiaries in Comoros (2007), Djibouti (2011) and Uganda (2016).



Woolworth Group CEO, Ian Moir.

OPTIMISM

Woolworths CEO Moir gets under pressure as Australian dream fades

JOHANNESBURG

THE head of the South African seller of organic food and designer clothing has to use Thursday's first-half earnings day to convince investors that his plan to create a southern hemisphere retail giant can succeed, even after a spate of resignations at its troubled Australian department-store chain David Jones.

Woolworths bought David Jones for \$2bn in 2014, but the move turned sour when a revaluation of the almost 200-year-old business led to a 2018 write-down of 712.5m Australian dollars (\$510m).

That contributed to the retailer's first annual loss since at least 2002. The rot has continued with the resignation of two Australian non-executive directors last week, hot on the heels of David Jones CEO David Thomas, the third head of that business to leave in five years.

Cape Town-based Woolworths said Moir, 60, will work directly

with management in Australia while a replacement is found. "This is bad timing," said Charles Allen, an analyst at Bloomberg Intelligence. "You can't run a company like David Jones remotely from South Africa and they will urgently need to find replacements. Actually there needs to be a clearer route for succession planning for the company as a whole."

Sluggish Market Last month, Woolworths reported that the unit's comparable store sales rose less than 1 percent as growth from new stores was offset by disruptions at existing outlets, notably from refurbishments at its flagship Elizabeth Street store in Sydney. Meanwhile the Australian market is sluggish, with retail sales growth slowing to 2.1 percent in December from 3.3 percent the month before.

"There is room for a luxury department store in Sydney, but the best plan for next tier down is not nearly so obvious," Allen said.

The troubles in Australia have been compounded by travails in Woolworths' home market, where clothing and home-retail sales have declined amid weak South African consumer confidence. The stock has slumped more than 10% this month, heading for its worst monthly drop since November 2016.

At the company's annual general meeting in November, the Woolworths board expressed full confidence in Moir. Chairman Simon Susman said at the meeting that the company had come to the end "of a very large and complex implementation program, particularly in David Jones, which now needs to start bearing fruit."

The Australian unit's major changes include transforming its merchandising and finance systems and online platform. Moir said at the AGM that Woolworths should have not done so much in such a short time-frame as the execution was difficult, prolonged and costly.

CRISIS

Mozambique debt restructuring set to continue as scandal grows

MAPUTO

MOZAMBIQUE will continue with restructuring talks over \$2 billion of defaulted loans, the Ministry of Finance said, even as an international scandal around

the debt intensifies.

The \$2 billion comprises three loans, one of which was converted into a eurobond, and another two that are guaranteed by the state. Mozambique in November announced an agreement in principal with

investors to restructure its \$727 million eurobonds that would see debt-holders paid a portion of future revenues from gas projects planned for the north of the country.

"The government is monitoring the latest legal developments nationally and internationally and, while always protecting the interests of the state, will continue with negotiations to the conclusion of the process that has been underway since 2016," the ministry said in a statement on its website. "These negotiations are very important for the reintegration of Mozambique into the international financial markets and to strengthen the confidence of economic agents."

Last week, the southeast African nation's attorney-general filed a legal claim in London against Credit Suisse Group, which arranged the bulk of the debt, including a \$622 million loan to state-owned ProIndicus. The claim seeks to revoke the government guarantee for this loan.

Mozambique's eurobonds due January 2023 rose 0.8% to 87.58 cents on the dollar by 9:37 am in London.

The government announced in 2016 it couldn't afford to service the eurobond, the ProIndicus debt, as well as the third loan to state-owned Mozambique Asset Management, and that it sought to restructure them.

A US indictment in December claimed the tuna-fishing and maritime security projects the loans funded were a front to pay at least \$200 million in bribes and kickbacks to people involved.

Three former Credit Suisse workers have been arrested in the UK on warrants from the US, while Mozambique's ex-finance minister, Manuel Chang, was arrested in South Africa as part of the same case.



Central Bank Governor John Mangudya

CAUTION

Zimbabwe's Reserve Bank on security alert

HARARE

THE Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe has cautioned local banks and payment companies to be extra vigilant amid a spike in the volume of internet and mobile payments, fuelled by the ongoing cash shortage in the country.

Central Bank Governor John Mangudya urged businesses to be on their guard against cyber security breaches as consumers head online rather than use traditional channels like ATMs to secure cash.

"Financial institutions and individuals are increasingly being exposed to cyber-attacks which have become more sophisticated, frequent, targeted and difficult to identify," said Mangudya. He added that Zimbabwe's payment systems recorded positive growth with the exception of cheques and ATM transactions during the 52-week period to the end of December 2018.

An excerpt from the 2019 Monetary Policy Statement reads: "Mobile financial services transactional activities went up by 145% to US\$44-billion from

US\$18-billion whilst volumes increased by 121% to US\$1.7-billion from US\$755-million in 2017. Internet transactions increased by 8.63% to US\$13-billion in 2018."

Financial institutions have been mandated to update cyber security policies, strategies and frameworks and submit these to the Central Bank by 31 March 2019. They have also been instructed to migrate to Euro Mastercard Visa (EMV) Technology platforms by the end of the month. This is understood to be aimed at further enhancing cyber security owing to the increased usage of digital payments.

"Further to the cyber security guidance, market participants are required to migrate to Euro MasterCard and Visa (EMV) standards to ensure enhanced card security features to curb cyber related activities. Currently, over 80% of the card infrastructure in the country is now EMV compliant.

"Financial institutions should therefore ensure that all cards issued in the market are EMV compliant by 31 March 2019," notes the central bank.



Mozambique's ex-finance minister, Manuel Chang sits in a South African court.

EQUALITY

Iceland and Sweden treat female workers the best, says PwC

LONDON

ICELAND and Sweden retained their positions as the best developed countries for female workers, with the US and UK lagging behind many Nordic countries and Canada, a study by professional services company PwC showed.

Iceland, Sweden and New Zealand, took the first three places in that order in PwC's annual ranking of female labour force participation and welfare of women in the workplace, across 33 Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development countries.

Nordic countries held five of the top 10 places, coming above the two largest English-speaking economies of the UK and US, which ranked 13th and 23rd, respectively. Canada came in 12th in the ranking.

The UK improved its position only slightly from the previous year's index, moving up from 14th position.

Its female labour force participation rate of 57 per cent lags significantly behind Sweden's 69 per cent, the study showed.

Progress in the UK is held back by a "stubbornly persistent" gender pay gap, which will

require concerted government policy and business action to address, PwC said in a report published on Tuesday with the index.

"Women in the OECD still face significant challenges and inequalities in the workplace," PwC said.

"The pay gap persists and women are still under-represented in corporate leadership, with women accounting for only one in five board seats in the largest publicly-listed companies in the OECD."

Improving female participation in the work across the OECD could boost its collective gross domestic product by \$6 trillion, while closing the gender pay gap could boost OECD GDP by \$2tn, according to PwC.

Since 2000, Luxembourg and Poland have made the largest improvements on the index while Portugal, the US and Austria have dropped the most in rankings over the period.

There was a substantial rise in the pay gap in Portugal, while there was a decline in female participation in the labour force and full-time employment in the US and Austria, respectively. The US fell two positions in the latest ranking.

The report said that China and India are mak-



More work needs to be done to grow the female labour force worldwide, a PwC report said.

ing a significant contribution to economically empowering millions of women, but said there was still room for improvement. Had

they both been included in the index, China would have been placed in between Slovakia in 26th place and Japan at 27th, while India

would be placed last, after Korea, in 33rd place. The 2019 index examines data from 2017, compared with the previous year.

RELEASED

Former Nissan head Carlos Ghosn granted bail for a billion yen

TOKYO

CARLOS Ghosn, the former chief executive of Nissan and Renault who has been detained for more than 100 days, was granted bail for ¥1 billion (Dh32.8 million), the Japanese media reported.

Meanwhile, Japanese prosecutors have appealed the Tokyo District Court's decision to approve the executive's request for release from detention, the court said on Tuesday, said Reuters.

Mr Ghosn, who has been in prison since November 19, had two earlier bail applications rejected. In February, the executive who led Nissan for two decades, changed his lawyer and hired one of Japan's top defence advocates. Mr Ghosn, 64, who holds French and Lebanese citizenship, could be released as early as today.

The car industry veteran, who oversaw the Nissan-Renault-Mitsubishi alliance that produces about 11 million cars annually, was arrested for understating his earnings and misusing Nissan funds to purchase properties in four cities outside Japan. Mr Ghosn has denied any claims of wrongdoing. In his first court appearance in January, the former chief executive said he was a target and victim of corporate politics.



Nissan Motor Co Chief Executive Ghosn, speaks at the 44th Tokyo Motor Show in Tokyo last year.

orably, legally and with the knowledge and approval of the appropriate executives inside the company - with the sole purpose of strengthening Nissan."

In January, Mr Ghosn said his removal was a result of "plot and treason" by colleagues at the company who objected to a closer tie-up with Mitsubishi and France's Renault, under a new holding company.

The fall of Mr Ghosn and the speed at which Nissan chief executive Hiroto Saikawa turned on his mentor raised speculation by the French and Japanese media of an orchestrated coup to remove him and set the stage for a power struggle between Nissan and Renault, over control of the world's biggest car alliance. Nissan is unhappy with what it perceives as a junior partner status, according to Japanese media.

The French government owns about 15 per cent of Renault, which in turn controls 43.4 per cent of Nissan. Nissan holds only a 15 per cent non-voting stake in its French partner.

The prolonged detention of Mr Ghosn has brought attention to Japan's judicial system, which allows indefinite detention of people. Mr Ghosn was not allowed to meet or communicate with family members, and his repeated requests for bail were denied by Japanese authorities. Mr Ghosn had also offered to wear an ankle tracking device and personally pay for security.

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CONTAGION

Euro could slip to \$1.05 this year with China economic slowdown

BRUSSELS

THE euro could weaken to levels last seen in early 2017 if China's economic slowdown persists, according to Stephen Jen, chief executive officer of Eurizon SIJ Capital.

Mr Jen said the common currency could slump to \$1.05 later this year if stress emanating from China bleeds further into Europe's economy and prevents the European Central Bank from normalising policy, while the US "continues to outperform." Fiscal stimulus and slowing structural reforms in China probably won't be sufficient to spark a "V-shaped recovery" in the first half of 2019 for the Asian nation, according to Mr Jen.

WORLD

Hillary Clinton says she won't run for president in 2020

WASHINGTON

HILLARY Clinton says she won't run for president in 2020, but vows she's "not going anywhere".

The former secretary of state, senator and first lady ruled out another campaign during an interview posted on Monday by New York TV station News12.

Clinton (pictured), who lost the 2016 presidential election to Donald Trump, says, "I'm going to keep on working and speaking and standing up for what I believe."

"What's at stake in our country, the kind of things that are happening right now, are deeply troubling to me," she said.

On Monday, the former Colorado governor John Hickenlooper joined the Democratic race for the nomination, citing an ability to bring people together in a time of "crisis".

He became the 14th candidate and second governor to join a historically diverse Democratic primary field.

Other moderate candidates include senators Amy Klobuchar (Minnesota) and Cory Booker (New Jersey). Sen Ka-



mala Harris of California has made a strong start running to the left of centre.

Leading lights further left include the independent Vermont senator Bernie Sanders, whose 2016 presidential campaign helped energise the progressive movement and reshaped the Democratic party, and Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts. Governor Jay Inslee of Washington has announced a run based on environmental concerns.

Montana's governor, Steve Bullock, and the former Virginia governor Terry McAuliffe are also considering running, as is the Colorado senator, Michael Bennet.

Clinton said she had spoken with several of the candidates seeking the Democratic presidential nomination, and told them "Don't take anything for granted, even though we have a long list of real problems and broken promises" from the Trump administration. **Agencies**

Challenges seen as China's legislature starts annual session

BEIJING

THE 13th National People's Congress (NPC), China's national legislature, opened its second session yesterday morning at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing.

Xi Jinping and other leaders of the Communist Party of China and the state were present at the opening meeting, which was attended by nearly 3,000 NPC deputies.

Li Keqiang delivered the government's work report on behalf of the State Council to the legislature for deliberation.

Speaking at the opening meeting of the second annual session of the 13th National People's Congress, Premier Li Keqiang



(pictured) admitted that China faced severe challenges caused by the growing

changes of economic transformation.

"Looking back on the past year, we can see that our achievements did not come easily," Li said while delivering the government work report to the annual legislative session yesterday.

"An interlacing of old and new issues and a combination of cyclical and structural problems brought changes in what was a generally stable economic performance, some of which caused concern," he said.

Li said that China also faced a profound change in its external environment in 2018. Setbacks in economic globalization, challenges to multilateralism, shocks in the international financial market, and es-

pecially the China-US economic and trade frictions, had an adverse effect on the production and business operations of some companies as well as on market expectations, according to the premier.

Moreover, China was facing a complicated terrain of increasing dilemmas, with multiple targets to attain, such as ensuring stable growth and preventing risks, as well as multiple tasks to complete, like promoting economic and social development.

The country also had multiple relationships to handle, including that between short-term and long-term interests, while the difficulty of making policy choices and moving work forward increased markedly, Li said. **Xinhua**

China's Two Sessions draw global attention on foreign investment, BRI

BEIJING

EXPERTS worldwide are following closely China's annual Two Sessions, a window to help them understand where the world's second largest economy is heading and what it means to the world.

The Two Sessions refer to the annual gathering of the National People's Congress, China's top legislature, and that of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, which is China's top political advisory body.

"Their annual meetings are important because they shed light on the future direction of the country's economic and social policies," said Khairy Tourk, an economics professor at the Stuart School of Business of the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago.

He said the new policies matter much to China's growth as well as its economic ties with both Western and developing nations.

FOREIGN INVESTMENT

One of the focuses is a draft law on foreign investment that has been submitted for a third reading at the legislative session.

The draft law addresses "many of Western concerns such as bolstering the protection of intellectual property and making it easier for foreign firms to do business in China," Tourk said.

Sotiris Petropoulos, an assistant professor at the Department



Foreign ambassadors and diplomats are present at the opening meeting of the second session of the 13th National People's Congress at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing yesterday. (Xinhua)

of Political Science and International Relations at University of the Peloponnese in Greece, echoed Tourk's opinion.

He said the draft law, once passed, is expected to decrease barriers to foreign investment and render foreign companies' operations within the country easier and more balanced than before.

According to Craig Allen, president of the U.S.-China Business Council, China is looking to a bigger role of foreign investment in its growth, which is a longtime engine driving the global economy.

"I think that the Chinese leadership is very wise, and that they realize that market-oriented competition will lead to greater growth. And one way to spur that growth is to allow foreign companies to play a stronger role in

China," Allen said.

"And so it makes sense, from an economic perspective, to welcome that foreign investment," he said.

BELT AND ROAD

Much attention was also paid to the China-proposed Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), an international cooperation platform for common development that has brought tangible benefits to many other countries since 2013.

"The Belt and Road Initiative is inclusive and offers the greatest opportunity for both investment and development in decades," commented Keith Bennett, vice chairman of Britain's 48 Group Club, an advocate for closer Britain-China business relations.

"Its emphasis on infrastructure and connectivity lays the best possible foundations for promot-

ing all-round, comprehensive economic development and improvement of people's livelihood in the future," he said.

Recalling his visit to Pakistan a year ago to study the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, a major BRI cooperation initiative, he said, "I could see how the many projects in Gwadar and elsewhere were already benefiting the local people and how well Chinese and Pakistani people were working together and respecting each other."

In the eyes of Tourk, "the Chinese style of growth is an inspiration to many developing nations." "Through the BRI, many of these nations are fortunate to enjoy Chinese funding and know-how for the building of modern infrastructure and industrial economic zones," he said.

Ayad Al-Manaa, a political ana-

lyst and political science professor at Kuwait University, said BRI cooperation projects will support Kuwait's urban development and transformation into a financial and economic center, which are planned in Kuwait Vision 2035.

SHARED GROWTH

China, said Tourk, "is a major contributor to global growth" and a country "that has made the development of poor countries one of its top priorities."

"A growing Chinese economy is crucial to the prosperity in other regions of the world, especially in Asia and Africa," he added.

"The Chinese development has fascinated the world. It has made the country the workshop of the world," he said, noting that many developing nations "are grateful to China for its willingness to share its developmental expertise."

That view was shared by Mohammed Saqib, an Indian economist and secretary-general of India China Economic and Cultural Council, a nonprofit organization that works to enhance economic and cultural cooperation between the two countries.

"China will continue to play a very, very important role for industrialization of other backward or developing countries," he said.

"China is such a large, big economy and it has become an intrinsic part of so many countries' life that if China grows, everybody grows," he added. **Xinhua**

London patient becomes second known man cleared of HIV

LONDON

A LONDON patient has become the second known man worldwide to be cleared of AIDS virus after receiving a bone marrow transplant from an HIV resistant donor, according to his doctor.

The patient has shown no trace of previous HIV infection since he underwent the transplant operation three years ago. "There is no virus there that we can measure.

"We can't detect anything," said Ravindra Gupta, a professor and HIV biologist who co-led a team of doctors treating the man.

However, Gupta described his patient as "functionally cured" and "in remission," rather than "cured." "It's too early to say he's cured," he said.

The first known patient to be functionally cured of HIV is an American man, Timothy Brown, who also underwent similar treatment in Germany in 2007.

Both patients received bone marrow stem cells from donors with a rare genetic mutation known as "CCR5 delta 32," which confers resistance to HIV.

Between Brown and the new London patient, scientists made several attempts to cure other AIDS patients using the same method, but failed in all of them. Gupta said the method used is not appropriate for all patients but offers hope for new treatment strategies.

The study is to be published Tuesday in the journal Nature. As of 2017, there were approximately 36.9 million people worldwide living with HIV/AIDS.

AIDS-related deaths have been reduced by more than 51 percent since the peak in 2004, according to the Joint United Nations programme on HIV/AIDS. **Xinhua**

Kremlin derides discredited Congressional crusade to dig up 'Russian influence' on Trump

MOSCOW

ALL inquiries into the alleged influence Russia had on US President Donald Trump's policies



have yielded nothing but laughable results, eventually discrediting themselves, Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov told the media yesterday.

"There have been so many investigations like these that their significance has been devalued," he noted. "In general, they look less and less serious. It is most important that none of the previously launched investigations have yielded any serious findings. All of them were laughable."

Asked for a comment about the start of yet another such inquiry, Peskov (pictured) said: "We have no opportunity or wish to make comments on each newly-launched investigation, initiated by whatever group of legislators in the United States.

By and large, this is perhaps none of our business. It is an entirely US affair."

On Monday, the House of Representatives' Judiciary Committee launched a new investigation of Donald Trump's election campaign, the activities of his team following the election victory and Trump's businesses, CNN reported.

The probe will focus on alleged obstruction of justice, "collusion" with Russia and abuse of power. Any information obtained in this way may be used as a reason for launching potential impeachment procedures.

The Judiciary Committee began its probe at a time when another investigation, conducted by special counsel Robert Mueller is coming to an end.

For nearly two years, Mueller has been trying to dig up anything tangible behind the rumors of 'attempts' at swaying the US election in 2016 and whether the head of state committed any wrongdoing during his election campaign or presidency. **Agencies**

US to end preferential trade treatment for India, Turkey

WASHINGTON

THE United States intends to move India and Turkey out of a program under which a group of developing countries receive preferential trade treatment, the U.S. Trade Representative's (USTR) office announced Monday.

According to a statement issued by the USTR's office, India's termination from the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) program "follows its failure to provide the United States with assurances that it will provide equitable and reason-

able access to its markets in numerous sectors." Turkey

is kicked out because "it is sufficiently economically developed and should no longer benefit from preferential market access to the United States market," the statement said. In a letter to congressional leaders, U.S. President Donald Trump wrote, "I am providing notice of my intent to terminate the designation of India as a beneficiary developing country under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) programme."

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UN says Burundi forced closure of human rights office

NAIROBI

BURUNDI'S government has forced the United Nations human rights office in the troubled East African country to close after 23 years, the UN rights chief announced with "deep regret" yesterday.

Burundi in December asked the UN office to leave, months after the outgoing UN rights chief called the country one of the "most prolific slaughterhouses of humans in recent times."

New rights chief Michelle Bachelet

said in a statement that human rights gains in Burundi have been "seriously jeopardized" since 2015. That is when President Pierre Nkurunziza announced he would run for another, disputed term, leading to months of violence that the UN has said killed more than 1,200 people.

Burundi has been pulling back from international criticism, making history in 2017 as the first country to withdraw from the International Criminal Court.

The government has long been angered by UN reports describing alleged



abuses amid the political turmoil. ICC judges authorized an investigation into allegations of state-sponsored crimes including murder, rape and torture - a

decision unaffected by Burundi's withdrawal from the court.

The government strongly denies allegations it targets its own people, saying the charges are malicious propaganda spread by exiles.

Burundi suspended its cooperation with the UN rights office in October 2016, accusing it of "complicity with coup plotters and Burundi's enemies" after a report alleged the "involvement of the regime in systematic abuses and a risk of genocide."

In December 2017, the government

shut four regional offices of the UN rights office. And a team of experts mandated by the UN Human Rights Council to look into possible abuses was expelled in May despite Burundi's agreement to cooperate.

"I am disappointed by Burundi's lack of cooperation in recent years with UN human rights mechanisms, which even went so far as to include threats to prosecute" members of that commission of inquiry, Bachelet said in her statement.

She said her office would continue to explore other ways to expose hu-

man rights concerns in Burundi and that the government "has expressed its readiness" to work with her office. "We stand ready to engage constructively," she said.

The UN office in Burundi was established in 1995, two years after the assassination of President Melchior Ndadaye in 1993. His death sparked a civil war between the East African nation's two dominant ethnic groups, the Hutu and Tutsi, in which an estimated 300,000 people died.

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Los Angeles Clippers' Montrezl Harrell (5) dunks between Los Angeles Lakers' JaVale McGee (7) and Rajon Rondo (9) during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Monday, March 4, 2019, in Los Angeles. (AP Photo)

Gallinari gets 23, Clips hold off slumping Lakers 113-105

LOS ANGELES

THE Los Angeles Clippers are rolling toward a playoff berth, even after a thorough upheaval over the past two years.

LeBron James and the injury-riddled Los Angeles Lakers weren't much of an obstacle when two teams going in opposite directions passed each other in the Staples Center hallway they share.

Danilo Gallinari scored 23 points, Lou Williams added 21 and the Clippers dealt another blow to the Lakers' fading playoff hopes with a 113-105 victory Monday night.

"That doesn't bother me or make me happy," Clippers coach Doc Rivers said of beating their fellow Angelenos. "I just want us to do well."

The Clippers did splendidly, despite the odds against them. Although they have broken up their successful core and further stripped the roster with several recent trades, they're still on target for a playoff return. Rivers dismissed the notion of tanking before the game: "I don't know that word," he said.

Gallinari led six Clippers scoring in double figures while they comfortably maintained a lead over their co-tenants down the stretch of their latest rivalry meeting. James and his few healthy teammates never threatened late as the Clippers (37-29) took sole possession of seventh place in the Western Conference standings with their sixth win in eight games.

"This is a critical time to win games, and we're locked in," Williams said. "Tonight I felt particularly good about our focus."

James scored 27 points and Rajon Rondo had

his 32nd career triple-double, but the Lakers took their ninth loss in 12 games since they beat the Clippers on Jan. 31.

While the Clippers' playoff run is a pleasant surprise for their fans, the Lakers (30-34) dearly want to reach the postseason after a five-year absence.

Instead, the 16-time NBA champions have all but fallen apart in February and March. The Lakers are in 10th place in the West, sitting 5½ games behind San Antonio for the final playoff spot with 18 to play.

"You keep playing to the end and see what happens," James said. "I've been talking about it for a while now. Everyone has been talking about the postseason, (but) we should be worried about each and every game and how we can continue to get better with our process and get better with our team."

Two days after an embarrassing road loss to NBA-worst Phoenix put a huge dent in their playoff chances, the Lakers played without forward Brandon Ingram, who developed right shoulder soreness after the morning shootaround. Ingram had played in 50 straight games, averaging 18.3 points and 5.1 rebounds in a strong first season alongside James.

Lonzo Ball was already out with his long-term ankle injury, leaving James without his two most important teammates. Kyle Kuzma then scored 13 points before he limped off the floor with an apparent ankle injury with 6:04 to play, and coach Luke Walton said he "would be surprised" if Kuzma's injury doesn't force him to miss the Lakers' next game.

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Rahul Dravid, a gift that keeps on giving

NEW DELHI

SEVEN years into his retirement and former test stalwart Rahul Dravid is still making silent and important contribution for India, shaping the next generation of cricketers who will form the core of the team.

For a significant part of his 16-year test career, Dravid was the bulwark in India's star-studded batting lineup that also included Sachin Tendulkar, Sourav Ganguly and VVS Laxman. A classical batsman who built his game around a near-impregnable defence and an over-my-dead-body attitude, 'The Wall' was a purist's delight even though team mates often eclipsed his best efforts.

His 95 in his very first test innings was overshadowed by fellow debutant Ganguly's century in the 1996 match at Lord's. Three years later, Dravid hit 145 in a World Cup match against Sri Lanka but once again Ganguly's 183 was the talking point.

Dravid's 180 in the 2001 Kolkata test was crucial to India's stunning victory against Australia but still ended up being second fiddle to Laxman's epic 281.

Having quit international cricket with more than 24,000 runs against his name, Dravid has since taken charge of India's under-19 and A teams, overseeing the seamless transition of youngsters into the senior side.

Among his wards, Mayank Agarwal, Prithvi Shah and Hanuma Vihari have taken to test cricket like duck to water, all-rounder Vijay Shankar is staking World Cup claims, while Shubman Gill broke into the ODI team in New

Zealand.

"He's been a great mentor for us," Agarwal, who impressed on his maiden tour in Australia, told Reuters.

"We can always walk up to him, speak to him about our batting, about our thought process, the way we approach an innings or if there's any technical difficulty."

Shoehorned into the Indian side midway through the test series following an opening crisis, Agarwal impressed immediately with two 75-plus knocks in three innings.

The 28-year-old said Dravid helped him understand how to manage mental energy in the long format.

"We had a few chats about my game and he figured that part out," Agarwal added.

"He said 'to do well in test cricket, you need to manage your mental energy because you are up and about for all five days'. That's something we spoke about."

"Also we figured out things we can control in the middle and focus on doing them."

Lokesh Rahul is another beneficiary of Dravid's deep understanding of the game - accumulated over 164 tests and 344 ODIs - and batsmanship in particular.

Rahul, 26, was in crisis after a slump in form was followed by a brief suspension for inappropriate comments on a television chat show.

Sent home midway through the test series in Australia, Rahul joined the A team under Dravid and found his mojo back in the five matches against England Lions.

REUTERS



Lipuli FC players attend training session in Iringa recently to shape up the ongoing Mainland Premier League. PHOTO: COURTESY OF LIPULI FC

Relegation battle: Who will stay, who will go down?

By Correspondent Michael Mwebi

WITH the battle to avoid relegation intensifying, we look at the reasons to be both optimistic and concerned for those 2018/19 Mainland Premier League sides hoping to beat the drop.

With games fast running out and nerves jangling by a thread, it is still a toss-up as to who will kiss participation in the country's elite league goodbye.

However, much can change between now and the climax of the campaign, so who is currently looking in pole position to stay in the top flight, and whose time is looking up?

With roughly 10 rounds to the table shows African Lyon and Biashara United are in deep trouble.

The two teams are 11 and eight points respectively from the fellow strugglers.

African Lyon in particular have played more matches than several teams that have over 10 points advantage in the relegation battle. It would be a miracle for African Lyon to avoid the drop.

When Amri Said was appointed as Biashara United's head coach there was a huge belief that he would turn it around and the Mara-based side will stay up and it was not a bad start from the former Mbao FC boss as well.

Biashara United managed to convert their losses into draws and there was a sure belief in the camp.

However, fast forward to March, Biashara United are still at

the very bottom, 24 points after 27 games and eight points behind Singida United.

Said has not done bad but it might be too late, too little and Musoma football lovers should start bracing themselves for First Division League football next season.

On the other side, at least eight clubs will be hoping to avoid the last route to their survival, the play-offs, as the top flight league enters the home stretch.

Mtibwa Sugar, JKT Tanzania, Mbeya City FC, Ruvu Shooting, Kagera Sugar, Mwadui FC, Stand United, Ndanda FC, Prisons have less than five points separating them and risk being subjected to a play-off against First Division League sides.

With African Lyon and Biashara United looking like already relegated, focus shifts to avoiding finishing in the 18th and 19th place. The competition is fierce and any unwelcome result for any of the other eight leaves them in danger.

Ndanda clearly have the experience in surviving relegation battles and despite being tipped for the drop every season they always manage to survive!

Kagera Sugar and Mtibwa Sugar have players

of undoubted quality and seem to be too good to go down.

Striker Salim Aiyee has been a revelation this season and could help Mwadui FC stay up.

However Stand United's experience of relegation fights may be vital, and I see them having a better chance of staying up once again.

Singida United and Prisons are occupying the dreaded 18th and 17th positions respectively.

Prisons looked like sure candidate for relegation but recent results show they will not go down easily.

The change of coach has done them great favour. Singida United have also changed coaches but results are still a mixed bag. There is no guarantee.

However, football is unpredictable. No one has the intuition to judge what will happen in the 90 minutes until the final whistle has gone.

Every team is going to drop points, it is just the matter of who is going to drop the least.

At the moment it looks like African Lyon and Biashara United will be automatically relegated and either Singida United or Prisons, together with either Stand United or Mwadui FC, will go into the play-offs.



Simiyu Regional Commissioner, Antony Mtaka, who is also the Athletics Tanzania president (2nd L), congratulates the 2019 Tigo Kili Half Marathon winner, Emmanuel Ginku, after the completion of the race in Moshi last weekend. Holding a dummy cheque (R) ready for handover is Tigo Tanzania Managing Director, Simon Karikari. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT



Diamond Trust Bank (DTB) Football Club defender, Omar Kunambi (R), shields the ball from Buyuni FC striker during the final match of the Super Six stage of the Dar es Salaam Regional League that took place at Mwananyamala Primary School ground yesterday. The match ended in a 1-1 draw. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

Arsenal's Mustafi is the 'king of blunders' - Petit

LONDON

UNAI Emery's management style is a "concern" while Arsenal defender Shkodran Mustafi is the "king of blunders," according to club legend Emmanuel Petit.

Emery sprang a surprise for Arsenal's 1-1 draw with Tottenham on Saturday, handing Mustafi a right-back role, and the defender conceded the penalty that allowed Harry Kane to rescue a point.

"I was surprised to see Mustafi picked for that game, because he is after all the king of blunders," Petit told RMC.

"Even though it shouldn't have been a penalty because there was an offside, it's Mustafi who gives away the penalty again."

Alexandre Lacazette, who set up Aaron Ramsey's opener, was substituted in the second half and Petit, who won the double in 1998 during his three years at Arsenal, said this

was one of a number of decisions Emery has made that is open to question.

"Emery steers the ship well but there are certain things in his management style that concern me," he added.

"I hope I am wrong."

After a draw that left Arsenal out of the top four following results elsewhere that weekend, Emery did not complain about the Kane penalty decision directly but suggested that VAR might prevent game-changing decisions going the wrong way.

"Today for me, the referees were a big personality but it's not enough to make the best decision in difficult action in the box, for them and for us," he said.

"I think VAR is coming to help them to be fair for one match like today."

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Quarter-finals or the exit door for Di Francesco?

ROME

AS Roma coach Eusebio Di Francesco could lead his team into the Champions League quarter-finals or be shown the exit door depending on the outcome of their round of 16 match at Porto today.

After a season of remarkable inconsistency, Italian media have reported that Di Francesco's job will be at stake when they defend a 2-1 lead away to the Portuguese champions at the Estadio do Dragao in Wednesday's second leg.

Former Fiorentina coach Paulo Sousa is the favourite to replace Di Francesco should he be fired, according to Italian media, who said the Portuguese will be in the stands on Wednesday.

Another possibility for a replacement is former Roma defender Christian Panucci, who is currently coach of the Albanian national side.

The club has not made any official comment on the coach's situation.

Roma had just got over their 7-1 Coppa Italia drubbing by Fiorentina in January when they were thumped 3-0 by neighbours Lazio in their derby on Saturday, further stretching the patience of the fans and the club directors.

Di Francesco himself admitted it was not good enough and was especially angry at Lazio's first goal, scored from a move which began with a throw-in.

"You can't concede a goal through the middle from a throw-in - it was all

too easy for them. We got our marking wrong," he said. "It can happen to anyone but it's been happening a bit too often to us this season."

"We really must work on the mental side of things. We seem to be on and off."

The 49-year-old led Roma to third place in Serie A and the Champions League semi-finals last season - his first at the club - was rewarded with a new two-year contract.

Although there have been some impressive performances this season, especially from 19-year-old midfielder Nicolò Zaniolo, they have been overshadowed by Roma's tendency to collapse.

Roma have been beaten by Bologna, SPAL and Udinese - all teams in the lower half of the table - and also managed to blow a two-goal lead at home to bottom-of-the-table Chievo, when they were held 2-2.

Then, in the space of four days in January, they squandered a three-goal lead at Atalanta to be held 3-3 before suffering their seven-goal mauling at the hands of Fiorentina.

Di Francesco has been left fishing for explanations and there have been some unusual ones, such as the suggestion he made earlier in the season that striker Edin Dzeko is less effective in daylight.

"It seems he prefers playing at night," said Di Francesco.

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Sarri 'learned' from City humiliation - Rudiger

LONDON

CHELSEA defender Antonio Rudiger said manager Maurizio Sarri has "learned" from Chelsea's 6-0 defeat against Manchester City after they continued their revival with a 2-1 win over Fulham on Sunday.

First-half goals from Gonzalo Higuain and Jorginho, coupled with some key saves from the recalled Kepa Arrizabalaga, saw Chelsea build on their midweek win over Tottenham to gain ground on Mauricio Pochettino's men, Manchester United and Arsenal in the race for a top-four finish in the Premier League.

Sarri's job was on the line after his game plan backfired spectacularly against City at the Etihad, but Chelsea have won three of their last four matches in all competitions and took Pep Guardiola's men to penalties in the Carabao Cup final with a more conservative tactical approach. "He learned from that game against Manchester City," Rudiger said of Sarri. "There we went high, we went to press, we wanted to win the ball and everyone knows what happened."

"In life, you need to adapt to things. This league is different to Italy; you have to adjust a bit - I think everyone has adapted to new things, also the coach. "You saw the way we played against Tottenham and Manchester City. It was different to the way we played in the first three months.

Everyone needs to adapt, everyone needs to learn and it is good that it has happened in this moment." Sarri's most significant prematch decision against Fulham was to recall Kepa, one week after the Spain international refused to be substituted during extra time against City at Wembley.

Chelsea's club-record signing repaid Sarri's faith by making vital stops to deny Aleksandar Mitrovic in each half at Craven Cottage, and Rudiger said he believes Kepa's impressive return to action has brought the episode to a close.

"Of course what happened was sad," the Germany international said. "He made a mistake, he said sorry and this thing is now [in the past] and that's good."

"Especially with performances like this it's very good. He regained the trust [of everyone]. He definitely showed his quality. The goal we conceded, he couldn't do anything about that, but in the rest of the game he saved us. That's why we have him." Chelsea's win over Fulham was also a big moment for Jorginho. The midfielder heard his name sung by the same travelling supporters who have been vocal in their criticism of him in recent weeks after scoring what proved to be the winning goal, and Rudiger said he is confident there is more to come from his teammate.

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England bids farewell to World Cup-winning keeper Banks

STOKE-ON-TRENT, England

THOUSANDS of fans joined luminaries of English football for a final farewell on Monday to Gordon Banks, a steelworker's son who became one of the world's greatest goalkeepers and will forever be remembered for a miraculous save against Pele.

Team mates from England's 1966 World Cup win and members of former clubs Stoke City and Leicester rode in a cortege from the Stoke stadium to a church funeral for Banks who died aged 81 last month of cancer.

"As a goalkeeper, he's one of the few superstars of our position," Leicester and Denmark goalkeeper Kasper Schmeichel, who was a pallbearer at the funeral, told Reuters.

"Great keeper; great man. It's an incredibly sad day."

Banks was best known for the stunning one-handed save from a Pele bullet header that bounced awkwardly in front of him during England's group-stage game against Brazil at the 1970 World Cup.

"With the luck of the gods, the angle at which I'd managed to lift that ball was perfect, and it ballooned in the air and over the bar," the genial and down-to-earth Banks said in one of the many recountings begged by fans and media.

Footage shows Banks chuckling afterwards, as England's Bobby Moore jokingly chides him for not catching the ball.

His achievements went far further than stopping Pele.

Banks won 73 national caps, played nearly 500 times for Leicester and Stoke, won two League Cups and was six times FIFA keeper of the year before a car crash blinded him in one eye.

He remained in Stoke, a former mining and pottery city, where he would watch games, attend charity events and take a weekly walk round Trentham Gardens.

"He donated his tie to a charity event I was involved in and we raised 200 pounds (\$265.56). Such a gentleman," reminisced Phillip Steele, 76, next to a statue of Banks



People look at the statue of former England World Cup winning goalkeeper Gordon Banks surrounded with tributes outside the stadium at Stoke-upon-Trent, Britain on March 4. REUTERS

at the hilltop stadium decked in flags, scarves, footballs and flowers.

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About 2,000 fans were at the Bet365 stadium to watch proceedings on a big screen. Others lined the route of the funeral procession, which paused outside the old Victoria Ground where Banks plied his trade before reaching Stoke minster.

Goalkeepers Jack Butland and Joe Hart also helped to carry Banks's coffin into the church, where fellow 1966 World Cup winner and hat-trick hero Geoff Hurst gave one of the speeches.

"Gordon Banks contributed to the worst moment of my football career," Hurst

quipped, recalling a penalty of his that Banks stopped in Stoke's 1972 League Cup semi-final against West Ham.

"He was a superstar on the field - but off the field he was an ordinary guy, no airs and graces."

In a largely working-class city obsessed with football, Banks was viewed as a reminder of simpler days before the Premier League's mega-millions.

Everyone had their favourite save. Banks used to pick out a 1963 FA Cup semi-final when Leicester scored with their only shot on goal while he single-handedly thwarted chance after chance for Liverpool.

Born in the northern city of Sheffield, he worked as a coal packer and apprentice

bricklayer as a teenager before an inauspicious start at Chesterfield's Reserves: he let in 122 goals in the 1954/55 season. After military service, he got a first-team contract at Chesterfield - for seven pounds (\$9.24) a week.

Anecdotes from Banks's life tell of a different era to that of today's cosseted players.

Before kickoff at the 1966 World Cup semi-final, he ran out of the gum he used to chew to generate spit for his hands - so the England trainer popped out of Wembley and down the road to buy some from a news kiosk, just in time to stave off Banks's panic.

REUTERS

Young: Critics can dismiss United all they want

MANCHESTER, England

ASHLEY Young has said he is happy for critics to write off Manchester United's chances against Paris Saint-Germain but insists Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's attacking philosophy will make them a threat at Parc des Princes.

United will need to overturn a 2-0 deficit from the first leg to progress to the quarterfinals of the Champions League for the first time since 2014.

They will have to do it with a threadbare squad with 10 senior players missing through injury or suspension but Young says they are not heading across the Channel to make up the numbers.

"We know what we're capable of," he said.

"People can write us off. People were writing us off at the start of the season and people are writing us off now. It's no different. Obviously it's going to be tough. It's not going to be easy."

"We've got to go over there, win the game and score goals. I've got every faith if we defend well and if we create the chances that I know we can do, we can win the game."

"We've got to go out there and win the game. We can't worry too much about them, it's all about us."

Solskjaer's injury list includes Ander Herrera, Nemanja Matic, Jesse Lingard, Juan Mata, Anthony Martial, Alexis Sanchez, Matteo Darmian, Phil Jones and Antonio Valencia while Paul Pogba is suspended.

Marcus Rashford and Romelu Lukaku could be the only senior players in an otherwise inexperienced front six but Young has backed the fringe players to step up.

"We've had that for the last couple of games," Young said.

"There have been players who have been missing and at this time of the season it's not ideal. "There are players who are ready to come in and fill their boots. Everyone has got to be ready and I'm sure whoever comes in will go and do their job the best they can."

United have come through a tough week unscathed after back-to-back wins against Crystal Palace and Southampton to keep themselves in the race for the top four.

And after their Champions League commitments in Paris on Wednesday,



Ashley Young

Solskjaer's side face another crucial test in the Premier League when they travel to Arsenal on Sunday.

"We've got injuries but we're still managing to get results," said Young. "[Against Southampton], we weren't at our 100 per-

cent best but it just shows where we've come from to where we are now - grinding out performances, not being at our best, but getting wins."

"It's never easy when you've got so many injuries but it shows the squad that we've got

here. "There are other people carrying knocks but we're getting through games. That's just how the team spirit is."

Meanwhile, Manchester United forward Alexis Sanchez is expected to be out for at least a month with a knee injury but there are fears he could spend as long as eight weeks on the sidelines, sources have told ESPN FC.

The Chile international damaged knee ligaments during the 3-2 win over Southampton on Saturday and was limping heavily as he left Old Trafford.

Initial scans on Sunday showed the 30-year-old will need at least a month to recover, ruling him out of the Champions League clash with Paris Saint-Germain on Wednesday and the trip to Arsenal on Sunday.

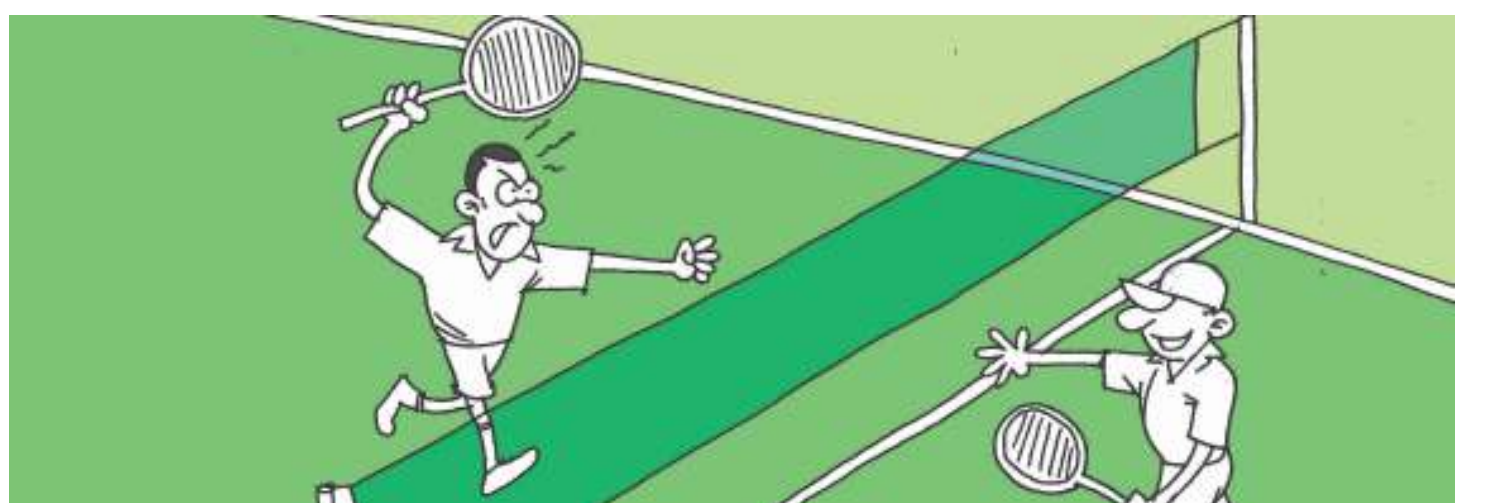
However, there are concerns he could be ruled out for as long as two months, raising the prospect that he may not play for United again this season.

United play their penultimate Premier League game against Huddersfield on May 4 before a home game against Cardiff on the final day of the campaign on May 12. The FA Cup final is scheduled for May 18.

With caretaker manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer already dealing with a host of injuries, Sanchez would likely have started against PSG on Wednesday and at the Emirates four days later.

Meanwhile, Chile boss Reinaldo Rueda has said he is very concerned with Sanchez's form - with the ex-Arsenal man contributing just one league goal all season. (AGENCIES)

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Cup-winning keeper Banks

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Coach Charles Laizer in a group photo with Rafiki Foundation tennis players before the latter's departure for Kenya to compete in the East Africa junior championship that will be played this week. PHOTO: COURTESY OF RAFIKI FOUNDATION

National junior tennis players leave for Kenya tourney

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA'S six junior tennis players left for Kenya yesterday buoyant of better performance against strong regional opponents in the East Africa championship, slated to take place in Nairobi later this week.

The players making the trip for the tournament, which starts today and ends on Saturday, are Morogoro-based Selemani Mohamed and Hassan Mfalume while others are Hillary Ndosu, Nasha Singo, Irene Munishi and Eunice Kimario from Kilimanjaro.

They are accompanied by two coaches, Goodluck Mollel and Theresa Apolinary.

Three players from Kilimanjaro, Ndosu, Singo and Munishi, are training at Rafiki Foundation under the tutelage of Charles Laizer.

In a telephone interview from Moshi, Laizer disclosed he is confident that the players will perform well at the event.

He said Rafiki Foundation players have been training well ahead of the tournament.

Laizer said he is certain the Kenya tournament will offer important experience to the young players that will soon be carrying the country's national flag at international events.

"The team is in good shape, the morale is also high and I am sure they will perform well at the event, for my three players they are all ready as they have been training well," he said.

He, however, accepted that it won't be easy for the junior players to beat good challengers from the region but said the experience gained will be of great importance to the local junior players.

"Our counterparts are well organized. They play many tournaments both local and international, the team is going there with the aim of winning medals and qualifying for continental events," Laizer noted.

"I, though, must admit it won't be easy to beat them, I think the good thing is that they will gain vital experience."

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Firm provides free medical services to runners at Kili Marathon 2019

By Guardian Reporter

THE leading healthcare firm in Tanzania, AAR, has provided free medical services to more than 4,000 runners during this year's Kilimanjaro Marathon held in Moshi last Sunday.

The medical care included pre check-ups, first aid services and ambulance services for emergency care.

The AAR Arusha Health Centre Manager, Aggrey Mapunda, disclosed that most runners lack knowledge on pre checkups, which he said is crucial for guiding the runners on their pace during the marathon.

"Runners have to check their health before running for their health and safety, and as a healthcare player, we believe it is our duty to provide the runners with the required information and offer them free medical check-ups to motivate them to adopt it as a usual practice," Mapunda noted.

"They should know the risks and steps to be taken before hand, and that is why we are here to proffer the same."

"We also know that accidents and emergencies occur during events like these, that is why we have first aid services as well as Standby ambulance services for emergency."

Lydia Nasimiyu from Kenya, who is one of the AAR's free-medical care beneficiaries at the event, expressed her gratitude and commended AAR for the medical support.

"I would like to extend my appreciations to AAR Healthcare for the medical assistance they have provided me with; I was timely and well attended. I am glad that they are here to take care of all the runners," Nasimiyu said.

"I would also like to congratulate them for their initiatives and I believe medical services are vital in every marathon event."

AAR Healthcare is also one of the key sponsors for the marathon, this being the firm's second year in a row aiming at continuing to support the race.

AAR Healthcare Business Development Manager, Doscarr Massaba, said: "We have been working with Kili Marathon since last year for the purpose of promoting healthcare services to people."

"Being one of the key contributors in health industry, we believe in eating right and exercises for health growth. Hence, we have and we will continue providing our practical support to Kili Marathon to promote better health."

About 9,000 registered runners from different countries participated in this year's Kili Marathon, according to the organizers.

As well as being a breeding ground for the local talent, the race draws quality runners from neighbouring countries and from around the world - with up to 45 nationalities taking part in the event.

Apart from the 'sports' element, the event has a big pay off in the region, with sponsors building their Corporate Social Responsibility around the event and the economic benefits to the country are huge.

There is also a change of lifestyle across the country, with many more people taking up running to keep healthy and socialize.



Ally Ng'anzi

Dar soccer player joins US club on loan

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA'S football player, Ally Ng'anzi, who turns out for MFK Vyskov of Czech Republic, has been loaned to Minnesota United FC of USA on a one-year deal.

Ng'anzi, who was playing for Tanzania's top flight side of Singida United, was last year signed by the third-tier side but he has been loaned to the USA team on a one-year deal with an option for permanent move.

Singida United, on Monday, informed the general public that Ng'anzi has joined the USA soccer club on loan and wished him all the best.

The Tanzania club said joining the USA outfit is a stepping stone to greater heights for the player.

The USA outfit, which plays in North America Soccer League, has loaned the midfielder, who also played for Tanzania's U-17 soccer team 'Serengeti Boys', to its USL affiliate club, Forward Madison FC, for a season.

Minnesota United FC, on Monday, announced that it is delighted to have the services of the box-to-box midfielder, who captained Serengeti Boys and Tanzania's U-20 team 'Ngorongoro Heroes' through the AFCON U-17 and U-20 tournaments.

Ng'anzi has also turned out for Tanzania's national U-23 team, Kilimanjaro Warriors.

"Minnesota United have acquired the 18-year old Tanzanian midfielder, Ally Hamis Ng'anzi, on loan from Czech third division side, MFK Vyskov, with option to purchase," the club said on Monday.

The club moreover said it has immediately loaned Ng'anzi to the club's USL affiliate Forward Madison FC for a season.

By playing in the USL Ng'anzi will be among the few recognized Tanzania footballers playing in the USA.

The player stands to benefit a lot in his career as USA football standards are good and he can also learn a lot of things for his football development.

Minnesota United FC was an American professional soccer outfit based in the Minneapolis-Saint Paul area.

It was founded in 2010 as NSC Minnesota and later known as Minnesota Stars FC. It plays in the North American Soccer League which is sanctioned by USA soccer federation.

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